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Gravy train The government will pay billions for some projects that never took off

Milking taxpayers dry

Shadowy firms set for Sh17bn payout

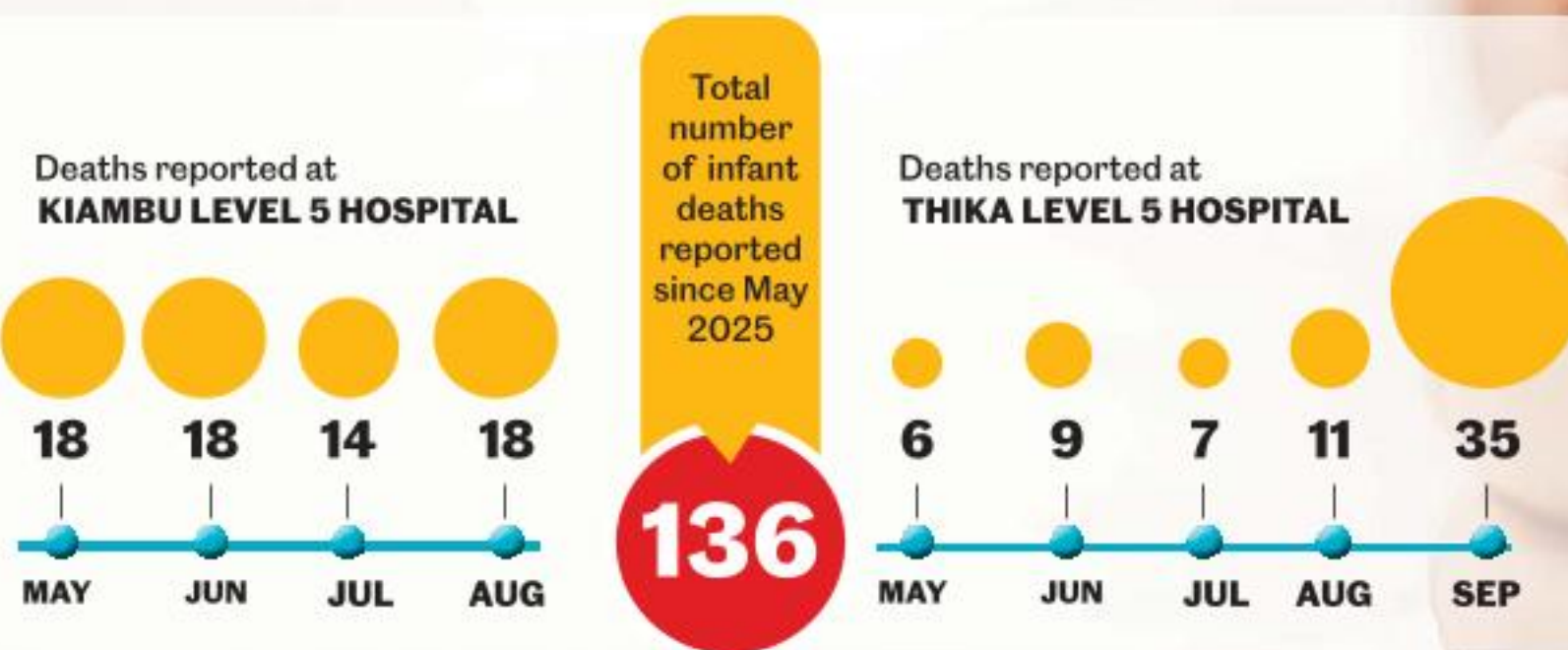
Scandal Kenyans will foot a bill of at least Sh17 billion in awards to contractors that are bankrupt, mired in corruption allegations or struggling under the weight of long overdue debts, disclosures by the National Treasury for the 2025/26 financial year indicate. Some of the firms lining up for the windfall had bribed Kenyan officials to secure the deals. See Pages 4&5

COMPANIES CLAIMING AWARDS

- Instalaciones Inabesa** The Spanish firm filed for insolvency in 2016, and KETRACO terminated its contract. An arbitration awarded it Sh8.7bn
- SBI International** Fined over Sh9bn by an Israeli court for bribing Kenyan officials to secure contracts, courts have awarded it Sh6.4bn
- Vulcan Ltd** Health ministry owes the firm Sh1 bn for 1996 deals. State officials clashed on whether the goods were supplied. Another bogus claim was rejected
- Erdemann Property** The firm is owed Sh123 million for construction of the Lake Basin Mall. It's directors are facing corruption charges
- Nyoro Construction** Since the Moi regime, the firm has been chasing Sh1bn, including accrued interest, with the latest court award last year

136 newborns dead amid Kiambu doctors' strike

At least 136 newborns have died in Kiambu County hospitals since the start of the doctors' strike, now in its 127th day. The deaths have been recorded at Kiambu and Thika Level 5 Hospitals, according to data by the doctors' union. [Page 10](#)



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SECURITY

Trump warning to Kenya on military aid

The US president spoke as the UN also approved a new Haiti peace keeping mission / [P11](#)

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Kenyan activist named in TIME honours list

Rose Njeri, a 35-year-old software developer from Nairobi, has been named in the TIME100 NEXT 2025 list. She created a tool for public feedback on draconian taxes. / [P12](#)



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National News

Breaking law Pupils say corporal punishment common despite it being outlawed

Parents' agony as girl dies after allegedly being hit by a teacher

Police have arrested the Gongoni Primary School tutor who had disappeared after the incident

BY WINNIE ATIENO

Alex Tunje had high hopes for his firstborn daughter, Anestine Tunje, an aspiring athlete. However, his hopes were dashed when the Grade 8 learner died last Thursday after she was allegedly assaulted by her teacher.

The incident happened at Gongoni Primary School, five hundred metres from her home in Junju, Kilifi County. It is alleged that she was hit on the head by her teacher after failing to answer a question.

At her class, her desk is empty. Her classmates murmur and whisper about what transpired.

"The teacher asked us to give examples of irresponsible sexual behaviour. Those who could not respond were asked to kneel down and were struck on the head," said one of her classmates.

The learners said that after the incident, chaos erupted in the school, and the teacher has not been back since.

According to the pupils, corporal punishment is common in the school despite it being banned.

"I thought it would have been wise and decent that he comes here to offer his condolences.



Anestine Tunje who died after allegedly being hit on the head by her teacher. KEVIN ODIT | NATION

But neither the headteacher nor the suspect has come here to explain to me what happened to my daughter. I am in so much pain as a parent. My daughter had dreams of becoming an athlete but was killed by her teacher," said Mr Tunje.

The father, a boda boda rider, said his daughter came home from school on Thursday last week complaining of a terrible

headache. He asked her to visit the nearby dispensary for a medical check-up.

"She said she couldn't go to the hospital because she might miss exams on the following day, so she insisted that she should just buy painkillers. At night she developed fevers on and off. On Friday morning she was still sick, but on Saturday she became very ill," he said.

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Mr Alex Tunje



She was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was then referred to Kilifi County Referral Hospital. Post-mortem examination results show that the girl died of a blood clot.

During the interview, his two remaining children looked painfully at the picture of their dead sister from their father's phone, with tears rolling down their cheeks.

As the family plans the burial of their 15-year-old daughter this weekend, they cried for justice, urging the Teachers Service Commission to take action against the teacher.

Anestine's mother, Amina Deri, said she has decided to

"leave everything to God".

"Even if he is jailed, will it resurrect my daughter? I had three children. I now have two. My daughter was my helper, she would come from school, do some house chores and cook our supper," she said with pain written all over her face.

When the Nation sought a comment from the school administration, the deputy headteacher said she was not aware of the incident and referred us to the headteacher, who was away. She later told the other teachers to chase the team from the school compound.

Kilifi North Deputy County Commissioner Samuel Mutisya said corporal punishment is banned in Kenya and teachers have to abide by the law.

"We have laws and children rights that protect minors against any form of injustice. We also have the Basic Education Act. If a child has erred, there are ways to punish them," he said.

Yesterday, Kilifi South Assistant County Commissioner Mohamed Yusuf said that the teacher had been arrested.

Efforts to reach the county director of education were futile as her phone went unanswered.

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Education

Release funding, school heads urge

BY MERCY SIMIYU

The Kenya Primary Schools Heads Association (Kepsha) has sounded the alarm over delays in releasing funds to schools, saying that thousands of institutions are "running on empty" as the crucial third term enters its sixth week.

Kepsha chairperson Fuad Ali said headteachers across the country have been forced to use credit to pay suppliers and maintain basic services.

"Unfortunately, since schools opened, we have not received any capitation. As of last week, Ministry of Education officials assured us that 8,000 junior schools had already been cleared, but 11,000 primary schools are still waiting for funds," he said yesterday.

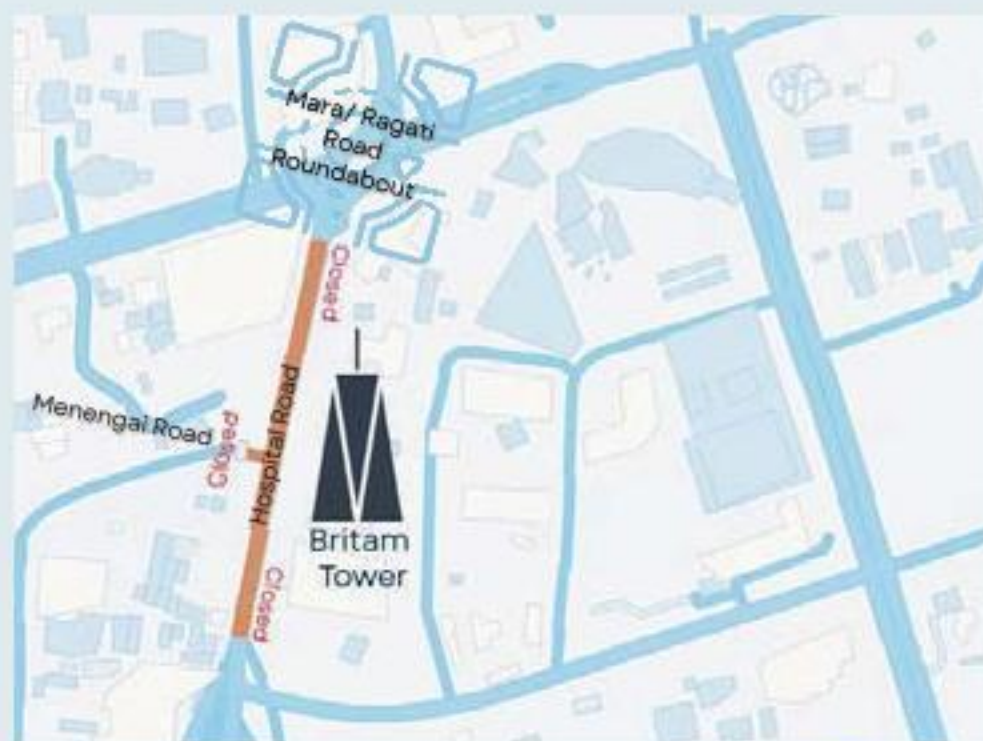
"We urge the Cabinet Secretary to intervene so that the funds can be disbursed promptly, to allow schools to prepare for the upcoming national assessments," he added.

His remarks came a day after Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said that out of 32,000 schools, 30,000 had already been verified and had received their capitation.



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Nyati Sacco Society Ltd invites proposals/bids from eligible vendors for the provision of a Core Banking System and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System/solution(s).

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Completed tender documents enclosed in plain sealed envelopes as per instructions given in the tender document, marked with the tender name should be addressed to:

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
NYATI SACCO SOCIETY LTD,
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NAIROBI, KENYA.**

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The sealed bid Should be sent to Emali Dedicated Children's Agency by **Thursday 30th October 2025 at 3:00 pm (EAT).**

The successful bidder shall be notified via email.

Accident The family now faces a collective hospital and funeral bill estimated at Sh3.5 million

Family defends matatu driver in crash that killed 16 relatives

Mburu perished alongside his passengers — all of them close relatives — as they headed to Lanet in Nakuru County

BY MWANGI MUIRURI
AND MERCY KOSKEI

As questions swirl over Sunday's Kariandusi road crash that killed 16 family members, relatives insist the driver of the ill-fated matatu, Elijah Mburu, was no reckless man but a devoted father and breadwinner who lived for family unity.

The 34-year-old, whose matatu collided head-on with a trailer on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway, was on Tuesday remembered by his mother as a God-fearing man who loved life.

Mburu perished alongside his passengers — all of them close relatives — as they headed to Lanet in Nakuru County to visit an ailing aunt, 65-year-old Pauline Muthoni.

His mother, Susan Wanjiru, defended her son's character, describing him as a disciplined, sober young man who never touched drugs or alcohol.

"The family had every reason to feel safe in his hands. He was a man who loved God, loved life, and was committed to his family. I myself would have been on that trip, but at the last minute it was agreed that Elijah would represent me, besides driving the vehicle," she said.

To support his business, family members had hired his vehicle for the journey, each of the 13 adults contributing Sh2,000.

Among the dead were Mburu's grandfather, 85-year-old Elijah Mburu (after whom he was named), his grandmother Lydia Njeri, 75, and his mother's twin sisters Naomi Wangui and Joyce Wambui, both aged 35.

His mother also lost two other sisters, Catherine Njambi, 30, and Pauline Muthoni, 28.

The tragedy also claimed the lives of Robinson Karanja, 85 — brother to the grandmother — aunts, distant relatives and four children.

Mr Mburu leaves behind a widow and four young children aged between nine years and one and a half.

A carpenter by training, he dropped out of school in Form Three and later pursued driving. He worked as a conductor before becoming a school bus driver and eventually a matatu operator. By the time of the crash, he had six years' experience in the industry and had built a reputation as an accident-free driver.

"He was obedient and dutiful, always available for family gatherings. His death has broken us," said Ms Wanjiru, who plans to bury her son at her matrimonial home in Mweiga, Nyeri County.

Family spokesman Charles Maina, 54, described the tragedy as "cruel irony," noting that Mburu,



First Lady Rachel Ruto addresses mourners in Murang'a yesterday during a memorial service for 16 members of one family who died in a road accident in Nakuru last week. PHOTO: POOL

AT A GLANCE

Tragic accident that claimed 16

Victims: 16 family members killed, including grandparents, aunts, and children.

Driver: Elijah Mburu, 34, remembered as disciplined, God-fearing, and accident-free.

Journey: Family was travelling to Lanet, Nakuru, to visit an ailing aunt.

Costs: Funeral and hospital bills estimated at Sh3.5 million.

Survivors: 3 people rescued, now in stable condition.

Support: Nakuru & Murang'a counties waived mortuary and post-mortem fees.

Condolences: First Lady Rachel Ruto joined mourners, urged drivers to be vigilant.

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named after his grandfather, had become "the one fate chose to carry the family into death."

He dismissed speculation that the crash was deliberate.

"I believe it was an accident. Elijah was not the malicious or reckless type. If he were here today you would know the good-hearted soul he was," Mr Maina said.

The family now faces a collective hospital and funeral bill estimated at Sh3.5 million.

Another uncle, Zachariah Mwangi, 45, said Mburu was "a peaceful soul" and it was unthinkable that he died in such violent circumstances.

He recalled how just hours before the journey, Mburu spent the evening with his grandparents and aunts at their Kangui home in Nyeri, joking that his matatu "was like a jumbo jet in both speed and power."

Mr Mwangi added that his nephew had maintained an accident-free record while plying the Nairobi-Nyeri, Nyahururu, Nairobi-Nakuru and most recently Nairobi-Dandora routes.

"This crash has nearly wiped out our family lineage," he said.

Separately, grief engulfed Gilgil Sub-County Hospital Mortuary on Tuesday as families of the victims once again came together — this time to witness post-mortem examinations.

The air was heavy with sorrow as relatives clung to one another for comfort. Some weiled uncontrollably, while others sat in stunned silence, still struggling to accept the

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Susan Wanjiru



tragedy that had shattered their lives.

After the examinations, the bodies were carefully placed in body bags and loaded into an awaiting hearse.

According to family representative Daniel Gikonyo, 12 of the bodies are being transported to Murang'a County for preservation to allow time for burial preparations.

Two others, who were residents of Naivasha, will be buried in Nakuru County.

"It is a huge burden for the family. From here, we begin the painful journey of preparing to lay our loved ones to rest. It is too much for us. We plead with both the national and county governments to come to our aid so we can give them a befitting send-off. It has not been easy, but we thank God for the strength," Mr Gikonyo said.

Another mourner, Naomi Karanja, who lost her father, sister and niece, appealed to well-wishers for support, noting that many of the victims were breadwinners whose dependents now face an uncertain future.

Dr David Kuria Samson, who oversaw the post-mortems, confirmed that the victims died of internal bleeding and severe head injuries consistent with the sudden deceleration caused by the impact.

"Some had additional injuries to the legs, chest and abdomen. We also rescued three survivors, who were rushed to St Mary's Hospital before being referred to Lanet Hospital and Nakuru Teaching and Referral Hospital. They remain in stable condition," Dr Kuria said.

Yesterday, First Lady Rachel Ruto condoled with the family during a requiem mass for the victims held at St Matthew Kahiga Catholic Church in Kandara Constituency.

She urged drivers to be vigilant on the roads.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



CHANGE OF GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

The Board of NCBA Group PLC wishes to inform the public of the resignation of the Group Company Secretary, **Ms. Kathryn Kamene Maundu**, with effect from **1st October 2025**, to pursue her personal interests.

Kathryn leaves behind a strong legacy in advancing corporate governance practices and was recently awarded Fellowship status by the Institute of Certified Secretaries of Kenya at its 30th Annual Dinner on 29th August 2025. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation for her invaluable service and support and wishes her the very best in her future endeavours.

Prior to the appointment of a substantive successor and the required regulatory approvals, **Ms. Esther Kung'u**, currently the Company Secretary and Head of Legal of NCBA Insurance Company Limited, will serve as Acting Company Secretary of NCBA Group PLC.

Esther joined NCBA Insurance Company Limited in 2008 and has progressively risen to her current role. She holds an executive Master of Business Administration from Moi University, is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a Certified Public Secretary (CPS-K).

By Order of the Board

John Gachora
Group Managing Director
30th September 2025

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National News

Who carries the blame? Controller of Budget says that officials of public entities continue to burden taxpayers

Taxpayers face Sh17bn bill for shady contracts

Arbitration and court awards to both foreign and local companies continue to earn interest

BY BRIAN WASUNA AND DOMINIC OMONDI

Taxpayers will pay at least Sh17.3 billion in awards to contractors that are bankrupt, mired in corruption allegations or struggling under the weight of long overdue debts, disclosures by the National Treasury for the 2025/2026 financial year show.

Collapsed Spanish contractor Instalaciones Inabesa S.A., Israel's SBI International Holding, Chinese-owned Erdemann Property Ltd and Kenya's Nyoro Construction and Vulcan Ltd are owed the amounts from court and arbitration decisions that double up as expensive lessons for the government on contract law.

For Nyoro Construction, the Sh1 billion listed in the Treasury's budget proposal is the tip of an iceberg made of frustrations of hundreds of contractors whose dues have remained unpaid for years, with some claims stretching back to the era of President Daniel Moi.

When the Kenya Electricity Transmis-

sion Company (Ketraco), in April 2016 terminated two contracts awarded to Instalaciones Inabesa S.A., it seemed a wise decision as the Spanish firm's parent company had filed for insolvency in its native Seville, so there were doubts as to its ability to finish the job.

Ketraco had hired Instalaciones Inabesa to construct a 132km electricity transmission line from Lessos in Nandi County to Tororo in Uganda. By the time it was terminating its contract with the Spanish firm, the project was 55 per cent complete.

Instalaciones Inabesa contested the termination and initiated arbitration proceedings, from which it emerged successful. The firm maintained that it could complete the works.

Under Spanish law, firms filing for insolvency are initially allowed to continue operating but are shielded from creditors until a determination is made on whether they can continue operating as going concerns.

By the time of completion of the Les-

AT A GLANCE

Companies and what they were awarded by arbitrators, courts

1. Instalaciones Inabesa S.A – Sh8.7 billion for electricity transmission line
2. SBI International Holding – Sh6.4 billion for various road projects
3. Vulcan Ltd – Sh1 billion for supplies to the Ministry of Health
4. Erdemann Property – Sh123 million for mall construction project in Kisumu

sos-Tororo project, Ketraco had spent Sh8.7 billion, largely on account of hiring a new contractor, and the fact that cost of materials and labour required had shot up since 2013 when the Spanish firm was hired.

Now, Kenyans will have to pay the same amount to Instalaciones Inabesa as the



arbitration panel of Stanley Kebathi, Joseph Nyamu and Kariuki Muigua found that Ketraco had unfairly terminated the contract.

Since the July 30, 2019 arbitration decision, Ketraco is yet to release a single cent to the Spanish firm, and two attempts to block the award in the courts have flopped, leaving the State corporation with no option but to pay up.

Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o has previously stated that some State institutions do not do proper due diligence, which has contributed to the mess.

"There is a whole process of procurement that is supposed to ensure that

somebody is financially sound. We also know in Kenya, there is a lot of under-hand dealings where people who do not deserve to be given the job end up being given the job, and they end up doing a bad job," Dr Nyakang'o said.

"Usually, there are periodic certificates given for work that has been valued and certified as done. If the work stalls at some point, they will only be paid what has been issued with a certificate," she added.

Interestingly, another Spanish firm constructing a transmission line from Loiyangalani in Marsabit County to Suswa in Narok County also filed for insolvency. Isolux Corsan's collapse forced Ketraco

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019 COMPLETION OF PART DEVELOPMENT PLANS

1. PDP REF. NO. KSI/37/2025 /01- A-Existing County Houses
2. PDP REF. NO. PDP REF. NO. KM/37/2025 /02
A. Proposed Extension to Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH)
B. Proposed Nyambara Recreational Park
C. Existing Residential Site
D. Existing Kisii Municipal abattoir
3. PDP REF. NO. PDP REF. NO. KSI/37/2025 /03
i. A, D & E-Existing County and National Government Houses
ii. B. Existing Kisii Administration site
iii. C & F-Existing County public facilities (County Dispensary & Fire station Site)
4. PDP REF. NO. PDP REF. NO. KSI/37/2025 /04
i. A-Existing County and National Government Houses
ii. B-Existing County Commissioners House
iii. C-D- Existing Government House Site
iv. E-Existing County women representative offices
v. F-Existing Public Works offices (National Government)
vi. G-Existing County Government Houses
vii. H-County State Lodge K-Deputy Governors Official Residence
viii. M-County Government Houses Site
ix. N-County Government House

NOTICE is hereby given that the preparation of the above-mentioned Part Development Plans have been completed. The Part Development Plans relates to land situated within Nyanchwa, Nyambara, Milimani and Jogoo areas of Kisii Municipality.

Copies of the Part Development Plans have been deposited for public inspection at the Office of the County Director of Physical Planning, Kisii.

The copies so deposited are available for inspection free of charge by all persons interested at the above named offices between the hours of 8.00 a.m to 5 p.m Monday to Friday.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above-named Part Development Plans may send such representations or objections in writing to be received by the County Director Physical Planning Office, P.O Box 2180, Kisii within (60) days from the date of publication of this notice and such representations/objections shall state the grounds on which it is made.

Dated: 18th August, 2025

Patrick B. Achoki
County Director of Physical & Land Use Planning Kisii



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EHS Consultancy Ltd invites qualified and competent firms to apply for **pre-qualification to supply goods, works, and services from January 2026 to December 2028.**

Log on to: <https://www.genbioconsortium.africa/tender-notices/> for the Tender details.

Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked as " **PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2026-2028, CATEGORY CODE(S): [A1, C2, E1], REFERENCE NO: EHS-PQR-2026/28, APPLICANT'S NAME & RETURN ADDRESS**

Deposit the sealed envelope in the tender box or send via courier to:

The Procurement Committee,

Environmental Health & Safety (EHS Consultancy) Ltd, Office 10D, Sifa Towers, Lenana/Cotton Avenue Junction, Kilimani, P.O. Box 19472-KNH 00202, Nairobi, Kenya, Phone: +254719-283-353, Email: ehs@ehs.co.ke

The deadline for submission is **30 October 2025 at 5:00 PM EAT.**

Mandatory Documents (Copies for Listing of Suppliers)

- Certificate of Incorporation / Business Registration
- Valid Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Tax Compliance Certificate
- Company Personal Identification Number (PIN) Certificate
- Valid Business Permit
- Company Profile (history, services, physical address, and contacts)
- CR12 Form (or equivalent, issued within the last 12 months)
- Any other relevant supporting document.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CAVEAT EMPTOR

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TAKE NOTICE that all that parcel of land having been acquired from sub-division emanating from the property mentioned hereinabove measuring a total of 135 acres situated in Bamburi, Mombasa is not for sale, transfer or mortgage pursuant to a status quo order issued by the Environment and Land Court sitting in Mombasa on the 16th September 2025 in ELC No. 6 of 1972. Any persons purporting to sell, buy, dispose of, alienate, mortgage, charge, transfer or otherwise deal with the Property in any way whatsoever are doing so at their own risk.

Any such persons dealing with or intending to deal with the aforesaid Property are hereby **CAUTIONED** that any dealings with the said Property are voidable and they are advised to contact us immediately.

DATED at MOMBASA this 1st day of October 2025

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with hefty bills by failing to carry out due diligence before awarding or terminating contracts



A power transmission line in Lon-gonot, Nakuru County, on May 15. Ketraco faces a Sh8.7 billion bill for the termination of a contract awarded to a Spanish firm for construction of the Lessos-Tororo transmission line. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

to terminate the contract and hire another firm to complete the line, which was to transmit electricity from the Lake Turkana Wind Power Plant to the Suswa substation.

Isolux attempted to take the route of Instalaciones Inabesa, but the arbitration proceedings went in Ketraco's favour.

In the roads sector, SBI bagged several contracts from various roads agencies from 2008. For a decade, the firm won construction deals in different parts of the country, with its operations in Kenya looking, at least on paper, like another success story of a foreign firm doing things right.

The answers to SBI's success started to emerge in 2018 when Israeli authorities flew into Kenya for a collaborative investigation with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

The Israeli authorities had established that SBI had been bribing its way to tenders in the Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta regimes, lining the pockets of several officials in return for the multibillion-shilling deals.

Despite oiling palms for the deals, SBI still struggled to get payment for completing some of the works. Some of its contracts, like in the Northern Corridor Transport Improvement Project, were terminated.

For instance, the firm was initially contracted to dual the Kisumu Boys roundabout-Mambole road. Prolonged non-payment forced the contract's cancellation, and SBI filed cases at the disputes board in relation to the project. The board awarded it a total of Sh2.1 billion.

We also know in Kenya, there is a lot of underhand dealings where people who do not deserve to be given the job end up being given the job, and they end up doing a bad job

Dr Margaret Nyakang'o



For the Kericho-Nyamasaria road, the board awarded it Sh1.5 billion, and then Sh1.3 billion for the Mau Summit-Kericho road. Another Sh611 million was awarded for the Kisumu Airport-Kisian road and Sh522 million for the Ahero interchange. The board also awarded Sh266 million for the Kericho interchange.

The firm filed numerous cases at the disputes board and was victorious in at least 10 of them. In those 10 cases, the board awarded SBI a total of Sh6.4 billion. The High Court has since, in separate cases, adopted the board's decisions as orders of the court.

The Treasury disclosures show that the Kenya National Highways Authority (KENHA), has in one of the cases paid SBI Sh800 million and remained with a balance of Sh76 million.

No money has been paid to satisfy the Sh5.6 billion stemming from the other nine cases, as interest on the amounts continue to pile.

At the Ministry of Health sits a Sh1 billion award to Vulcan Ltd, a Moi-era contractor with multiple claims against the government for different supplies deals. The ministry's debt arises from a 1996 contract for the supply of chemicals and medical equipment.

When Vulcan sued demanding payment in 2000, the Attorney-General's office, then under Amos Wako, and the Health ministry, blundered in court by giving contradicting testimonies.

The government's response was to initially maintain that Vulcan did not supply any of the goods it was supposed to. But a witness who testified for the government admitted that the goods were supplied, and even stated that documents filed by Vulcan were genuine.

The High Court, in October 2015, issued a Sh105 million award, but with interest that pushed the total due past the Sh1 billion mark. The Treasury disclosures indicate that no money has been released to Vulcan, with interest still piling.

Five years after that award, the Court of Appeal saved taxpayers from another Sh150 million claim by Vulcan in relation to a science equipment and chemicals contract. In that case, the contract had been awarded by the Schools Equipment Production Unit (SEPU). Vulcan successfully sued at the High Court, which blamed SEPU officials for the mess.

But EACC appealed the decision, holding that some of the documents filed

by Vulcan as evidence that the procurement was approved by SEPU were forgeries. It added that no goods were supplied.

The Appellate Court agreed with EACC that the forged documents and procurement irregularities naturally voided the entire project. The three judges rescinded the decision of the High Court, saving taxpayers money.

Kenyans owe Erdemann Property Sh123 million, which the firm got as an arbitration award following disputes arising from the construction of the Lake Basin Mall in Kisumu County.

The Chinese firm was awarded the construction contract by the Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA) in 2013. It was to design and construct the building and then either lease or sell it back to the LBDA.

Following disputes over delays in implementing the lease or buyback, the developer filed an arbitration case, which saw it awarded the Sh123 million.

EACC investigations would later reveal that Erdemann may have bribed LBDA officials to secure the contract, and that the construction costs had been inflated by Sh2.5 billion. The firm's directors, Zeyun Yang and Zhang Jing, were in 2021 charged alongside former officials of the LBDA.

In March, High Court Judge Lucy Njuguna dismissed an application by Erdemann's directors to drop the charges on the basis of the arbitral award.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2025)

The **Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 13 of 2025)** was read a First Time in the Senate on Thursday, 7th August, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consideration.

Under Articles 118(1)(b) and 256(2) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee is required to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to address challenges of constitutional design and architecture that require reform so as to strengthen and secure the devolved system of government and for greater unity and harmony of the constitutional dispensation.

Further to the advertisement published on Friday, 15th August, 2025, the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights is scheduled to hold a **Public Hearing** on the Bill on **Monday, 6th October, 2025 from 9.00 a.m., at Busia Agricultural Training Centre (ATC)** in Busia County.

Members of the public and stakeholders are hereby invited to attend, make oral presentations or submit written memoranda on the Bill and discuss the Bill during the public hearing.

It is further notified that the public may also continue submitting written representations on the Bill to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, by hand delivery to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or by email to maoni@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 5th December, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

Copies of the Bill, the Simplified Version of the Bill, Frequently Asked Questions and a Public Views Template providing guidance on the form of submission to be received, may be accessed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills>.

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National News

Security Senators allege process rigged in favour of some regions and highest bidders

BY COLLINS OMULO

A storm is brewing over the planned military and police recruitment, with senators raising allegations of bribery, slot sales and discrimination ahead of the exercise that starts tomorrow.

Senators have taken issue with the process, alleging it is already skewed to favour certain areas, and that the highest bidders are walking away with some slots.

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale told the Senate a man from his county had approached him, offering to sell his family's bull so that he could raise money to ensure his son's recruitment into the military.

The Senate Majority Whip said the man wanted him to buy the animal, worth Sh250,000, so that he could raise the Sh400,000 required to guarantee his son's slot in the Kenya Defence Forces' (KDF) during hiring.

"One Maurice Mate came to me saying he needs Sh400,000 that he has been asked to buy a chance in the military. He came with the only bull he has so that I can buy it for him to raise the money," said Mr Khalwale.

"This is not an isolated case. Opportunities for children to join the military are being sold. Many Kenyans are being asked for money to be recruited. The bribe goes for at least Sh300,000,"

Bribery claims arise ahead of hiring by police, military

Exercise has over the years been a subject of discontent among many Kenyans



A police parade during the 61st Jamhuri Day celebrations at Dedan Kimathi Grounds in Nyeri on December 12, 2024. FILE | NATION

Sh0.4m

Asking price for a slot in the military according to claims by Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale

In the ad, KDF said recruitment is free and open to all eligible and qualified candidates, warning that engaging in bribery or any other form of corruption is a criminal offence.

"Any individual found to be involved in recruitment-related malpractice will be arrested and prosecuted. The public is urged to report any incidents of recruitment malpractice to the nearest Police Station or Military Camp," said the advert.

The Senate was to host Defence Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya to respond to the allegations, but she didn't honour the Wednesday summons saying she had a se-

curity meeting to attend to.

"We wanted the minister to come and clarify whether chances in the military are up for sale or it is on merit. And if it is on merit, what is that merit," said Senator Khalwale.

The allegations have also spread to the planned recruitment of police officers by the NPSC set to begin on Friday.

This comes even after the commission warned that corruption attempts would not be tolerated and stern action will be taken against culprits.

NPSC seeks to recruit 10,000 police officers with 4,000 reserved for National Youth Service graduates. The exercise is set to run between October 3 and 9, 2025.

The commission additionally warned that individuals who provide it with false or misleading information would be committing an offence and could face a fine of up to Sh200,000 or two years in jail.

To promote transparency and curb corruption, the NPSC said the exercise will be conducted entirely online, with applicants required to submit their details virtually.

Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna accused CS Tuya of not responding to grievances by Nairobi leaders over the scheduled recruitment despite leaders writing a letter to her on September 15, 2025.

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Sports CS Salim Mvurya.

Officials pull out all the stops to make Kitui ready for Mashujaa Day

BY PIUS MAUNDU

At least one top government official tours Kitui Town every week in a last-minute push to complete refurbishment of Ithookwe Stadium, Kitui Airstrip and the Kitui State Lodge ahead of this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations.

On Tuesday, two separate teams of senior officials inspected the town's readiness to host the October 20 event, expressing confidence in the progress of the projects.

Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya said upgrading works at Ithookwe Stadium — a project costing Sh800 million — were 92 per cent complete.

"I shall be back here on October 6th to hand over the facility to the celebrations committee so they can begin planning for Mashujaa Day," said CS Mvurya.

Separately, Principal Secretaries Raymond Omollo (Interior), Charles Hinga (Housing and Urban Development), Teresia Mbaika (Aviation and Aerospace) and Aden Millah (Shipping and Maritime Affairs) pitched camp in Kitui to assess progress.

Tight deadlines

Omollo said contractors and agencies were meeting tight deadlines assuring Kenyans that Kitui will be ready to host the national holiday.

"We are confident that Kitui will deliver a successful Mashujaa Day," he said, noting that work on the stadium pavilion and perimeter wall was ongoing.

Mashujaa Day, marked every October 20, is among Kenya's most significant national holidays. It commemorates the struggle for independence, honouring gallant men and women who fought for freedom, while also celebrating today's heroes who continue to drive the country's development.

This year's theme — *Transforming Lives Through Sustainable Energy* — will showcase government investments in expanding affordable power access, scaling renewable energy, and driving industrialisation under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Kitui now joins a growing list of counties including Homa Bay, Meru, Kwale, Bungoma, Kericho and Embu that have benefited from hosting national holidays — part of the government's vision of spreading opportunities and development across the country.

Democracy From challenging Moi rule to co-operation, leader's moves under watch

Raila ploy yet again throws local politics into a tailspin



ODM leader Raila Odinga dances with party officials during a delegates' meeting in Kakamega in July. PHOTO | POOL

The Orange Democratic Movement party leader is a master tactician, forcing concessions and rewriting political history

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

ODM leader Raila Odinga has, for nearly four decades, perfected the art of unsettling presidents and regimes.

From challenging president Daniel arap Moi's 'authoritarian' rule to forcing power-sharing with Mwai Kibaki in 2007, to cutting deals with Uhuru Kenyatta, and now keeping William Ruto guessing, Mr Odinga's political maneuvers have consistently rattled successive governments.

From his detention days under Moi to the famous "handshake" with Mr Kenyatta in 2018, Mr Odinga has remained the country's master tactician, capable of forcing concessions and rewriting political scripts.

Now, as President Ruto courts him while watching his every move, the ODM leader's unpredictability continues to define Kenya's power games.

Mr Odinga has once again thrown Kenya's political scene into suspense after declaring that his Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) party has not abandoned its presidential ambitions in 2027.

The statement comes at a time when he is working closely with President Ruto under the broad-based government framework, raising questions on whether the seasoned politician is preparing for yet another dramatic political duel.

For decades, Mr Odinga has been the master of political realignments, often joining govern-

ments, shaking them to their core, and exiting with a significant following that alters the national political balance.

The trend has made him one of Kenya's most unpredictable yet influential political figures.

Prof Gitile Naituli of Multimedia University of Kenya argues that Kenya's politics is never short of surprises, "but one development is becoming increasingly predictable: Raila Odinga will not last long in William Ruto's government."

"In fact, by mid next year, the alliance of convenience that brought the Azimio leader into Kenya Kwanza's orbit will likely unravel. Raila is too seasoned, too aware of the political currents, and too protective of his base to remain tethered to an administration that is so blatantly hostile to the people's economic and democratic aspirations," the Professor of management and governance says.

He insists that Mr Odinga's entire political career has been defined by his identification with the ordinary citizen.

From the Second Liberation struggles of the 1990s to his populist campaigns across the 2000s and 2010s, he has consistently positioned himself as the defender of mwananchi against the arrogance of power, says Prof Naituli.

"That brand, the pro-people reformer, is the lifeblood of his politics. It is what sustains his support in Nairobi's urban poor neighbourhoods, in Kisii and Nyamira, in Western Kenya, and in the Coast. To dilute it by associating

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2007

The year when Odinga cut a power-sharing deal with Mwai Kibaki

2018

The year when veteran Opposition leader made the famous handshake with Uhuru Kenyatta

too closely with Ruto's regime is to court political suicide."

Indeed, Mr Odinga's track record speaks volumes.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the ODM leader was at the heart of the push to end President Daniel arap Moi's long rule.

Although Moi attempted to co-opt him into KANU ahead of the 2002 elections, Mr Odinga broke away, rallying a massive coalition under the National Alliance Rainbow Coalition (NARC) that swept Mwai Kibaki to power.

The exit fractured Moi's succession plan and set the stage for a new political era.

Barely three years into Kibaki's presidency, Mr Odinga again engineered a rebellion within government ranks.

Following disagreements over the 2005 constitutional referendum, which Mr Odinga's 'No' camp won against his boss, Kiba-

ki, the ODM leader and his allies walked out of government, forming the Orange Democratic Movement party.

By 2007, ODM had grown into the largest opposition force, giving Kibaki one of the fiercest electoral battles in Kenya's history, only losing by 231,728 votes in the highly contested poll that led to post-election violence.

Mr Kibaki was declared winner by then chairman of the electoral commission, Samuel Kivuitu by 4,584,721 (46.42 percent) votes against Mr Odinga's 4,352,993 (44.07 percent) votes, while Kalonzo Musyoka polled 879,903 votes (8.91 percent).

Mr Odinga's same script of joining successive regimes again played out during President Kenyatta's second term.

After years of political rivalry, the ODM leader stunned the country with the 2018 "handshake" that redefined Kenya's political landscape.

Unlike his earlier partnerships, Mr Odinga remained firmly within Kenyatta's administration, pushing through reforms and positioning himself as the establishment's choice for the 2022 presidency.

However, despite the backing from Mr Kenyatta, Mr Odinga fell short at the ballot.

Just like in 2007, Mr Odinga lost to his rival Ruto by barely 233,211 votes.

Dr Ruto was declared winner by the then Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) chairman Wafula Chebukati with 7,176,141 votes (50.49 percent) against Mr Odinga's 6,942,930 votes (48.85 percent).

The ODM leader would however, later join Dr Ruto's government under broad based framework following weeks of vicious anti-tax protests in mid-2024.

Now, with President Ruto, Mr Odinga is once again engaged in a delicate balancing act.

His decision to support the broad-based government initiative has been interpreted in some quarters as an implicit endorsement of president Ruto's administration.

For the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), the expectation was that he would eventually back Ruto's re-election bid in 2027, cementing their newfound cooperation.

But Mr Odinga's latest remarks suggest otherwise.

By affirming that ODM remains in the race, he has reignited speculation of yet another high-stakes contest with Ruto.

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National News

New twist CS Ogamba and vice-chancellors now dispute the Sh7.9 billion arrears claimed by lecturers

VCs threaten to slash striking dons' pay

Lecturers will not be paid for the days they were absent from duty, committee resolves

BY MERCY SIMIYU

The nationwide strike by lecturers in public universities took a new turn yesterday when vice-chancellors warned that participants would not be paid for the days they were absent from work.

At the same time, the VCs and Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba have disputed the Sh7.9 billion arrears that the lecturers are demanding. They claim that the correct amount is Sh624 million.

As a result, the strike that has paralysed learning may take longer to resolve.

Unions representing lecturers and other staff, at a press conference, maintained that the strike would continue until the arrears is paid. They said that they will not be cowed by threats.

The resolution to withhold striking lecturers' pay was passed during a meeting of the Vice-Chancellors' Committee. Institutions that had already processed September salaries were told to recover the money for the days that striking lecturers had not worked.

The VCs also cautioned that agency fees and union dues could be suspended, and disciplinary action would be taken

against lecturers who disrupt learning.

"Staff participating in the industrial action shall not be paid for the period during which they withdrew their labour and this directive shall be implemented through the respective university councils," Prof Daniel Mugendi, the chairperson of the VCs' committee said.

"Public universities which had already disbursed the September, 2025 salaries shall recover the amounts corresponding to the days which lecturers did not work in the subsequent month," he added.

VCs have also directed universities to issue "show cause" notices and initiate disciplinary proceedings against staff accused of disrupting classes, interfering with students, or obstruct-



Kusu secretary-general Charles Mukwaya (centre) and his Uasu counterpart Dr Constantine Wasonga (second right) address the media before lecturers and university staff took part in a peaceful demonstration over delayed salary arrears in the city on September 24. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

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ing non-striking colleagues from performing their duties.

"The decision to withhold salaries for the strike period shall remain in force and shall not be rescinded even upon the signing of the return-to-work formula," Prof Mugendi said.

On the contentious 2017-2021 collective bargaining agreement (CBA), the VCs said they were acting on the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

"SRC has advised that Sh8.8 billion was disbursed between 2020 and 2021 and that Sh7.2 billion of the remaining claim was met through normal annual salary increments, leaving Sh624 million as the outstanding sum," said Prof Mugendi.

Education minister Mr Ogamba also disputed the figures claimed by the lecturers when he appeared before the Senate.

"Under that CBA, they argue there was an amount of Sh7.9 billion that was to be paid. However, the SRC informs us that amount has been paid to the extent of Sh7.2 billion, leaving a balance of Sh624 million. So there is a question about how much is outstanding," Mr Ogamba said.

"Because of that, the case went to court. And the court ordered that the strike be interdicted and the parties go to a conciliator to have the amount verified. So, there is an order stopping the strike," he added.

However, lecturers have dismissed the VCs' position as misleading, saying the claims on arrears and increments were false.

"As workers of this country, there is one court we truly respect — the Employment and Labour Relations Court. Had it not been for that, workers, particularly university staff, would be been walking in rags and

chains over their necks while government officials vomit on their feet," University Academic Staff Union (Uasu) Secretary-General Dr Constantine Wasonga said.

"We strongly believe the order that VCs are relying on was procured through non-disclosure of material facts. We will go back to court on October 6 for further direction. Let it be known; there is nothing we are going to discuss from the 2017-2021 period — we already have a judgment, and we are standing on it," he added.

The lecturers dismissed the threats of disciplinary action as well as the disputed figures.

"If a man or woman is desperate, that is when they resort to threats and intimidation. Vice-chancellors are now peddling lies. The court has already directed that arrears be paid — what remains is for them to get the money and pay, not threaten workers," said Dr Wasonga.

They said that the arrears stood at Sh7.97 billion as confirmed by the Employment and Labour Relations Court and upheld by the Court of Appeal.

"How could you pay increments before the CBA was signed in October 2019? On July 3, 2020, the court directed implementation on a horizontal basis, which means annual increments were never paid. Their argument is false," Kenya University Staff Union (Kusu) Secretary-General Charles Mukhwaya said.

The lecturers explained that the July 3, 2020 ruling had directed the implementation of the CBA on a horizontal basis pending further orders. This, they said, meant annual increments were not paid during the period, contrary to the VCs' claims.

"It is simple logic. On July 3, 2020, the court directed that implementation would be horizon-

DISPUTE

There is a court order stopping the strike, CS says

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tal. That means increments were not paid because salaries moved in a straight line. So when someone claims annual increments were paid automatically, we are left wondering where that logic comes from," said Mr Mukhwaya.

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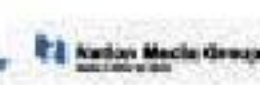
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IEBC seeks sole mandate to vet individuals eyeing elective posts

BY DAVID MWERE

The electoral agency wants sole responsibility for vetting individuals eligible for elective posts.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Chairperson Erastus Ethekoni said "it was important" for the agency to be given the mandate.

He spoke during a meeting with the National Assembly Constitution Imple-

mentation Oversight Committee.

"As a country, we have to decide what is the face of Chapter Six in our Constitution. Who will implement it? It is in the interest of the commission that we subject qualified and suitable individuals to Kenyans at the ballot," Mr Ethekoni told the commission chaired by Suba South MP Caroli Omondi.

"We have the leadership and integrity provision in the Constitution but you may need to ask yourself whether it has

served the purpose that the drafters of the supreme law intended," the IEBC chief added.

A top anti-corruption official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the IEBC's role was limited to advisory opinions to the IEBC.

The commission established its own leadership and integrity vetting committee to ensure that the people being presented for elections are qualified and suitable.

The establishment of the committee was on the basis of Article 73 of the Constitution so as to prepare State officers on the ideals of leadership and integrity.

However, in 2021 the High Court declared the vetting committee unconstitutional.

The IEBC and the Law Society of Kenya have since challenged the decision at the Court of Appeal.

"The commission lodged an appeal against the decision of the High Court.

The matter is coming up for determination at the Court of Appeal," Mr Ethekoni said.

Before then, the IEBC's leadership and integrity vetting committee had disqualified Mr Milton Mwenda of Chama Cha Kazi Party and Nathan Gitonga of National Ordinary People Empowerment Union Party as candidates in the October 14, 2021 by-election for Kiagu Ward in Meru County. But the decision was later overturned by the High Court.

State plan to counter Gachagua in Mt Kenya

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

The Kenya Kwanza administration has rolled out a multi-pronged strategy to counter former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's influence in Mount Kenya region.

The move comes as Deputy President Kindiki seeks to consolidate his base 11 months after replacing Mr Gachagua, who was impeached last year — setting up a contest of influence between the two senior politicians in the region.

Compounding Kenya Kwanza's headache is former President Uhuru Kenyatta's push to revamp the Jubilee Party, a shift in tactics that could re-energise the opposition before ahead of the 2027 elections.

There is also an emerging group of technocrats out to blunt Mr Gachagua's impact in areas where he retains clout.

Caucus of ministers

A caucus of Cabinet secretaries, principal secretaries, board chairs, directors and CEOs from the Mount Kenya region was formed two months ago to keep the former DP in check.

Health Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni heads the group which has been traversing the region under the Jamii Imara Mashinani programme. These are development forums framed as citizen engagement but widely seen as political counter-mobilisation.

The caucus has also drawn in religious leaders, the youth, women's groups and the National Government Administrative Officers.

Cabinet members William Kabogo, Alice Wahome, Mutahi Kagwe, Rebecca Miano, Erick Muriithi and Geoffrey Ruku are part of the group. Deputy Head of Public Service Amos Gathecha and other senior civil servants are also involved.

Grim picture Chief Officer for Health Services rejects claims of a crisis in the county

Alarm as 136 newborns die in Kiambu amid doctors' strike

Union says deaths caused by inexperienced intern clinical officers running newborn units

BY MERCY CHELANGAT

At least 136 newborns have died in hospitals in Kiambu County since the start of the nationwide doctors' strike, now in its 127th day, documents seen by *Nation* show.

The deaths have raised fresh concerns over the state of health-care in one of the country's busiest counties.

The documents show that between May and August this year, 68 newborns died at Kiambu Level 5 Hospital. And in September alone, Thika Level 5 Hospital recorded 34 newborn deaths.

In addition, there were five maternal deaths during the same period — one each at Kihara Level 4, Ruiru Level 4 and Kiambu Level 5 hospitals, and two at Thika Level 5 Hospital. Union officials warn that the crisis could worsen.

Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) Kiambu Central branch chairperson Dr James Githinji said that newborn units in Kiambu and Thika hospitals are being run by intern clinical officers since the strike began.

He said that the young professionals lack the skills to manage such highly specialised and delicate departments.

"The crisis is about to worsen following the withdrawal of 697 interns from Kiambu County by the Ministry of Health and their redeployment elsewhere," Dr Githinji said.

He explained that while maternity services in both Kiambu and Thika hospitals remain functional, the newborn units are under immense strain.

"In September alone, over 50 babies died in the newborn units of



Kenya Medical Practitioners Pharmacists and Dentists Union's Secretary-General, Dr Davji Atallah. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

just two hospitals. It is worrying. The situation is expected to deteriorate further now that interns have been withdrawn by the national government," he said.

The county had earlier hired 78 doctors to ease the crisis, but Dr Githinji said they are not adequately trained to handle newborn cases.

"To manage newborn units, you require a paediatrician. The doctors being recruited without specialist supervision are struggling. In Geganja, for instance, we lost a child because there was no paediatrician," he said.

KMPDU Secretary-General Dr Davji Atallah linked the rising deaths to the absence of specialists, delays in treatment, unavailability of essential emergency drugs, and parents' inability to afford care in private facilities.

"When children have pneumonia or respiratory infections, once they are not attended to on time, complications set in. By the time they are referred, their condition is already severe. Essential emergency medications were also not available," Dr Atallah said.

He noted that most of the newborns admitted presented with neonatal sepsis linked to poor hospital hygiene, hospital-acquired pneumonia, asphyxiation among pre-term babies with underdeveloped lungs, and severe jaundice.

Dr Githinji accused county officials of misleading residents into believing that doctors had resumed duty.

"It is wrong to cheat a patient."

To manage newborn units, you require a paediatrician. The doctors being recruited without specialist supervision are struggling

KMPDU official Dr James Githinji



Kiambu residents should know they can access services in Murang'a, Nairobi, Machakos or Nakuru. We are losing close to 300 patients every month," he said.

He added that striking doctors have not been paid since June, while newly hired replacements have not received salaries August.

The situation could deteriorate further after the Health Union Caucus — an umbrella body representing eight health unions — announced plans for a joint strike next week.

The caucus brings together the Kenya National Union of Medical Laboratory Officers, Kenya Union of Clinical Officers, KMPDU, Kenya Environment, Health and Public Health Practitioners Union, Kenya Union of Nutritionists and Dietitians, Kenya National Union of Pharmaceutical Technologists and the Kenya Health Professional Society.

Union leaders accused Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi of failing to address doctors' grievances and attempting to stifle unions. Dr Atallah said the coun-

ty had also failed to remit union dues for nine months, leaving an estimated Sh10 million unpaid.

"All these teams will issue notices to join the strike next week. Their own salaries are not being paid and deductions are disappearing," he said.

Doctors in Kiambu said that they have faced persistent violations by the county government, including delayed salaries, unpaid medical cover premiums to the Social Health Authority, stalled promotions, long working hours, and irregular transfers without due process.

"The fatigue and lack of proper standards pose a significant risk to patient care and endanger both staff and the public," said Dr Githinji.

However, Kiambu Chief Officer for Health Services Dr Patrick Nyagah neither confirmed nor denied the deaths. But rejected claims of a health crisis.

He said of the county's 123 facilities, 109 health centres and dispensaries are operating normally.

"These centres were never part of the strike or the internship programme, and patient flow has been consistent," he said.

On Level 4 and 5 hospitals, Dr Nyagah maintained that all 14 remained open.

"The strike mostly affected consultant doctors, some medical officers, selected pharmacists and a few dentists. A total of 145 new doctors were hired, and 52 never went on strike," he said.

He accused KMPDU of escalating the dispute despite progress.

"They came with 10 grievances, we sat through nine meetings and agreed on the way forward. We were ready to sign a return-to-work deal, but they refused. This crisis is manufactured to attract attention," said Dr Nyagah.

He also said Kiambu's heavy patient load from neighbouring counties such as Nairobi, Murang'a, Machakos and Nakuru.

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Gang suppression UN has approved a US-backed mission to deal with gangs in Haiti

Trump signals end of US military support for Kenya

US president says it is time America used its military to deal with threats within its borders



BY NYABOGA KIAGE

United States President Donald Trump has stunned allies by saying it is not America's job to guard countries like Kenya and Somali, even as the United Nations approved a new Haiti mission Nairobi hopes to join.

In an address to the US military's top brass on Tuesday, Mr Trump said that after decades of military campaigns abroad, it was time to use the

armed forces against the "enemy from within."

"Only in recent decades did politicians somehow come to believe that our job is to police the far reaches of Kenya and Somalia, while America is under invasion from within," he said at the forum at the Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia attended by more than 800 generals.

It remains unclear how this stance will affect Kenya's relationship with Washington given that only last year

Kenyan military troops and US marines carry out a joint military exercise in 2004 in Manda Bay, Lamu County. FILE | NATION

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US President Donald Trump



the Joe Biden administration designated Kenya a major non-NATO ally. Kenya also hosts a key US military base in Manda Bay, Lamu County and has decades of military cooperation with America.

President Trump said his administration's resources would now be directed more at home than abroad.

"After spending trillions of dollars defending the borders of foreign countries, with your help, we're defending the borders of our country," he said.

'Under invasion'

He also suggested that he would deploy the military to cities such as San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

"We are under invasion from within. No different than a foreign enemy, but more difficult in many ways because they don't wear uniforms. At least when they're wearing a uniform, you can take them out. It's war from within," he added.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council approved the US-backed Gang Suppression Force (GSF) to combat

armed gangs in Haiti, which will replace the expiring Kenya-led Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission.

The Council adopted a US-proposed resolution on the new larger force on Tuesday.

This comes amid a worsening security situation in Haiti, where powerful gangs have tightened their grip on large swathes of the country. MSS has less than 1,000 officers and has struggled to contain the well-armed gangs.

US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz welcomed the vote, noting that the MSS lacked the scale, scope and resources to confront the gangs.

The GSF will have up to 5,550 police officers and soldiers with the power to detain suspected gang members. The MSS mission was meant to have up to 2,500 members, but fell far short of this and has been unable to curb the violence since its deployment.

"Today's vote sets that right. With this transformation, the new Gang Suppression Force will be five times the size of its predecessor, with a strengthened mandate to go after the gangs," he said.

He added: "The international community is sharing the burden and living up to its promise to help Haiti turn the tide. It offers Haiti the chance to assume responsibility for its own security."

Targeted operations

The GSF is expected to launch targeted operations to dismantle criminal networks, restore order and secure humanitarian access.

While the MSS mission had made some gains, the UN said it faced mounting challenges, hence the need for a broader multinational approach.

The new mission will coordinate international efforts to stabilise the Caribbean nation while supporting Haitian authorities in rebuilding state institutions. However, questions remain about its funding, rules of engagement and long-term exit strategy.

House approves paper on privatisation of Kenya Pipeline

BY EDWIN MUTAI

MPs have approved a sessional paper on the privatisation of Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), which proposes that the government retains not less than 35 percent ownership of the firm.

This even as opposition MPs vowed to move to the High Court to block the privatisation, citing ambush by the Executive.

Six opposition MPs, led by Deputy Minority Leader Robert Mbui, accused the House leadership of conspiring to sneak in the sessional paper through a Supplementary Order Paper. The original Order Paper did not list the sessional paper as one of the businesses to be transacted last evening.

The MPs decried the passage of the paper in a record 28 minutes.

"The Order Paper was distributed yesterday (Tuesday) and had nothing to do with KPC. The Supplementary Order Paper was sneaked in at 3.30pm," Mr Mbui, who is a member of the House Business Committee (HBC) that sets the agenda of the House, said at a press briefing last evening.



The Kenya Pipeline Company depot in Nakuru on November 22, 2024. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

"We will go to court for a determination because the House has been compromised. We are asking Kenyans to move to court even as the united opposition prepares to go to court," he said.

Supporting the motion, National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah said the government plans to sell 65 per cent of its shareholding in KPC and retain a strategic 35 per cent.

"This means we will still maintain control as no single investor will be able to take up the entire 65 per cent," he said. "It is therefore high time I invite all Kenyans to start saving in preparation to buy shares in this company."

According to the Supplementary Order Paper, pending lawsuits amounting to Sh5.75 billion will be given priority for settlement.

"That the Privatisation Commission ensures that all liabilities (debt and credit) and risks affecting the valuation of KPC are comprehensively assessed, transparently disclosed, and factored into the transaction valuation before proceeding with the IPO, including unresolved compensation claims worth Sh3.8 billion by residents of Makuani County due to

historical grievances linked to pipeline operations," the revised Order Paper states.

The National Treasury expects to raise approximately Sh100 billion from the sale of the KPC shares through an initial public offering (IPO) at the Nairobi Securities Exchange. The Treasury said the proceeds from the sale will be used to fund priority public services and infrastructure. It added that the proceeds from the transaction will reduce reliance on borrowing, and deepen Kenya's capital markets.

The privatisation of KPC was included in the privatisation programme approved by the Cabinet in December 2008 and gazetted on August 14, 2009 to facilitate mobilisation of resources for additional investments, enhancement of transparency and corporate governance, broadening of shareholding in the economy, development of the capital markets and raising of resources to support the government budget.

KPC was established in 1973 as a State corporation to provide an efficient, safe and cost-effective means of transporting and storing petroleum products. It started commercial operations in 1978.

National News

Recognition The list traditionally honours individuals expected to shape the next decade in various sectors

Woman arrested over Bill feedback tool honoured

Tunguru created platform to help Kenyans give feedback to parliamentary committee

BY KIMANI MWANGI

Rose Njeri Tunguru, a 35-year-old software developer from Nairobi, has been named in the TIME100 NEXT 2025 list.

This follows her creation of a digital tool that enabled Kenyans to express opposition to the Finance Bill.

The recognition comes after a dramatic year in which her work sparked national debate and led to her detention. This cemented her as a symbol of civic technology and citizen activism in Kenya.

In May, Tunguru launched an online platform enabling citizens to email government officials directly about the proposed Finance Bill in efforts to foster citizen participation.

Tunguru's initial post on X, announcing the tool, quickly went viral, garnering nearly one million views and drawing global attention.

Within days, however, her creation drew the attention of authorities. She was detained under Kenya's cybercrime laws, and her devices were seized.

The arrest sparked public outrage, with human rights organisations such as Amnesty Inter-

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Date when the charges brought against Rose Njeri Tunguru by the State were dismissed by the court

national Kenya calling for her immediate release.

It also highlighted the tension between civic innovation and regulatory oversight in Kenya. Many observers also saw the arrest as an attempt to silence citizen participation in the legislative process.

"Authorities want to ignore us like we are not part of the process as citizens," Tunguru said. "We shouldn't just sit back and watch."

Excitement

On her X handle, Tunguru shared her excitement: "I'm incredibly honoured and excited to share that I've been named in the 2025 #TIME100NEXT list! This recognition is not just mine but belongs to everyone who has walked this journey with me, challenged me, and inspired me to keep going."

The TIME100NEXT list traditionally honours individuals ex-

pected to shape the next decade. The recognition validates both her technical skills and her role as a civic actor.

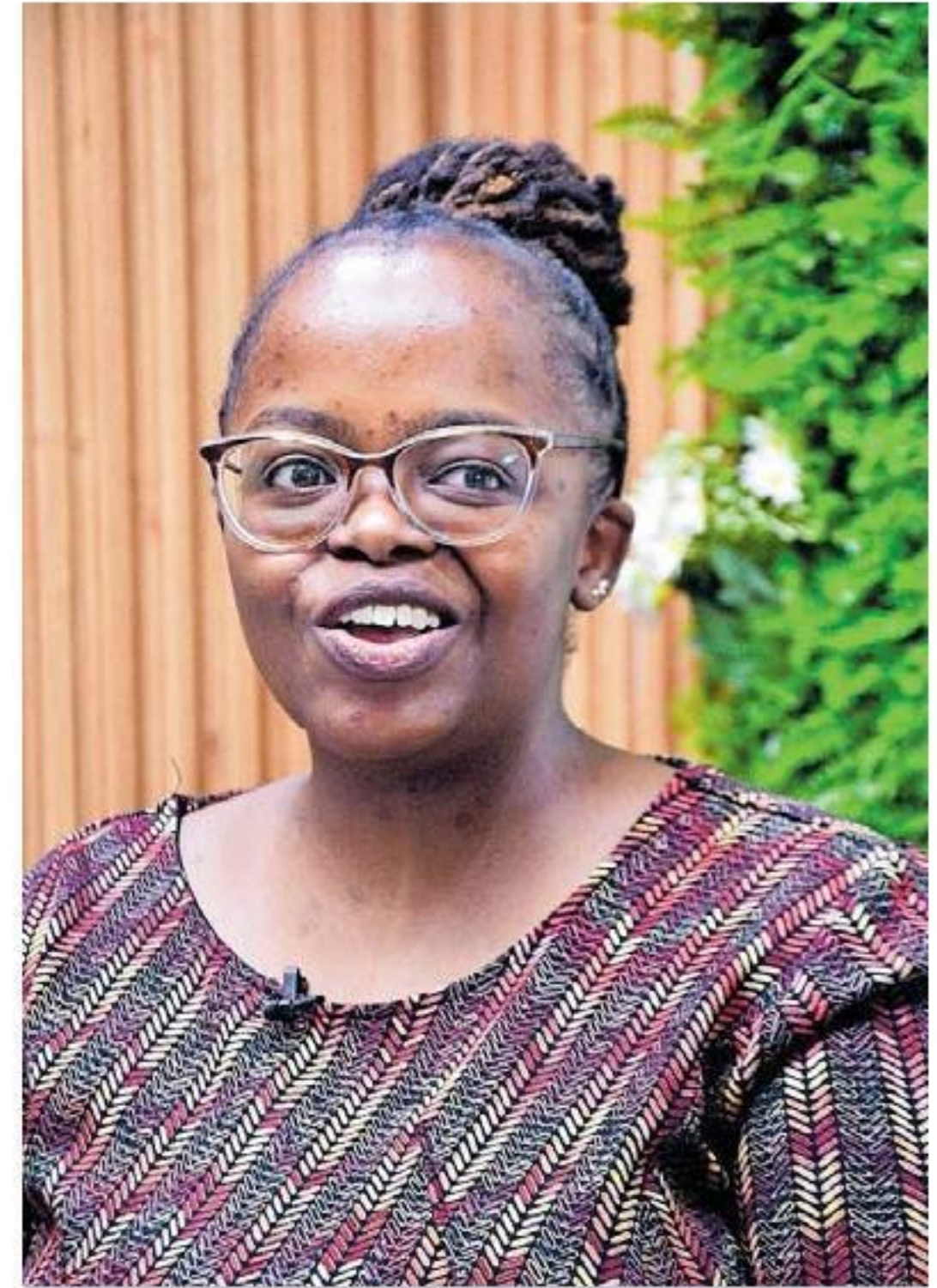
The case against Tunguru was dismissed on June 20 after a Nairobi court said the charges brought against her by the State were illegal and did not disclose an offence.

No offence

Milimani Principal Magistrate Geoffrey Onsarigo said the software developer did not commit an offence when she invited members of the public to volunteer views on the Finance Bill, 2025.

She had been charged with unauthorised interference with a computer system. She was accused of creating a programme that spammed email addresses of the National Assembly House Finance Committee.

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Rose Njeri Tunguru during an interview on June 5. She has been named in the TIME100 NEXT 2025 list. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

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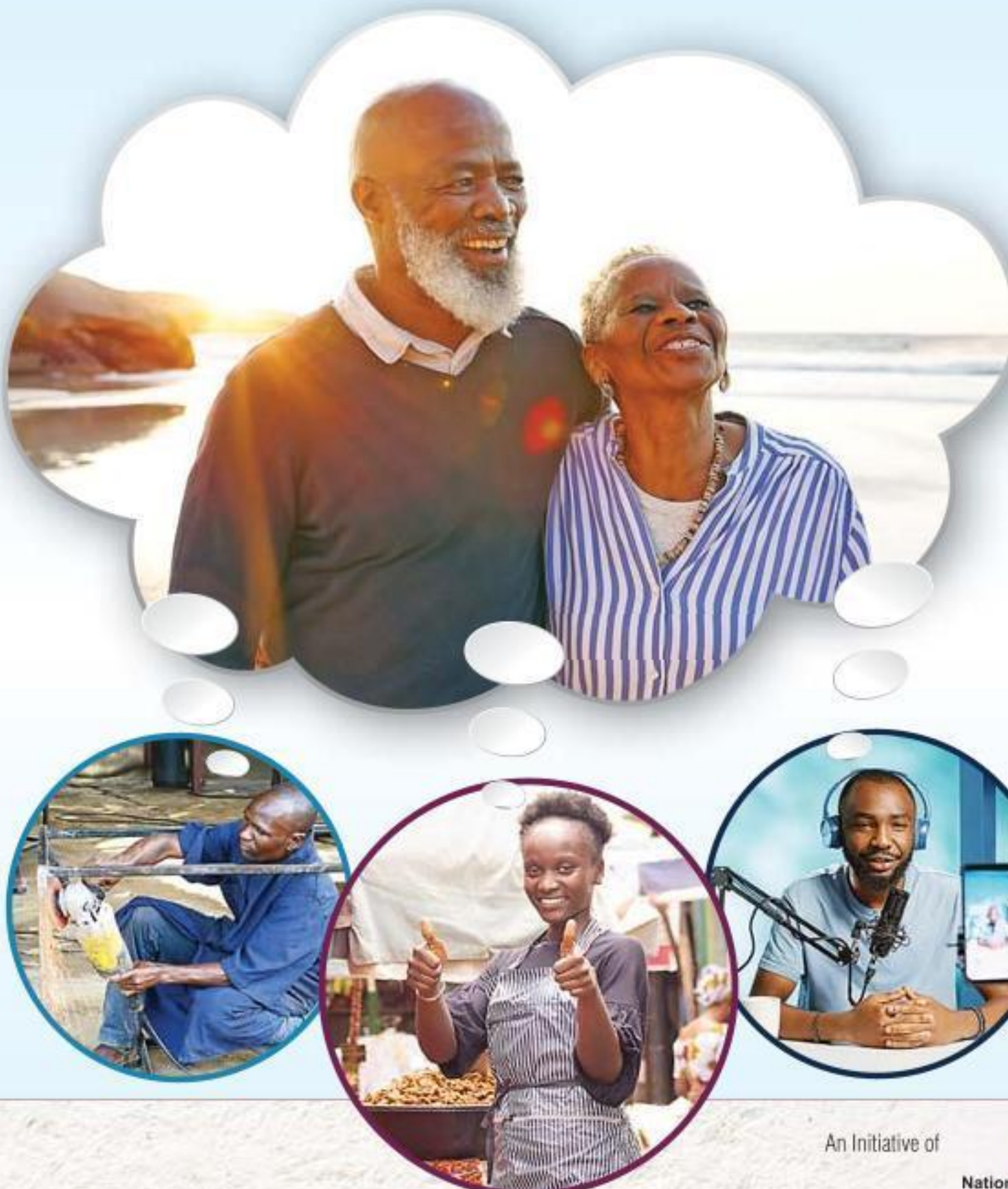
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Free maternal delivery for teen mothers not enough

“All teenage mothers will deliver for free in public hospitals,” announced Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale. To most people it sounded humane, even progressive. But if there’s an applause-worthy moment behind the news, there’s also a sinister, underlying fallacy: that universal free delivery will, by itself, cure teenage pregnancy. It won’t.

Teenage pregnancy is not a health issue that starts in maternity wards and pregnancy-related complications. It is an accumulation of poverty, violence, exclusion and systemic failures that start well before labour. An estimated 15 per cent of adolescent girls aged 15-19 in Kenya have already been pregnant, according to the 2022 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey.

Behind this statistic are layered vulnerabilities—HIV infection, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and dropout from school. Pregnancy is not an isolated incident; it is also a reflection of the institutions and policies that failed to protect, educate and empower.

Teenage pregnancy is an economic and social problem as much as it is a medical one. The most at-risk group are girls from poor households or with limited or no education. Pregnancy is a one-way ticket to dropping out of school and restricted opportunities to find decent work. A girl pushed out of school has a higher risk of repeat pregnancies, early dependence on older or abusive partners and a higher likelihood of remaining in poverty for the rest of her life.

SGBV is the other invisible force behind teenage pregnancy. Coercion, incest, defilement and transactional sex are the evils that thrive in the nooks of poverty and power dynamics. To have a policy that on-



More needs to be done to curb teenage pregnancy.
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Far too many public facilities withhold modern contraceptives from young people in the name of morality



Stellah Bosire | Health

ly “intervenes” at the point of childbirth is to miss the structural violations that begin long before then.

Every case of teenage pregnancy is also a case of leadership opportunity lost. Every time an adolescent girl is turned away from school, Kenya loses a future teacher, doctor, engineer or leader. It is not just the girl and her family that pays the price.

Kenya must confront an uncomfortable truth: we need comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) that is age-appropriate, culturally grounded and evidence-based. This is the only way that adolescents will be shielded from misinformation by their peers, the internet or predators.

CSE does not corrupt morals; it equips adolescents with knowledge to make informed decisions, understand consent and respect themselves and others. In countries where CSE has been rolled out at scale, we see declines in teenage pregnancies, HIV infections and unsafe abortions. In Kenya, however, ideological infighting has left this important investment in our children’s well-being on hold.

Adolescents also face huge challenges in accessing contraception. Far too many public facilities withhold modern contraceptives from young people in the name of morality. Provider bias, health workers refusing to serve adolescents, is often a bigger obstacle than cost or distance.

Combating teenage pregnancy requires much more than condoms. Adolescents need access to the full range of modern contraceptives: implants, injectables, pills and emergency contraception in confidential, stigma-free settings. This requires adolescent-friendly service corners in health facilities, provider training

and robust confidentiality protections

Social protection policies and programmes—such as school re-entry programmes, cash transfers and livelihood opportunities for young mothers—are crucial for breaking the cycles of dependency. Laws criminalising sexual violence must be fully implemented, with survivors accessing both justice and care.

It is also vital to recognise that young people are agents of their own development. They are not waiting to be citizens; they are citizens in the making. They are ready and able to take control of their own lives if given the opportunity and space to do so. Programmes that meaningfully engage young people in their design and implementation work.

Kenya needs a transformative health policy for adolescents and youth, one that has a life-cycle perspective for girls and young women. We need interventions that address the vulnerabilities from childhood, follow through adolescence and continue into early adulthood. We must start with CSE in schools and in communities, giving children information and the confidence to use it from an early age.

The policy must also ensure access to contraception during adolescence, in an adolescent-friendly and confidential way. It must support school re-entry and provide economic support and mentorship for young mothers so that they do not drop out and have their education and opportunities permanently taken away. And as young women move into adulthood, livelihood opportunities and continued access to health-care will help to secure their independence.

This approach acknowledges that teenage pregnancy is not just an event. It is the result of multiple intersecting vulnerabilities. And it requires a coordinated response from education, health, justice and social protection actors.

The above can only happen with well-targeted funding, political commitment and independent oversight. Without these things, we will continue to have well-meaning pronouncements that fail to deliver, and another cohort of girls will be let down. We can continue with the quick fixes that only chip away at the symptoms of teenage pregnancy. Or we can start to root out the causes: poverty, marginalisation, violence and weak service delivery. If we opt for the latter, we must also ensure that our policy choices have the boldness and rigour to match our words.

Every girl that stays in school, avoids an unwanted pregnancy and has the power to make decisions about her own body is not just a girl that is no longer denied her rights, but is a step forward for the whole country. That is how we make Kenya secure—not by platitudes by the roadside, but by delivering systems that serve and empower our young people.

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No room for graft in police recruitment

Tomorrow marks the start of our nationwide recruitment of 10,000 police officers. To me, this is not just a hiring process, but rather a cornerstone of the broader reform agenda we have been championing, aimed at rebuilding faith in the National Police Service (NPS) and ensuring it reflects the values of our Constitution.

My vision for the NPS is rooted in reform, and we have already made significant strides. For instance, we have initiated comprehensive audits of our internal systems to identify and seal loopholes that have historically allowed corruption to thrive. Additionally, we are embracing technology to modernise operations. The introduction of a digital Occurrence Book (OB) system is meant to replace outdated manual logs with secure, real-time digital records, enhancing accountability in incident reporting.

Community policing is another pillar of our reforms; empowering local partnerships to address crime at its roots through dialogue and collaboration rather

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than confrontation. Complementing this, we have intensified training for our officers, focusing on human rights, constitutional adherence and professional ethics.

But the upcoming recruitment exercise is the most visible representation of our commitment to merit-based practices. In the past, such drives have been marred by allegations of bribery, nepotism and fraud, leaving qualified candidates disillusioned and the Service weakened.

I want to give an assurance to Kenyans that this time, the exercise—from screening to physical fitness tests, interviews and final selection—will be guided

solely by merit, qualifications and performance. To achieve this, we have established clear criteria—candidates must meet educational standards, pass rigorous assessments and demonstrate the physical and mental aptitude required for policing.

I therefore call upon all interested and eligible youth across Kenya to participate with confidence. This is your opportunity to join a reformed NPS and contribute to national security. From wherever you hail from, your talent and dedication are what matter. Turn up at the designated centres ready to showcase your potential, knowing that the process is fair and impartial.

To prospective recruits and their families: do not fall prey to impostors or corrupt individuals promising “help” in exchange for bribes. Offering money to recruiting officers, middlemen or anyone claiming influence will not only disqualify you but could lead to legal consequences. Similarly, presenting fake documents such as forged certificates, medical records, or identification will result in immediate rejection and possible prosecution.

Integrity starts with you, so let merit be your guide.

To my fellow officers involved in the exercise, I strongly call on you to uphold the highest professional standards. Any engagement in malpractices will have dire consequences, including dismissal and criminal charges. Be informed that we will be watching you closely. Oversight teams will conduct impromptu visits to ensure accountability and deter misconduct.

I also urge the public to be our eyes and ears on the ground. If you witness or suspect any irregularities, report them immediately through our toll-free hotline—0800 722 203—or send a WhatsApp message to 07095 70000. Every report will be investigated promptly and with confidentiality, and decisive action taken against culprits.

By ensuring meritocracy in recruitment and advancing systemic reforms, we will build a police service that truly serves and protects all Kenyans.

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DAILY NATION

Hasten probe into teen pregnancies in schools

Teenage pregnancies are a major crisis in education, with serious consequences for the learners, who risk dropping out of school and lapsing back into illiteracy and poverty. Ironically, the culprits include some of their own teachers, who are mandated to guide them to get an education that will determine their future.

The increasing pregnancies are a significant challenge, with the national prevalence among girls aged 15 to 19 at 15 per cent in 2022. Poverty, lack of comprehensive sexual/reproductive health education, primitive cultural practices such as child marriage, and increased school closures, as happened during the Covid-19 pandemic, explain the high number of cases. The consequences are severe. They include limited educational and economic opportunities for the teen mothers. Harmful so-called traditional practices, such as child marriage, increase the risk in some communities. The young girls also face a higher risk of maternal mortality, obstructed labour, and pregnancy-related hypertension. The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has received reports of 111 cases of sexual abuse of learners by their own teachers since January last year. And it is not the girls alone who are preyed on by their teachers. There are also cases of boys being sexually abused. The TSC uses the Code of Regulations for Teachers to deal with such cases. The 69 teachers found guilty were dismissed and deregistered. In one constituency in Kisumu County, for instance, there were 3,816 teenage pregnancies in 2023. The victims included 10 to 14-year-old learners.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogunmba says that due to the severity of the problem, a special unit will be established to tackle the sexual exploitation of learners. The Education CS should accelerate the formation of the special unit to investigate the crisis of teenage pregnancies. No efforts should be spared, as this threatens to derail their education and wreck their future. It is quite unacceptable that young girls are robbed of their innocence by their own teachers, some of whom also prey on boys.

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Quickly clear asbestos risk

More than 10 years after the government banned the use of asbestos for roofing due to its proven cancer risk, it is still widely used in schools and on some public buildings. The action taken in 2006 followed the confirmation of the carcinogenic effects of this once-popular roofing material.

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

Documents tabled in Parliament last year indicate that buildings belonging to the National Treasury, and the Ministries of Lands, Urban Planning, Housing and Public Works, Interior, Education, and Health are among those with the highest levels of asbestos roofing. The private sector has a total of 8,467 tonnes.

However, in a belated but welcome move, a parliamentary committee has given all the public learning institutions one year to remove their asbestos roofing. The National Environment Management Authority (Nema) will oversee this.

The National Assembly Committee on Petitions has also directed the Ministry of Health to conduct a medical survey within six months to ascertain the extent and impact of asbestos exposure. This is okay, but it is just slowing down the process, as research has shown that exposure to asbestos poses a grave health risk.

Experts say it can cause an aggressive cancer that affects the membrane lining the lungs and abdomen. The symptoms, including persistent cough, chest pain, and shortness of breath, are similar to those in respiratory illnesses. Sadly, they sometimes appear 20 to 30 years after exposure.

Deteriorating asbestos sheets release into the air fibres that contaminate soil and water, endangering entire communities.

The authorities should move faster to get all the asbestos roofs finally removed. The toxic material should not still be on the public buildings, especially schools, endangering children's lives. The government has a vital duty to enhance public health.



Anniversaries and ties to the world

Today, October 2, 2025, marks three anniversaries in Kenyan history that will likely pass unremarked in significant public events. Yet, each tells something about how the country has been tied to the wider world over the past 57 years.

The first is the 57th anniversary of the death of Indo-Kenyan photojournalist Priya Ramrakha. The second is the 52nd anniversary of the inauguration of the United Nations Environment Programme's Nairobi office. The third is the 43rd birthday of Hubert "Nonini" Nakitare, one of Kenya's pioneering rappers and radio presenters. At first glance, they appear unconnected — one rooted in war, another in diplomacy, and the last in music — but together they reveal the shifting intersections of journalism, culture, and international politics, as viewed from Nairobi.

Ramrakha was just 31 when he was killed on October 2, 1968, while covering the deadly Biafran War in Nigeria. By then, he had already earned a reputation as one of Africa's most familiar photojournalists, freelancing for *Life* and *Time*, capturing everything from Kenya's independence celebrations to conflicts across the continent. His death highlighted both the dangers of documenting war and the deep sorrow felt by family and friends when someone is killed in a distant conflict that feels far from home.

That tragedy foreshadowed others. On July 12, 1993, in civil war-wracked Mogadishu, Somalia, a mob killed four journalists covering the aftermath of a United States attack on General Mohamed Farah Aidid's compound that left more than 70 Somalis dead. Among them were *Reuters* photographer Hosea Maina and *Reuters* soundman Anthony Macharia, both Kenyan; Dan Eldon, a *Reuters* photographer of British and American nationality who had grown up in Nairobi; and Hansi Krauss, a German photographer with *Associated Press*. They were stoned, beaten, and shot in one of the darkest days for journalism in Africa.

Three years later, on November 23, 1996, Mohamed "Mo" Amin, the most celebrated Kenyan and African photojournalist of his generation, died when hijackers forced

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Charles Onyango-Obbo | What Others Say



Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961 to crash into the Indian Ocean near the Comoros. His career had spanned decades, from documenting the horrific Ethiopian famine of the 1980s to recording countless political upheavals, including the 1964 Zanzibar Revolution.

The dangers have not lessened. Technology has accelerated reporting and expanded its reach, but the risks associated with it remain the same. Since 2000, media freedom groups estimate that at least 120 foreign journalists have been killed while covering wars outside their own countries. Far more — roughly 1,500 over the past quarter-century — have been local reporters, often with fewer protections and greater exposure.

On the same date in 1973, President Jomo Kenyatta officially opened the United Nations Environment Programme's (Unep) Nairobi office, making the city the first in the developing world to host a United Nations headquarters. Today, that presence is deepening. By 2026, parts of three agencies — the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), United Nations Women (UN Women), and the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) Programme Division and Evaluation Office — will move some of their global operations from New York and Geneva to Nairobi's Gigiri site, bringing at least 800 new staff.

To address this, the 140-acre Gigiri site, already home to Unep and UN-Habitat, is undergoing a Sh45 billion (approximately

US\$340 million) upgrade. According to reports, the most striking aspect is a Sh34.8 billion (\$265.6 million) overhaul of conference facilities, which will increase capacity from 2,000 to 9,000 people, featuring a 1,600-seat Assembly Hall, 30 new conference rooms, and eco-friendly features such as solar power. By 2030, about 9,000 people are expected to work there, giving Nairobi one of the largest United Nations footprints outside New York and Geneva.

And then there is the anniversary that will likely be celebrated. Nonini, born in Eastlands, Nairobi, in 1982, turns 43 today. He rose to fame in the early 2000s with hits that blended hip-hop beats and Sheng street slang. His 2004 anthem *Kero-ro*, about drinking cheap beer, became the soundtrack of the era. Cheeky, raw, and relatable, his songs spoke directly to Nairobi youth.

By the time he moved into radio presentation, his influence on Kenya's musical identity was assured. With his peers, he pulled Kenyan rap away from American imitation and towards a local sound. "Genge" was unapologetically Nairobi: rooted in Sheng, grounded in everyday struggles. The sound has since evolved, but Nonini helped lay the foundation.

Radio itself has shifted. Where once delivery was stiff and formal, today it is interactive, infused with social media, and often presented by presenters who also serve as musicians, comedians, or YouTubers. Cheap production tools and online platforms have enabled artists to bypass gatekeepers, and stations are now openly tackling subjects such as unemployment and police harassment.

These anniversaries — of war and loss, of diplomatic milestones, and of music that spoke to a generation — all remind us that Nairobi's entanglement with the world is not a new phenomenon. The terms have changed, the tone has changed, but the ties endure. As a champion for my media tribe, I know many who wish they could turn back the clock to October 2, 1968 and the kindred disasters that followed.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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Contrast • President William Ruto and his entourage walking along the spotlessly clean streets of New York during the UN General Assembly, Taabu Tele remarks, brought to the fore the stark contrast with Nairobi. "Though his speech drumming up support for the Kenya police-led Haiti mission against gangs was so powerful, we've chaotic and insecure streets." His contact is taabu.tele@mail.com.

Opposition unity • Retired President Uhuru Kenyatta still has a key role to play in guiding his Jubilee Party's preparations for the 2027 elections, says Nickson Ngari. "But he should sit down with the Azimio coalition for a credible opposition front. The voice of the mwananchi must be heard in a bid to elect the best leaders or be doomed in the next five years." His contact is nicksonngari39@gmail.com.

Okaying graft • National officials are legitimising corruption, says David Yator, citing Inspector-General of Police Douglas Kanja's failure to meet officers in Nairobi and fight the vice. The other, he adds, is Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen's talk about fuel bribery. "The State has failed to guarantee the safety of citizens, who can't pay children's fees. His contact is davidyator14@gmail.com.

Pedestrian safety • Since independence in 1963, Jerry Kenyans laments, road safety programmes have primarily focused on motorists, ignoring passengers and pedestrians, who are even more vulnerable to the grave danger. "To justify the investment in transport infrastructure and enforcing traffic rules and regulations, commuters' rights must be enhanced." His contact is countiescom@gmail.com.

Menace • The rise in online data mining is alarming, says Churchill Amatha, singling out WhatsApp groups as the most notorious avenues. "Someone will send a text message to you saying: 'Hi, we're in the same group. Save me as 'so and so' so that I can find you'. There may be a reminder to check if you saved them. Who will save us from this new menace?" His contact is c.amatha@hotmail.com. Have a careful day, won't you!

LETTERS

Voter listing real test of Gen Z activism

Kenya is witnessing a gradual but important political transition. The days of chants and empty slogans are fading, replaced by an increasingly informed electorate. At the centre of this shift is a generation that has already made its presence felt: the Gen Z. Their activism, though not without challenges, has been largely objective, focusing on issues rather than personalities. But the time has come for young people to move from online campaigns and street protests to the most powerful tool available in a democracy: the ballot. Kenya's youth have the numbers, energy and awareness to shift the nation's political trajectory. What remains is the commitment to act.

Bungei Obadia, Baringo

IEBC should show its mettle in by-elections

The upcoming by-elections will be a test of the newly appointed Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) in terms of preparedness and efficiency. Much was said about the process that got the commissioners into office, but that is in the past now. With the boundary review window having lapsed, the commission must be all hands on deck with the continuous voter registration and elections. During the by-elections, IEBC must show us a clear roadmap of what 2027 will look like.

Duncan Ngetich, Nandi

Self-sponsored varsity students losing out

Students enrolled in self-sponsored courses across public universities are growing increasingly frustrated as the lecturers' strike drags on. Parents who have invested large sums to secure education for their children are now questioning the value of these programmes. The strike has exposed the vulnerability of self-sponsored students, who often pay higher fees. While universities continue to collect payments, services remain paralysed. Without a quick solution, parents fear their investments will go to waste, and students risk prolonged delays in university, jeopardising their career plans and livelihoods.

Kamufi Bernard, Nairobi

Court scores big for media freedom

I commend the High Court for its bold stand in reaffirming the independence of the media and the public's right to information. Its rejection of an application by Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja to restrain media houses from linking him to violence during the June Gen Z protests is commendable. Press freedom is enshrined in the Constitution and cannot be curtailed without compelling justification. The ruling is a victory not only for media houses but also for citizens who rely on journalists to expose the truth, unmask corruption and hold leaders accountable. The court has shown that truth and transparency are essential to democracy, and journalists must be free to do their work.

Peter Ojwang, Siaya

Deal with high insecurity in Nairobi CBD

Cases of insecurity in Nairobi's central business district have remained high. Reports of daylight muggings, phone snatching and harassment by gangs have become disturbingly common. This is not only a security concern, but also an economic one. The National Police Service, in collaboration with the county government, must increase security patrols, install more CCTV cameras and crack down on gangs operating in the CBD. It is also important for wananchi to cooperate by reporting suspicious activities. The safety of citizens should come before politics.

Mary Githuku, Nairobi

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TODAY IN HISTORY

October 2, 1988: Archbishop Manasses Kuria tells critics that the Church of the Province of Kenya (now Anglican Church of Kenya) has no foreign masters. In an emotionally charged sermon at St Christopher's CPK Church in Nairobi, Kuria said the church is not a "mere province" receiving instructions from the Bishop of Canterbury in England, rather, it is completely autonomous. "The freedom of worship is God-given and cannot be taken away at will by any individual," he added.

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LETTER OF THE DAY

Make tea farming rewarding for smallholders

The recently announced tea bonus payments have left thousands of small-scale tea farmers across the country angry and disillusioned.

As the Tea Farmers Association of Kenya, a body representing the voices and lobbying on behalf of small-scale tea growers, we are deeply concerned with the significant reduction in this year's bonus payments. These bonuses are not just financial figures; they are lifelines for rural families, often used to pay school fees, settle debts and invest in farm inputs.

Sadly, the 2025 payments have

fallen short—in some cases by more than 30 per cent compared to previous years—despite assurances from key stakeholders earlier in the year that performance had improved. Many of our members feel betrayed and economically strained.

The biggest concern, however, is the lack of transparency in how the bonus figures are arrived at. There is little to no public disclosure on the real costs incurred by factories, the actual revenues received, or the justification for the current payout levels.

Farmers are required to be accountable in delivering quali-

ty green leaf, yet the same level of accountability is not reflected in how their income is managed. The Kenya Tea Development Agency and factory management boards must do more to instil trust.

In addition to the reduced bonus, farmers are grappling with soaring costs of fertiliser, labour and transport. For many, tea farming is quickly becoming economically unsustainable. Some are already abandoning their tea bushes, opting for more profitable alternatives, or exiting agriculture altogether. This is a red flag for an industry that contrib-

utes significantly to the economy.

It is no longer enough to offer seasonal promises or recycled explanations. Farmers want a system that rewards their labour fairly and consistently. If nothing is done, Kenya risks losing the very backbone of its tea industry—the small-scale grower.

We urge the Executive, Parliament and all relevant authorities to treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves. Our farmers are tired of being voiceless in a system that depends entirely on their effort.

Sammy Ndwiga Njamburi, Tea Farmers Association of Kenya



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Nairobi

Lobby cites Sh126m loss in miraa export levies

BY DAVID MUCHUI

The government could be losing more than Sh50 million annually in levies due to undeclared miraa destined for Somalia.

According to the Nyambene Miraa Trade Association (Nyamita), Kenya exports more than 40 tonnes of miraa daily, yet the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) recorded an average of 20 tonnes.

Following the enactment of the Miraa Regulations, AFA charges Sh7 for every kilo of miraa exported.

AFA has in the past indicated that Kenya's miraa exports to Somalia are capped at 20 tonnes daily after the market was reopened in July 2022.

But in February last year, Nyamita flagged government agencies including the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Miraa, Pyrethrum and Other Industrial Crops Directorate (MPICD), and the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) for providing contradicting figures on the amount of miraa exported daily.

Showing a variance

According to a report by KAA, seen by the *Nation*, 65,326 kilos of miraa were exported in July 2022, while AFA records indicated 118,600 kilos, showing a variance of more than 53,000 kilos.

Further, AFA recorded that 599,094 kilos of miraa were exported in July 2023, while KAA recorded 724,531 kilogrammes in the same period — a difference of more than 125,000 kilos.

The data by KAA was provided by licensed miraa handling sheds at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), while AFA obtains its data from licensed exporters. JKIA handles between eight and 11 miraa cargo flights to Somalia daily.

In a letter sent to the AFA Director General, Nyamita spokesman Kimathi Munjuri protested that the under-declaration of miraa export volumes was hurting the sector through the loss of public funds allocation.

"We request the MPICD to move with speed and find ways to receive the exact quantities of miraa shipped out of the country and share them for informed decision-making in government," Nyamita spokesman Kimathi Munjuri stated.

Nairobi seniors feted on International Day of Older Persons



Ahadi Kenya Trust founder and executive director Stanley Kamau Maina (centre) shares a light moment with Justina Musangi, 68, and Eliza Marwa, 70, during the International Day of Older Persons celebration at PC Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute grounds in Nairobi yesterday. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

Uasin Gishu Water supply from Chebara Dam has long been a source of dispute

Marakwet residents protest 300pc rise in water charges

BY BARNANAS BII

Residents accuse Eldowas of imposing punitive tariffs while communities living around Chebara Dam lack basic water access

A bitter standoff has erupted between residents of Elgeyo-Marakwet and the Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company (Eldowas) over a controversial 300 per cent tariff increment.

Residents from the neighbouring county are now vowing to block water flow from Chebara Dam unless their demands for fair pricing and local benefits are met.

Marakwet residents are now threatening to cut off water from the Chebara Dam, located in Elgeyo Marakwet County, to Eldoret city in neighbouring Uasin Gishu County, claiming they were shortchanged and given a raw deal on the management and sharing of the resource.

Water supply from Chebara Dam has long been a source of dispute between Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet counties, revolving around the management and revenue-sharing of this shared project.

Although Chebara Dam and its water supply are located in Elgeyo Marakwet County, it is Eldowas in Uasin Gishu County that manages the resource.

However, more than 600 families living around Chebara Dam claim they do not have access to clean, piped water in their homes.

"When the dam was constructed, we were encouraged to establish businesses in Eldoret and benefit from the water supply, but with a 300-percent hike in charges, that has become a pipe dream — a move we are prepared to resist at all costs," said Ms Flora Chemweno, a local resident.

And even as Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii calls for an urgent stakeholders' meeting on the new tariffs, Marakwet residents argue that the planned hike will hurt domestic water consumption, cripple businesses, and drive away investors.

They have vowed to use all means necessary to halt the implementation of what they call 'punitive' charges, and demand a review of the agreement signed by the dissolved local authorities to determine how the community will benefit from the Chebara Dam proceeds.

"There is no justification for Eldowas to increase the water charges while the local communities surrounding the dam are yet to benefit in terms of infrastructure like roads, health centres, and water supply to their homes," said a member of the Marakwet Council of Elders, Mr Andrew Chemweno.

The tension is fuelled by a lack of clear communication from Eldowas to residents in

both counties about how they might benefit from the dam's piped water.

Residents also say they have seen very little in the way of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives from Eldowas, despite their proximity to the dam.

"It is like living close to a river but only washing our hands with spittle. The two county governments need to renegotiate so the local community can benefit from the dam," said Mr Edwin Kipkorir from the Chebara area.

They claim that residents of Uasin Gishu and Eldoret town benefit more from the water supply despite the resource being situated in their own region.

"We demand a review of the agreement signed by the dissolved local authorities to determine how the community will benefit from the dam's proceeds," added Mr Kipkorir.

Eldowas Managing Director, Dr Lawrence Tanui, however, said the firm is engaged in conservation of the water catchment areas around Chebara Dam, and that most local communities have been connected to piped water.

"We have partnered with environmentalists to implement conservation programmes and ensure that local communities benefit from the project," he said.

Dr Tanui defended the tariff hike as reasonable, noting it aims to generate additional revenue for infrastructure development and to expand water supply to underserved ar-

eas.

"The revised water rates are reasonable, with consumers paying only Sh130 per 1,000 litres. There is also a provision for annual evaluation of charges, with a possibility of offering lower rates," he explained.

Last week, the Environment and Land Court in Eldoret struck out a petition challenging the tariff hike, meaning Eldoret city residents will now pay higher charges.

Justice Emmanuel Washe ruled that the petition violated the Water Act, as the court lacked jurisdiction to hear it, and lifted the suspension orders issued on 25th March 2025, allowing Eldowas to implement the new tariffs.

Eldoret residents, represented by petitioners Mr Kipkorir Menjo and Mr David Chebet, have protested the move and vowed to appeal the ruling, describing it as inhuman and an abuse of the law.

The move triggered intense backlash from furious residents who accused their elected leaders of betrayal and silence, abandoning them in their hour of need.

They announced weekly street demonstrations planned to begin next week, even as a fresh legal appeal is launched to reverse the court ruling.

Governor Jonathan Chelilim Bii called for a stakeholders' meeting to address concerns and find a fair and lasting solution.

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NAIROBI

4,500 affordable houses up for grabs in city

The government has started allocating more affordable homes to Nairobi residents seeking better living standards.

According to the State Department of Housing and Urban Development, the process is being carried out with Nairobi South MCA Waithera Chege after the completion of Phase Two, which delivered 4,500 units ready for occupation.

Sheila Waweru, acting CEO of the Affordable Housing Board, said the new units are open to all Kenyans, unlike Phase One where priority went to residents of informal settlements. She urged those who applied but missed out earlier to reapply through the Boma Yangu portal. Phase One delivered 1,080 units to residents of Mukuru and Mariguini slums, officially handed over by President William Ruto. Kevin Cheruiyot

TANA RIVER

Court halts works on historic Anisa Mosque

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) has secured a reprieve after the High Court in Garsen temporarily halted construction works on the historic Anisa Mosque in Lamu.

Justice Jesse Njagi issued the injunction pending determination of a case in which NMK has sued Hussein Ali and Al Akh Sayyid Muhammed Saggaf for allegedly undertaking demolition and restoration works in violation of conservation standards. NMK argues that the mosque, located on the western edge of Lamu town, sits within the buffer zone of the Lamu Old Town World Heritage Site and is a national monument due to its architectural, cultural, historical, and religious significance. The court ruled that if the mosque's historical features are destroyed, the loss would be irreparable and beyond monetary compensation. Justice Njagi said NMK had established a prima facie case and that "the balance of convenience" lay in its favour.

Philip Muyanga

It is like living close to a river but only washing our hands with spittle

Edwin Kipkorir



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South Sudanese community chairperson Bol Ajak. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

BRIEFLY

NAKURU

Body of South Sudanese student retrieved five days after 'drowning' in Lake Nakuru

BY MERCY KOSKEI

Eight months after the mysterious disappearance of Nakuru fisherman Brian Odhiambo, another family is mourning the death of their kin at Lake Nakuru National Park. Mach Mayien Anyieth, 21, is

reported to have drowned in the lake on September 26. The Form Three student's body was retrieved five days later on Tuesday evening.

The South Sudanese national had joined friends for what was meant to be a routine fishing expedition. Instead, the

outing ended in tragedy.

On the day of his disappearance, he is said to have left home at 7pm without informing his family members. The following day, his four friends returned and reported that he had drowned.

The South Sudanese community chairperson, Bol Ajak, said that the family made a frantic search for him together with relatives, the police, and Kenya Wildlife Ser-

vice officials.

The family was prevented from entering the park on Saturday, but was given access the following day when they were accompanied by officers from Mwariki Police Station.

"We were informed that he drowned, but we don't know the circumstances that led to his death. We want justice for him," Mr Ajak said.

NAKURU

Plans for National Prayer Day on track

BY FRANCIS MUREITHI

Preparations for the National Prayer Day at Marian National Shrine in Subukia, Nakuru County on Saturday are in high gear. Archbishop Anthony Muheria will lead the liturgy. Mr Wilfred Kiboro, a member of the Shrine Management Committee, said: "We are expecting pilgrims from across the country."

Homa Bay

Brothers sought over don's murder

BY GEORGE ODIWUOR

Detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) have camped in Mbita, Homa Bay County in a bid to trace two brothers who are accused of hacking a university lecturer to death over a land dispute on Tuesday.

The suspects went into hiding after allegedly killing Prof Tom Odhiambo, a don at the Technical University of Kenya. He was hit on the head with a machete.

The incident happened in Kakrigu Village, Rusinga East Location.

Homa Bay County Police Commander Lawrence Koilem said he has assigned DCI officers to look for the two men who went into hiding after the incident.

"Detectives are hunting for the two suspects. We will catch them. They won't hide for long," he said.

Land dispute

The detectives assembled at Mbita Police Station yesterday to draw plans for the search.

The lecturer had been trying to resolve a land dispute with the family of the suspects, when they allegedly attacked and him.

Mbita Deputy County Commissioner Peter Mutiso said the lecturer, who had a title deed for the land in question, died on the spot after the attack.

"He was with his father who was also attacked. Fortunately, the father survived the assault and was rushed to hospital."

Prof Odhiambo had travelled home when he received information that a neighbour had allegedly encroached on part of his land.

Mr Mutiso said that, at the time of the incident, the lecturer had hired a surveyor to determine the boundary.

Petition 43 residents of Mandera challenge what they claim is an 'exclusionary' system



The Mandera County Government's notification about its Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan for urban centres that was published on May 30, 2025 is being challenged.

Mutungi has blocked the implementation of the contested notices, frozen all land transactions in 10 specified locations and given the county government and land commission 21 days to respond.

The conservatory order blocks any alienation, allocation surveying, subdividing, disposing of or interfering with the land in Baraqwo, Koromey, Headquarter, Central Business District, High Density (HD), High Density (HD2), Neboi, Heleshid, Low Density and Environment Protection Programme localities in Mandera.

The case has potential impact on the public participation principle. Legal experts say that it could set a precedent for counties with similar communication challenges and it could force change in public notice systems nationwide.

Community rights

The conflict exposes the growing tension between modern governance systems and traditional community rights, with potential ramifications for millions of Kenyans in marginalised regions.

Legal experts say this case could set a standard for marginalised communities' right to accessible government communication.

The case emerges amid growing national debate about inclusive governance, with similar challenges filed in counties with pastoralist communities since 2013.

The petitioners claim that the process of land allocation in the mentioned areas is not verifiable and that the land commission did not respond to their protest letter dated July 29, 2025.

They further said the commission and the county government conducted an aerial survey as opposed to a ground one. This denied land users an opportunity to raise objections.

"The failure to expressly identify the exact parcels and the intended beneficiaries renders the process opaque, unreasonable, and contrary to the constitutional and statutory requirements of transparency and accountability in land governance," reads the petition.

"Moreover, the vagueness and ambiguity of the notice effectively deprived the affected community of any meaningful opportunity to raise valid objection to the alienation of parcels that are not fully and properly identified."

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Herders seek changes in way State communicates its plans

Queries raised on whether using Kenya Gazette, daily newspapers is adequate communication

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

A case currently being heard in the High Court could change the way in which key government decisions are communicated to marginalised communities.

This is after 43 residents of Mandera challenged what they termed an "exclusionary" notification system that threatens their ancestral lands.

At stake is whether publishing notices in the Kenya Gazette and daily newspapers constitutes adequate public communication.

The case specifically questions the Mandera County Government's notification about its Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan for urban centres that was published on May 30, 2025.

The notice was calling on interested parties, who may have objections to the development plan, to submit them within 60 days.

"The affected community, being predominantly rural, marginalised and with high illiteracy rates, had no meaningful access to these publications," argues the petitioners' lawyer Eric Kinaro.

He said a Gazette Notice and advert in a newspaper did not amount to effective or qualitative public participation or communication.

The pastoralist community claims it uses the land for subsistence farming and livestock.

Members of the community say that they were never consulted about the development plans and only learnt about the notices and the land allocations through

a whistle-blower at the National Land Commission.

Lawyer Kinaro said the county government and the County Executive Committee Member for Lands should have used alternative means of communication that suits his clients.

These include community barazas, local radio announcements, or notices in local administra-

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Lawyer Eric Kinaro



tive offices, which would have ensured that the community was duly informed, he said.

The petition alleges violations of provisions of the Constitution, such as article 10, 27 and 63 on public participation and discrimination, the Environment and Land Court Act, the Community Land Act, Regulation 27 of the Community Land Regulations and Section 115 of the County Governments Act.

"The entire allocation process lacks transparency," said the lawyer.

The petitioners include MPs Hussein Weytan Abdirahman (Mandera East) and Mohamed Abdi Abdirahman (Lafey).

They want the court to determine whether announcement of government programmes in the Kenya Gazette Notice and in the daily newspapers is adequate means of communication to inform the public.

Environment Court Judge John

DN2 Property

From guards to AI: How smart security is reshaping Kenya's property landscape

Global security companies focused on South Africa, Egypt, or Morocco, but over the last decade, Kenya has taken the lead in terms of growth and adoption, making the country a magnet for innovators and solution providers

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at the gate—it is about smart, integrated systems that make people feel safe, and that feeling directly translates into higher value.

Which smart security solutions are gaining the fastest traction among developers and property managers in East Africa and why?

In East Africa, especially in Kenya, I would say access control is leading the way. This is a mature technology, but what makes Africa unique compared to the Middle East or Europe is the strong preference for biometrics over traditional cards. Developers and property managers here are embracing facial recognition and fingerprint systems at a much faster rate because they are more reliable, harder to forge, and convenient for tenants. Kenya, in particular, has become one of the most attractive markets on the continent. Global security companies focused on South Africa, Egypt, or Morocco, but over the last decade Kenya has taken the lead in terms of growth and adoption. The speed of improvement has been remarkable, and it has made the country a magnet for innovators and solution providers like us. Now, when it comes to AI-powered surveillance, I see the potential as enormous, even though some technologies are still maturing. With Kenya's large and growing urban population, traditional physical security—guards, standalone CCTV, or manual access control—can be costly and hard to scale. AI solutions make it possible to manage these challenges more efficiently. For example, AI-driven video analytics can automatically detect suspicious activity, monitor crowding, and flag anomalies without the need for endless human oversight. Beyond biometrics and smart CCTV, we are also seeing applications in the wider smart city context. Here, AI-powered systems don't just provide security—they improve operations and efficiency. For instance, traffic management systems use camera feeds not only to monitor roads, but also to optimise flow and reduce congestion. In some cities, AI is being trained on historical crime and emergency data to predict where incidents are more likely to occur, allowing authorities to deploy patrols proactively. For developers and property managers, this matters because tenants want more than just walls and guards—they want peace of mind supported by intelligent systems. In Kenya, where demand for secure gated communities, mixed-use estates, and smart offices is growing rapidly, technology-driven security has become a key differentiator. In short, access control—especially biometrics—is gaining the fastest traction, while AI-powered surveillance is emerging as the fu-

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BY WINNIE ONYANDO

As Kenya's property market continues to expand amid rapid urbanisation, one factor is quietly redefining how developers, investors, and tenants perceive value: security.

Traditionally, location and amenities were the ultimate determinants of property worth, but today, technology-driven security solutions—ranging from biometric access controls to AI-powered

surveillance—are attracting investors and premium tenants. Safety is no longer viewed as an add-on; it is now central to the competitiveness and sustainability of modern developments.

Firas Jadalla, regional director, Middle East, Turkey & Africa, Genetec shares with DN2 Property insights on how smart security innovations are reshaping real estate, boosting investor confidence, and positioning Kenya as a leader in Africa's property transformation.

How is technology-driven security reshaping Kenya's/Africa's real

estate sector?

Traditionally, property value has always been tied to location and amenities, however, I believe technology-driven security is increasingly reshaping this equation, not only globally, but also in Africa. When we look at the top cities worldwide in terms of property sales and valuation, it is clear that investors are drawn not only by prime locations, infrastructure and regulations, but also by how secure an environment is. Over the last two decades, we have seen Africa and the Middle East attract

more prime developers and international investors, and I think one of the big factors at play is physical security. Investors want good returns, but they also want assurance that their assets, tenants, and communities are safe. Physical security is a strong value addition that can make or break the attractiveness of a property. Today, technology plays a central role in creating this sense of safety. For example, video management systems—what many of us used to call CCTV—are no longer just about recording footage. They are integrated with

smart analytics to detect threats without compromising tenants' privacy. Coupled with access control systems, especially in gated communities, these tools make residents feel secure while also streamlining visitor management. Alarm systems and intercoms further enhance this ecosystem, providing quick response options in case of intrusion or emergencies. Together, these technologies build trust and confidence in a property, which in turn drives both investor interest and tenant demand. Security is no longer just about guards

Safety is no longer viewed as an add-on; it is now central to the competitiveness and sustainability of modern developments

Premium tenants looking for tech-driven security solutions

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ture. And Kenya is at the heart of this transformation.

Let's talk about unified security systems...

When it comes to security, there are many players offering cameras, access control, alarms, or intercoms. What makes our approach different is unification. By unification, I mean bringing all these systems—video management (CCTV), access control, license plate recognition, intrusion alarms, advanced maps, and intercoms—into a single platform. I often compare it to Microsoft Office. If you know how to use Word and Excel, then learning PowerPoint is easier because it all sits under one ecosystem. That's how our unified platform works: once you're trained on it, you can manage every element of security—cameras, gates, alarms, visitor entry—without switching between multiple systems or worrying about integrations.

For property developers and managers in Kenya, this has clear advantages. It lowers costs—deployment, training, and maintenance become simpler and more efficient. It also increases reliability because everything communicates seamlessly. From an investor's perspective, this mat-

ters. When an office tower, a gated community, or a mixed-use estate demonstrates that it has invested in a state-of-the-art, future-proof security system, it immediately boosts confidence. Investors know their assets are well protected, risks are minimised, and the property will remain attractive over time. For tenants, especially premium ones—whether multinational corporations leasing Grade A office space, expatriates moving into high-end apartments, or families choosing gated estates—security is a deal breaker. They want more than guards at the gate; they want peace of mind backed by intelligent, responsive systems. A unified security platform provides exactly that, making such properties more desirable and commanding higher rents. So, in Kenya's real estate market, unified security systems do more than protect—they differentiate. They make developments stand out in a competitive market, attract premium tenants, and reassure investors that they are putting their money into safe, well-managed, and forward-looking projects.

Beyond safety, how is smart security contributing to Kenya's economic resilience, stability and the overall competitiveness of its property market?

About 10 years ago, we at Genetec



A well-secured property attracts tenants, reduces liability, and commands higher rental values,

Firas Jadalla, Genetec

tech realised that the same cameras and platforms designed for security could also be powerful tools for operational efficiency and economic stability. Take Kenya, for example. When a city or development deploys a unified security platform, it doesn't just reduce crime; it generates data and insights that improve day-to-day operations. The same cameras monitoring streets can analyse traffic flow—where congestion happens, at what time, and for how long. This helps authorities and developers design better infrastructure and save millions in productivity lost to traffic jams. In airports, malls, or office complexes, these systems can track

queue management. For instance, if a service queue exceeds 15 people or waiting times cross 20 minutes, the system can automatically trigger an alert. This allows managers to deploy staff in real time and plan smarter schedules in the future. The result? Better customer experiences, smoother operations, and stronger competitiveness for Kenya as a regional hub. For the property market, these efficiencies translate into tangible value. Tenants want developments where movement is seamless, services are well managed, and downtime is minimal while investors are more confident when they see that a property not only keeps people safe but also supports efficiency, sustainability, and long-term resilience. At the national level, this integration of smart security into operations strengthens economic resilience and stability. It ensures that Kenya remains competitive in attracting foreign investors, multinational tenants, and large-scale infrastructure projects.

With Nairobi and other cities experiencing rapid urbanisation, what unique security challenges are emerging and how can Pro-Tech bridge these gaps?

We are seeing new and complex security challenges emerge. One of the biggest lessons from the pandemic was the rise of cybersecurity threats. Traditionally, we thought of security in terms of physical safety—guards, cameras, and gates, today, every physical system is also digital. If hackers compromise a city's surveillance network or a property's access control system, the impact can be just as damaging as a physical breach. That's why we've built our platform with strong cybersecurity measures, making it much harder for attackers to misuse or infiltrate

the system. Another major challenge is data sharing between government entities. In a city like Nairobi, multiple departments handle critical information—traffic authorities have vehicle data, immigration has records on movement, and police hold criminal histories. For security systems to be truly effective, this data needs to flow across departments. But getting agencies to collaborate and trust each other enough to share sensitive data is not always easy. We've seen this worldwide, and it is one of the toughest hurdles to overcome. Beyond this, the sheer scale of urban growth places pressure on infrastructure. More vehicles, more residents, and more complex developments mean higher security demands. Without integrated systems, cities risk patchwork solutions that can't keep up with urban realities. The way forward is to focus on bridging these gaps through unified, cyber-secure, and collaborative platforms. By ensuring physical and digital security work hand in hand, and by encouraging data-sharing frameworks across agencies, Nairobi can build safer, smarter, and more resilient communities.

How prepared are Kenyan real estate developers, property managers and even tenants to adapt and sustain advanced physical security technologies?

Any serious developer who wants to attract local or international investors knows that physical security must be a top priority. It is now very rare to see a leading development in Nairobi, Mombasa, or Kisumu that does not integrate some form of advanced security into its design. For developers, security has become part of the blueprint and for property managers, the shift is equally clear. They understand that security is not just about protection—it's about reputation and tenant satisfaction. A well-secured property attracts and retains tenants, reduces liability, and commands higher rental values. Managers are also embracing unified platforms because they reduce costs and make day-to-day operations easier. Even tenants are

much more security-conscious today. From families moving into gated estates to multinationals leasing office towers, the expectation is that safety comes built-in. Tenants are also willing to pay more for peace of mind, which reinforces the business case for developers and managers to sustain these technologies.

Looking forward, what role will security-driven innovation play in shaping the next decade of property ownership and management in Kenya?

I believe security-driven innovation will shape the next decade of property ownership and management in Kenya in many ways. Traditionally, security systems—cameras, access controls, alarms—were installed purely for protection, but increasingly, the real value lies in the data these systems generate and how that data can be applied beyond safety. For example, the same cameras that monitor a gated estate for intruders can also provide insights into traffic patterns, energy use, and staff deployment. Property managers will be able to optimise operations—whether it's adjusting staffing levels at peak hours, improving parking management, or even enhancing customer service in malls and offices. This shift towards operational efficiency will be a game-changer. For developers and investors, security innovation will become a core part of planning. Future-proof properties will not only boast advanced physical safety, but also showcase how their systems improve efficiency, sustainability, and tenant experience. This will directly influence property valuation and competitiveness in Kenya's fast-growing urban centres. And for tenants, the expectation will go beyond safety. They will demand smart, seamless living and working environments where technology makes life more convenient, efficient, and connected. Security systems integrated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and IoT will support this by blending safety with comfort.

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International

Volunteers heroes of fight against dengue fever in Khartoum

KHARTOUM, TUESDAY

In the cramped, winding alleys of Khartoum, hundreds of volunteers traverse from home to home, their hands laden with spraying gear and inspection tools as they search for mosquito breeding sites, the primary transmission vector for dengue fever.

Since the beginning of the year, Sudan has faced an outbreak of dengue fever, a viral illness that could be lethal for those infected, with Khartoum being an epicentre. The Sudanese capital has reported nearly 14,000 cases this year. According to a report released on Tuesday by the country's Health ministry, seven states reported a total of 3,126 cases between September 20 and 26, with Khartoum accounting for 78 per cent of the total.

Sudanese epidemiologist and community medicine specialist Hamza Awadalla linked the outbreak to deteriorating sanitation services, waste buildup, and heavy rains creating ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. To build an effective dengue prevention barrier, the Sudanese government recently initiated a campaign aimed at cutting off the transmission of the virus. Mosquito eradication is among the most emblematic endeavours.

"We started this campaign knowing our enemy is tiny and hard to see, but its impact is deadly, so we try to reach breeding sites before it reaches people," volunteer Mahmoud Osman from the Al-Azhari neighborhood in southern Khartoum told Xinhua.

The health ministry has trained 7,800 inspectors to identify and eliminate breeding sites in household water containers. The goal is to cover approximately 936,000 homes in Khartoum each week.

The campaign, set to cover all areas of Khartoum State, has received widespread support from the residents. "The disease scares us, but the presence of these young people reassures us that someone stands with us," said Suad Mohamed, a housewife from southern Khartoum.

As part of the broader response, the government has also launched free diagnostic and treatment services in 34 hospitals operating around the clock, carried out 980 ground spraying operations, conducted 10 aerial spraying missions, and implemented extensive indoor fogging. (Xinhua)

BRIEFLY

PARIS

SA ambassador found dead, left suicide note

South Africa's ambassador to France, who was found dead at the foot of the Hyatt Regency hotel in Paris on Tuesday, had left a suicide note to his wife, the Paris prosecutor's office said. Ambassador Nkosinathi Emmanuel Mthethwa's lifeless body was discovered by a security guard on Tuesday morning in the interior courtyard of the hotel. On Monday evening, his wife had reported her husband missing to the police after receiving a message "in which he apologised and expressed his intention to end his life". (Reuters)

CAIRO

Israel ramps up attacks as Hamas weighs peace deal

Hamas' review of US President Donald Trump's Gaza plan stretched into a third day on Wednesday, a source close to the militant group said, as other Palestinian factions rejected the proposal and as Israel again bombed Gaza City. Trump on Tuesday gave Hamas "three or four days" to respond to the plan he outlined this week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Accepting the plan is a disaster, rejecting it is another, there are only bitter choices here, but the plan is a Netanyahu plan articulated by Trump," a Palestinian official told Reuters. (Reuters)

MOSCOW

Nuclear arms deal: Trump yet to respond to offer

Russia is still waiting for US President Donald Trump to react to President Vladimir Putin's offer to voluntarily maintain the limits on deployed strategic nuclear weapons once a key arms control treaty expires, state news agency TASS reported. Putin has offered to voluntarily maintain limits capping the size of the world's two biggest nuclear arsenals set out in the 2010 New START accord, which expires in February, if the US does the same. TASS cited Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as saying Moscow was still waiting for Trump's response to the idea. (Reuters)

British MP joins women activists against far-right protests



Britain's MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Diane Abbott, joins Women Against the Far Right activists during a counter-protest against an anti-immigration rally in Westminster, London, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Global trade The World Trade Organisation has also welcomed the trend

Trump tariffs push rest of world into new pacts

Since US president's re-election, the EU has sealed three free trade agreements

BRUSSELS, WEDNESDAY

US President Donald Trump's import tariffs have breathed life into dormant free trade talks across the globe and driven alliances at an unrivalled pace between partners seeking to offset lost exports to the United States.

Since Trump's re-election last November, the European Union has struck three free trade agreements — with South American bloc Mercosur, Mexico and Indonesia — and has its sights on a fourth, with India, by the end of this year.

The EU is not alone. Mercosur has sealed a free trade deal with the four-nation European Free Trade Area and relaunched negotiations with Canada that were stalled in 2021.

India and New Zealand revived talks after a decade-long hiatus, while the United Arab Emirates signed three trade agreements in a single day in January.

Brussels has been clear it sees new alliances as part of its response to "unjustified" US tariffs of broadly 15 per cent on EU goods and to Chinese oversupply and export restrictions on critical mineral the EU needs for its green transition.

The new trade pacts may not fully compensate for losses in commerce with a more protectionist America — time will tell — but rival economies have been spurred into action nonetheless.

EU trade chief Maros Sefcovic told lawmakers last month in a debate about the one-sided EU-US tariff deal struck at the end of July that the United States, which represented 17 per cent of EU trade last year, was "not the only game in town".

"We also need to take care of the other 83 per cent. That means continuing our efforts to diversify our relations," he said.

The message has been taken on board by countries previously reluctant to open their markets, including India and France, whose opposition to the EU-Mercosur deal seems to have softened.

The trend has also been welcomed by World Trade Organisation Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, as long as the agreements concur with WTO rules.

"Members negotiating more agreements with each other, that helps to diversify trade, it supports the WTO. It's not in competition because most of these agreements are built on our platform," she said last month.

But will new alliances offset US tariffs? In the short-term, no. The impact of US tariffs is immediate, while the benefits of new trade agreements are years away, because of potentially lengthy approval processes and tariff cuts

that are often staged over five to 10 years. Investment to take advantage of those benefits could kick in sooner though.

Longer term, it is unclear. New trade deals will eke out decimal points of economic growth, while EU exports to the US and China, where demand for EU goods has slumped, make up roughly four per cent of EU GDP. But not all of that will be lost.

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WTO boss Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala



Niclas Poitiers, research fellow at the Bruegel think tank, says average estimates for the Trump tariff impact on EU exports imply a 0.2-0.3 per cent decline of GDP for the bloc, though the impact of uncertainty on corporate investment may be less benign.

Poitiers said trade agreements have political value too by offering stable relations at a time

when the US is undermining the global economic order and pushing through deals that are not compliant with WTO rules.

"It's about making sure that your trading relationships are not just reliant on international rules, which are much less firm these days, but are also bound by a bilateral treaty," he said.

What may emerge is a network of deals underpinning the multi-lateral system, but excluding the US and to some extent China.

Sabine Weyand, director-general of the EU executive's trade division, told a European Parliament hearing last week that the EU was presenting itself as "the reliable trading partner for the rest of the world".

Sander Tordoir, chief economist at the Centre for European Reform, said Europe could lead a 'rest of the band' group, but noted that it and others such as Japan ran trade surpluses and so needed buyers, not more sellers.

"The challenge is enormous," he said. "The US has long constituted about 50 per cent of global trade deficits, acting as a key source of incremental demand for global exports."

So the band would have to find ways to create demand for each other's exports while pushing back against Chinese overcapacity. For the EU, the rest of the world would be too small and the only economy big enough to offset the US and China was its own.

"Europe will need to stoke internal demand or face stagnation," Tordoir said. (Reuters)

Business 17.7%

Percentage by which forced cut in geo-power generation fell in the year ended June 2025

Court declines to halt music royalties

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

A fresh court battle has erupted between artistes, the Kenya Copyright Board (Kecobo), and the Music Copyright Society of Kenya (MCSK) over alleged mismanagement of funds collected from music and art consumers in the form of royalties.

Central to the ongoing dispute initiated by musicians Justus Ngemu and Saul Esikuri is the alleged loss of Sh56 million at MCSK. This amount had allegedly been received as royalties for artistes and musicians.

The dispute also concerns allegations that MCSK has split into two warring camps, with each setting up its own bank accounts and pay bill accounts for collecting revenue from music users in Kenya and worldwide.

Mr Ngemu and Mr Esikuri argue that the alleged loss was revealed by Kecobo on February 2, 2024, when it stated that MCSK could not sufficiently account for the amount.

No action taken

According to them, though Kecobo forwarded a letter to the office of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission for investigations to be undertaken, no action has been taken against officials of the MCSK alleged to have perpetrated the said mismanagement.

Pending the hearing and determination of the case, the artistes wanted the court to issue a temporary order stopping MCSK from collecting royalties from users of copyrighted works.

However, Justice Roseline Aburili declined, saying the orders sought were like a mandatory order which, if granted at this stage of trial, would amount to issuing final reliefs before hearing the substantive dispute.

"A stay would suspend the collection of royalties for artistes and musicians, thereby paralysing a statutory function bestowed upon MCSK and causing prejudice to third parties who are not before the court," said Justice Aburili.

Kenya joins world in marking International Coffee Day



New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union quality grader Joseph Kithinji (right) briefs coffee farmers on the various varieties of the beverage during celebrations to mark International Coffee Day held at Utalii Hotel, Nairobi, yesterday. The event was organised by New KPCU and brought together coffee growers from all over the country.

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Timing Electricity curtailment in the country occurs between midnight-0500 hrs

Kenya's power curtailment dips 18pc on demand surge

Forced reduction in geo-power generation fell to 668.7 GWh in period under review

BY JOHN MUTUA

Curtailment of geothermal power generation in Kenya dropped by 144.1 Giga-watt-hours (GWh) in the year ended June 2025, amid a surge in demand at night.

The Energy and Petroleum Regulator Authority (Epra) says the forced reduction in the generation of geothermal power fell to 668.7 GWh in the period under review, which was a drop of 17.7 per cent from 812.8 GWh a year earlier.

Curtailments refer to the amount of power that could have been produced but was pre-emptively rejected because the grid hit its limits.

This happens in instances where the electricity demand is low and is meant to safeguard the grid and avert blackouts by maintaining the balance between supply and demand.

The fall in the amount of geothermal power that was deliberately lost came in a period of sustained rise in demand for electricity, which put pressure on the geothermal plants, given that a number of them are temporarily out of operation.

"The reduction in curtailment was due to a discernible increase in night demand and unavailability of some geothermal generating units due to breakdowns," Epra said.

Key geothermal plants that have been out of service since last year are Olkaria 1, Olkaria IV, and the additional units 4 and 5 of Olkaria IV. The Kenya Electricity Generating Company—which owns the plants—shut them down last year for rehabilitation and uprating in order to increase generation capacities.

The economy recorded many peak demands in the year to June 2025, amid increased economic activities that triggered increased consumption.

IN NUMBERS

2,316.2

The highest peak demand in Megawatts recorded in the year under review.

The highest peak demand recorded in the year under review was 2,316.2 Megawatts (MW), which was on February 12.

Increased demand for electricity increased the pressure on local generation, meaning reduced curtailment of power from the geothermal plants, even as Kenya imported more of the cheap hydro-power from Ethiopia to avert blackouts and forced rationing.

Electricity curtailment in Kenya occurs between midnight and 0500 hours. Geothermal and wind plants are the only

sources that are affected by curtailment in Kenya. Geothermal is the base-load in Kenya's national grid.

During curtailment, geothermal power plants vent steam to the air or back into the reservoir to ensure that the grid does not take more electricity than required, especially when demand drops.

Epra says that no wind energy was curtailed in the year ended June 2025, underscoring the impact of the increased demand for electricity.

Monthly electricity curtailment in the year under review was highest and lowest in July last year and June 2025 at 117.5 GWh and 6.6 GWh of geothermal, respectively.

Epra has previously said that it is betting on increased demand for electricity from electric vehicles (EVs) to drive consumption at off-peak hours and thus lower the amount of electricity that is curtailed.

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BRIEFLY

AVIATION

Flynas launches Nairobi-Riyadh direct flight

Flynas, a Saudi airline, has launched a direct flight from Nairobi to Riyadh, accelerating trade, tourism and investment while deepening Kenya-Saudi ties and reducing travel time. "This new route marks the beginning of stronger ties between Kenya and Saudi Arabia. Kenya is not just a destination, it is a partner," said Stefan Magiera, Chief Commercial Officer of Flynas. Linet Owoko

AVIATION

RwandAir back to Mombasa, adds Zanzibar route

Rwanda's national carrier, RwandAir, has launched a new Zanzibar-Mombasa route, hoping to tap the coastal tourism boom to grow its fortunes. The airline will operate the new route four times weekly. This marks RwandAir's return to Mombasa after a six-year pause and its entry into Zanzibar as a new destination. Marion Sitawa

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32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.550	18.55	16,783
302.50	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	302.50	275.00	4,361

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	41.35	38.85	6,881
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	21.50	21.50	116,118
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	37.40	38.40	748
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	104.75	104.50	80,644
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	58.00	58.00	1,459,867
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.70	10.65	136,314
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	42.95	43.00	64,740
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	56.50	56.75	1,747,935
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	69.75	69.00	20,552
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	194.25	184.25	23,848
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	284.25	284.700	14,263
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	21.00	24.10	74,545

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Evereaddy EA Ord 1.00	1.40	1.41	3,081
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.92	7.92	7,582
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.94	3.91	371,958
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	3.03	3.02	835
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.61	1.67	34,997
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.00	13.35	48,590
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	14.80	15.00	3,074
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00		5.90	
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	16.40	15.00	1,312
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.41	0.38	515,290
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.87	2.91	69,696

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	58.00	59.50	3,012
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.00	58.75	384

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	8.66	8.62	1,463,344
14.90	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	14.40	13.95	1,950,683
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00		4.51	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00		6.00	
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	34.05	34.00	22,653
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.82	8.02	271,274

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.88	8.92	71,324
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	4.84	4.85	145,354
320.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	319.75	314.25	2,534
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.16	3.16	1213,401
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	11.00	10.95	12,825
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	9.22	9.00	534

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	15.55	15.25	17,583
1.36	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	1.26	1.24	709,454
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	6.52	5.96	3,118,051
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange. Ord 4.00	14.80	14.75	35,820
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	120.00	121.00	763
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	428.25	427.50	8,028
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	26.80	25.70	28,707
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	211.75	211.00	39,334
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.66	1.60	93,173
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Ord 5.00		65.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	24.00	24.10	712
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas, Plc 0.20	8.06	8.26	31,595

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	29.30	28.90	6,186,814
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	4680.00	4595.00	300
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	811.00	830.00	166
NSE ALL SHARE INDEX 01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 142pts -178.16 NSE 20-Up 13.28pts -2985.91 01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 26.59pts 4651.32 NSE 20-S-I -30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 2.92pts -1786.22 Dwn 0.33pts to close at 165.59					

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	151.68	129.00	173.63	92.62	162.06	1.45	87.33	7.44
	sell	152.53	129.50	174.28	92.98	162.89	1.45	87.73	7.51
Absa	buy	151.67	129.10	173.65	92.70	162.20	1.45	87.45	7.48
	sell	152.16	129.30	174.18	92.90	162.86	1.45	87.70	7.50
Co-op	buy	148.94	128.50	171.31	90.79	160.03	1.41	86.39	6.54
	sell	154.16	129.50	175.70	94.52	164.87	1.58	89.65	8.41
Equity	buy	151.61	129.00	174.27	92.57	161.82	-	87.88	7.52
	sell	152.10	129.40	174.86	92.87	162.40	-	88.18	7.55
NBK	buy	151.63	129.00	173.64	92.72	162.25	1.45	86.28	7.47
	sell	151.84	129.40	176.65	92.87	162.52	1.45	87.44	7.49
KCB	buy	151.67	129.03	174.49	92.63	161.89	1.48	87.00	7.52
	sell	152.22	129.43	175.04	92.97	162.50	1.48	87.00	7.54
NCBA	buy	151.60	128.95	173.55	92.70	162.15	1.45	87.35	7.47
	sell	152.10	129.40	174.15	92.95	162.80	1.45	87.70	7.50
Stanbic	buy	151.52	128.95	173.46	92.70	162.38	1.45	87.34	7.46
	sell	152.07	129.40	173.80	93.02	162.95	1.47	87.64	7.58
Prime	buy	151.35	129.00	173.35	92.70	161.80	1.45	87.20	7.45
	sell	151.85	129.50	173.85	93.20	162.30	1.46	87.80	7.55

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	161.9548
US Dollar	129.2399	100 Japanese Yen	86.4125
1 Sterling Pound	173.5433	1 Swedish Kroner	13.7226
1 Euro	151.5661	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.9473
South African Rand	7.4727	1 Danish Kroner	20.2450
Ksh/USH	27.0040	1 Indian Rupee	1.4669
Ksh/TSH	18.9957	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.383
Ksh/RWF	11.2306	1 Singapore Dollar	100.1394
Ksh/BIF	22.7852	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4621
1 UAE Dirham	35.1860	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1528
1 Canadian Dollar	92.8548	1 Australian Dollar	85.4340



ELGEYO/ MARAKWET COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY ASSEMBLY
P.O BOX 53-30700, ITEN

The County Assembly of Elgeyo Marakwet hereby invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the provision of the following service for financial year 2025-2026

NO.	TENDER NUMBER	EGP TENDER ID	IFMIS NEGOTIATION NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTION
1.	EMCA/B30/001/ 2025-2026	TENDER ID: 142 T.R No: CAEMPE/1293/0001/ 2025-26	I932723- 2025/2026	Provision of Comprehensive Medical Insurance cover for Hon. Speaker, Members of County Assembly, and Members of the County Assembly Service Board.

Tender documents with detailed specifications and tendering conditions may be downloaded free of charge in the County Assembly's website www.emcasassembly.go.ke, Electronic Government Procurement (EGP) : www.egpkenya.go.ke, IFMIS Supplier portal: <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke> using the unique IFMIS negotiation number and Tender ID provided above.

Tender submissions instructions:
Duly completed tender documents must be submitted both on the EGP platform and the IFMIS supplier portal, ensuring the content is exactly the same in both platforms.

The deadline for submission is on or before 16th October 2025 at 2.00pm.

Opening of Tenders:
Tenders will be opened electronically on the IFMIS and EGPs platform immediately after the submission deadline. Bidders or their representatives may monitor the opening virtually through the platforms.

Important Notes:

- All bidders must ensure that the information submitted in both portals is identical.
- The county Assembly of Elgeyo Marakwet reserves the right to accept or reject any tender either in whole or in part and is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further inquiries or classifications, please contact:
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Leisure

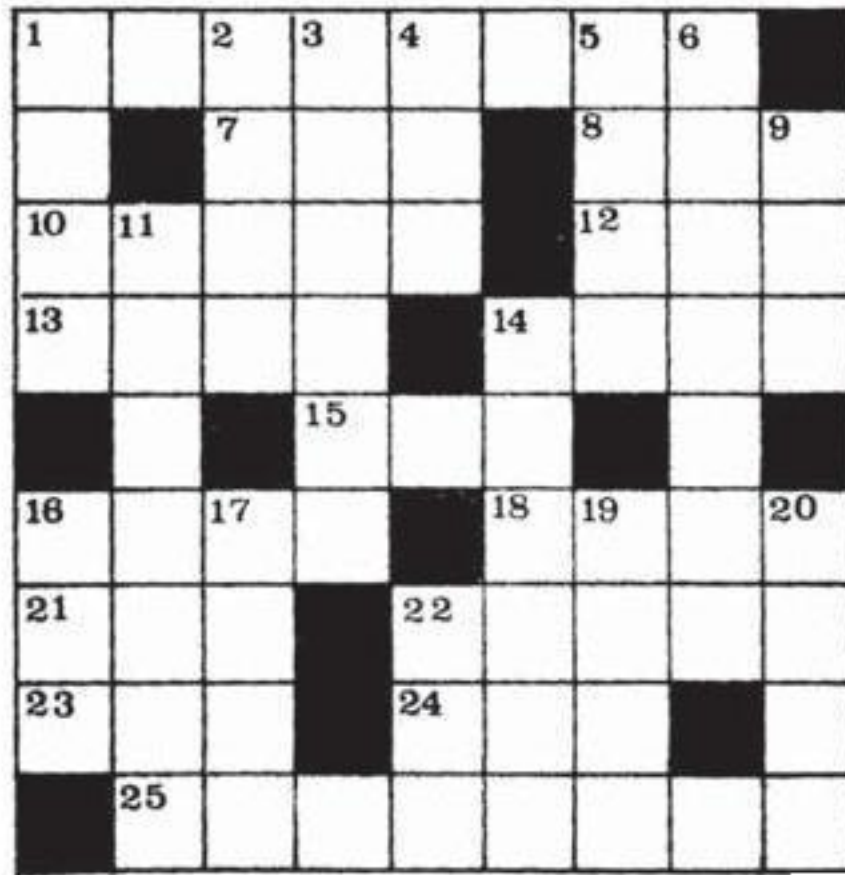
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

1. US State
7. United
8. The largest Ethiopian river outside of Nile Basin
10. 'To...hairs' is to make small and unnecessary distinctions
12. For each
13. A tiller for steering a ship
14. Cowshed
15. 'Uncle Sam'
16. The outer, often curved or circular, edges of something
18. Nilotic ethnic group of South Sudan
21. An expert in any particular field
22. The modern Iranian language of Iran and western Afghanistan
23. Piece of rug for wiping dirty shoes at doorsteps
24. Tavern
25. Midwestern US State

DOWN:

1. Run or travel somewhere in a great hurry
2. Sit, lie or stand in a lazy, relaxed way
3. Hostility or ill feeling
4. Damp



5. Of poor quality, informally
6. Appears
9. A source of anything valuable, especially minerals
11. Fish-eating bird with large bill
14. Tropical fruit of the plantain family

16. Male sheep
17. Dole out in measures
19. Vessels for holding ashes of the dead
20. The capital city of Latvia
22. Coniferous tree

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS:

- 1 Tractor
- 7 Leo
- 8 Oar
- 10 Scone
- 12 USA
- 13 Suet
- 14 Sell
- 15 Rue
- 16 Maze
- 18 Crew
- 21 UTI
- 22 Grope
- 23 Ten
- 24 Eel
- 25 Canteen

DOWN:

- 1 Toss
- 2 Aloe
- 3 Centre
- 4 Toe
- 5 Roue
- 6 Oral
- 9 Asleep
- 11 Curate
- 14 Secret
- 16 Mute
- 17 Zinc
- 19 Role
- 20 Wean
- 22 Gen

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

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

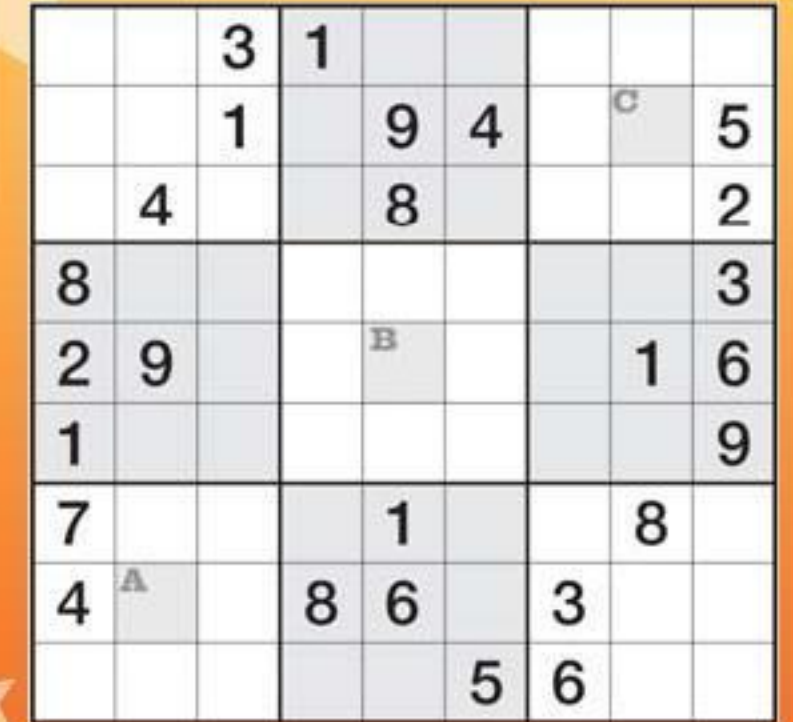
Can't get enough of the games?

If you are done with this one then there's more online.

Get started at www.nation.africa/kenya/puzzles



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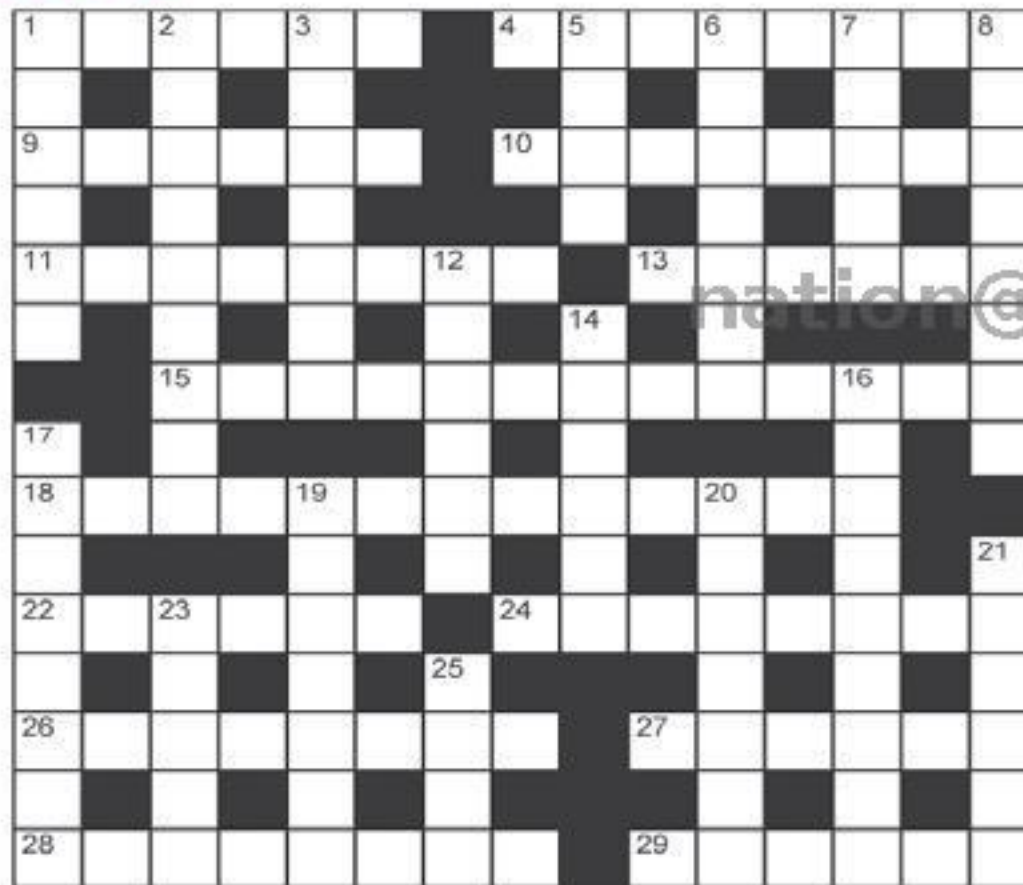
COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Relaxed about American backing a Liberal (6)
- 4 Drowsiness in Oscars broadcast (8)
- 9 Scoundrel in time makes mistakes (6)
- 10 Prospect of republic hoarding gold (8)
- 11 Turn small pan over for vegetables (8)
- 13 Loathed embracing sweetheart with passion (6)
- 15 Man in charge at Waterloo? (13)
- 18 Defiant Britain undoes changes somehow (13)
- 22 Finish genuflecting ousting leader (6)
- 24 Chatted, never carrying over feud (8)
- 26 Tweeted about rubbish, finally getting excited (8)
- 27 Rogue otherwise curtailed urges (6)
- 28 Depraved act ended in stir (8)
- 29 Joins seat of learning, flipping determined (6)

DOWN

- 1 Company keeps old car, possibly rubbish (6)
- 2 Drink increases covering resistance for shocks (9)
- 3 One feels for small creatures (7)
- 5 Ace girl doesn't finish,



- unfortunately (4)
- 6 Reportedly catch a severe infection (7)
- 7 Ray has recycled paper (5)
- 8 Street with a road guide (8)
- 12 Previous convictions for religious leaders (6)
- 14 Drain's ideally trapping contents (6)
- 16 Handling matter badly over hospital department (9)
- 17 Plot to keep single faction divided (8)
- 19 Thrown admitting left is

- mismanaged (7)
- 20 Stomach sailor and crew holding party (7)
- 21 Sins of large sections of church (6)
- 23 Denoting order reflected in columns, initially (5)
- 25 Control of Queen turning popular (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

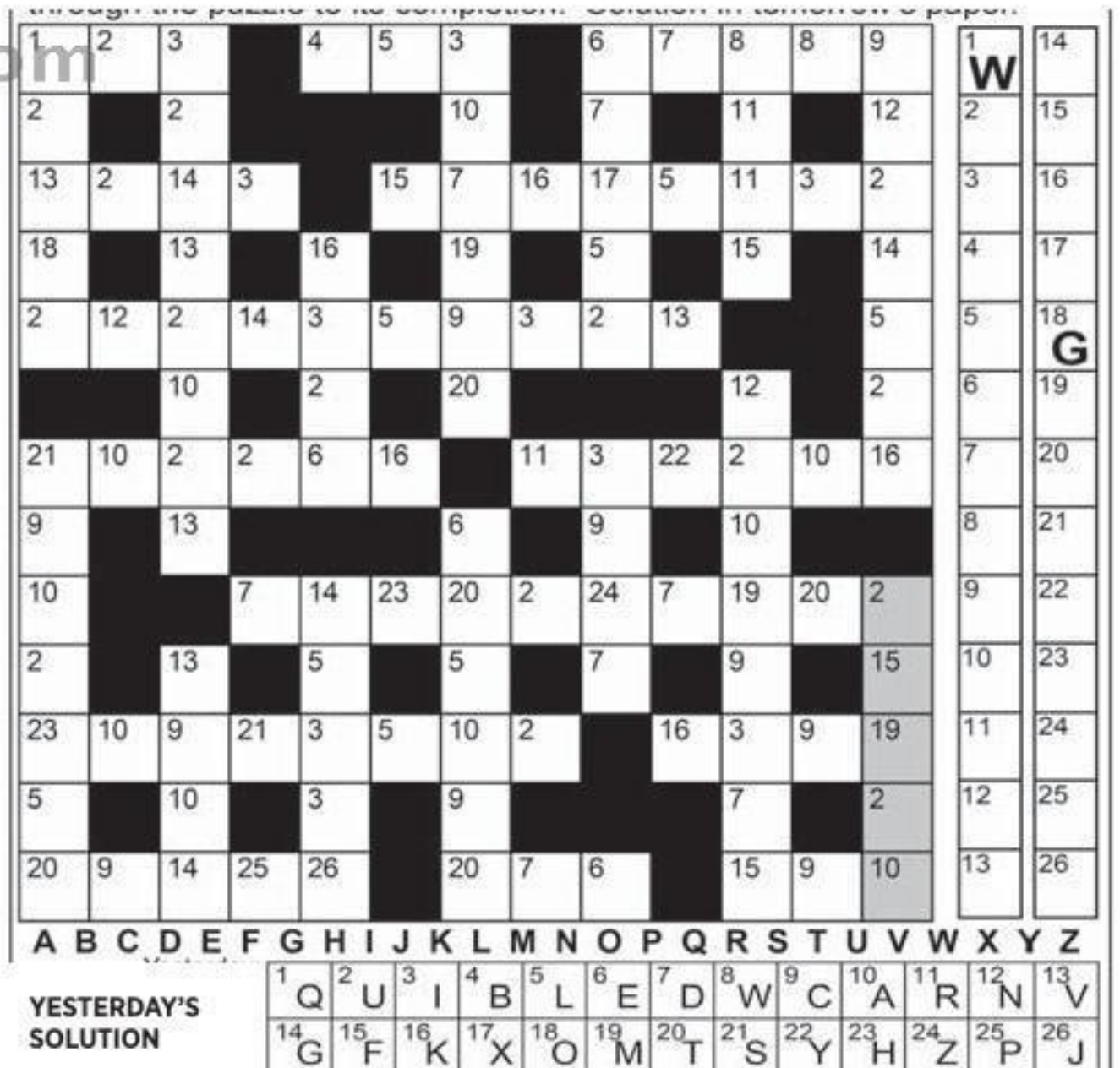
- 1 Hemingway
- 8 Kangaroo court
- 11 On air
- 12 Tacky
- 13 Style
- 16 Kimono
- 17 La-di-da
- 18 Budge
- 19 Argyle
- 20 Go-kart
- 21 Rally
- 24 Deneb
- 26 Dijon
- 27 Christmas cake
- 28 Diversify

DOWN:

- 2 Elgar
- 3 Irrupt
- 4 Grovel
- 5 Aloft
- 6 Mahatma Gandhi
- 7 Practical joke
- 9 Docklands
- 10 Byzantine
- 13 Sober
- 14 Yodel
- 15 Elegy
- 22 Auntie
- 23 Le Mans
- 25 Blini
- 26 Decaf

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 1 represents W so fill in every time the figure 1 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.



YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

It's time for you to come out of hibernation, Aquarius. Shake off the blues and come into the light. Today is a day to play and have fun. You'll find that the mood of the day is lighthearted and jovial, so be the first with a joke or silly story. You'll find that the mood of the day is lighthearted and jovial, so be the first with a joke or silly story.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

This week you're testing the tensile strength of your relationships. This may result in more than one close professional relationship not making the cut. No matter. There is lots of positive change coming to your home sector, indicating a move, sale, or adding a home office to your working life.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

You may be experiencing some unwelcome changes at work this week. Great ideas may be occurring to you at a rapid rate, but other

people may not be in a place to hear them just yet. It's like an ill-fitting shoe - there's no forcing it on. Instead, adjust the way you deal with others. It will make all the difference in the world. Relax and let it happen.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

Resistance is something you possess in spades. You are quite resistant to colds, are able to work despite distractions, and you easily resist temptation. When you find resistance in yourself, however, your tendency is to back away and pretend it isn't there.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You have a unique opportunity to form financially rewarding partnerships with personal or professional acquaintances. Someone you may never have seen in this light now looks like the perfect person to help see your pet project through to fruition. And since the focus is on teaching and learning,

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

You're usually able to solve any money dilemma through smarts and tenacity, and this week is no different. The aspects indicate success through shared property and investments. Your work and health are affected. Putting additional effort into work projects impresses higher-ups so much that you're next in line for a promotion.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

The friction that comes to you is a result of your not being fully balanced. Either there is too much or too little emphasis on your work compared to other areas of your life. Strive for harmony within your world. Today is a good day to find balance.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

The energy this week supports a careful review of anything unfinished or in progress. This is a powerful time to revisit any plan or procedure and make it more efficient

and effective. Writing down specific goals for the upcoming year can be a powerful exercise. More insecure or excitable types will appreciate your calm and hardworking manner.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

You may feel you're on the side-lines of powerful changes that can't be stopped. You might want to take the lead, but you could spend more time providing support for others. There can be a certain level of stress this week that requires humour and perspective.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

Emotions and expectations can be running high this week. You may want to hit the ground running midweek only to be side-lined by a long list of unfinished or delayed situations. The more you can be your teammates' best cheerleader, the more quickly you can move on to something more interesting.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

You may want to run things in a particular way this week. If you're in a management position, this is an excellent time to encourage more teamwork by asking people to share ideas. Your job is to find a middle ground that works for all. Wednesday is a high-energy day.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

Try to have a positive, optimistic outlook today, Capricorn. Adopt an attitude of gratitude and look to see the beauty in everything around you. This is a day to appreciate what you've got, especially the people who love you. Compliment others and let them know how much they mean to you.

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TREAT OF THE DAY



4:00am Aljazeera
5:00am Off The Hook
6:00am Fixing The Nation
10:00am Your World
12:00pm Flaqo
12:30pm The Glam
1:00pm NTV Adhuhuri
1:30pm You are The One - Rpt
2:30pm Kwetu Mixx
3:30pm Gimzo go
4:00pm Beatz and Buzz
6:30pm NTV Mashinani
7:00pm NTV Jioni
7:30pm Mduara
8:00pm Noma
8:30pm Market Place
9:00pm NTV Tonight
10:00pm Fixing The Nation
1:00am Aljazeera



NTV TONIGHT 9 PM

Your definitive nightly roundup of top news stories, featuring incisive reports and exclusive interviews with Ben Kitili and the rest of your favourite news crew.



NTV JIONI 7:00PM

Evening news focused on accurate reporting, human stories, and impactful analysis of daily national events with Lofty Matambo and his colleagues.

Today's highlight

FIXING THE NATION @6.00AM
BEATZ AND BUZZ 4.00:PM

NOMA 8:00PM

NOMA is a gripping family drama that delves into the complexities of sibling rivalry, parental expectations, and the struggle for identity within a powerful business family. In the heart of Nairobi, the Mwamba family stands as a beacon of success, with a thriving business empire built by the patriarch, Mzee Amaon Mwamba. However, beneath the surface, the family is fractured by jealousy, unspoken desires, and the weight of expectations.

CINEMA GUIDE



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

NAIROBI

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle

11AM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM

Homebound 2PM,

Jolly LLB 2D

11AM, 10PM

One Battle After Another 2D

11AM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM, 10P,

Sanghavi and Sons 2D 11AM,

10PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

14:55PM,

ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI CENTRE

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no

Yaiba Infinity Castle (Subbed)

2.00PM, 9.10PM

One Battle After Another 2D

12PM, 3PM, 6PM, 9PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

4.45PM

The Long Walk 2D

12PM, 7.10PM

WESTGATE CINEMA

WESTGATE MALL

One Battle After Another

2D-SCRN 1,2&3(TBA) 11.15AM,

6.10PM & 9.10PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No

Yaiba Infinity Castle

2D-SCRN 1&2(PG)

3.25PM, 6.05PM

Gabby's Doll House:the Movie

2D-SCRN 1&2(TBA) 11.00AM,

2.15PM & 4.10PM

The Long Walk 2D-SCRN 5 &

6(16) 7.15PM

Homebound 2D-SCRN

1,3&4(PG) 6.20PM & PM

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

6.20PM, 9PM

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari

11.15AM, 3.15PM, 6.40PM &

9.25PM

The Conjuring Last Rites

2D-SCRN 5 (16)

11.30AM, 6.50PM & 9.25PM

The Long Walk 2D-SCRN 5 &

6(16)

7.15PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No

Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D

2D-SCRN 6(PG)

11.20AM

One Battle After Another

2D-SCRN 6(TBA) 4.15PM

Jolly Lib 3 2D- 3PM

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari

11.15AM, 9.25PM

CENTURY CINEMAX

TWO RIVERS MALL - LIMURU ROAD

Gabby's Doll House:

2D

12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM, 8PM &

10PM

Superman: Legacy

11AM, 2PM & 10PM

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

2 3D 4.30PM &

7PM

One Battle After Another 2D

1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM

The Long Walk 2D

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

10PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no

Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D-

2D 1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

11AM, 1.45PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM

& 10PM

CENTURY CINEMAX

SARIT CENTRE

KARUNA ROAD, WESTLANDS

One Battle After Another 2D-

1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM

, 10PM

Gabby's Doll House:

2D 11.00AM, 1.00PM, 3.00PM &

5.00PM

The Conjuring: Last Rites

2D 7.15PM, 10PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No

Yaiba Infinity Castle 1.45PM,

7PM

The Long Walk 2D

4.45PM & 10.00PM

The Bad Guys 2 - 2D (PG)

11.30AM

Jolly Lib 3 2D-

1.30PM, 7PM, 10PM

Homebound 2D

4.30PM

PRESTIGE CINEMA,

PRESTIGE PLAZA

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No

Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D- 6PM,

9PM

Gabby's Doll House:

2D 12.30PM,

One Battle After Another 2D-

5.45PM, 9PM

The Conjuring: Last Rites

2D , 3PM

The Long Walk 2D

12PM, 3.15PM

MOTION CINEMAS,

GREENSPAN MALL,

DONHOLM

One Battle After Another 2D-

3:00PM, 5:30PM, 8:00PM

Gabby's Doll House:

2D 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 4:00PM

The Long Walk 2D 2:00PM,

6:00PM

Demon Slayer: 12:00PM,

8:00PM

MEGA CINEMA,

KISUMU

Gabby's Doll House:

12.10PM, 2.10PM, 4.20PM

The Long Walk

1PM, 6.20PM

One Battle After Another

3.10PM, 8.30PM

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari

8.45PM,

TELEVISION

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 Debate Cycle - 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 Mfahamu
8:00 DW Docufilm

8:30 New Life Begins
9:00 The Green Fix With Shiksha Arora - Rpt
11:00 DW Docufilm
12:00 Beat Plug Mix
2:00 DW Docufilm
3:00 Wild Kingdom
4:00 Morning Devotion
CITIZEN TV
5:00 Pambazuka
5:30 PE @ Home Show
6:00 Day Break
10:00 Sema Na Citizen
1:00 News @ 1
2:00 Mseto Africa
3:00 PE @ Home

Show
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 - Rpt
(El Ángel De Aurora)
9:00 Tonight
10.30 The Gang
12:00 Afrosinema
01:00 Tonight Rpt
4:00 Pambazuka
KTN TV
5:30 Command Your Morning
6:00 The Situation Room
10 00 Art Of Living

11 00 Yanayojiri
1:00 Newsdesk
2:00 KTN Classics
3:00 The Hot Spot
3:30 Amplify
4:00 Mbiu
4:30 Kids
5:00 Baseline
6:00 Love In 40 Days
7:00 KTN Leo
7:30 Njoro Wa Uba
8:00 Art Of Living
9:00 KTN Prime
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1.00 Baseline
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5.35 Gear Up

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7.00 Good Morning Kenya
10.00 BIZ check
12.00 Kurunzi
1.00 KBC Lunchtime News
2.00 Health And Lifestyle
2.30 Senate
4.00 National Assembly
5.30 Club 1
6.30 Delivering The Plan
7.00 Darubini
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the **CHARGEES**, we shall sell by Public Auction the properties described herein.

1. ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT DEVAN PLAZA, 7TH FLOOR, WESTLANDS NAIROBI

TWO BEDROOMS, ALL ENSUITE WITH A DSQ SITUATED IN CASAMIA APARTMENTS 2ND FLOOR, NGONG ROAD

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

2. ON 16TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11.00AM AT OUR OFFICES, DEVAN PLAZA, 7TH FLOOR, WESTLANDS NAIROBI

4-BEDROOM MAISONETTE WITHIN TWINS COURT IN GITHUNGURI AREA OF UTAWALA, MACHAKOS COUNTY

Residential piece of land known as **L.R. NO. MAVOKO MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 28/294, UTAWALA MACHAKOS COUNTY I.N.O. BERNARD ANGWEN ORIAMA P.O. BOX 43986-00100 NAIROBI**. The property is located within Twins Court in Githunguri area of Utawala, Machakos County. It lies approximately 250 Metres North East of Githunguri Jet View Primary School and about 900 Metres off Utawala - Ruai Road. **Co-ordinates:** 1°17'21.8"S, 36°59'24.6"E **Development:** 4-bedroom Maisonette with an outbuilding. **Tenure:** A leasehold interest for a term of 99 years with effect from 1st May, 1998. **Size:** 0.0252 Ha 0.0623 Acres. Electricity and water are connected to the property while foul drainage is to a septic tank. Immediate access roads are murrum surfaced, although the tarmac Utawala - Ruai Road is approximately 900 Meters away

3. ON 22ND OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11.00AM AT THE OFFICES OF ANTOTECH AUCTIONEERS IN NYERI SHOPPING COMPLEX, 2ND FLOOR, SUITE 13 & 14, KIMATHI WAY

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY ALONG THE ITUNDU RAGATI ROAD, WITHIN KANGIRI AREA OF MATHIRA. CONSTITUENCY, NYERI COUNTY

Agricultural piece of land known as **L.R. NO. MAGUTU/GATE/576, KANGIRI AREA - MAGUTU NYERI COUNTY I.N.O. SAMUEL MUGO GITHAIGA P.O. BOX 124 - KARATINA**. The property is situated along the Itundu Ragati Road, within Kangiri Area of Mathira Constituency, Nyeri County Approach from Karatina Town is due East via the Nyeri-Nairobi Road for about 1.0 kilometre, then branching left onto Ihwagi - Kagochi Road for about 6.3 kilometres, then turn right or about 5.5 kilometres onto the property. **Co-ordinates:** 0°24'40.3"S 37°10' 15.4"E **Development:** Tea bushes. **Tenure:** Freehold interest. **Size** 1.17 ha or 2.89 acres. Mains electricity and piped water are available for connection from the immediate neighborhood while foul drainage is to a pit latrine.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested Purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Principals.
2. Viewing is on appointment.
3. A deposit of at least **10%** of the bid amount must be paid in **BANKERS CHEQUE** or **RTGS** at the close of business and the balance to be paid within 90 days to the Chargee's failure to which the deposit shall be forfeited.
4. Sale is subject to reserve price. The conditions of sale may be obtained from our offices.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal the chargees in exercise of their statutory power of sale we shall sell the under mentioned property by public auction.

ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00 AM IN OUR NAIROBI OFFICES AT VIEW PARK TOWERS, 9TH FLOOR - NAIROBI CITY.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN NAIROBI INDUSTRIAL AREA ON WUNDANYI ROAD - NAIROBI COUNTY.

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PERSONAL NOTICES

A109 Lost

LOSS of Green Cards for Plot numbers Kajado/Kitengela 8238 and 8238 for Michael Muiru Gichuki (Late)

LOSS of TD Githunguri/Kiaria/2243

LOSS of TD Karai/Karai/920/1726/2776

LOSS of TD Ngurubi/Thigio/577

LOSS of title deed Ngong/ Ngong/35056

LOSS Of Title Deeds Numbers Kajado/Oloolokitoshi/Kitengela 2756, 2757, 2758 and 2759 for Major Michael Muiru Gichuki late

LOSS of title Donyo Sabuk/Komarock Block 1/7513

LOSS of Title Irong/Iten/2791

LOSS of Title: IRONG/SERGOIT/500 of Rosa Jerotich Chepkulei

LOSS of Title Pioneer Langas/Block 1 (Male)474

LOST Certificate of Lease Bungoma Municipality/237 of James Buinga

LOST Title Deed Bokoli/Misikhu/1010

LOST Title deed Kajado/Kitengela/114350

LOST Title deed Kajado/Kitengela/85697 for Benard Ongola K'obia & Dawa Hilda Auma

LOST title deed/Kiteta/Ndituni/515 of Peter Nzalu Kyalo

LOST title deed Laikipia Kalalu 2395 of Harriet Kawira Nabea

LOST title deed Loc.2/ Mariira/ 1542 of Emma Wanjiu Maina

LOST Title Deed Muhito/Muyu/139 of the Late Baptista Githaga s/o Gakuu and c/o Teresa Wahu Githaga

LOST title deed no. Mavoko Town block 12/726 registered under Nicholas Mukonzi Muya & Raphael Mullei Nguta

LOST Title Deed:Wanjare Bokeire/5439 of Zaphaniah Orenge Nyairo

LOST title Nairobi Block 118/162

LOST Title Nyandarua/Githioro Township/ 8 of Harrison Njoroge Karanja

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A279 Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical and Land Use Planning Act (No 13 of 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Plot 696 KINYOO ADJUDICATION, located in Emaili Township, Emaili-Sultan Hamud Municipality, Makueni County, proposes to change user of the plot from Agricultural to Commercial cum Residential (BCR), subject to approval by county government of Makueni. Any individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) Days from date of this notice to:

The CECM - Lands, Urban Planning & Development, Environment and Climate Change, County Government of Makueni, P.O. Box 78-90300, Wote-Makueni. Plan Onesimus Musyoki | Reg No. 0229

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Physical & Land Use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of PLOT NO. KTI/29/96/15 located Off the Kitui-Kibwezi Road within Kitui Municipality, proposes to change its use from Religious Use to Residential Use (Hostels), subject to approval by the Kitui County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) Days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member - Lands, Housing & Urban Development, Kitui County Government, P.O. Box 33-90200, Kitui. Reg. Planner. Plan. Kelvin Ritho Gitonga | Reg. No. 0270

A279 Notices

CHANGE OF NAME

The board of directors of Muma Rural Urban Development Foundation would like to inform the general public that we are changing our name from **Muma Rural Urban Development Foundation to Run African Solutions.**



Contact person:
Onesmus John Mmasi : 0729497616

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
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FAMILY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF JAMES CHARLES
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SUCCESSION CAUSE NO. HCFP&A NO. E
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CITATION**

To:

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- Joan Nabwire Osogo
- Nellie Brigitte Owino Ayodo

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that Citation Proceedings in the estate of **James Charles Nakhwanga Osogo** was presented to the High Court of Kenya at Milimani, Nairobi on the 17th March, 2025 by **M/S Amolo & Kibanya Advocates** being the advocates for Armstrong Fred Kasuku **AND TAKE NOTICE** THAT the Citation Proceedings are directed to be Mentioned before the Family Division of the High Court sitting in Nairobi on the 9th June 2025 **AND TAKE NOTICE** THAT the persons cited in the proceedings is/are required to attend the Honourable Court for that mention and appear in person or by their advocate for that purpose **AND TAKE NOTICE** THAT a copy of the Citation Proceedings will be furnished by the undersigned to any of the persons cited on the payment of the regulated charge for it.

Dated this 11th day of May 2025.
Amolo & Kibanya Advocates,
St. George's House, 2nd Floor,
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P.O. Box 61203-00200, **NAIROBI.**
info@amolokibanya.com

Note: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the citation proceedings must serve or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his/her intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or the advocate, if any, and must be served, or if posted must be sent by post, in sufficient time to reach the above named.

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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 land No. Nyandarua/ Ndemil/14248, situated within Kipipiri Sub-County, Jlet area, Nyandarua County, proposes to: Change its use from Agricultural to Commercial Cum Residential (shops & multi dwelling units). Subject to approval by the County Government of Nyandarua, individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The CECM: Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development, County Government of Nyandarua
P.O. Box 701-26303, Olkalou.
Registered Physical Planner: James Michoma RPP 0067

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USE

The Registered Owner of **KISUMU/KOMBEWA/919**, Off Kisian - Bondo Road, Kombewa Area, Same Sub-County in Kisumu County. Proposes a change of use from **Agricultural Use to Educational Use (Primary-School)**. Subject to approval by the County Government of Kisumu. Individuals, institutions or organizations with comments/objections to the proposed are requested to forward them in writing within 14 Days of this notice to:

The CECM - Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development, County Government of Kisumu.
P.O.Box.2738-40100, Kisumu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. 11259/II/MN (CR 47972) located off Old Malindi Road within Bamburi-Bombolulu area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa.

Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM - Lands, Housing & Urban Planning, Mombasa County Government,
P.O. Box 81599-80100, Mombasa.
Plan: Betty A. Ong'injo Reg. No. 0248

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. 90/II/MN/667, Junda Informal Settlement located off Kargeleni Road within Junda Ngomeni area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot Title No. Kwale/Ng'ombeni/S. S/364 located off Likoni-Ukunda Road within Ng'ombeni area proposes to **Extend Use** of the land to include **ATC Kenya Operations Ltd GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Kwale. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organization(s) with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM - In Charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Kwale County Government,
P.O. Box 240-80304, Kwale.
Plan: Betty A. Ong'injo Reg. No. 0248

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. 9/4, Chaani located off Airport Road within Migadini area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. 63, Mikindani Site & Service Scheme located off Mombasa/A109 Road within Mikindani area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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Plan: Betty A. Ong'injo Reg. No. 0248

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. MN/1/176 located off Old Malindi Road within Kisumu area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Mombasa. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot LR. No. 26699/78 located off Mombasa Road within Sabaki area is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organization(s) with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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Death and Funeral Announcement



George Ng'ang'a Mbiu

Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited announces with profound regret the passing of George Ng'ang'a Mbiu on Thursday 25th September 2025. He hails from Kiambu County, Githunguri Sub-county, Kiirira Location, Kiirira Village.

Son of the late Josephat Mbiu and the late Margaret Wangui. Husband of Jane Wangari Ng'ang'a. Father of Margaret Wangui Ng'ang'a, Franklin Mbiu and Stanley Kibe Ng'ang'a. Brother of Paul Mbiu, Elizabeth Wangari, Grace Nyolabi, Lucy Wakanyi, the late Susan Gathoni, Jane Kiruri, Peter Ndichu, Joseph Waiharo, Mary Mumbi and Jane Wanjiru.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his home in Kiirira Village at 4:00pm for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege leaves Mukoe Mortuary on 2nd October 2025 at 9:00am for funeral service at his rural home in Kiambu County, Githunguri Sub-county, Kiirira Location, Kiirira Village.

MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE.

Death Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing on of Richard Bwonda Omanwa, Deputy Principal, Oscar Sudi Secondary School, Eldoret.

Beloved son of the late Shem Omanwa Nyaanda and Mama Bathseba Gekondo Omanwa. Devoted husband of Margaret Getonto and loving father of Omanwa Yuri Bwonda (Daystar Univ), Joy Bwonda (Lugulu Girls High School) and Shem Omanwa Bwonda.

He was a brother of Priscah & Obino, Charles & the late Dorcah, Erasto & Phane, the late Julius & the late Dinah, Kimaiga & Elinah, Peter & Doreen, Mokua & Esther, Roselyne & Brig Nyamoa, Hellen & Rotich, and Naomi Bitutu. He was a cousin to many, including the families of Okinyi, Mwamungina, Mwakaganda, Mwanjabwanga and Mwamoke among others. Son in-law of Philip Getonto and Rael Getonto. Brother in-law of Hezbon, Ednah, Wycliffe, Milton, Stellah, and Doris Getonto.

There will be a memorial service at MTRH Funeral Home on Monday, 6th October 2025 followed by his burial on Tuesday, 7th October 2025, at his home in Mogusil Farm, Nyamira County.



Richard Bwonda Omanwa
1972 ~ 26/9/2025

Death and Funeral Announcement



Grace Kavunge Musyoki
Sunrise: 1939 ~ Sunset: 21/09/2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Grace Kavunge Musyoki.

She was a beloved daughter of the late Nzulu Koka and the late Suvaia Nzulu. She was a cherished sister of the late Mwikya Nzulu, the late Francis Ngene Nzulu, the late Justus Mwengi Nzulu, the late Jennifer Kavata Nzulu, Muli Nzulu, Mbiu Nzulu, Lui Nzulu and Kavunge Manzi.

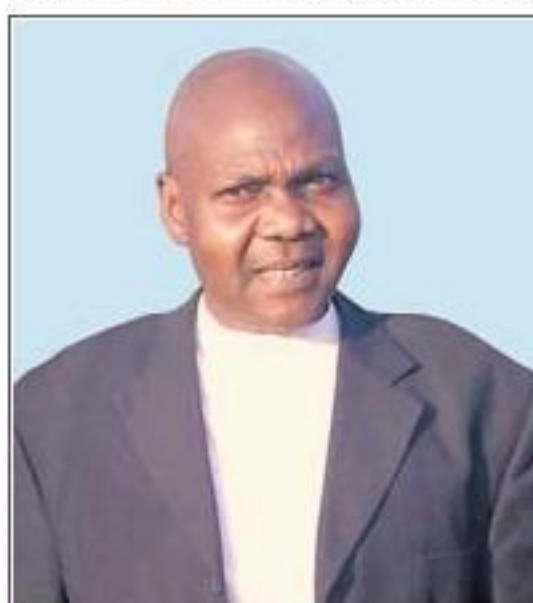
She was the beloved wife of Nathaniel Musyoki Kinyua. Grace was a doting mother of Jedidah Kisuu Kilonzi, Winfred Tabitha Mutua, the late Zipporah Kani Kimong'oi, Edwin Kinyua Musyoki, late Charles Nzulu Musyoki, the late Ngutho Musyoki, Shadrack Mbu Musyoki, Hon. Benjamin Mwikya Musyoki, Josephine Mutethya Paul and Meshack Mwengi Musyoki. She was a mother in-law of Kilonzi Kangari, Morris Mutua, Agnes Kinyua, Benjamin Kimondiu, Christine Nzulu, Rose Ngutho, Judith Mbu, Monica Mwikya, Paul Muvengei and Judith Mwengi. She was a loving aunt of Geoffrey Ngene, Ambrose Kwale, Nicodemus Kyalo among many others.

She was a grandmother of Max, James, Mick and Teddy, Shadrack, Benrodgers and Benedict, Gloria, Grace, Maggie, Ted Charles and Timothy, Cephas, Moses and Lyn; late Jimmy, late Tony and Queen; Esther, late Francis, Judy, Agnes and Maxwell; Mary Kavunge, Caleb and George; Nathan, Bruce and Edwin; Solomon, Nathaniel, Grace and Mary Mulalya; Vundi, Musyoki and Mumo. She was a great-grandmother of Joel, Hope, Gabriel, Gael, Gracia, Gilana, Asbel, Ronny, Lynet, Abigail, Arthur, Zipporah, Catherine, Ben, Amos, Favour, Machir, Melvin, Myles, Isaac, Mutheu, Blessing, Ethan, Hope, Samantha, Cecil, Davis, Shalom, Gift, Bruno, Tianna, Ruth, Tabitha, Zanda, Christine among many others.

Meetings are being held at 6:00 p.m. daily at her home in Kathiani, Kitui County to discuss funeral arrangements. Burial will take place on **Saturday 4th October 2025 at Kathiani Home, Kitui County.**

Psalms 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Death and Funeral Announcement



Mzee Alfred Odhiambo Oyile

We regret to announce the passing of Mzee Alfred Odhiambo Oyile after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Lucas and the late Felistus. Husband of Millicent. Father of Tobias, Christopher, Grace, Esther, Jackson, Yvonne, Lucy and Kelvin. Brother of Maurice, Teresia and the late Jane.

Son in law of the late Cecilia and the late Augustine. Grandfather of Raul, Brezyl, Meshack, Ramadhan, Raymond, Liam, Mallia, Babra, Lionnah, Tesan, Sanchez, Mark, Chris and Britney.

Uncle of Risper, Collins, Caren, Enock, Elisha, Marion, Elijah, Julius, Stency, Jacob and Briton.

Father in law of Belinda, Zipporah and Mellisa.

The cortege leaves Siaya Referral Hospital Mortuary on Thursday 09th October 2025 for an overnight vigil.

The burial will take place on Friday 10th October 2025 at his home in Alego South West Kabura Sublocation.



Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance that we announce the passing of Teresia Nyambura Njenga, who went to be with the Lord on 27th September 2025.

She was the wife of the late James Njenga Muing'a, and the co-wife of Mary Wanjiku Njenga. Loving mother of Albert Kiriga, George Mugo, Monica Gitui (Mathare Hospital), the late Jane Maina, Margaret Nduta, Lucy Njau (Gikomba), Hannah Nyokabi (Precious salon Rironi), Stephen Thiuru Njenga (Everstep contractors ltd) Francis Muiruri (Frank Vet) and Grace Wanjihi (Gikomba). Step mother of Esther Wambui, Virginia Wanjihi, Margaret Nduta, Elizabeth Mweru, Jane Wamaitia, Peninah Nduta, Joseph Mbuthia and Catherine Njeri.

Mother-in-law of Stephen Gitui (director, library services), the late Josephat Maina, Njau Kahura, Hiram wa Mahuti, Mary Mugo, Everlyne Thiuru (Ngea Comprehensive School Mai Mahiu) Emily Muiruri (Tigoni Hospital) and Ephraim Kamau. Grandmother of Njenga, Njeri, Mau, Mwangi, Mwaniki, Wambui, Kahura, and many others. Great grandmother to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily for condoling and prayers at her home in Kiroo, Rironi, Limuru from 4:00pm. A requiem mass will be held on Thursday, 2/10/2025 at her home. The cortege leaves KU Referral Hospital on Friday, 3/10/2025 at 8:00am for burial at her home from 10:00am.



Teresiah Nyambura Njenga
Sunrise: 1943
Sunset: 27th September 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow the General Service Unit announces the death of Chief Inspector Hezron Olunya Olunya of National Police College - Embakasi B Campus.

Husband of Bridget Olunya, father of Clive Adhiambo (Nyawara Girls), Marrian Shekher (Simenya Girls) and Vivian Daisy. Son of the late Mzee Hezron Olunya and the late Gaudensia Odera.

Brother of the late Alex Obiero, the late Christine Awuor, the late Patrick Okumu, Lucia Aoko, Jacktone Omondi, Opiyo Olunya, Awino Olunya, Owino Olunya, Nyawara Olunya, Obiero Olunya, and Ombala Olunya.

Brother-in-law of Millicent Omondi, the late Margaret Akula, the late Nyaramba, Everline Akal, Rashid, Jerald, Justus and Dan.

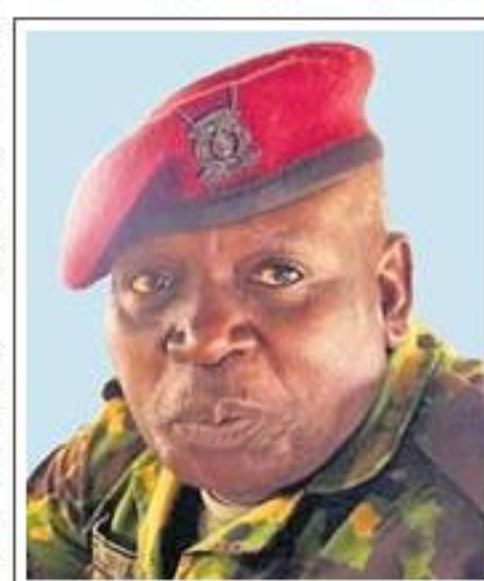
Uncle of Japheth, Eric, Zachary, Basil, Simon, Nicholas, Shady, Lilian, Junior, Steve, Solo, Betty, Enoch, Ochieng, Leah, Opindo and Jane.

Nephew of the late Joshua Okola, Charnes Opindo, Jane Obiero, Adipo, Kefa and Madara.

Cousin of Ephy, Alex Obiero (GSU Recce), Christopher Okola, Atieno, Owino PC, Amos Otieno, Musa Kings, Majimbo, Budu (Martin Opendo), Oluoch, the late Onyango, Lilian Akinyi, Onginju.

Grandfather of Jeanelle, Jasmine, Joy, Abigail and Bernice.

The cortege leaves Kenyatta University Funeral Home on 3rd October, 2025 for burial to be held on 4th October, 2025 at his home in Masanga Village, Kodiore Sub-Location, West Alego Location, Urunga Sub-county, Siaya County.



CI Hezron Olunya Olunya

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Mr. Nehemiah Kiptum Chemelil

It is with deep sorrow, yet with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Mr. Nehemiah Kiptum Chemelil, formerly of Kenya Airways and Baraka Travels Limited Mombasa, who went to be with the Lord on 23rd September 2025 while undergoing treatment at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, Eldoret.

He was devoted husband of Naomi Nyamusi Chemelil. He was the beloved son of Mzee Aaron Chesang Chemelil and the late Elima Teriki Chemelil. Step-son of Rose Chemelil. Son-in-law of Mzee Elkanah Momanyi and Milkah Momanyi. He was a loving father of Brian Kibowen, Anita Jepkoech and Edgar Kipkurui. A cherished father-in-law of Florence Odhiambo. He was a treasured brother of Julia, Kiptala, Rose, Tito, Hilda, Milly, Nicholas, Barkenya, Silas, Mercy, Philip, Jonathan and Chematia. A dear brother-in-law of the late Yabesh, Grace, Edward, the late Gilbert, Susan, Onesmus, Lydia, Loyce, Shem, Abigail and Eucabeth. An uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Blessed with a gentle spirit and a generous heart, he was a pillar of strength, love, and wisdom of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Logan Kiptum, Nathan Kipsang and Nolan Kimtai who brought him immense joy.

The family invites relatives and friends to join them in honoring his life at a funeral service on Saturday, 4th October 2025. The cortege will leave MTRH Funeral Home at 8:00 AM on the same day. Burial and memorial service will follow at his family home in Kapnetuny, Ainakbol, Uasin Gishu County.

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; blessed are his children after him."
~ Proverbs 20:7 ~

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

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~



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Death and Funeral Announcement



Daniel Kimanyo Munene (D. K. Munene)

Sunrise: 21st August 1956 ~ Sunset: 20th September 2025

It is with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of Daniel Munene Kimanyo (DK Munene) of Bucon Furniture, Soiree & Bavaria Gardens and Hill Side Grill on 20th September 2025, while receiving treatment at Coptic Hospital.

He was the loving husband of Rosemary Njambi Kimanyo, son of Hannah Wanjiru and the late John Munene, son-in-law of Grace Kanyi and the late James Karanu. Father of Anne Wanjiru, Grace Muthoni, Catherine Wangari, Christine Wanjiru, John Munene and Joseph Wambugu Kimanyo.

Brother of Joseph & Miriam Wambugu, Margaret & Charles Muchemi, Samuel & Mary Ndegwa, Jane Munene & Isaac of (Murang'a G.Hospital), Lucy Munene, and William Munene & Carol of USA.

Brother-in-law of Wanjiku, Kimani, Wakonyo and Stephen Karani. Uncle of John Munene NBK and others. Grandfather, uncle, cousin, mentor and friend to many.

The Requiem Service will be held at ACK St. Francis Karen at 11.00a.m on Thursday, 2nd October 2025. The Cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home (Kabati) at 9.00a.m on Friday, 3rd October 2025, and thereafter the Burial Service will be held at PCEA Kariguni Church, Nyeri County, at 11.00a.m.

Those who wish to financially support the family can channel their contribution to Pay Bill No. 247247 Account No. 583364

2nd Timothy 4:7 ~ "I have fought the good Fight, I have finished the Race, I have kept the Faith. To God be the Glory."

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Margaret (Peggy) Nyambura Lane in London, UK.

She was the daughter of the late Alfred Gathogo Mungai and the late Monica Muthoni Gathogo; daughter in law of the late Albert Lane, the late Vera Wild, step daughter in law of Jim Wild; and beloved wife of the late Ian James Lane. Cherished mother of Jacqueline Muthoni, mother-in-law of Simon Bristow, and adored grandmother of Joshua, Olivia, Octavia, and Cadence.

Devoted sister of the late Lucy Waceke, Elizabeth Kang'ethe, Jane Gathogo, James Kamau, Joseph Kamande, Bernard Ngugi, Peter Mbugua, Ann Njoki, the late John Njuguna, and Lydia Wangari. She was sister in law of Susan Molin, the late Hugh Lane, the late Colin Lane and the late Steven Lane. She was also a loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Family and friends will hold a Requiem Mass for the late Margaret on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Matiraini Catholic Church, Gakui Village, Murang'a County.



Margaret (Peggy) Nyambura Lane

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness that we announce the untimely passing of our beloved Cornelis Maria Schouten on 24 September 2025.

Cornelis is the son of the late Bernardus Franciscus Maria Schouten and the late Christina Elisabeth Hermina Johanna Borgers (Holland).

Loving husband of Grace Achieng Schouten. Beloved father of Oscar, Stephen, Olaf, Ben, Anthea and Natalie.

Loving brother of Nico, Joop, Bennie and Ferrie.

Brother-in-law of the late Kora, Hannie, Yvonne, the late Karin, the Ouchos, the Nilssons, the Onyangos, the Svenssons and the McCarthys.

Grandfather of Joyce, Esmee Schouten, Esmee de Lange, Mark, Roxanne, Melanie, Leo, Amani and Eliana.

The Requiem Mass will be held at Nkoroi Catholic Church, Ongata Rongai on 7 October 2025, at 10:00 a.m. A private burial will follow at the Schouten family home in Kiserian.

The family are meeting for daily prayers at the Schoutens family home. Contributions can be forwarded 0116664178 (Pochi La Biashara).

A Fond Farewell of the Flying Dutchman



Cornelis Maria Schouten

Sunrise: 19th May 1951

Sunset: 24th September 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement



Prof. Rosalind Wawira Mutua

Born on 19/11/1941 ~ Died on 29/09/2025

It is with deep sorrow and yet humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Prof. Rosalind Wawira Mutua.

Beloved wife of the late David Wambua Mutua. Beloved mother of Benjamin Masaku Mutua and Angela Mwikali Mutua.

She was mother-in-law of Christine Mutua and In-law of Faith Nyaga beloved grandmother of Dennis Mutua, Kevin Mutua, Kaylah Mutua, Zane Mutua and Shiku Mutua.

She was a beloved daughter of the late Timothy Ndambiri and the late Edith Ndambiri of Kutus Kirinyaga County.

She was sister of the late James Kamutu, the late Duncan Kabata, the late Wilfred Chomba, Mercy Ndambiri, Waihera Ndambiri and Muringo Ndambiri.

She was sister-in-law of Rhoda Mutua, the late Phillip Mutua and the late Betty Mutua.

She was a devoted and cherished aunt, and a loyal friend to many.

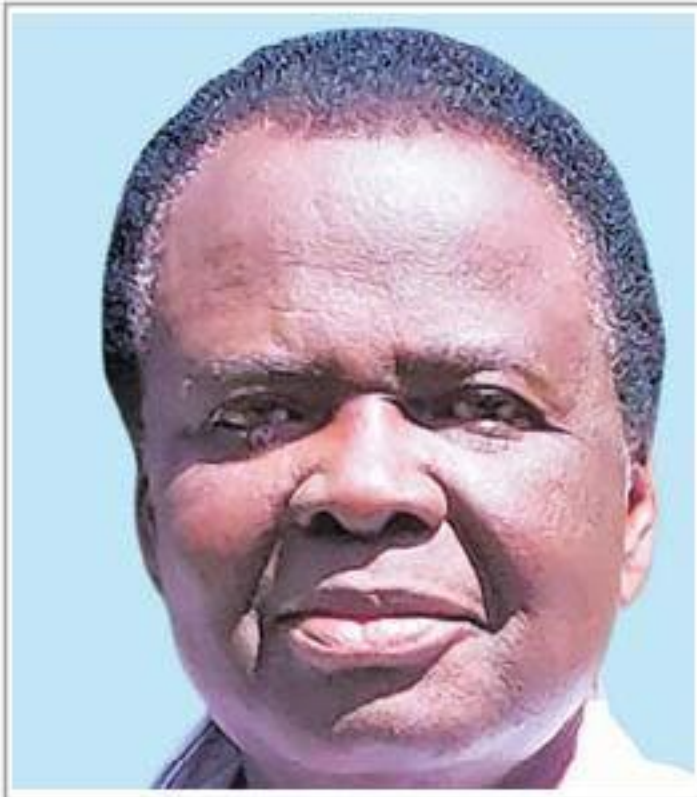
We shall have comfort meetings at All Saints Cathedral on 1st October, 2nd October and 3rd October 2025 starting at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Memorial Service will be held at All Saints Cathedral on Monday, 6th October 2025 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Burial will take place at the family home in Mwala, Machakos County on Tuesday, 7th October 2025 at 11:00am. Contributions can be sent to **CELEBRATING PROF ROSALIND W MUTUA** Paybill No. 5687460

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

Death and Funeral Announcement



Rufinus Disii Isiaho

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of our beloved Rufinus Disii Isiaho, on Saturday, 27th September 2025.

Born on 6th March 1952, Rufinus was the cherished husband of Fatma Disii and the loving father of Maryanne Kuvochi and George Karanja, Emmanuel Mzinj and Nzingo Kitsao, Claudette Mukavani and Gabriel Ouko, and Urbanus Disii.

He was the son of the late Dominic and late Hannah Isiaho and the son-in-law of the late Athmani and the late Mwanahamisi Nalinya.

He was a beloved brother of Maynard and Lorna Lusambili, the late Mary and the late Walter Magotsi, the late Patrick and Violet Wichenje, and George and Genevieve Milimu.

Brother-in-law of the late Ibrahim, the late Abdul Karim, Idriss, Suud, Emedo, Sophia, Ali, Aysha, the late Hamida, Yahiya, Mariam, and Nasser; beloved Muthoniwa of the Karanjas, Nyawana of the Oukos and Mtseedza of the Kitsaos.

Papa was a doting grandfather of George Jnr, Jonathan, Njoki, Benji, Hazel, Eli, Valerie and Austin Leo.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

• Requiem Mass: 2.00 p.m. Thursday, 2nd October 2025 at Holy Spirit Langas Church, Eldoret

• Burial: 11.00 a.m. Saturday, 4th October 2025 at his home in Bwitsende Village, Shinyalu, Kakamega County.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants."

— Psalm 116:15

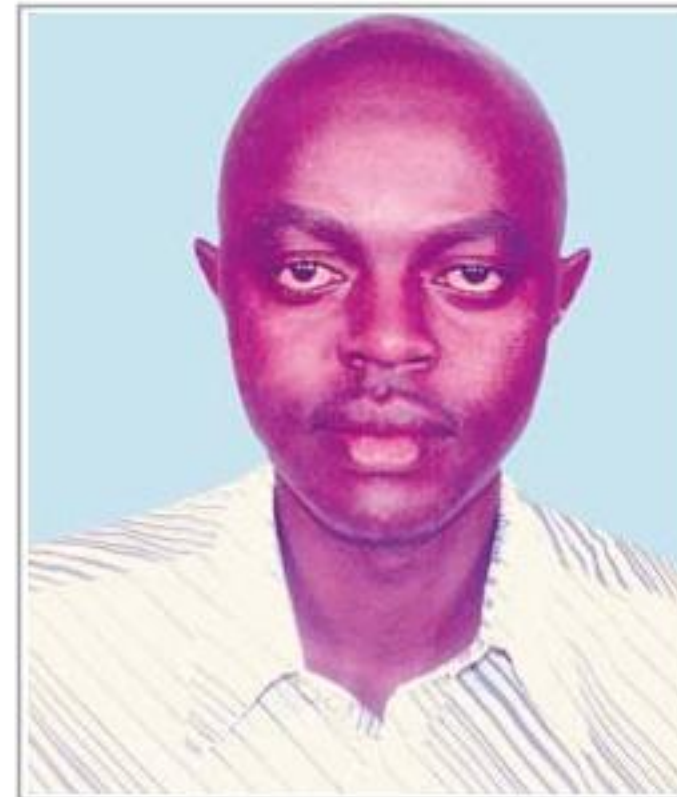
Papa's warmth, wisdom, and love will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

"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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16th Anniversary / Memorial Service



Victor Matina Benson

Sunrise: 24/11/1976 ~

Sunset: 15/03/2009

Sixteen years ago, a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands rested, an angel was called to heaven.

We cannot express the pain that we feel as each day passes, but the beautiful memories of your love, kindness, sense of humour together with God's grace keeps us going.

Dearly missed and affectionately remembered by your wife, child, father, siblings and other relatives and friends.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, 04th October 2025 starting at 10.00 am at our home in Mutuyu Village, Kakuyuni Location, Kangundo Sub-county.

3rd Anniversary / Memorial Service



Martha Muthoni Kanui

Sunrise: 29/10/1953 ~

Sunset: 05/10/2022

It is now three years since you left us to be with the Lord.

We miss you dearly but we are encouraged that everything happens because of God's will for us.

How we cherish the beautiful memories of your love, kindness and sense of humour. Nonetheless, God's grace keeps us going. Thank you for showing us what strength, courage and responsibility mean.

Dearly missed and affectionately remembered by your husband, children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, 04th October, 2025 starting at 10.00am at our home in Mutuyu Village, Kakuyuni Location, Kangundo Sub-County.

Sport

Mountain running Kiriago says Tokyo results, his mother inspired his Spain win **P.31**



Athletics
Concerns raised as Kenyan male runners struggle at major championships
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Jairus Ong'eta competes at Kenyatta University in January last year. PHOTO | CHRIS OMOLLO

All eyes on Ong'eta as Lokedi falls short in New Delhi

BY AYUMBA AYODI

History-making sprinter Jairus Ong'eta is a man on a mission when he takes the blocks in men's 400 metres T13 heats today at the ongoing World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, India. The 29-year-old might have realised his dream of making his debut at the world event in the 100m T13 on Monday but he will be out to strike different codes in the 400m T13.

Ong'eta, who is visually impaired and lives with albinism, clocked 11.53 in the 100m semi-finals, failing to advance to the final.

However, Ong'eta is confident of a better show in the one-lap race that will have two heats where the first three and the next two fastest athletes will qualify directly to the final.

Ong'eta goes into heat one semi-final as he seeks to cement his status, having made history as the first Kenyan living with albinism to compete at the global event this year.

He sealed his ticket to the New Delhi event after striking the standards from the Dubai World Para Athletics Grand Prix in February this year.

"Getting to compete at the world event is the real dream-come-true for me. It is challenge to savour as I meet the best of the best," said Ong'eta, who went early before the championships to confirm his official classification.

Ong'eta, the music graduate from Kenyatta University, had since 2021 battled to get classification in 100m and 200m to no avail. He finally got during the Dubai World Para-Athletics Grand Prix this year where he represented the country for the first time.

Meanwhile, it was heartbreak for Kenya's John Lokedi yesterday when he helplessly saw the bronze medal slip from his hands as Brazilian Jean Oliveira Da Silva outpaced him with a few metres to go in the men's 5,000m T13 final.

Lokedi, who collapsed on the line with exhaustion, settled for fourth place in a season best 15:24.82 as Da Silva snatched bronze in 15:22.68 behind the winner Aleksandr Kostin, a neutral national, in 15:8.97 and Algerian Abdelhadi Boudra in 15:12.12. It was the second medal for Kostin after he had claimed silver in 1,500m T13.

The medals once again proved elusive for the Kenyan men with Brian Esogon, failing to go past the semi-finals of men's 400m.

FOOTBALL Ulinzi, Police in league stalemate

Defending league champions Kenya Police and Ulinzi Stars battled to a goalless draw in a 2025/26 Sport-Pesa League Round Three match at Police Sacco Stadium yesterday. The match was Kenya Police's first of the new season and the result marked the fifth consecutive season they failed to win their first match. For Ulinzi Stars, the result maintained their unbeaten start to the season. Both teams struggled to create chances in the first half. Ulinzi dominated the second half and Police had their goalkeeper Job Ochieng' to thank for making spectacular saves to deny Boniface Muchiri, Leon Levitt, and Paul Mwasi. In the day's other matches, Nairobi United recorded a 1-0 away win to Mara Sugar in Awendo. At the Kasarani, Mathare United held Tusker to a 0-0 draw.

Michael Kirwa

FOOTBALL Tanzania hits Kenya to lift legends title

Former Taifa Stars international players beat Ex-Harambee Stars 1-0 in Nairobi yesterday to lift the 2025 East African Legends Football Tournament title. The event was part of activities to commemorate the International Day for Older Persons, marked on October 1. Kenya B, comprising Western Kenya Legends, finished third after beating Ex-Ugandan internationals 1-0. Kenya B scored through Steve Okumu. The Tanzanians scored the winner through Mohammed Hassan Daima during the final at the University of Nairobi. Daima scooped the Player of the Tournament award. The visitors, under coach King Abdallah Kibaden Mputa, qualified for the finals after beating Kenya B 6-1 in the semis. Kenya A edged former Uganda Cranes internationals 1-0 in another semi-final.

John Ashihundu

Africa Boxing Championships Pugilists to face off in 25 categories

140 boxers gather for Nairobi games

It will be the first major event Kenya will be hosting in two decades



Edwin Okong'o (left) and Boniface Mugunde during a past training session at Avfitness gym in Nairobi. PHOTO | POOL

BY AYUMBA AYODI

It's been two decades since Kenya hosted a major boxing championship. However, that is about to change, with boxers from 14 countries expected for the Africa Boxing Confederation (AFBC) Zone III Championships scheduled from October 15 to 26 at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani gymnasium.

A national provisional squad of 35 boxers — 24 men and 11 women — has been in non-residential training for over a month at Kenya Police Depot gymnasium in Muthaiga.

Head coach Benjamin Musa is expected to name a final squad for the zonal championships on Saturday. The championships have 13 categories in men and 12 in women.

Boxing Federation of Kenya (BFK) Secretary-General David Munihe is excited that, finally, the country will get to host an event for the first time since the 2005 Africa Zone Five Championships at the Kasarani gymnasium.

AFBC has since reshuffled the zones to four and BFK President Anthony "Jamal" Ombok was elected the new AFBC Zone III president in 2022.

Africa Zone III consist of Kenya, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Guinea Bissau,

Equatorial Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Tanzania, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia, Burundi and Rwanda.

"Only Ethiopia and Guinea Bissau haven't confirmed but we are in communication with them and they should by the end of this week," said Munihe, adding that preparations for the event are at an advanced stage.

Munihe, who is also the Local Organising Committee (LOC) secretary-general, disclosed that several hotels and transport firms have been identified for use by the visiting teams. A total of 100 boxers will battle it out in the men's competition while there will be 41 contestants in the women's fray.

"All is in place and we should start receiving teams at the end of next week with some expressing desire to check in early for acclimatisation," said Munihe.

"It has been long since we staged an international event and we must get it right for the comfort of our visitors."

Musa said they are likely to field two boxers in each of the 13 weights category in the men's contests. It will be tricky to have two representatives in each category of the women's competition.

"We have few competitions in the women's events and our standards are still low even though we have recorded

tremendous growth. Women boxing is where medal prospects will be high in the coming years," noted Musa.

Musa said most of their seasoned boxers have transited and they are likely to field a couple of new pugilists as they build a team for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Some of the seasoned boxers in the team are Africa champion Boniface Mugunde (light middle) and African Games champion Edwin Okong'o (middle). Mugunde and Elizabeth Andiego (light heavy) are some of the few medallists in the team from the last Africa Zone III Boxing Championships in 2022 in Kinshasa, DR Congo.

The Hit Squad finished second with 17 medals; six gold, five silver and six bronze at the DRC event.

Shaffi Bakari (featherweight), Samuel Njau (fly), Elizabeth Andiego (light heavy), Everlyn Akinyi (welter) and Teresia Wanjiru (light welter) won gold medals. Lorna Kusa (light middleweight) and Stacy Ayoma (lightweight) settled for silver medals while Ann Wanjiru (Fly), Alice Waiyego (Bantam), Amina Martha (Feather), Francis Deng (Light Heavy) all won bronze medals on debut for Kenya. Nick Okoth (Light), Boniface Mugunde (Light Middle), and Elly Ajowi also won bronze.

Lomoni and Njoki set to defend Tech Run titles

BY BERNARD ROTICH

The defending champions of the men's and women's 10-kilometre Eldoret Tech Run races will return to defend their titles at the second edition of the event scheduled for November 30 in Uasin Gishu County.

Christine Njoki and John Lomoni, who emerged winners in last year's inaugural races, announced yesterday that they will once again line up to contest for the crowns as they seek to retain their titles.

The winners in both categories will each pocket Sh200,000, while the runners-up will take home Sh100,000. The third-place finishers will earn Sh75,000, with prize money trickling down to the 15th athlete, who will receive Sh10,000.

Njoki, who hails from Cherangany in Trans Nzoia County and trains in Iten, Elgeyo Marakwet County, said last year's earnings came at a crucial time for her family.

"The money I received last year came at the right time, as I was able to pay my siblings' school fees. It eased the financial burden for me," she said.

Njoki added that she is determined to repeat her feat this year despite the expected stiff competition.

"I'm planning to defend my title this year because the prize money is good. I know it won't be easy because everyone is training hard and aiming for the prize. However, I will do my best to retain my title," she said in Eldoret.

Last year, Njoki won with a time of 32:35.3, finishing ahead of Keringet-based Maurine Toroitich, who clocked 32:53.3, and Christine Chesiro, who placed third in 33:02.2.

Her male counterpart, Lomoni, who trains with Kip Run in Iten, said the race is unique in its approach, bringing together athletics and technology in ways that athletes can relate to.

"The technologically advanced race comes at a time when athletes need to be informed about various emerging issues in the world today," said Lomoni.

He revealed that he invested last year's prize money in buying livestock.

"I used last year's cash award to buy livestock. This year, I am looking forward to defending my title. Local races are good for athletes, and I know more will compete this year. This means it will be competitive," he added.

At last year's event, Lomoni clocked 29:19.9 to finish ahead of Bernard Langat from Keringet, who crossed in 29:34.4, while Cornelius Kemboi was third in 29:47.9.

World Mountain and Trail Running Championship I'm looking forward to more wins, he says

Kiriago: How I beat the world to collect gold in Spain race

Kenyan mountain runner says he was inspired by Team Kenya to Tokyo games as well as his mother

BY BERNARD ROTICH

Mountain runner Philemon Kiriago Ombogo has revealed how Team Kenya's stellar performance at the recently concluded World Athletics Championships in Tokyo inspired him to win the World Mountain and Trail Running Classic Race title.

Kiriago said he also drew motivation from his mother as he prepared for the third World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, held from September 25-28 in Canfranc-Pirineos, Spain. The event featured five race formats: Uphill, Classic, Under-20, Short Trail, and Long Trail.

He struck gold in the 14-kilometre Classic category, which had a 750-metre elevation. The runner said he was well prepared but also inspired by Kenya's success at the World Athletics Championships in Japan, where the country finished first in Africa and second globally, winning a total of 11 medals, including eight gold.

Speaking by phone from Italy, where he is preparing for the Golden Trail Series, Kiriago recalled how his mother, Agnes Ombogo, encouraged him before his trip. "She told me I was destined for great things. That made me shed tears," he said.

During the race on Sunday, Uganda's Martin Kiprotich took an early lead, but Kiriago closed the gap during the descent, cutting a 14-second deficit to two seconds, with compatriot Paul Machoka close behind. Kiriago crossed the line first in 1:00:38, followed by Kiprotich (1:01:26) and Machoka (1:01:31). Kenya completed a team double, finishing ahead of Uganda and Italy.

"Before travelling to Spain, I visit-



Philemon Kiriago Ombogo celebrates after winning the Classic Race at the World Mountain and Trail Running Classic Championships in Canfranc-Pirineos in Spain last Sunday. PHOTO | POOL

ed my mother, and we had a long discussion. She reminded me of our poor background and encouraged me to work hard to uplift the family. She even prayed that when God blesses others, He would not forget me. That made me cry," Kiriago said.

Based at the Run2gether Camp in Nivasha, Nakuru County, Kiriago said he had trained with Patrick Kipngeno and 5,000m specialist Samuel Rotich. "Our training is similar to that of long-dis-

tance athletes. We often do runs of up to 40 kilometres for endurance, but speed is also essential. Working on my speed helped me win on Sunday," he explained.

He thanked Athletics Kenya and the government, through the Ministry of Sports, for their support. "Our performance will inspire the next generation and attract more athletes to this discipline," Kiriago said.

In the men's Vertical Uphill category,

Richard Atuya won silver in 39:04, with Kipngeno taking bronze in 39:20. The men's team gold medal went to Kenya, represented by Kiriago, Kipngeno, and Atuya.

In the Women's Classic category, Ruth Gitonga won silver behind Germany's Nina Engelhard, while Joyce Muthoni finished fourth. Kenya clinched another team gold through Gitonga, Muthoni, Gloria Chebet, and Valentine Jepkoech Rutto.

Refurbished stadium to accommodate 5,000 fans

BY GEOFFREY ANENE

The capacity of Woodley Stadium in Kibra will increase from 100 to 5,000 fans once ongoing renovations are complete, Nairobi governor Johnson Sakaja has said.

The long-stalled facelift of the stadium, popularly known as Joseph Kang'ethe Grounds, has resumed, with Phase One nearing completion.

"Phase I of the renovations is 80 per cent complete. Phase II of the project will target expansion of terrace stands to accommodate more fans," Sakaja said during an inspection visit yesterday.

He added: "We want to improve the fan experience, ensuring the facility becomes a modern, community-friendly sports arena that nurtures local talent and promotes sporting excellence."

Phase I works have included construction of a perimeter wall, installation of a modern drainage system, and turf

laying. Ongoing works cover the ablution block, terraces, and changing rooms.

Woodley Stadium, home to Darajani Gogo Football Club and Kibra United Soccer Club, is also used for community functions. Sakaja said the upgrade would restore it as a key grassroots sporting hub.

Nairobi Sports Executive Brian Mulama said Woodley is among several city facilities under refurbishment. Others are City Stadium (Joe Kadenge Stadium) in Makadara, Kihumbuini Stadium in Kangemi, Desert Grounds in Kamukunji, Canon Apollos Grounds in Makongeni, and Mwiki Grounds in Kasarani.

"Desert Grounds, Canon Apollos Grounds, Mwiki Grounds, and Kihumbuini Stadium are undergoing similar upgrades, with turf installation as the first phase. Roofing works have also begun at Talanta Stadium as its completion date nears," Mulama said.

The spotlight also fell on the historic City Stadium, re-

named Joe Kadenge Stadium in honour of the late football legend. Once a fortress for Gor Mahia, the venue was banned from hosting Premier League matches a decade ago after being declared unfit.

Renovations there officially began in June 2023 following a ground-breaking ceremony presided over by Sakaja. According to the Nairobi County Annual Development Plan for the 2024/25 financial year, the Sh248 million project includes installation of modern artificial turf, refurbishment of spectator stands and VIP areas, installation of floodlights, improved drainage, and new changing rooms, toilets, and officials' facilities to meet international standards.

Additional upgrades will feature running tracks, enhanced security infrastructure, and a commemorative statue of Kadenge.

County officials said the refurbishment drive aims to restore Nairobi's sports facilities as vital hubs for youth development and local clubs.

Boxing

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Athletics Parliamentary inquest among ongoing efforts in search of solutions

Where is the gold? Concern as Kenya's male athletes struggle

The country is losing control over races it dominated as runners abandon track for big money road events

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Sugoi is a common Japanese word meaning "extraordinary". The expression lent its meaning to the motto – Every Second, Sugoi – of the 20th edition of the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, held between September 13 and 21.

No athletes embodied that slogan better than Kenya's middle- and long-distance female runners. For the first time in the history of the championships, one country – Kenya – swept gold medals across the women's 800 metres (Lilian Odira), 1,500 metres (Faith Kipyegon), 3,000 metres steeplechase (Faith Cherotich), 5,000 metres (Beatrice Chebet), 10,000 metres (Beatrice Chebet), and marathon (Peres Chepchirchir).

Adding to that haul were silver medals won by Dorcas Ewoi (1,500 metres) and Faith Kipyegon (5,000 metres).

In total, Kenya's female athletes accounted for eight of the 11 medals the country won in Tokyo. This ratio underlined the growing disparity between the performances of male and female athletes in recent years.

While the women's dominance provided a historic moment, the men's side offered a more sobering narrative. Emmanuel Wanyonyi (gold, 800m), Reynold Cheruiyot (bronze, 1,500m), and Edmund Serem (bronze, 3,000m steeplechase) delivered Kenya's only medals in the men's races. Their efforts, though commendable, fuelled debates about the declining fortunes of male athletes, particularly in disciplines once synonymous with Kenyan dominance.

Much of the discussion dates back to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, where Kenyan men failed to win gold in the 3,000 metres steeplechase for the first time since 1987.

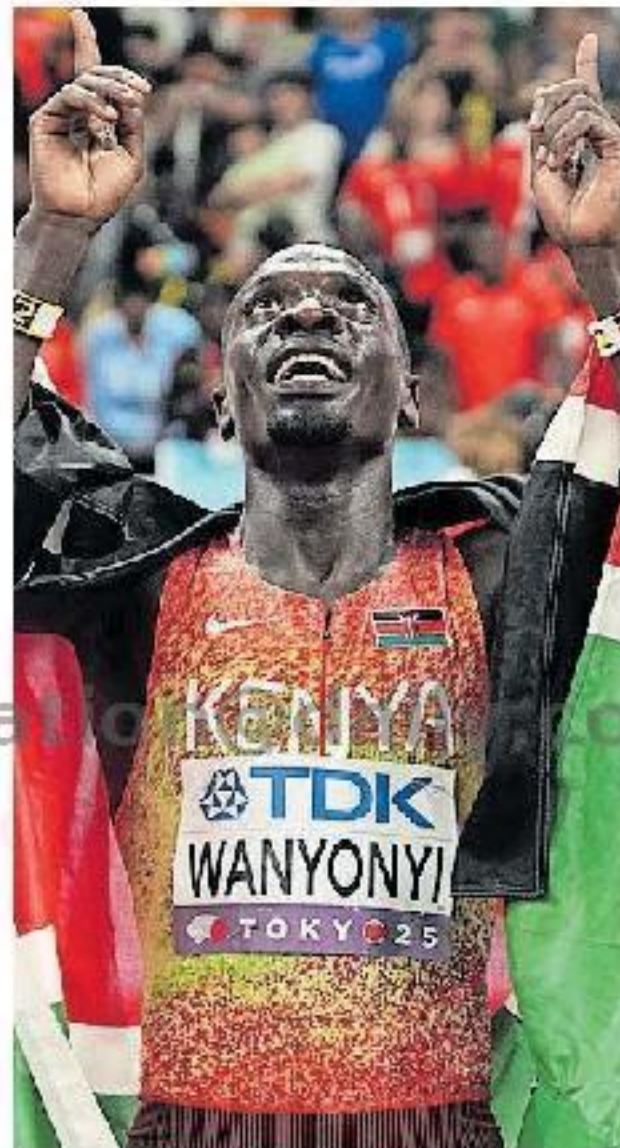
That setback has been compounded by underwhelming performances in the 1,500m and marathon at subsequent Olympics and World Championships, igniting concern that the famed "boy child crisis" has spilled over into athletics.

The issue has now moved beyond bar-room banter, barbershop debates, street corners and online chatter. The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Sports has taken it up formally, with chairman Daniel Wanyama confirming to Sports PS Elijah Mwangi this week that the inquiry into male athletes' poor returns is underway.

Meanwhile, Julius Kirwa, the national athletics head coach, is preparing a stock-taking exercise in October, bringing together male athletes, coaches, and



Edmund Serem



Emmanuel Wanyonyi



Reynold Cheruiyot

key stakeholders. "This is an issue we want to address with the seriousness it deserves," Kirwa told Nation Sport.

Simon Biwott, marathon silver medalist at the 2001 World Championships and now organising secretary of the Veteran Athletes Association (VAA), is likely to feature in this forum. Biwott contrasted the current struggles with 2001, when male athletes delivered all of Kenya's medals – three gold, three silver, and two bronze – while women returned empty-handed.

"The tables have turned. Men are almost coming home empty-handed now," he said. "This problem has been building for 15 years because we failed to respond to shifting dynamics in the sport."

Biwott highlighted several factors: the proliferation of foreign-owned athletics clubs, the restructuring of the Diamond League, disgruntled coaches pushing athletes towards road races, stricter anti-doping rules shrinking the pool of eligible runners, and neglect of grassroots development.

According to him, foreign-owned clubs have captured the best track talent, leaving Kenyan clubs to "scramble for scraps".

Kirwa agreed that the 2019 Diamond League overhaul, which downgraded long-distance races, has nudged male athletes towards road events where prize money is higher. But this shift has created problems.

"Young athletes shine at the U20s, but once they turn senior, their managers push them into road races. They run so many races a year that they're exhausted. Training for road events is different, so they struggle to adjust back to track competition," Kirwa said.

Coaches, Biwott added, also have incentives to steer athletes away from national duty. Since Athletics Kenya often denies personal coaches accreditation for international competitions, some encourage their athletes to change nationality or focus on road events, which guarantee both income and travel opportunities. Kirwa admitted the tension but defended AK, noting some coaches lacked the minimum qualifications.

Even so, the overemphasis on road rac-

Young athletes shine at the U20s, but once they turn senior, their managers push them into road races.

Julius Kirwa, national athletics head coach



es has narrowed Kenya's talent pool in traditional strongholds such as the steeplechase and 1,500 metres.

Anti-doping regulations are another stumbling block. Athletes must now undergo three out-of-competition tests before national trials, a requirement that disadvantages newcomers.

"The team is easy to predict because only a few elite athletes meet the testing threshold," Biwott argued, lamenting the decline of grassroots "Wakulima" athletes who once rose through local elimination meets.

He proposed boosting the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya's capacity so more athletes can be tested and included. Kirwa countered that the rule applies globally, affecting even Ethiopia, though he agreed Adak needs more funding and grassroots programmes require support.

Why then are women thriving under the same conditions? Both men pointed to Kenya's unique advantage: a concentration of world-class female talent unmatched globally. Outside of Ethiopia, Uganda, and a few naturalised athletes such as Bahrain's Winfred Yavi, competition for Kenyan women remains thin.

The Tokyo 2025 medal table bears this out. Nine of the 18 medals in women's middle- and long-distance races went to Kenyan-born athletes – eight for Kenya and one for Bahrain through Yavi. In contrast, medals in the men's events were



Beatrice Chebet



Faith Kipyegon



Lilian Odira



Peres Chepchirchir



Faith Cherotich



Dorcas Ewoi

spread across 14 countries, though Kenya still topped the standings with three.

This broader distribution, evident in recent World Championships and Olympics, complicates the narrative. Kenyan men remain among the top medal producers, but their lack of golds has amplified perceptions of decline.

If anything, the statistics suggest the issue is not a collapse but a matter of expectations. Were Kenyan men to secure golds in their hallmark events – the 800m, 1,500m, and steeplechase – the crisis narrative might not loom so large.

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Igniting minds, shaping futures



Natasha Musila displays her self-driving car during the 2025 Kenya Robotech Championship at Greensteds International School in Nakuru on September 20, 2025. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

Aunt's disability inspired Natasha's innovation dream

BONIFACE MWANGI

Since Natasha Musila came to learn of her aunt's desire to drive a car in spite of her disability, she developed an interest in finding a solution for people like her aunt.

Almost every weekend, she would visit her aunt's home to keep her company.

"Despite her condition, I love her so much. She is very supportive and always encourages me to pursue my education with determination," says the 13-year old Grade Seven learner at Moi Primary and Junior School – Kabarak.

Her search for a solution to a self-driving car led her to develop a little robotic car that she entered in the Kenya Robotech Championship. The theme of the championship was "Youth-Driven Innovations for a Smart Africa."

The 'car' uses auto-sonic sensors that detect objects and avoids hitting them, making it safe and easy to navigate.

It also has a motion sensor that drives it without causing accidents and without losing frequency. Not only this, the car also uses rechargeable batteries, which makes it environmentally friendly.

"There are a lot of Artificial Intelligence (AI) programmes involved in this invention. All I can say is that there is a bright future to those living

with disabilities," she noted.

She says that turning the idea into reality would be of great help within factories since they would use them to move materials within their premises. Although some people fear that such inventions will render many people jobless, Natasha points out that the world cannot evade technology.

With her invention, Natasha contributed to her school being crowned the overall winners of the 2025 Kenya Robotech Championship. The competition, held at Greensteds

International School, Nakuru, and organised by Pixel Academy Africa, brought together more than 10 schools from different parts of the country.

Vivian Wanjiru, the coordinator of the programme, says the organisation came up with the competition to provide a platform for learners to showcase their talents in technology and match the gap between the real world development and skills taught

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Career Pathways

Editor's Note

Young minds shaping Kenya's innovation

OUR cover story today celebrates Natasha Musila, a brilliant young innovator who shone at the National Robotics Championships with her self-driving car project. Her creation showcases how creativity and technology can solve real-world problems, like improving road safety and also assisting people living with disability. Joining her in the spotlight is Nate Nangaka, who clinched victory in the Internet-of-Things category. His smart farming system, designed to monitor soil moisture and automate irrigation, promises to boost agriculture, a vital part of Kenya's economy. Robotics competitions, though relatively new in Kenya, are rapidly gaining popularity in schools. They reflect how Kenyan learners and educators are embracing digital literacy as a core part of education. From coding to robotics, students are diving into the digital age, proving that Kenya's youth are brimming with talent and potential. These events are more than just contests—they're platforms for young minds to dream big and innovate. Sadly, not all students have access to such op-



DAVID MUCHUNGUH

portunities. Many schools, especially in rural areas, lack the resources to introduce learners to cutting-edge technology. This gap must be addressed to ensure every child can explore their potential. Competitions like these are crucial for identifying talent early and nurturing it. They encourage students to think critically and solve problems creatively. At your age, you're uniquely positioned to tackle challenges you face today and anticipate those of tomorrow. Whether it's creating apps, designing eco-friendly solutions, or inventing tools to make life easier, your ideas matter. Let Natasha and Nate inspire you to explore technology, ask questions, and find solutions. Kenya's future is bright, and young innovators like you will lead the way!

Career pathways corner

Tips on how to become digitally smart

BY DR EDWIN OGADA

Technology is now part of everyday life, and junior school learners in Grades 7, 8, and 9 are growing up in a world where phones, computers, and the internet are everywhere. But using technology wisely is more than just playing games or chatting with friends - it is called digital literacy. Digital literacy means knowing how to use digital tools like smartphones, tablets, and computers to learn, create, and share information in safe and smart ways. It also means understanding how to search for reliable information,



use apps for schoolwork, and respect others when communicating online. Building digital literacy at this stage helps you become confident and responsible when using technology. So, how can junior school

learners practice digital literacy? Start by using technology for learning. For example, you can watch educational videos, read e-books, or use apps to practice mathematics or languages. Learn to ask yourself questions like, "Is this information true?" or "Where did it come from?" so you don't get misled by fake news or unreliable sources. Try using simple tools to create presentations, posters, or even digital art. When communicating online, always use polite language, respect others' opinions, and never share personal details with strangers. By practicing these habits, you train yourself to use technology responsibly,

not just for fun but also for growth.

Digital literacy is a skill that will help you in school and beyond. It makes learning easier, helps you work well with classmates on digital projects, and gives you the confidence to explore new opportunities. When you grow older, digital skills will prepare you for high school, university, and even future jobs. From online learning to digital teamwork, the skills you practice now will open doors to bigger achievements. Junior school is the best time to start, so be curious, explore technology safely, and remember - being smart online today prepares you for success tomorrow.

How Natasha topped at robotics



Natasha Musila and her teacher Kevin Obuga display their trophy.

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in school.

"We realised there was so much potential in our schools, and we decided to start technology classes in some of the institutions. Shockingly, even pupils from lower grades were so eager to take part," she added.

Ms Wanjiru noted that there were five major categories; robotics, AI and game development, internet of things, pitching and drones. She said the competition was so stiff that they did not expect the winner to come from the robotics category. Drones came second followed by the internet of things.

"It's all about how one is creative enough and how fast one can solve a particular challenge through technology," Wanjiru.

If such initiatives are held across the country, she affirmed, Kenya would, in the future, not only solve major problems, but also export experts in technology.

"We have built the foundation, and in 10 years to come, we will have a different eco-system altogether," said Ms Wanjiru who is a mechatronics engineer.

She acknowledged Natasha's idea as great and one that can create a big impact if it is fully implemented. She added that there were other technologies that were of high caliber but Natasha's was declared the best.

While at home, Natasha's mother, Joyce Musila, says her daughter spends time on the internet doing research.

"She is always in the study room with a laptop doing research on technologies. To some point, it worried me but now, I am very proud of her since I have started to see the fruits of her efforts," says Ms Musila.

Natasha says that when technology lessons



Natasha and her tech teacher Mr Obuga test her self-driving car before the competition at the 2025 Kenya Robotech Championship. PHOTOS | BONIFACE MWANGI



Moi Primary and Junior School-Kabarak learners during the championship.

were introduced in their school, she was excited and immediately approached her teacher, Mr Kelvin Obuga.

"I found him writing weird numbers and figures on his laptop and when I enquired what they were, he told me he was coding. After explaining, I requested if he would coach me on how to go about it and he agreed, although with a condition - not to let him down," recalls Natasha.

Mr Obuga says Natasha is an active member of the Technology Club at school.

"She is the next Steve Jobs or Elon Musk, and what makes me happier is that she has chosen to battle it out in a male-dominated field," says Mr Obuga. "I would love to be a software engineer upon completion of my studies, and if all goes well, I will set up my own big industry that will be famous globally," Natasha concludes the interview.

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Quote of the week



"Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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How an iron box works

A clothes iron, also known as a flatiron or steam iron, is a small appliance that uses heat to press clothes and remove wrinkles. Though it looks simple, the science inside is fascinating.

The main job of an iron is to produce heat. When you plug it into a socket, electricity flows into a part called the heating element, usually made of nichrome, an alloy of nickel and chromium. Nichrome resists the flow of electricity, and this resistance turns electrical energy into heat. The heat spreads to the flat bottom surface called the soleplate, which is made of aluminium or stainless steel because they are good conductors of heat. Many irons have a Teflon coating so fabric doesn't stick. If the iron has steam functions, the soleplate also contains tiny holes for steam release.

Different fabrics need different temperatures. Cotton can handle high heat, while silk or nylon cannot. That's where the thermostat comes in. It uses a bimetallic strip, which is two metals joined together, that bend when heated.

As the strip bends, it breaks the circuit and stops current from flowing through the heat-

ing element, allowing the iron to cool slightly. When the strip straightens, the circuit reconnects and the iron reheats. This cycle keeps the temperature steady at the level chosen on the dial.

Steam makes ironing more effective by softening fabric fibres. A small tank inside the iron holds water, which drips onto the hot soleplate and instantly turns into steam. The steam exits through holes in the soleplate, loosening wrinkles. Some irons also have a spray nozzle for stubborn creases.

Modern irons include safety features like automatic shut-off if left idle and insulated handles to protect users.

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How to stop procrastinating

BY MESHACK YOBBY

There is an old joke that says: "The meeting of procrastinators has been postponed." It gets a laugh because it is so close to reality. But behind the humour is a lesson: nothing changes unless you start acting now.

Procrastination is often mistaken for laziness, but psychologists explain that it has more to do with how the brain handles comfort and stress. The human brain is wired to prefer short-term pleasure over long-term goals. Picking up a phone to check social media gives an instant hit of entertainment, while starting a history essay feels uncomfortable and demanding. The brain naturally chooses the easier path.

Unfortunately, delaying work only makes tasks feel more intimidating. As deadlines get closer, the stress increases, making it even harder to begin. This cycle can lead to all-night cramming sessions, rushed assignments, and unnecessary anxiety.

Yet the hardest part is not the work itself, but starting the work. Large tasks feel overwhelming when viewed as a whole. Thinking "I have to write an entire essay" can create panic, but thinking "I'll just write



the introduction" feels manageable.

Some use what is known as the "five-minute rule." The idea is to work on something for only five minutes. Most of the time, by the end of those five minutes, the brain has adjusted to the effort and you keep working well beyond that limit. Small beginnings remove the fear of the larger task.

The space around you plays a powerful role in how much you can focus. A cluttered desk with a buzzing phone nearby is an invitation for distraction. A clean workspace, good lighting, and even a simple glass of water on the desk can set the mood for concentration.

For many people, keeping the

phone out of reach is the single most effective change. Every notification, even if ignored, breaks focus. Others prefer to study with a friend or in a group where everyone is working, since accountability pushes them to stay on task.

Every completed task, no matter how small, gives the brain a tiny burst of satisfaction. Over time, completing work on time builds confidence and discipline, while reducing the stress of rushing.

Habits form gradually. Just as putting off assignments can become routine, so can starting them early. The more often you resist the urge to delay, the easier it becomes the next time.

Smart farming project wins

BY MARGARET MAINA

The grounds buzzed with energy and invention as students from across the region gathered for the annual Robotics Championship at Greensteds International School, a celebration of future innovators, engineers, and digital dreamers.

Among the stars of the event was nine-year-old Nate Nangaka, a Grade 5 learner from Shah Lalji Nangpar Academy. He took first place in the Internet of Things-based smart innovation project category.

His presentation showcased creativity, technical skill, and also revealed a young mind deeply passionate about using technology to solve real-world problems.

"I have always wanted to know how things work. As a little child, I would take apart old toys just to see what was inside. One day, I saw a video about a robot that could play football, and I knew I wanted to build something like that," he said.

Encouraged by his family and teachers, he joined his STEM Club at school and began learning how to code about two years ago. That was when he was introduced to robotics kits and, eventually, artificial intelligence. From there, there was



no turning back.

"I loved that I could create something from nothing. At first, it was just lights and wheels, but then I learned how to program movement, voice, and even decision-making. That was exciting!"

Although robotics takes up a big part of his time, Nate is well-rounded and has a wide range of interests.

"I am especially interested in ICT, because that is where we learn about coding. Mathematics has also

helped me understand robotics and solve problems I come across. Art has played a part too — I do a lot of drawing, especially when designing parts of the games I play," he said.

Outside the classroom, Nate enjoys cycling, drawing cartoons, and playing chess.

"I have not built or programmed a full project of my own yet, but I hope to develop my own game one day. So far, I have created a ping pong game and a fishing game on Scratch, and even built a big garden

in Roblox. It is progress I am proud of, as games like these are only possible because of coding," he said.

Nate's inspiration comes from a mix of YouTube tutorials, school projects, and his own imagination. He enjoys using platforms like Scratch and Tynker to experiment with game design and coding, but he is also looking ahead.

He says he is curious to explore Internet of Things (IoT)-based innovations — particularly those that could support the development

of smart cities and smart farming technologies.

"At first, I did not understand how a motherboard and a few wires could create such amazing technology. It's really fascinating, and I'm starting to understand more," he says, adding that since robotics is still new to him, much of it is still unfamiliar.

Nate credits his ICT Club coaches at school for helping him prepare for tasks and competitions. One of their standout projects was a smart farming system designed to detect soil moisture levels and automate irrigation.

"It is a more efficient way of farming. We used an Arduino sensor to check if the soil is dry or wet. If it is dry, the system sends a signal to turn on a water pump. If it's wet, it sends a signal to turn the pump off," he explains.

While it is ideal for small-scale farms, he notes that the technology may not yet be suitable for larger agricultural operations.

"I think robots can make life better for people. Many people around the world go hungry because there is not enough food. I want to use robotics to build smart farms and help reduce world hunger."

He also believes that technology is essential for young people to learn.

"I want to be a software engineer. Technology is used almost everywhere on Earth. It helps make tasks faster and more efficient. It is also a great way to improve your thinking and spend your time in a useful way," he says.

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A simple guide to active and passive voice

BY CAROLINE AMUNGA

In English, we use sentences to talk about actions. Every sentence has a subject and a verb. The subject is the person or thing doing the action. The verb is the action itself. For example, in the sentence The girl sings, "the girl" is the subject and "sings" is the action.

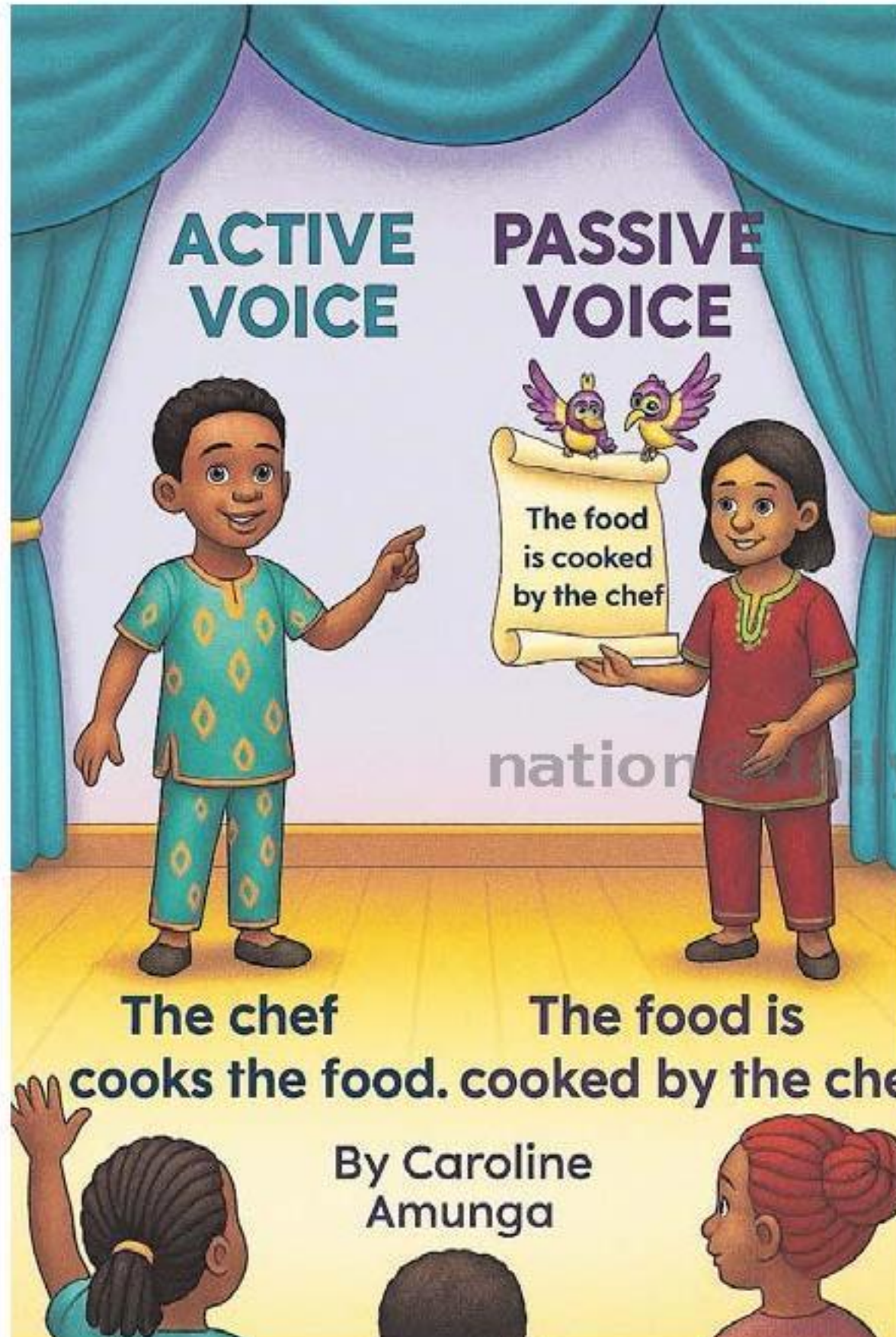
We can write sentences in two ways. One way is called active voice. The other way is called passive voice.

In active voice, the subject does the action. This is how we speak most of the time. It is easy to understand. For example, we say, The teacher teaches English. In this sentence, "the teacher" is doing the action of teaching. The verb "teaches" ends with "s" because the subject is one person. That is called subject-verb agreement.

Another example is: The pupils clean the classroom. Here, "the pupils" are doing the action. Because "pupils" means more than one person, the verb "clean" does not end with "s." This is also subject-verb agreement.

Now let us talk about passive voice. In passive voice, the subject does not do the action. The subject receives the action. For example, we say, English is taught by the teacher. In this sentence, "English" is the subject, but it is not teaching. It is being taught. The verb "is taught" matches the subject "English," which is one thing.

Another example is: The classroom is cleaned by the pupils. Here, "the classroom" is the subject, but it is not cleaning anything. It is being cleaned. We use passive voice when we want to talk about what happened, not who did it. Sometimes we use it when we do not know who did the action. For example, The window was broken. We do not



know who broke it, but we know what happened.

To change a sentence from active to passive, we follow four steps. First, move the object to the front. Second, use the correct form of the verb "to be." Third, use the past participle of the main verb. Fourth, add "by" and the person who did the action. This last part is optional.

Let us try this together. I say: The cook prepares lunch. You say: Lunch is prepared by the cook. We check the verb "is pre-

pared" and make sure it matches the subject "lunch." That is good subject-verb agreement.

Other examples: The boy drinks milk. We change it to: Milk is drunk by the boy. The verb "is drunk" matches the subject "milk."

Active Voice: The gardener waters the flowers every morning.

Passive Voice: The flowers are watered by the gardener every morning.

Active Voice: The driver parks the bus near the gate.

Nature wonders: Would you eat a bird's nest for dinner?

BY MARGARET MAINA

Before you begin to imagine how one can make a dish from the nest of a bird that is often made from twigs and pieces of grass, let us define this dish. Bird's nest soup is a gelatinous, crafted from the hardened saliva of swiftlets—small birds native to Southeast Asia.

The edible-nest swiftlet is found in the coastal regions and limestone caves of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

During the breeding season, male swiftlets secrete long, protein-rich strands from their salivary glands, which solidify when exposed to air. They carefully weave these strands into small, cup-shaped nests attached to cave walls or the rafters of man-made nesting houses.

For centuries, these nests have been revered as both a culinary treasure and a symbol of wealth, health, and cultural heritage.

Bird nest consumption dates back more than 1,200 years to the Tang Dynasty in China, and popularity only grew during the Ming and Qing dynasties.

At the time, it was reserved for emperors and aristocrats and was believed to promote longevity, youthfulness, and vitality. Today, it remains a prestigious delicacy across Chinese communities worldwide, often served during festive occasions or as a gift for elders and pregnant women.

Harvesting edible birds' nests is no simple task. In the wild, nests are found high up in coastal caves, often accessible only by climbing rickety bamboo scaffolding or ropes, a perilous endeavour.

Once harvested, the nests are cleaned, soaked in water to soften

the hardened saliva, and impurities such as feathers, dirt, and other debris are removed.

They are then shaped, dried, and sorted by grade. Prices vary widely, ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars per kilogram, depending on quality, source, and purity.

Despite its long-standing role in traditional medicine, the scientific evidence supporting the health benefits of the bird's nest remains mixed.

Supporters claim that bird's nest soup can enhance skin health, reduce respiratory issues, and promote overall well-being. However, modern medical researchers argue that while it may be nutritious, its effects are not significantly different from those of other protein-rich foods. Bird's nest soup has a mild and almost neutral flavour. When properly prepared, the strands of the nest take on a soft, jelly-like consistency that suspends in broth.

With rising global demand, the edible bird's nest industry has come under scrutiny due to past unsustainable harvesting practices.

Collectors often harvested nests prematurely in natural caves, leading to the destruction of swiftlet populations, abandonment of nesting sites, and disruption of local ecosystems as eggs or chicks were lost. To address these concerns, many governments and conservation organisations have introduced regulations and promoted sustainable practices. Collectors have turned to swiftlet farming, encouraging the birds to nest inside specially constructed "swiftlet houses" as a safer and more controlled alternative to wild harvesting.

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Chicken in coconut milk (Kuku wa nazi)

Ingredients.

1 kg chicken.
1 tablespoon salt.
½ tablespoon black pepper.
Lemon juice (optional, for marinating).
2 tablespoon cooking oil.
1 onion, finely chopped.
4 garlic cloves, minced.
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced.
2 tomatoes, chopped or blended.
2 tablespoon curry powder.

1 tablespoon ground turmeric.
1 tablespoon ground coriander.
1 tablespoon paprika or chilli powder (adjust to taste).
2 green chillies, chopped (optional).
400ml coconut milk.
½ cup water or chicken stock.

Method

Mix chicken pieces with salt, pepper, and lemon juice. Let it marinate for at least 30 minutes, or up to a few hours in the fridge.

Heat oil in a large pan or sufuria over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until golden brown and soft. Add garlic, ginger, and chillies (if using). Cook until fragrant. Stir in the chopped or blended tomatoes.

Add curry powder, turmeric, coriander, and paprika. Cook the mixture until the tomatoes break down and the oil begins to separate. Add the chicken pieces to the pan. Stir to coat them in the masala.

Cook for 10 minutes, turning occasionally, until the chicken is lightly browned and sealed. Pour in the coconut milk and water or stock. Stir, bring to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, for 30 minutes, or until the chicken is fully cooked and tender. Do not cook without the supervision of a responsible adult.

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Activity

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Picture story

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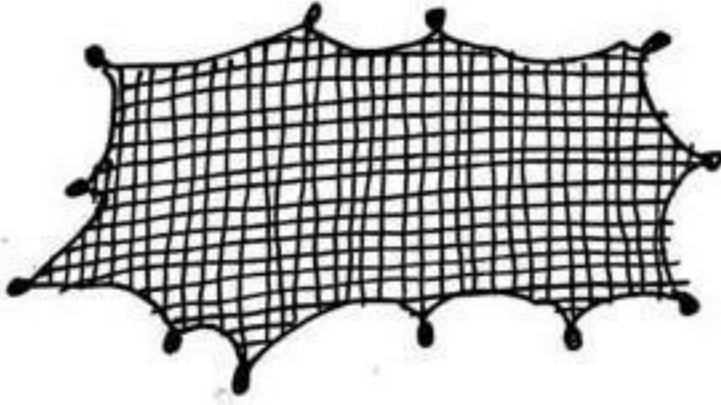
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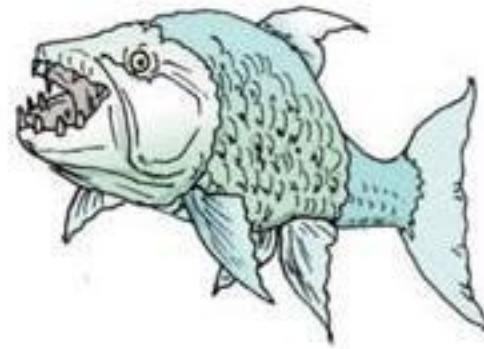
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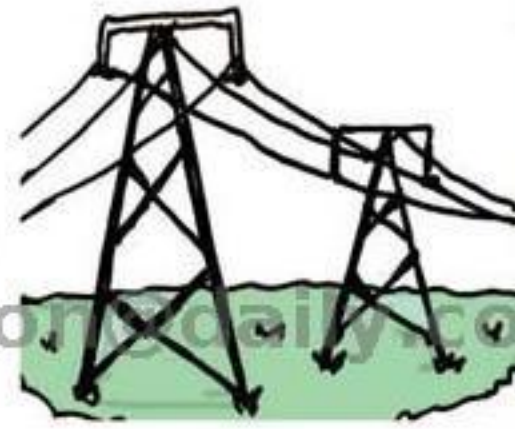
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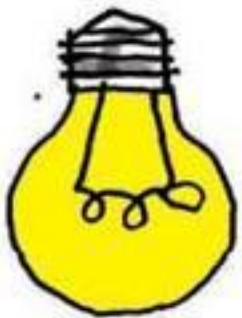
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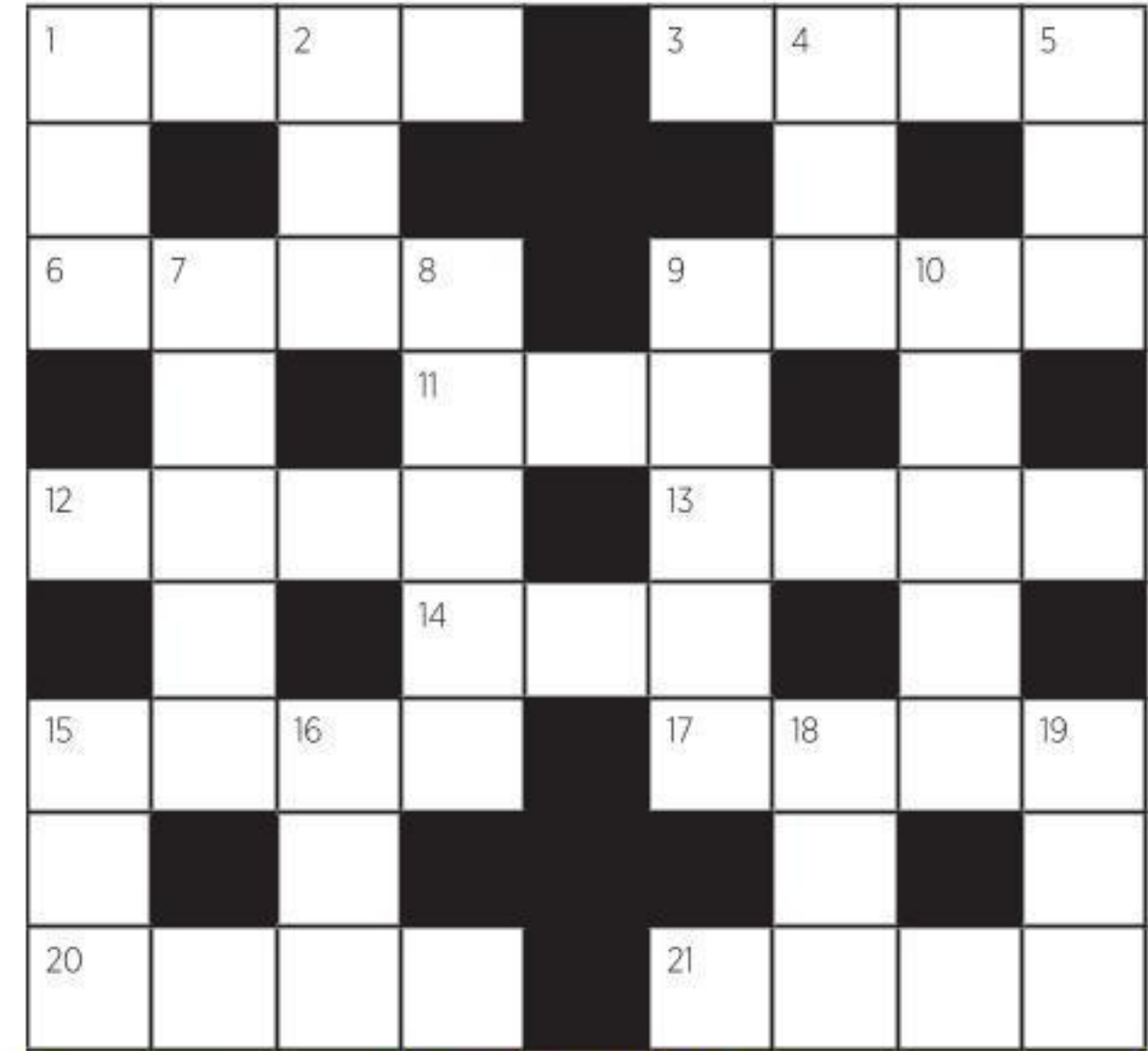
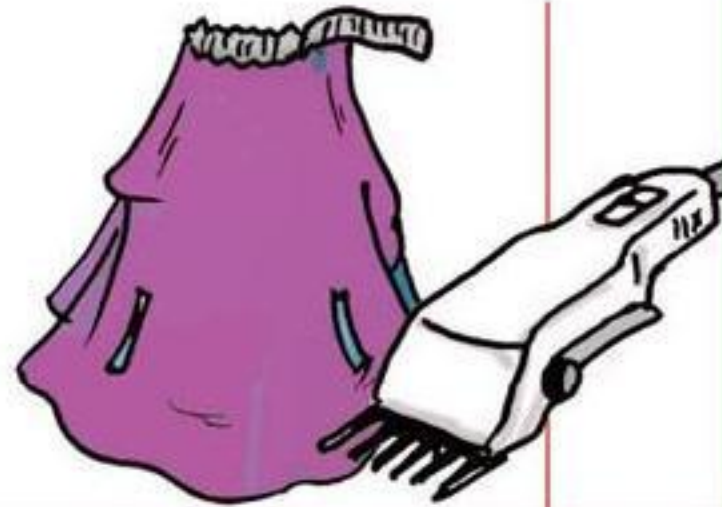
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ACROSS

1. Wild animal, 'the king of the forest'
3. As stubborn as a ... (simile)
6. Wild animal of the dog family
9. A badger's burrow
11. Small social hard-working insect
12. Murder
13. He was killed by his brother Cain
14. The past tense of 'sit'
15. Leg joint
17. Biblical paradise
20. Ndugu yako wa kike
21. Unattractive

DOWN

1. The opposite of 'high'
2. Petroleum
4. Utilise
5. Consume food
7. Pungent edible bulb
8. Untrue
9. Delaware is one in the USA
10. At that place
15. Child
16. Conclusion
18. Domestic animal of the canine family
19. Word used in Parliament that means 'no'

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1 Cash
- 3 Baby
- 6 West
- 9 AIDS
- 11 Egg

DOWN

- 12 Iron
- 13 Adam
- 14 Tai
- 15 Eyes
- 17 Nona
- 20 Rude

ACROSS

- 21 Bred
- 5 Yes
- 7 Early
- 8 Tents
- 9 Again
- 10 Drawn
- 15 Ear

DOWN

- 16 End
- 18 Our
- 19 And

Participate in the Daily Nation Essay
Writing competition and win!!!

ESSAY



Instructions

1. Write a compelling essay in line with the topic of the month.
2. Your Essay must not be less than one and a half pages.
3. It should be written in a legible handwriting

CATEGORIES

Every month, we will award the best essay (both primary and secondary) from all regions in Kenya categorised as follows: Nairobi, Nyanza, Central, Eastern & North Eastern, Coast, Rift Valley and Western.

We will award the best pupil from each region for both primary and secondary, totaling to 14 winners each month.

Additionally, the subject teacher and the school that produces the winning essay will be awarded.

Monthly prizes

The cash prizes are as follows:
Winning essay (student's award) - Sh3,000
The subject teacher - Sh3,000
The School - Sh3,000

How to submit your essay

Once you have written your essay, cut out this coupon (See the marked area written 'cut here') and attach it to your essay.

Put your essay and attached coupon in a clearly labelled envelope, addressing it as follows:

To the Editor, Daily Nation Essay writing competition, P.O. Box 49010 - 00100.

NOTE: Photocopies of the coupon will not be accepted.

THIS MONTH'S ESSAY

PRIMARY/JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Complete the following essay and make it as interesting as possible.

Last night, as we were sitting down for dinner, the power suddenly went out. The whole neighborhood was plunged into darkness. My father grabbed a flashlight and went to check what had happened. Through the window, we saw two masked men walking towards our house...

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Write a composition starting with the following words.

The city streets were a web of possibilities, where dreams and reality intertwined. Her dreams were constellations in the night sky. She was determined to...

All essays must be submitted before 31st October 2025, 2025 after which a new topic will be given.

DAILY NATION

Essay Writing Grand prize

At the end of the academic year, SIX students (3 from primary and 3 from secondary) will each win a school fees voucher worth:

Sh50,000

Where school fee voucher is not applicable, the winner will receive a gift worth the same amount.

Please note, KNEC regulations will be applied in marking the essays and awarding points.

A school is free to submit as many essays as possible to increase the chances of producing the winning essay.

NAME OF THE STUDENT

NAME OF THE SUBJECT TEACHER

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SECONDARY (tick)

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PHONE NUMBER OF THE SUBJECT TEACHER

NAME OF SCHOOL

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CREATIVE ARTS AND SPORTS

TIME 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES

SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

PART I: PERFORMING ARTS

- During choir practice, the conductor asks the learners to sing the song more quickly. Which element of music has he changed?
A. Pitch B. Tempo
C. Rhythm D. Dynamics
- A teacher claps a sound that lasts for two beats in 4/4 time. Which musical note was shown?
A. Semibreve B. Minim
C. Crotcheth D. Quaver
- Which instrument is played by blowing air into it and covering holes with fingers, and is often used in music lessons?
A. Drum B. Recorder
C. Violin D. Trumpet
- A singer takes a deep breath from the stomach area and releases it steadily to produce a strong voice. This technique shows:
A. Proper breathing
B. Wrong posture
C. Fast tempo
D. Weak projection
- Two learners play the same note on a flute and a guitar, but their sounds are different. This is because of:
A. Rhythm B. Timbre
C. Tempo D. Dynamics
- A Grade 7 class sings a folk song where the leader sings a line and the rest respond. This singing style is called:
A. Harmony B. Call and response
C. Echo D. Unison
- During a concert, the teacher reminds the choir to pronounce every word clearly. This advice is about:
A. Pitch B. Articulation
C. Tempo D. Rhythm
- Which of the following correctly shows the first four notes of the C major scale?
A. C-D-E-F B. C-E-G-A
C. D-F-G-B D. C-F-G-A
- A storyteller changes the loudness and speed of their voice to keep the audience interested. This skill is called:
A. Expression B. Plot
C. Theme D. Costume
- In a school play, the order of events that build the story from beginning to end is called:
A. Plot B. Theme
C. Dialogue D. Character
- When learners sing a harvest song at a ceremony, the main role of that song is to:
A. Provide entertainment
B. Show costumes
C. Teach instruments
D. Train dancers
- An actor wears dirty clothes and walks with a limp to show that his role is of a poor man. This use of costume helps to show:
A. Setting B. Character
C. Theme D. Dialogue
- A play that teaches honesty is mainly passing across its:
A. Theme B. Plot
C. Dialogue D. Role
- Learners recite a poem together at the same time during drama club. This style of performance is called:
A. Solo B. Unison
C. Echo D. Call and response
- A learner carries a fake spear during

- a drama performance. What is the main purpose of that object?
A. To support the action
B. To decorate the stage
C. To entertain the actor
D. To show the theme
16. A story becomes easier to follow when it has:
A. A clear beginning, middle and end
B. Many characters
C. Long sentences
D. Expensive costumes

PART II: SPORTS

- A race where learners run as fast as possible over a short distance in a straight lane is called a:
A. Sprint B. Relay
C. Marathon D. Hurdle race
- In football, which skill allows a player to move forward while keeping the ball close to their feet?
A. Passing B. Dribbling
C. Shooting D. Tackling
- Why do athletes stretch and jog before starting serious exercises?
A. To prevent injuries
B. To show their speed
C. To make the coach happy
D. To waste time
- Which swimming entry involves stepping gently into the pool while facing the water?
A. Step-in entry B. Dive
C. Glide D. Roll entry
- A player starts a volleyball game by sending the ball over the net from behind the line. This action is called:
A. Blocking B. Serving
C. Passing D. Setting
- In throwing events like discus, when should the athlete make the throw?
A. Only when the field is clear
B. As soon as they are ready
C. When the crowd is quiet
D. After the coach leaves
- Which of the following is a benefit of playing chasing and tagging games?
A. Improving teamwork
B. Encouraging laziness
C. Reducing stamina
D. Promoting conflict
- A school team shows good sportsmanship when they:
A. Respect the referee's decision
B. Boo their opponents
C. Celebrate by mocking others
D. Walk out of the game
- Which of these is the correct ball for playing volleyball?
A. Small hard ball
B. Large round ball
C. Oval-shaped ball
D. Heavy metal ball
- The main reason why learners should keep sports uniforms and equipment clean is:
A. To prevent diseases
B. To look colourful
C. To make them expensive
D. To please teachers
- During a relay race, which part requires the greatest care and teamwork?
A. Baton change B. Starting signal
C. Cheering D. Warming up
- Which of these is a negative effect of drug abuse in sports?
A. Health problems
B. Improved training
C. Better teamwork
D. More respect

PART III: VISUAL ARTS

- Which colour below is NOT one of the three primary colours?
A. Blue B. Yellow
C. Green D. Red
- When you mix two primary colours, you get a:
A. Secondary colour
B. Neutral colour
C. Warm colour
D. Primary colour
- The open area around or between shapes in an artwork is called:
A. Negative space B. Texture
C. Foreground D. Pattern

- An artist makes part of a painting stand out by using different colours and shapes. This principle is known as:
A. Contrast B. Balance
C. Rhythm D. Unity
- A learner fills their drawing with tiny dots to show shading. This technique is called:
A. Stippling B. Hatching
C. Blending D. Smudging
- Which of the following best describes a still life drawing?
A. Drawing of objects like fruits or bottles
B. Drawing people running
C. Drawing from imagination
D. Drawing a story
- Which material is rolled into coils when making pottery?
A. Clay B. Paper
C. Plastic D. Metal
- Which of the following shapes looks like an ice-cream cone?
A. Cone B. Cylinder
C. Sphere D. Pyramid
- Mixing yellow and blue paint produces which colour?
A. Green B. Purple
C. Orange D. Brown
- The lightness or darkness of a colour is called:
A. Value B. Hue
C. Tint D. Shade
- An artist arranges small pieces of coloured glass or tiles to make a picture. This art is called:
A. Mosaic B. Collage
C. Sculpture D. Pottery
- Why is an artwork mounted or framed before display?
A. To protect and beautify it
B. To hide mistakes
C. To make it heavy
D. To reduce colours

SECTION B: STRUCTURED QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

PART I: PERFORMING ARTS

- Explain two cultural values that traditional Kenyan dances promote. (4 marks)
- Name two traditional dances from Kenya and state the community each belongs to. (4 marks)
- Suggest two ways schools can preserve and promote traditional dance among learners. (2 marks)
- Define the term descant recorder. (2 marks)
- Draw and label any four parts of the descant recorder. (4 marks)
- State two reasons why proper finger placement is important when playing the recorder. (2 marks)
- Distinguish between traditional African dances and modern creative dances. (3 marks)
- Give two examples of Kenyan traditional dances and state their communities of origin. (4 marks)
- Explain one way dance promotes unity in society. (3 marks)
- Define storytelling and explain why it is important in preserving culture. (3 marks)
- State and explain two qualities of a good storyteller. (4 marks)
- Give two differences between a traditional oral story and a modern written story. (3 marks)

PART II: SPORTS

- State the meaning of warm-up exercises. (2 marks)
- Mention three examples of warm-up activities suitable for a Grade 5 class. (3 marks)
- Explain two dangers of skipping warm-up before vigorous exercise. (5 marks)
- Define athletics. (2 marks)
- Differentiate between sprints and long-distance races. (3 marks)
- Discuss three safety measures athletes should observe during competitions. (5 marks)

- What is meant by the term teamwork in sports? (2 marks)
- Give three examples of team sports in Kenya. (3 marks)
- Explain two values learners develop through participation in team games. (5 marks)
- State two basic rules of football. (2 marks)
- List four playing positions in a standard football team. (4 marks)
- Explain two roles of a referee during a football match. (4 marks)

PART III: VISUAL ARTS

- Define composition in visual arts. (2 marks)
- State three principles of design used in creating a balanced artwork. (3 marks)
- Explain two ways visual arts promote cultural identity. (5 marks)
- What is printmaking? (2 marks)
- Mention three materials learners can use in block printing. (3 marks)
- Give two reasons why safety is important when handling printmaking tools. (5 marks)
- Differentiate between two-dimensional and three-dimensional art. (2 marks)
- Give three examples of three-dimensional artworks. (3 marks)
- Explain two environmental benefits of using recycled materials in art. (5 marks)
- Define calligraphy. (2 marks)
- Mention four tools or materials used in calligraphy. (4 marks)
- Discuss two ways learners can apply calligraphy skills in daily life. (4 marks)

SET TWO FINAL CREATIVE ARTS MARKING SCHEME Each correct answer = 1 mark

1. B	11. A	21. B	31. A
2. B	12. B	22. A	32. A
3. B	13. A	23. A	33. A
4. A	14. B	24. A	34. A
5. B	15. A	25. B	35. A
6. B	16. A	26. A	36. A
7. B	17. A	27. A	37. A
8. A	18. B	28. A	38. A
9. A	19. A	29. C	39. A
10. A	20. A	30. A	40. A

TOTAL 40 MARKS

SECTION B: STRUCTURED QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

- (10 MARKS)
a) Two cultural values promoted by traditional dances
• Unity/cohesion (1) – bringing people together.
• Respect for elders (1) – honouring traditions.
• Identity (1) – expressing community heritage.
• Celebration of milestones (1).
(Any 2 × 2 = 4 marks)
b) Two traditional dances and their communities
• Isukuti – Luhya (1)
• Kayamba – Coast/Swahili (1)
• Ohangla – Luo (1)
• Mugithi – Kikuyu (1)
• Maasai jumping dance – Maasai (1)
(Any 2 dances × 2 = 4 marks)
c) Ways schools preserve traditional dance
• Including dances in school music/drama festivals (1)
• Teaching dances in Creative Arts lessons (1)
• Inviting cultural groups to demonstrate (1)

- Encouraging clubs to perform dances (1) (Any 2 × 1 = 2 marks)
- 42. (10 MARKS)
a) Descant recorder – A woodwind musical instrument played by blowing air and covering holes with fingers. (2 marks)
b) Parts of recorder (Any 4 × 1 = 4 marks)
• Mouthpiece
• Windway
• Finger holes
• Body
• Foot joint
c) Importance of proper finger placement
• Produces correct notes (1)
• Prevents squeaky sounds (1)
• Ensures smooth playing (1)
(Any 2 × 1 = 2 marks)
- 43. (10 MARKS)
a) Traditional vs Modern creative dance
• Traditional: tied to cultural rituals/heritage (1).
• Modern: for entertainment, innovation, expression (1).
• Traditional: passed orally (1).
• Modern: choreographed and recorded (1).
(Any 3 points = 3 marks)
b) Examples of dances and communities (2 × 2 = 4 marks)
• Isukuti – Luhya
• Ohangla – Luo
• Maasai jumping dance – Maasai
• Mwomboko – Kikuyu
c) How dance promotes unity
• Brings people together during festivals/celebrations (1)
• Creates shared experiences (1)
• Promotes teamwork (1)
(Any 1 explained = 3 marks)
- 44. (10 MARKS)
a) Storytelling & importance
• Storytelling: Art of narrating events orally (1).
• Preserves culture, traditions, values, beliefs (2).
= 3 marks
b) Qualities of a good storyteller
• Clear articulation (1) – so audience understands.
• Expressive voice (1) – to capture attention.
• Creativity (1) – makes story engaging.
• Good memory (1) – retells without distortion.
(Any 2 qualities explained = 4 marks)
c) Differences between traditional oral & modern written stories
• Oral: passed verbally; Written: recorded in books.
• Oral: told during gatherings; Written: read individually.
• Oral: flexible versions; Written: fixed text.
(Any 2 × 1½ = 3 marks)
- 45. (10 MARKS)
a) Warm-up – Light physical exercises before main activity to prepare body. (2 marks)
b) Examples of warm-ups (Any 3 × 1 = 3 marks)
• Jogging
• Stretching
• Jumping jacks
• Skipping
c) Dangers of skipping warm-up
• Muscle injury/strain (2)
• Poor performance due to stiffness (2)
• Fatigue comes quickly (1)
(Any 2 explained = 5 marks)
- 46. (10 MARKS)
a) Athletics – Sporting activities including running, jumping, throwing. (2 marks)
b) Difference: sprints vs long distance
• Sprints = short, fast races (100m, 200m) (1½).
• Long distance = endurance, many laps (1½).
= 3 marks
c) Safety measures (Any 3 × 2 = 6 marks, max 5)
• Proper warm-up
• Correct footwear
• Hydration
• Obey rules
• Avoid overcrowding track
- 47. (10 MARKS)
a) Teamwork – Cooperative effort of players working together toward a goal. (2 marks)
b) Team sports (Any 3 × 1 = 3 marks)

- Football

• Volleyball

• Netball

• Rugby

c) Values from team games (Any 2 × 2½ = 5 marks)

• Discipline

• Respect

• Cooperation

• Responsibility

48. (10 marks)

a) Rules of football (Any 2 × 1 = 2 marks)

• No hand use (except goalkeeper)

• Ball must remain in play

• Respect referee's decisions

b) Playing positions (Any 4 × 1 = 4 marks)

• Goalkeeper

• Defender

• Midfielder

• Striker/forward

c) Roles of referee (Any 2 × 2 = 4 marks)

• Enforce rules

• Control match flow

• Ensure safety

• Punish fouls

49. (10 marks)

a) Composition – Arrangement of elements in artwork. (2 marks)

b) Principles of balanced design (Any 3 × 1 = 3 marks)

• Symmetry

• Contrast

• Proportion

• Rhythm

c) How visual arts promote cultural identity

• Preserve heritage (2)

• Showcase traditional symbols, attire, values (2)

• Promote pride and belonging (1)

(Any 2 explained = 5 marks)

50. (10 marks)

a) Printmaking – Process of creating artworks by transferring ink from block/ surface to paper. (2 marks)

b) Materials (Any 3 × 1 = 3 marks)

• Ink

• Rollers

• Paper/fabric

• Wood blocks

c) Importance of safety

• Prevent injuries from sharp tools (2)

• Prevent staining/poisoning from inks/ chemicals (2)

• Ensures long-term creativity (1)

(Any 2 explained = 5 marks)

51. (10 marks)

a) Difference

• 2D: flat, length + width (1)

• 3D: length + width + height (1)

= 2 marks

b) Examples of 3D art (Any 3 × 1 = 3 marks)

• Sculpture

• Pottery

• Basketry

• Carving

c) Environmental benefits of recycled art

• Reduces pollution (2)

• Saves natural resources (2)

• Promotes sustainable creativity (1)

(Any 2 explained = 5 marks)

52. (10 marks)

a) Calligraphy – Decorative art of beautiful handwriting. (2 marks)

b) Tools/materials (Any 4 × 1 = 4 marks)

• Calligraphy pens

• Ink

• Brushes

• Paper

c) Applications of calligraphy skills

• Designing cards/posters (2)

• Writing certificates (2)

• Decorating books/signage (1)

(Any 2 explained = 4 marks)

CBC ENGLISH

Read the following conversation below and answer questions 1-5

Secretary : Hello, thank you for calling Makini school. I am Mary. How can I help you?

Antony : Hello, I am Antony, father to Mercy Kinya in grade six. Could I speak to her class teacher please?

Secretary : If it's okay with you, I am going to put you on hold for a moment. I will see if she's available.

Antony : If it is okay

Secretary : Thank you. Please don't hung up. (After a short while) Hello. It's Jackson

here. The class teacher is available, you will speak to her now,

Antony : Thank you

Teacher : (class teacher) Hello, Mr. Antony, how can I help you?

Antony : Am calling to inform you that we have to travel urgently. So, Mercy will not be reporting to school today.

Teacher : Sorry for that, I hope it is not something serious.

Antony : It isn't serious. She had an appointment with the doctor. I am sorry I forgot to let you know in advance.

Teacher : No problem, the information is well received. Thank you.

Antony : Thank you very much.

Teacher : Welcome, is there anything else I can help you with?

Antony : Not at all for now. Thank you.

Teacher : Thank you Mr. Antony for calling Makini school and have a good day.

Antony : Thank you Madam Rose Mary for serving me and have a good day too.

1. Why was Antony calling Makini school?
- A. He wanted to know more about the school
- B. He wanted to speak to the headteacher
- C. Wanted to inform Mercy' classteacher that Mercy would not be reporting to school that day.
- D. He was angry with the school

2. Who received Mr. Antony's call?
- A. Jane
- B. Ben
- C. Secretary
- D. Jackson

- 3.How many people are involved in the conversation?
- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 5

4. Identify one word used in the conversation showing etiquette.
- A. It's okay
- B. Hello
- C. Not at all now
- D. Thank you

5. Why was Mercy going to be absent from school that day?
- A. She was not in the mood to do so
- B. She was tired
- C. She had an appointment with the doctor
- D. Her parents asked her not to

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 6-10

Some tourists were going for a tour to the Maasai Mara national park. They were curious to see wild animals. Before they got to the park, their helicopter developed mechanical problems and landed in a remote village.

The flying doctors were sure they would rescue the tourists. As quick as a flash of lightning an ambulance arrived at the scene. As they say a stitch in time saves nine. Luckily, nobody was hurt. The tourists and the pilot were all safe and secure.

6. Where were the tourists going?
- A. Meru national park
- B. Maasai mara national park
- C. Amboseli national park
- D. Nairobi national park
7. Identify one simile used in the passage.
- A. Hurry hurry has not blessing
- B. As quick as flash of lightning
- C. As quick as flash of lightning
- D. Misfortunes
8. Where did the helicopter land?
- A. Air strip
- B. National park
- C. Air port
- D. In remote village
9. The tourists were curious to see?
- A. Trees

- B. Large water masses
- C. Wild animals
- D.Traditional dances

10. Identify one proverb used in the passage.
- A. A stitch in the saves nine
- B. As loud as thunder
- C. Better late than never
- D. As fast as bush fire

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 11-15

I like when people smile at me and I like to smile back. I can smile with a great big smile because I have clean shiny teeth. To keep my smile clean. I brush my teeth two times everyday in the morning and at night before bed. I have a toothbrush and my mother gets my favourite toothpaste. The type with a stripe. To start, put a dot of toothpaste on the bristles of my brush. Then I use the brush to brush up and down and side and side. I make sure I brush the front of my mount and the teeth in the back. I even brush my tongue. Then I spit out the toothpaste and take a sip of water to rinse my mouth out. I like having shiny, clean teeth.

11. The writer's teeth are _____
- A. clean and shiny
- B. clean and dark
- C. dark and clean
- D. dirty and clean

12. How many times does the writer brush his teeth?
- A. Two times
- B. Three times
- C. One time
- D. Four times

13. The writer likes _____.
- A. laugh anyhow
- B. smile back to people
- C. eat a lot
- D. keep dirty teeth

14. What does the writer use to brush teeth?
- A. Water and clean clothes
- B. Toothbrush and toothpaste
- C. Stick and toothbrush
- D. Cotton and medicine

15. Choose the best title for the above passage.
- A. My mouth
- B. My toothbrush
- C. My teeth
- D. My mother

Read the passage and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words. Choose the best words to complete the passage.

"John is a very ____16____ boy who always ____17____ his homework on time. Yesterday, he ____18____ a prize for being the ____19____ hardworking student in his class. His teachers always speak ____20____ of him.

- A
- B
- C
- D
16. lazy
17. does
18. receives
19. most
20. lowly
- responsible
- do
- received
- least
- highly
- quiet
- doing
- receiving
- move
- badly
- playful
- done
- receive
- very
- negatively

For question 21 and 22 fill in the blank spaces with the correct question tag.

21. she passed her exam very well _____?
- A. is it
- B. did she
- C. didn't she
- D. isn't she
22. We are travelling tonight, _____?
- A. aren't we
- B. don't we
- C. isn't it
- D. do we

For question 23, choose the correct question tag from the choices given to complete the statement.

23. They seldom cry,
- A. isn't it?
- B. is it?
- C. do they?
- D. don't they?

For question 24 fill in the blank with the correct choice.

24. I was _____ by a strange insect.
- A. bit
- B. beaten
- C. beat
- D. bitten

For question 25 fill in the blank space with the correct phrasal verb.

25. The meeting was _____ because of the heavy rains.
- A. called out
- B. put off
- C. put out
- D. turned down

For questions 26, fill in with the correct preposition.

26. Grade seven girls leaned _____ the wall.
- A. to
- B. in
- C. on
- D. against

For question 27, fill in the blank space with the correct relative.

27. Neither Jane _____ her parents attended the meeting.
- A. both
- B. not
- C. nor
- D. or

For question 28, use the correct conjunction to fill the blank space.

28. I would go to the market before it gets dark _____ you.
- A. if i was
- B. since i was
- C. if i were
- D. like i were

For question 29, fill in the gap with the correct alternative.

29. Of the three dogs, Samba is the _____.
- A. more fierce
- B. most fierce
- C. fiercest
- D. fiercer

For question 30, choose the word that is correctly spelt.

30.
- A. Recieve
- B. Forty
- C. Achieve
- D. Suprise

COMPOSITION

Write an interesting composition on

'OUR SCHOOL'S SPORTS DAY'

CBC ENGLISH ANSWERS

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. B
8. D
9. C
10. A
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. B
15. C
16. B
17. A
18. B
19. A
20. B
21. C
22. A
23. C
24. D
25. B
26. D
27. C
28. C
29. C
30. B

COMPOSITION

The sun reflected its luminous rays on Earth. The birds jumped hither and thither from one tree to another while singing melodious songs. Truly, it was a beautiful morning. True to the philosophers, "A good day is seen in the morning."

We prepared by bathing, wearing our clothes, and once done, we went to the dining room where we took a delicious meal that energized us to be ready for the stiff competitions waiting for us.

Mr. Temba hurried us up to go to the field in time. Our sleek, muscled headteacher, Mr. Dankan, gave a speech on what to expect from the day. We prayed, and the sports day finally commenced.

The first game was for grades six and five. A lot of us underestimated the grade five team in the game of handball by saying that they were too young, so they would lose. All of a sudden, my eyes almost popped out of their sockets when I heard the grade five team being announced as the winners. I craned my neck to get a better view of the results written on the board. Truly, I was doomed because I had bet against them, and now I owed my friend three lollipops.

This taught me a moral lesson that "Never judge a book by its cover." The next game was between grade eight and grade seven. Truly, it was a competitive match, but in the end, there had to be a winner. After a close game, grade seven emerged as the winners.

The final game was between two rival grades, grades seven and nine. We tried our best and put in all the effort we could gather as grade seven, and in the end, we took first place.

We gathered at the assembly after the match was done, where the games teacher was announce the final results. As the teacher was about to read the marks, suddenly he lost consciousness and fell at the podium. He was immediately rushed to the hospital. The result reading was postponed to next Saturday.

The teacher on duty escorted us to our respective classes, where we waited for further instructions. My legs wobbled like jelly on remembering the incident that had occurred.

The following day, we were given an ear to the ground that the games teacher had kicked the bucket. A girl in grade six screamed and fell with a thud. Rumours went around saying that she was supposedly the niece of the late games teacher. Truly, it was very sad. Sorrow smate the air.

All of a sudden, I heard someone shouting my name, "Mariah! Mariah! Wake up." I opened my eyes slowly and realised I had been dreaming. Delight filled my face for the nightmare I had had had not happened for real. I prepared myself for the sports day and hurried to school, wishing that the dream that I had would not come true.

That fateful nightmare will linger in my mind for eternity. I learnt not to count your chickens before they hatch.

What a fun-filled day at the Pink Roses Group of Schools!



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