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National Police Service
Inspector-General Douglas Kanja argues his office is independent and cannot cede role



National Police Service Commission
Dr Yuda Komora's team has called for online applications prior to field selection



A protracted power struggle between police chiefs and the National Police Service Commission linked to control over staffing and a Sh60 billion payroll finally spilled into court where a judge suspended recruitment of constables that was set to begin today. The bone of contention is whether the commission is mandated by the Constitution to recruit. **Pages 4&5**

Maraga: This is my promise to change Kenya

Eye on State House Former chief justice David Maraga, who shook the country with a landmark verdict nullifying the outcome of the presidential poll in 2017, yesterday formally declared his bid for high office, anchoring his campaign on justice and fidelity to the Constitution. **P.6-7**



Former chief justice David Maraga speaks during the declaration of his 2027 presidential bid on a United Green Movement ticket at the party's headquarters in Nairobi yesterday. **WILFRED NYANGARESII / NATION**



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Court recalls ferry boss over 2019 Likoni tragedy

A Mombasa court has issued fresh summons to a manager in charge of ferry operations over the accident that led to the deaths of a mother and her daughter. **P10**

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Inheritance wars divide North Rift's wealthy families

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Elections shocker for Kuppet, Uasu bosses

The Registrar of Trade Unions' order barring amended constitutions in next year's elections is a blow to senior officials of the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) and the Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu). **Page 8**



Pastoral women on the frontline



In Marsabit County, child marriages and pastoralists' traditions still fuel girls' education, but these three women are changing the status quo. They are pastoralists and women. The authors are: **WILFRED NYANGARESII / NATION**



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National News

By-election

Ruto, Moi clash looms in Baringo mini-poll

BY FLORAH KOECH

President William Ruto is once again headed for a political duel with the family of the late President Daniel arap Moi, after Kanu chairman Gideon Moi declared his bid for the Baringo Senate seat in the November 27 by-election.

Mr Moi, who lost the seat in 2022 to the late William Cheptumo of UDA, announced his candidature yesterday after weeks of speculation. He will face UDA's Vincent Chemitei and independent candidate Benjamin Chebon, a High Court advocate.

The seat fell vacant following Senator Cheptumo's death in February after a long illness. In the last elections, Mr Cheptumo trounced Moi by more than 70,000 votes, cementing UDA's dominance in Baringo.

Kanu officials said Mr Moi hopes to ride on growing anti-regime sentiment, particularly after last year's Gen Z protests, to stage a political comeback. UDA, however, is banking on Dr Ruto's influence and recent appointments, including naming Cheptumo's widow, Hannah Wendot, as Gender Cabinet Secretary, to retain the seat.

The mini-poll is expected to be a litmus test of the president's party's grip on the Rift Valley region.

Handshake politics Once-bitter political rivals have patched up and are now working together

Ruto, Raila partnership could stretch beyond 2027, say allies

Mudavadi says the friendship between president and ODM chief will stabilise the country and heal political rifts

BY WYCLIFFE NYABERI AND GEORGE ODIWUOR

The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) and the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) yesterday gave their strongest indication yet that they could unite ahead of the 2027 General Election in a bid to foster peace and drive national development.

At the funeral of former Rong MP Dalmas Otieno in Kange-so village, Migori County, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga conveyed messages from President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga, who both missed the event due to other engagements. The two leaders, once fierce rivals, signalled that history had brought them together once more and that there was no need for their parties to drift apart.

Mr Mudavadi told mourners the friendship between President Ruto and Mr Odinga was designed to stabilise the country and unite Kenyans across political divides. He urged politicians to put aside old rivalries and prioritise peace.

He added that many current UDA members had their roots in ODM and that collaboration

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi



between the two parties was both natural and necessary. "We shall continue working with ODM because some of us have the party in our blood. Let us move together," he said.

Mr Mudavadi further called on MPs to ensure equitable distribution of national resources, asking National Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee chairperson Samuel Atandi to be fair in allocation.

"I encourage leaders in Parliament to ensure equity and fairness in resource allocation. In the past, some leaders allocated resources selectively, leaving other regions behind," he said.

Dr Oginga described the broad-based government as the



From left: Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko, the governor's wife Dr Agnes Ochilo, Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga, Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o and Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo during the funeral service of former Rong MP Dalmas Otieno at Kange-so Secondary School in Migori County yesterday. GEORGE ODIWUOR |

most inclusive political arrangement he had seen in his long career. He argued that past partnerships involving Mr Odinga, including the Grand Coalition Government with President Mwai Kibaki and the 2018 handshake with President Uhuru Kenyatta, did not deliver as much.

"The arrangement we have to-

day is the best I have witnessed," he said. The senator dismissed threats from opposition figures, among them former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, who have vowed to push President Ruto out of office.

"You can only remove President Ruto through the ballot, not by any short-cut. That is what the Constitution provides," Dr Oginga said. He also appealed to the youth to register as voters, stressing that it was the only way to make their voices heard.

Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo defended the administration's development record, saying President Ruto's government was delivering projects across the country. "We are creating employment through affordable housing projects and labour mobility. Leaders seeking political mileage through weak arguments should stop," Dr Omollo said.

He warned that no politician would be allowed to sow division, and urged young people to have confidence in the government. "All governors can attest to what the government is doing in their counties. Development cuts across the country," he said.

Leaders paid glowing tribute to the late Dalmas Otieno, describing him as a statesman who valued education and contributed immensely to national development. In a message read by Mr Mudavadi, President Ruto described Dalmas as a progressive leader who served with honour and left a lasting mark in Migori County. Mr Odinga, through Dr Oginga, remembered him as a passionate defender of his beliefs and a strong advocate for job crea-

TRIBUTES

Fallen leader hailed as a statesman

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The funeral service drew a host of leaders from the Lake Region, including Governors Anyang' Nyong'o (Kisumu) and Ochilo Ayacko (Migori), Senator Eddie Oketch, and several MPs.

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Accountants push for whistleblower laws after SHA auditor's removal

BY HELLEN SHIKANDA AND KAMORE MAINA

Accountants have called for the enactment of whistleblower protection laws to safeguard individuals such as Social Health Authority (SHA) auditor Andrew Rotich, who lost his deputy director position despite exposing a medical billing fraud scheme that led to the closure of 1,300 health facilities.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) argues that the removal of Mr Rotich and two other deputy directors is malicious

and risks discouraging accountants and auditors from exposing fraud and theft in State institutions.

The protests over Mr Rotich's ouster came as detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) confirmed they have set a two-month deadline to complete a probe into the dossier on the fraud, which the SHA auditor helped unearth.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale had in September handed over thousands of files to the DCI, insisting that officials of health facilities found to have claimed payments for services not rendered will face prosecution.

DCI boss Mohamed Amin has since formed a multi-agency team.

A detective familiar with the case said the team met Mr Amin at Mazingira House on Tuesday and reported that the first stage of the probe – verification of documents in the Duale dossier – was complete. The investigators are now expected to begin recording statements from officials of implicated health facilities next week.

Mr Rotich was appointed deputy director, forensic audit and risk assurance, in April 2025. However, in July the High Court faulted SHA for restricting

director and deputy director positions to former National Health Insurance Fund staff, with Justice Byram Ongaya ordering a fresh recruitment process.

Mr Rotich reapplied but was not shortlisted.

On Wednesday, ICPAK chairman Prof Elizabeth Kalunda led officials in presenting a formal petition to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), urging the agency to ensure fairness in Mr Rotich's case.

Casualties Three police officers died during the Multinational Security Support mission's presence in Haiti

Kenya Haiti mission ends as UN backs new anti-gang team

Kenya's year-long mission secured key sites, but struggled with manpower, funding paving way for a UN-backed force

BY NYABOGA KIAGE AND DUNCAN KHAEMBA

When Kenya agreed to lead the United Nations-backed Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission in Haiti, the decision was billed as bold and historic.

For a country struggling with gang violence, political collapse and humanitarian disaster, it offered a rare glimmer of hope.

That mission ended yesterday after 15 months, with a mixed record even as the UN Security Council approved a resolution put forward by the US and Panama aimed at transforming the MSS into a Gang Suppression Force (GSF).

The number of deployed personnel is expected to rise to 5,550, with a minimum deployment period of 12 months. Under a United Nations mandate – unlike the MSS – the GSF will have the authority to use military force in the event of threats to peace. Its funding is also expected to be more secure.

Last week, President William Ruto stressed that the mission led by his country's police had succeeded in securing Port-au-Prince airport, retaking the presidential palace and reopening several key roads in Haiti.

AT A GLANCE

Kenya's Haiti mission and what to expect

Mission name: Multinational Security Support (MSS)
Duration: 15 months (July 2024 – September 2025)
Lead nation: Kenya

Personnel authorised: 2,500 police officers
Actual deployment: Fewer than 1,000 officers
Fatalities: 3 Kenyan police officers killed

Key achievements: Secured Port-au-Prince airport, retook presidential palace, reopened major roads
Main challenges: Operated at below 40 per cent personnel strength; underfunded and under-equipped

Transition: MSS now replaced by the UN-mandated Gang Suppression Force (GSF)
Planned GSF strength: 5,550 personnel, with at least 12 months deployment

But he protested the mission's lack of personnel and equipment.

Dr Ruto lamented that it "operated below 40 per cent of its authorised personnel strength," and was structurally "underfunded, under-equipped."

Of the 2,500 police officers originally planned, fewer than 1,000 were actually deployed in Haiti.

Nairobi's willingness to step into a crisis that many Western nations shied away from has been described as "a turning point."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres praised the deployment, say-



A Multinational Security Support (MSS) vehicle involved in the accident that killed Kennedy Nzuve. DUNCAN KHAEMBA | NATION

ing the mission "represents international solidarity in action."

Yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the adoption by the UN Security Council, referring to it as reflective of the "impact of Kenya's leadership in mobilising international attention, forging consensus, and catalysing collective action when others hesitated."

"Kenya's decision to deploy first was guided by principle, not prestige. Our engagement in Haiti has always been anchored in the protection of vulnerable communities, the upholding of the United Nations Charter, and our commitment to global peace and security in line with international obligations," the ministry said.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen said Kenyan officers had gained valuable lessons from the Haiti mission.

"I am very happy that recently the UN voted to expand the mission, which will ensure continued support and the deployment of additional personnel. This will also create space for some of our officers to return home, bringing with them skills and experience that will help us combat gangs here in our cities and other parts of the country. We are very proud of the work our police

officers are doing. We believe the experience they have gained, and the positive publicity Kenya has received because of their work, is commendable," he said.

Three Kenyan police officers died during the 15 months of the Multinational Security Support mission's presence in Haiti.

Corporal Kennedy Mutuku Nzuve, the most recent officer to be killed, died in a road accident on September 1, according to a statement from the Kenyan police at the end of September. His body was repatriated to Nairobi.

Haiti's storied past and long history of unrest are deeply rooted in centuries of political instability and the devastating impact of natural calamities.

These factors have created a fragile state vulnerable to the rise of powerful criminal gangs, culminating in the severe security and humanitarian crises witnessed today.

Political turmoil in the 1990s and early 2000s, coupled with natural catastrophes, worsened the situation.

The election of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a champion of the poor, was celebrated as a major step toward democracy. Unfortunately, his presidency was twice interrupted by military coups in 1991 and 2004, forcing for-

eign interventions to reinstate him.

In 2010, a catastrophic 7.0-magnitude earthquake killed an estimated 300,000 people and displaced millions. Despite a heavy influx of international aid, recovery was painfully slow, hampered by government failures and corruption, which intensified public dissatisfaction.

The 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse created a political vacuum that gangs swiftly exploited to consolidate power. By 2024, the security situation had deteriorated rapidly, with spiralling gang violence forcing Prime Minister Ariel Henry to resign in March 2024.

Haiti is now infested with violent criminal gangs that terrorise locals, making the country feel like a landmine-filled terrain where attacks can erupt at any time. The military has been relegated to the sidelines while the Haitian National Police (HNP) takes charge. Systems and service delivery chains have collapsed, and the Caribbean island nation remains in chaos even as the financially starved and logistically strained Kenyan-led Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission struggles to pacify the country.

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National News

Cosmetic truce Agreement that was reached on September 9 on how to conduct exercise was meant to stave off

How infighting has caused delay of police recruitment

The police and civilian camps of the National Police Service Commission remain at loggerheads over commission's mandate

BY KAMORE MAINA

The National Police Service Commission (NPSC) yesterday went into a meeting expected to drag well into the night, to decide its next move following a court-ordered suspension of the recruitment of 10,000 police officers.

Before walking into the meeting, the National Police Service (NPS) issued a statement indicating that it was consulting with the NPSC on the "appropriate legal remedies to ensure the recruitment exercise can resume at the earliest opportunity".

Justice Hellen Wasilwa's order suspending the exercise triggered the meeting, which mirrored a similar gathering last month when two conflicting sides of the NPSC reached a truce that cleared the way for the recruitment.

Former Kilome MP Harun Mwau secured court orders halting the recruitment.

The initial plan was to have the

recruits join police training colleges by October 1. This means that the recruitment was already behind schedule, since before Justice Wasilwa's orders, it was to run for six days starting October 3.

A few minutes to midnight on September 9, a cosmetic truce was reached in the NPSC board-

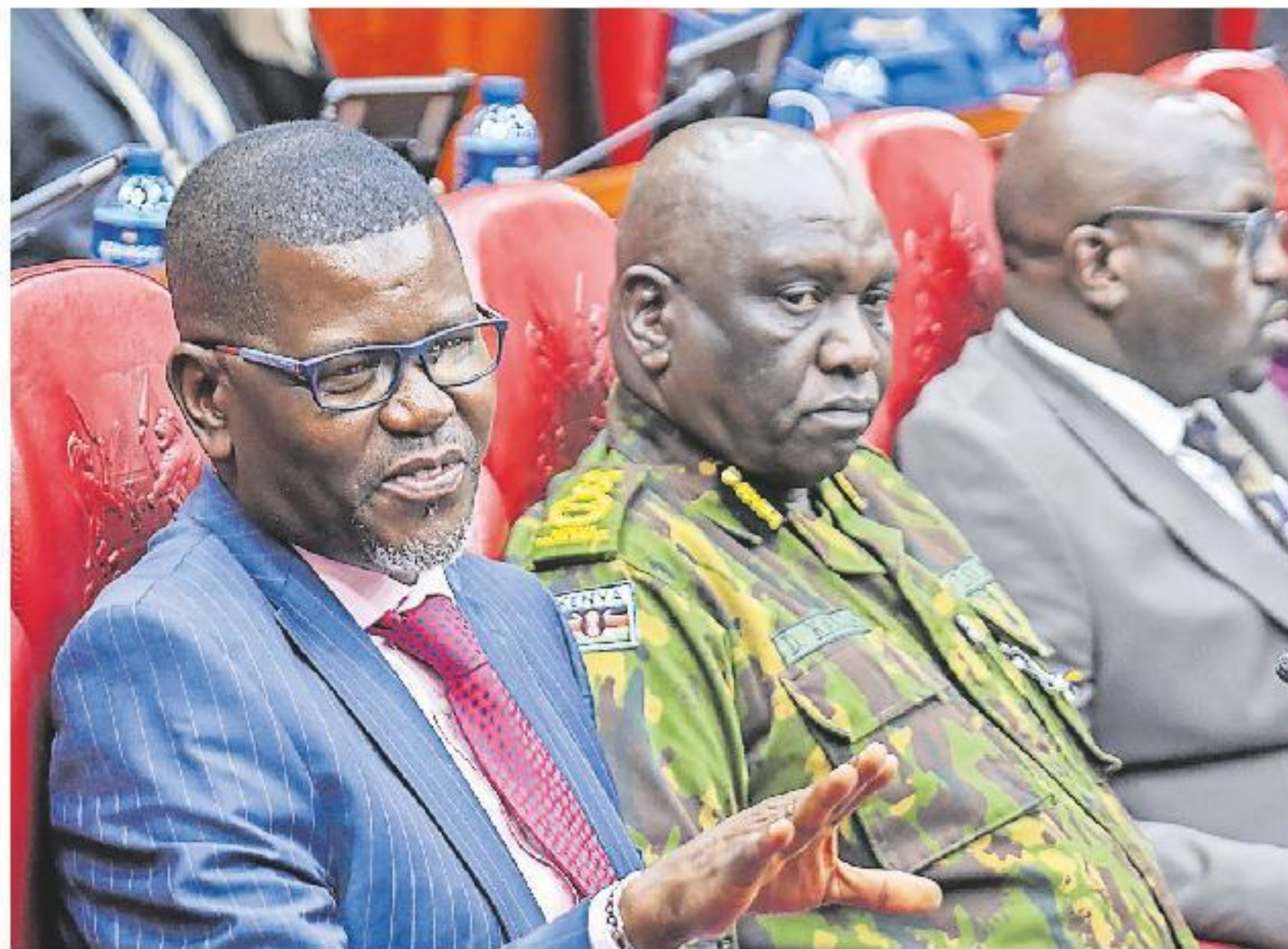
room to clear the way for the recruitment exercise. The commissioners met again on a later date to iron out the thorny issues.

The truce was cosmetic because it was only intended to fashion the NPSC as a united front for the recruitment, and thwart any court action with the potential of quashing the exercise.

On one side of the NPSC boardroom are the three senior-most police officers—Inspector-General of Police Douglas Kanja, his deputies Eliud Lagat (Kenya Police) and Gilbert Masengeli (Administration Police), and co-opted members Mohamed Amin (Directorate of Criminal Investigations) and Bernice Lemedeket (NPS accounting officer).

On the other side are NPSC Chairperson Yuda Komora, Vice-Chairperson Collete Suda, CEO Peter Leley and members Angeline Yiamiton, Edwin Cheluget, Benjamin Imai and Peris Muthoni—all civilians.

For years, different office holders from the two sides of the NP-



SC have spurred over the human resource function of the police service, including recruitment and control of the Sh60 billion payroll.

The police camp has always been of the opinion that the recruitment should be conducted by the NPS, not the commission. But NPSC has always maintained that recruitment and other human resource functions such as the payroll, are core functions of the commission.

The *Nation* has learned that the police top brass won the payroll battle after the National Treasury in August dismissed a request by the NPSC to give the commission control.

NPSC wrote to Treasury on July 29 seeking the payroll transfer. But Treasury responded two weeks later stating that the move would violate public finance principles as civil servants' salaries are paid by the institutions they work for.

When former commissioner Eliud Kinuthia and five others exited office in March at the end of their terms, they warned their successors to be wary of a "coup" by senior police officers.

In an exit report handed over to President William Ruto, Mr Kinuthia's team complained that the police commanders had continued to usurp their powers.

"Regrettably, however, the NPSC leadership has acquiesced to the continued usurpation of its functions by the NPS leadership, thereby exacerbating the vices that it was established to redress," the report states. The comments were largely in relation to recruitment and promotion of police officers.

The wedge between the civilian and police sides of the commission is thick. Not even President Ruto, who hosted the NPSC members twice—in Mombasa and in State House—could broker a ceasefire, with each faction insisting that the law is on their side.

During the September 9 meeting, the police side agreed with the civilians that the recruiters would be led by a joint team of Mr Kanja and the civilian com-

missioners.

It was agreed that Mr Kanja and his team would oversee the technical aspects of the recruitment including checking the competence of recruits, while the civilian commissioners would provide general oversight.

The two sides also agreed that to enable the civilian commissioners do their job well, the recruitment exercise would be conducted for a period of six days unlike in the past when the exercise was conducted on a single day.

There had been a number of interventions by high-ranking government officials attempting to mediate the standoff.

A day before the night meeting, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, when attending a security baraza in Nakuru County, said he would meet the warring factions to iron out the issues stalling recruitment exercise.

After meeting Mr Kanja and Dr Komora, the CS, in a press statement, announced that they discussed several issues, including recruitment and the welfare of officers.

"I shared with the commission the key issues raised in our Jukwaa La Usalama forums, including officers' strength and welfare, which require their input and implementation. They also apprised me of the preparations made for the upcoming police recruitment," Mr Murkomen said.

Other officials familiar with the standoff said that Head of Public Service Felix Koskey had also held several meetings with Mr Kanja and Dr Komora.

On September 5, NPSC held a meeting at the Kenya School of Government in Mombasa. This full commission meeting failed to resolve the impasse. The meeting resolved that a technical committee, comprising of police officers and officials from NPSC, be constituted to look into "technical issues" that had derailed the recruitment.

This meeting also doubled as



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Former NPSC boss Eliud Kinuthia



possibility of court quashing exercise



NPSC Chairperson Amani Yuda Komora (left), Inspector-General of Police Douglas Kanja (centre) and NPSC CEO Peter Leley before the Committee on Administration and Internal Security on September 9. FILE | NATION

the induction for new commissioners.

At a press briefing after the meeting, Dr Komora told journalists that the commissioners had agreed on a roadmap on how they will work in close collaboration with NPS.

Later, an advisory by the National Security Council that a new system of recruitment should be introduced to ensure hopefuls apply for police recruitment online, further complicated matters.

At the time, NPSC was conducting public participation on guidelines for the recruitment exercise.

Mr Kanja's camp disowned the guidelines, holding that the NPSC-proposed system for hiring had been shoved down the throats of the police bosses.

"We have just seen communication on issues that as a commission we have never sat and agreed on. There are no minutes to show who attended the meeting that ratified these new recruitment guidelines," said one commissioner who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"You cannot have one person driving an agenda and forcing the decision on other commissioners," said another civilian member of the NPSC.

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Contention Petition says commission should only handle civilian issues

Court halts hiring exercise

Politician contends that power to recruit officers rests in National Police Service

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The planned recruitment of 10,000 police officers across the country was yesterday halted by the Labour court, pending determination of who has the mandate to conduct the process.

Politician John Harun Mwau moved to court arguing that the Constitution grants the Inspector-General of Police independent command of the National Police Service (NPS), and prohibits any person or entity from directing him on matters concerning employment, assignment, promotion, suspension or dismissal of officers.

Employment and Labour Relations Court Judge Hellen Wasilwa suspended the exercise, which was scheduled to begin today, pending the determination of the petition.

"An interim conservatory order is hereby issued staying the entire recruitment pending resolution of the petition," ruled Justice Wasilwa.



Politician Harun Mwau yesterday obtained court orders stopping the police recruitment exercise. FILE | NATION

The court directed Mr Mwau's lawyers to serve court documents on all respondents, including IG Douglas Kanja, the NPS, National Police Service Commission (NPSC) and Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor. The matter will be mentioned on October 21.

Mr Mwau contends that the NPSC unlawfully attempted to usurp Mr Kanja's powers by initiating the recruitment process.

10,000

Number of officers that the National Police Service intended to recruit in the exercise that was set to start today

According to him, the commission is not a national security organ and therefore cannot pur-

port to carry out recruitment.

"The Constitution is clear that recruitment is the function of a national security organ—in this case, the National Police Service. The purport by the 3rd respondent (NPSC) to recruit is therefore unconstitutional and invalid," he argues.

Mr Mwau maintains that only national security organs—defined under Article 239(1) as the Kenya Defence Forces, the National Intelligence Service, and the NPS—can lawfully recruit their own members.

He added that NPSC's role under Article 246(3) is limited to civilian human resource functions within the police service, and does not extend to the recruitment of sworn officers.

"This constitutional separation preserves operational security and ensures that recruitment is handled by those with the appropriate functional and operational expertise, while protecting the process from unnecessary civilian interference," he said.



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The Board of Directors of Crown Paints Kenya plc is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Mustafa Turra** as the **Group Chief Executive Officer** with effect from 1 October 2025. Mr. Mustafa Turra joins Crown Paints from Olam Agri Nigeria, where he served as the Business Head and Vice President of Soy Crush Integrated Feed & Protein, overseeing Sub-Saharan Africa's largest feed business. He has also successfully led businesses in more than 10 countries, building and managing high-performance multicultural teams across fast-paced manufacturing and distribution-led industries where he has consistently delivered profitable growth and business turnarounds. He brings on board over 20 years of international leadership and Financial Management experience across India, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, and South Asia. He is an entrepreneurial business leader with a proven track record in transformational growth.

Mr. Mustafa Turra holds an MBA in Strategic Management and Marketing from XLRI Jamshedpur, and a Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The Board is confident that with his global perspective, strategic acumen, and strong background in business transformation, Mr. Mustafa Turra is poised to lead Crown Paints into its next phase of growth and innovation, reinforcing its position as the region's leading brand.

The Board welcomes Mr. Mustafa Turra and extends their congratulations on his appointment as the Group Chief Executive Officer of Crown Paints Kenya plc. The Board and Management of Crown Paints Kenya plc express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Rakesh Rao for his exceptional leadership, stewardship and the pivotal role he has played in driving the Group's growth and success during his tenure as Group Chief Executive Officer.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Conrad Nyukuri
Company Secretary

29 September 2025



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Politics Jubilee Party seen as spoiler for DCP in Mt Kenya

Why opposition is suspicious of Kioni

Outspoken official faces allegations of undermining opposition unity

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

As battle lines sharpen ahead of 2027 election, Kenya's opposition finds itself consumed by internal suspicions.

At the heart of the storm stands Jubilee Secretary-General Jeremiah Kioni, a man who helped steer the former President Uhuru Kenyatta's party through his post-presidency turbulence. But now, Mr Kioni faces allegations that cut to the core of opposition unity—is he safeguarding the movement, or advancing Mr Kenyatta's agenda to have former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i as the opposition's flag bearer in 2027?

In the initial stages of the formation of the opposition team bringing together former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, DAP-K's Eugene Wamalwa, People's Liberation Party's Martha Karua and Democratic Party's Justin Muturi, Mr Kioni was Jubilee's representative at the negotiations table. Months later, Jubilee National Chairman Torome Saitoti stepped in as Mr Kioni gradually faded from the scene.

According to insiders, both Mr Gachagua and Mr Musyoka were displeased with Mr Kioni, accusing him of pushing an agenda that appeared to favour Dr Matiang'i. Critics add that he is too outspoken, too quick to criticise other principals, and too eager to push Jubilee's agenda instead of common ground.

On Tuesday, Mr Kioni sensationally accused Mr Gachagua of trying to strong-arm Dr Matiang'i into abandoning Jubilee during coalition negotiations.

“He is a project of President [William] Ruto and is simply trying to hoodwink Kenyans,” Mr Kioni said of Mr Gachagua.

Mr Gachagua's Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) deputy leader, Cleophas Malala, fought back, linking Jubilee with UDA. At a DCP aspirant's meeting in Kiambu County on Thursday last week, Mr Malala warned opposition members against attending the Jubilee NDC held at the Ngong Racecourse in Nairobi on Friday last week.

“I must warn my compatriots from Central not to allow the party to divide the mountain. The red wheelbarrows (reference to Jubilee colours and Ruto's wheelbarrow party symbol) is meant to divide us,” he said.

The only opposition principal who attended the Jubilee NDC was Dr Matiang'i, as other partners led by Mr Gachagua attend-



Jubilee Party Secretary-General Jeremiah Kioni speaks during the party's special national delegates conference at Ngong Racecourse in Nairobi on September 26. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

ed Ms Karua's fete.

On Wednesday, Mr Saitoti moved to downplay differences, distancing the party from Mr Kioni's attacks against Mr Gachagua, terming the sentiments “personal and not the party's position”.

In a telephone interview with Mr Kioni yesterday, he said it is an open secret that he is Mr Kenyatta's servant, by virtue of being Jubilee's secretary-general. He insisted that Jubilee's efforts are firmly rooted in strengthening the broader opposition cause.

“I believe in an opposition that is united and a strong political party. What we are now doing is to build Jubilee to ensure that it is strong, so that it can also be able to sit at a unity forum with strength,” Mr Kioni explained.

He defended his push for Dr Matiang'i as the most viable contender, noting that each party is free to vouch for its candidate even as they pursue unity.

“We will be as strong as each and every individual party. So every party could have its own presidential candidate, but they

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Jubilee Party's Jeremiah Kioni



finally agree on how to arrive at one. That is what we must work on.”

For many within the opposition, the heart of the matter is not simply Mr Kioni's rhetoric, but the shadow of his political mentor. There are concerns that Jubilee is just advancing the interests of a former president keen on retaining influence.

The accusations against Kioni speak to deeper anxieties within the united opposition project. With Uhuru still a polarising figure in Mt Kenya, Jubilee's every move risks being framed as an attempt to drag the opposition back into old wars.

Prof Gitile Naituli of Multi Media University of Kenya warned that the ongoing exchange of accusations and mistrust between Mr Kenyatta's Jubilee Party and Mr Gachagua's DCP only risks weakening the opposition ahead of the 2027 elections. He added that Mr Kenyatta's camp is in panic over its declining influence in Mt Kenya, leading to misplaced attacks.

“Uhuru's axis would have wanted Matiang'i to have acceptance in Mt Kenya. They are now panicking because they feel they will not penetrate. So, they are throwing accusations that are neither here nor there,” he said.

Prof Naituli also dismissed claims that Mr Gachagua was undermining opposition unity.

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Somali teens released on bail

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI

Two Somali teenagers arrested for desecrating the Kenyan flag have been released on a cash bail of Sh50,000 each, with two sureties, after spending five days in police custody.

The minors were handed over to their Kenyan relative, Mohamed Ali, by Milimani Children's Court Magistrate Rose Gitau. Mr Ali, a businessman, undertook to produce the two in

court whenever required.

The teenagers, aged 14 and 17, have not yet taken a plea on the three counts filed against them by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Confirm their ages

Their arraignment is pending the submission of a probation officer's report to confirm their ages, and a Child Welfare Bureau officer's report to establish whether they are school-going and the

50,000

Cash bail in Kenya shillings that each of the two Somali teenagers were released on pending the hearing of their case. The the Director of Public Prosecutions has recommended three charges against the teenagers

reasons for their travel to Kenya, including whether the two boys were seeking asylum.

The reports are to be presented in court on October 8 when the charges will be read out to the minors.

Charges

The two boys face charges of being in Kenya illegally, desecrating a national symbol and causing disturbance. The magistrate noted that the charges are serious

and touch on immigration laws.

Defence lawyer Ishmael Nyaribo informed the court that the boys' mothers had travelled from Somalia to assist the court in seeking justice and to take custody of the children.

He added that the boys were innocent and "were simply playing football and had no ill motive in desecrating the flag", and that the matter should not escalate into a diplomatic dispute between Kenya and Somalia.

Politics He attracted wrath of Mr Kenyatta after he nullified then president's 2017 election

Maraga picks party for 2027 bid, vows to 'rebuild' Kenya

Former CJ says the United Green Movement is aligned with his values, governance aspirations

BY KEVIN CHERUIYOT

The Chief Justice who stunned Kenya, baffled Africa and captured global attention by overturning a presidential election has formally declared interest in the top office, and unveiled his preferred political party.

Retired CJ David Maraga has declared that he will vie for the presidency under the United Green Movement (UGM) in the 2027 General Election.

Mr Maraga, who says President William Ruto's leadership style is the best example of how not to govern, said his ambition to become president has been strengthened following his admission to UGM.

Speaking yesterday as he accepted the party's mandate, Mr Maraga assured Kenyans that he is determined to fix the country's broken systems.

"Since I declared my intention to run for presidency, most Kenyans have been asking which is my party and I have been telling them that I'm looking for one. It has not been an easy job as some people might think to get a party that is aligned to the ideologies and values that you have," Mr Maraga said.

In 2017 he attracted the wrath of then President Uhuru Kenyatta when the Supreme Court he headed overturned his victory on the grounds that the electoral body had not complied with the law in conducting the elections.

Mr Kenyatta declared "We shall revisit", and he did just that when he slashed the budgetary allocation to the Judiciary after winning a repeat presidential election. His main opponent, Mr Raila Odinga, boycotted the election. It is also believed that Mr Kenyatta's decision to decline to appoint and promote six judges to the Court of Appeal and the Environment and Lands Court in 2021 was part of the "revisiting".

"Maraga and his people—those rogues have discredited our victory. Maraga must be told that he is now

dealing with a president who is properly in office", Mr Kenyatta told his supporters in a long rant.

When he was unveiled as the UGM presidential candidate, Mr Maraga said that the party's constitution, values and ideology were aligned with his aspirations as the next president of Kenya. These aspirations include upholding constitutionalism and the rule of law, as well as respecting people's rights and freedoms.

As president, he said, he would prioritise public participation in all sectors to promote transparency.

"If elected as the president of his country, I have committed to reset, restore and rebuild Kenya. I have committed to restore *utu* and the dignity of the Kenyan people, a spirit not only prominent in the Green Movement party constitution, but also among the few members and delegates of the party that I have interacted with."

Mr Maraga lauded the party founders, including former Ndhiwa MP Agostinho Neto, for giving him the platform to use to change the politics of the country.

Acknowledging that the road ahead is not for the faint-hearted, he urged his supporters and party members to stay grounded and keep their spirits up.

"I will do all in my power to strengthen the party and make it one of the strongest parties in this country. A party that will not only win the presidential election in 2027, but will also have a majority of seats in Parliament and in various county assemblies," he said.

He added that with the upcoming November by-elections and plans to strengthen the party, he would hit the ground running.

"We will roll out an itinerary in other counties before we formally unveil the United Green Movement Party as my party in a public event in Nairobi County, possibly before the end of this month."

The former CJ said that he will work to meet the aspirations of the young people in the country by fixing the



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broken systems.

"We will take care of all human rights that are enshrined in the Constitution. We will take care of the obligations that are in the Constitution to provide, among other things, health-care and education, and to protect people's property," he said.

Mr Maraga said that Kenya is sliding into a failed state following the police brutality on peaceful protesters.

"I have never known any country where discipline forces work hand in

hand with goons," he said.

In the spirit of team work and building alliances, the former CJ said that the party is open to working with others who share the same aspirations. Among the conditions that the party said must be shared by potential partners is fighting corruption.

According to Mr Maraga, some politicians opposed to his plans for vying for presidency have approached him and even threatened him to collaborate with them.

"I am not a coward, let those who are threatening me and asking me to join their bandwagon know I am going for the top seat to push for obedience of the law and constitution," he said.

Aside from nullifying the presidential election, Mr Maraga is also famed for advising the president, in 2020, to dissolve both the Senate and the National Assembly for failing to pass the two-thirds gender rule.

Additional reporting by Anthony Kitimo.

United Green Movement co-party leader Neto Agostinho (left) presents the party flag to former Chief Justice David Maraga during the launch of his 2027 presidential bid at the party's head office in Nairobi yesterday. WILFRED NYANGARESI / NATION

Pollution to blame for Dunga mass fish deaths

BY ELIZABETH OJINA AND ALEX ADHIAMBO

The Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) has attributed the recent fish deaths at Kisumu's Dunga Beach to pollution from the River Kibos and the discharge of untreated water into Lake Victoria.

According to the report, a strong pungent smell emanating from the water at the river mouth may have contributed to depleted oxygen levels in the cages, causing mass fish deaths.

On Sunday, September 28, residents of Dunga woke up to find thousands of tilapia floating on the lake. About 12 cages out of the 100 at the site were affected. Within two days, cage farmers lost 10 tonnes of tilapia.

The report by the institute's Freshwater Systems Research Director Christopher Aura said the discoloration of the water indicated possible water discharge, runoff and siltation activities.

"The levels of dissolved oxygen were low at the river mouth compared to other areas of the lake. This is an indication of high oxygen demand, attributed to industrial or domestic discharges and the deposition of nutrients into the lake," stated the report.

Dr Aura explained that both oxygen depletion and a high load of organic matter are harmful to aquatic organisms such as fish.

"Such an environment creates an anoxic condition that causes fish to suffocate, leading to mass deaths," he said.

Mr Godfrey Ochieng, a cage fish farmer in Dunga, said the cages closest to where River Kibos discharges into Lake Victoria were the most affected.

"The cages furthest from the shore were untouched by the upwelling, which occurs when oxygen-deficient water from the bottom is pushed to the top. If the wetlands around Dunga were not interfered with, we might not suffer these losses," he said.

He added that wetlands play a crucial role in filtering and purifying river waters before they flow into the lake.

National News

Order Court has issued conservatory orders halting the implementation of the changes

BY MERCY SIMIYU

Top officials of Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) and Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) have suffered a blow after the Registrar of Trade Unions directed that amended constitutions barred by court orders will not be used in the union elections early next year.

In a circular, the acting registrar, Ann Kanake, directed all trade unions, employer organisations and federations to strictly conduct their 2026 elections under constitutions already recognised and registered with the Labour Office.

"Any amended constitutions whose implementation has been barred by a court order are not to be used for these elections unless the court issues an alternative order," the notice reads in part.

The directive will have an impact on Kuppet secretary-general Akello Misori, who has been at the centre of controversy after pushing through changes to Kuppet's constitution, including the removal of the age limit for top officials. According to the amended Kuppet constitution, which is the subject of a court case, only branch officials can vote at the national level, a move seen as paving the way for long-serving leaders to extend

Kuppet, Uasu leaders dealt blow in constitution row

Amended constitutions barred by court orders will not be used in the union elections



Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) Secretary-General Akello Misori. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

The problem is not the new constitution itself, because there are parts we like and parts we don't

Sabala Inyeni



ready served two terms as secretary-general.

The directive means Kuppet and Uasu will proceed with elections under their old constitutions unless the court lifts the ban. That would knock Mr Misori and Dr Wasonga out of the contest.

Kuppet Vihiga Branch Executive Secretary Sabala Inyeni, who will be contesting for the posi-

tion of national organising secretary, faulted the national office for what he termed as "playing ping-pong" with members over the amended constitution. He noted that while the matter is still in court, the leadership has been misleading members with claims of injunctions and rulings. He said the real issue is not whether the constitution was amended, but how the process was conducted.

"The problem is not the new constitution itself, because there are parts we like and parts we don't. The problem is the process. The voting was never done, yet cooked minutes were presented to show we participated. That is unfair, dishonest, and unacceptable. This is not about clout, it is about justice and fairness," he said.

Mr Inyeni further criticised the proposed removal of the age limit, saying it was a ploy by those in power to cling onto office indefinitely.

He questioned why leaders were pushing to remain in office beyond 60 years while ordinary teachers are compelled to retire at that age.

Robert Miano, Executive Secretary for Laikipia branch, opposed the push to scrap age limits for leadership positions, arguing that it undermines fair representation and democratic principles.

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To the Nyammo family, friends, and all whose lives he touched: We extend our deepest condolences and stand in solidarity with you during this immeasurable loss. Hon. Nyammo's legacy of service, mentorship, and dedication to uplifting communities will live on through the stories we tell, the minds we shape, and the horizons we expand.

In his honor, we pause to reflect and celebrate a life extraordinarily well-lived. Rest in eternal peace, Mzee. Your wisdom endures.

Prof. Githu Muigai
Chairman

Date: 29th September 2025



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MAIN RACE	75 KMS	5 LAPS
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National News

Case Mombasa Chief Magistrate Alex Ithuku issued the summons

Court recalls ferry boss over 2019 Likoni tragedy

This came after witness said only Gowa could respond to difficult questions on the operational failures that led to the tragedy

BY BRIAN OCHARO

A Mombasa court has issued fresh summons to Ferry Operations General Manager Bakari Gowa over the September 29, 2019 accident that claimed the lives of a mother and her four-year-old daughter.

Mombasa Chief Magistrate Alex Ithuku issued the summons after prosecution counsel Alex Ndiema requested that the former Kenya Ferry Services (KFS) Managing Director be recalled to clarify critical issues relating to ferry operations that contributed to the accident.

The order came after the initial investigating officer, Corporal Moses Mahiuha, testified that only the ferry management, under the leadership of Mr Gowa at the time, could respond to difficult questions he was being asked regarding the operational failures that led to the tragedy. Mr Mahiuha explained that he had only handled the file for two months before handing it over to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) in Likoni.

"Yes, there was an offence committed. I would have found someone culpable for negligence had I continued with the investigation," he told the court.

The magistrate then sought clarification from Mr Mahiuha on whether he had encountered obstacles during his inquiry that might have influenced the decision to refer the matter to an inquest rather than recommending direct culpability.

"Your honour, I handled the file for two months before handing it over to the DCIO Likoni. They may be in a better position to explain. I had not completed the in-

vestigation by the time I handed over the file," he said.

The response prompted Mr Ndiema to request the court to recall the Likoni DCIO to explain how the investigations were handled after the file was handed over to him.

"I pray that summons be issued for the Likoni DCIO to explain how this matter was handled after the file was handed over to them by Mr Mahiuha," said the prosecutor.

Also wanted in court is Constable John Safari, a forensic imaging and acoustic analyst from the DCI headquarters.

Mr Mahiuha, who appeared in court under a warrant of arrest, testified on the steps he took after he was assigned to investigate the accident in which Mariam Kigenda, aged 35, and her daughter Amanda Mutheu died.

The two lost their lives when their vehicle, a Toyota Isis, reversed and plunged into the ocean shortly after the 30-year-

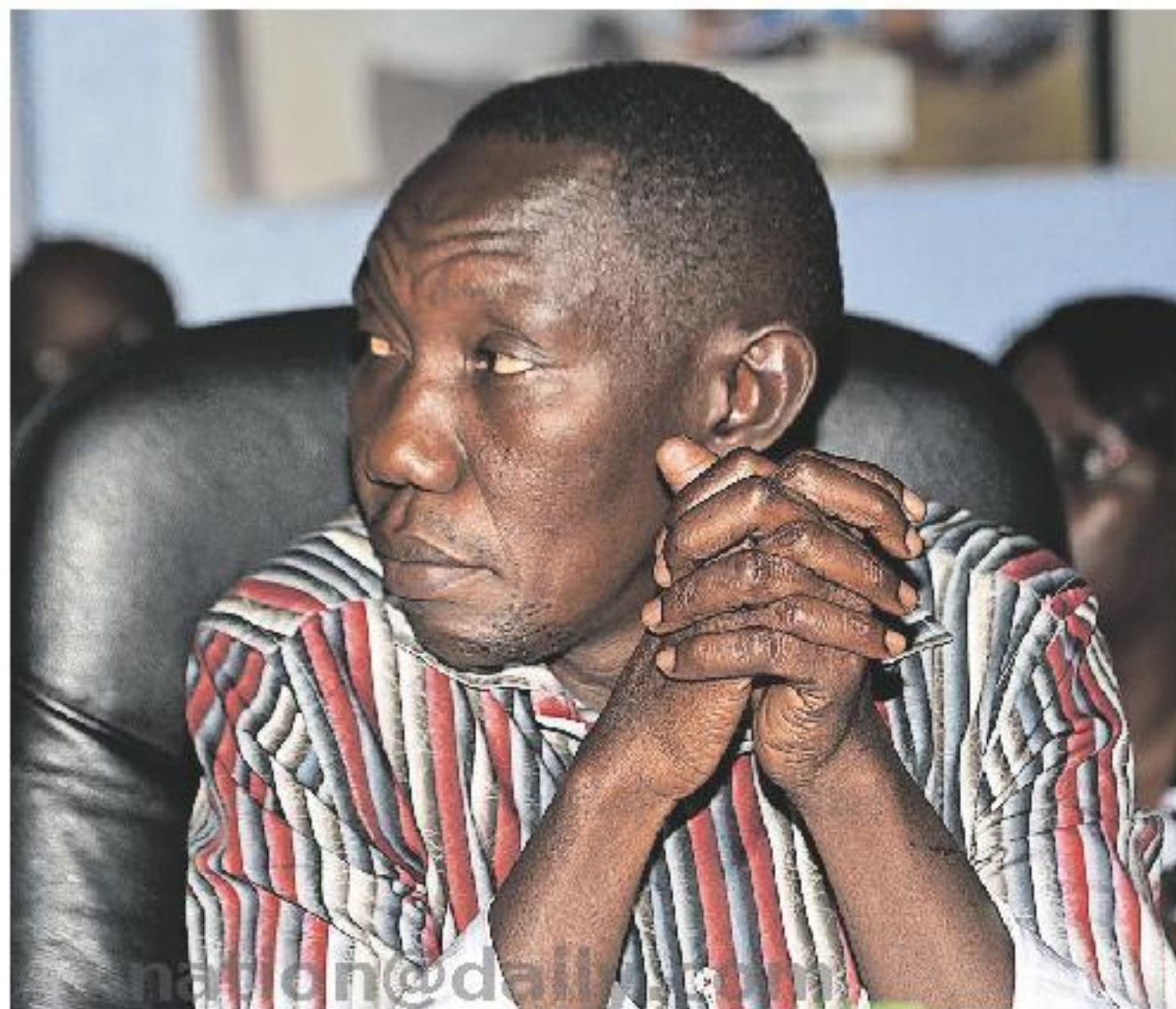
FERRY ACCIDENT

35

The age of Mariam Kigenda who died as result of the September 29, 2019 ferry accident.

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The age of Amanda Mutheu who died together with her mother Mariam.



old MV Harambee departed from Likoni Island.

The officer produced in court the complete video footage and still photographs showing the tragic sequence of events. The footage showed the vehicle boarding the ferry as the last car. Shortly afterwards, the ferry left the Likoni side without the safety props being raised. The video captured the vehicle slowly reversing before plunging into the ocean at exactly 6:13 p.m.

The footage also showed the ferry manoeuvring towards the vehicle, seemingly in an attempt to assist, before the car became completely submerged in the rough waters of the Indian Ocean.

"According to the coxswain, he tried to bring the ferry towards the sinking vehicle in an attempt to save it, but the car submerged," said Mr Mahiuha.

He added that a rescue boat only arrived three minutes later, by which time the vehicle had al-

General Manager of Ferry Operations, Bakari Gowa. FILE | NATION

ready disappeared beneath the water. When questioned about ferry safety, Mr Mahiuha reiterated that only the ferry management under Mr Gowa could adequately address those concerns.

"KFS was at the time under Mr Gowa. I later learnt it had merged with the Kenya Ports Authority, but the management at the time can answer questions on ferry safety," he said.

Government Pathologist Dr Johansen Oduor also testified virtually, confirming the cause of death of the two victims.

"They died of asphyxia due to drowning," said Dr Oduor.

The inquest has been overshadowed by controversy over missing CCTV footage.

During one of the hearings, the court was only shown an incomplete clip, raising suspicions of mishandling. But the court later heard that the complete footage had been returned to KFS instead of being kept as an exhibit.



Tourists at Nairobi National Park. FILE | NATION

Judge halts KWS park fee hike over lack of consultation

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

The High Court has frozen the newly revised park entry fees by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), dealing a blow to the State agency, which had banked on the higher charges to plug a Sh12 billion annual budget deficit.

Justice John Chigiti issued the conservatory order following a petition by the Kenya Tourist Federation, representing industry stakeholders, who argued that the move would damage the country's global safari reputation.

They said the announcement on September 29, just two days before the October 1 rollout, denied them adequate consultation.

The new fee structure, the first comprehensive revision in nearly two decades, was approved by Parliament on September 25 under the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access, Entry and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025. It introduced a four-tier visitor categorisation: East African citizens, Kenyan residents, African citizens, and non-residents, each with distinct rates.

For example, East African citizens (adults) were to pay Sh1,000 to enter Nairobi National Park, Kenyan residents Sh1,350, African visitors \$40 (about Sh5,170), and other international visitors \$80 (about Sh10,340).

Children's and student rates were halved, while seniors over 70, children under five, and persons with disabilities were exempted.

The Kenya Tourist Federation wants the court to stop KWS from enforcing the changes until "proper public participation, stakeholders' consultation, and fair administrative process" are undertaken. Justice Chigiti directed KWS to respond within seven days, with the case set for mention on November 11.

This is the second attempt by KWS to raise park charges that has been challenged in court for lack of adequate public participation. In November 2023, coastal tourism operators sued to block similar fees introduced under the 2024-2025 Conservation Fees Regulations.

'Employees can't be punished for taking leave'

BY PHILIP MUYANGA

The Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRC) has ruled that an employee is entitled to assert their right to apply for and take annual leave when the employer fails to allow it.

Justice Monica Mbaru, sitting in Mombasa, ruled that under the Employment Act, an employer has a duty to organise and allow employees to take their annual leave.

The judge made the findings in a case where she termed as unmerited an appeal by Badar Hardware Limited, which was contesting a decision by a mag-

istrate's court. The magistrate's court had ruled in favour of Isaiah Masinde, a former employee of Badar Hardware Ltd, saying he was unfairly sacked after taking his accrued annual leave.

"Punishing an employee for taking yearly leave constitutes an unfair practice," the judge stated.

Justice Mbaru, in her September 25 decision, stated that taking leave is a right under Section 28 of the Employment Act and that an employee takes such rest when due.

"Termination of employment under the guise that the respondent sought to take his accrued leave days is unfair labour practice," said Justice Mbaru.

Badar Hardware Ltd had sought to have the judgment of the lower court varied on the grounds that the magistrate erred in law by holding that it unfairly terminated Mr Masinde's employment, contrary to evidence submitted. The company argued that the magistrate's findings ignored evidence of Mr Masinde's resignation and that compensation and notice were not justified.

The magistrate's court awarded him a total of Sh787,521 inclusive of notice pay, unpaid leave, service pay and compensation. However, the ELRC reviewed the award to Sh515,000, excluding service pay.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(No. 13 of 2019)

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PART DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Title of Development Plan: Part Development Plans for various Government Institutions and Public Facilities in Kandara Town, Murang'a County.

PDP Ref. No.	Description	Size (Ha) Approx.
NRB/C192/2025/01	A. Proposed Secondary School	3.12
	B. Existing Agricultural Training Institute	2.66
NRB/C192/2025/02	A. Existing Site for Kandara Police Station	1.38
	B. Existing Site for Government Housing	0.39
	C. Existing Site for Police Housing	0.37
	D. Existing Site for Government Offices	1.54
	E. Proposed Site for Community Centre	0.21
	F. Proposed Site for Affordable Housing	2.09
	G. Existing Site for Sub County offices	0.21
	H. Proposed Site for Kenya Medical Training College	1.17
	J. Existing Site for Playing Field	1.17
	K. Existing Site for Kandara Health Centre	1.34
	L. Existing Site for Kagongo Comprehensive School	1.32
NRB/C192/2025/03	M. Proposed Public Park	0.50
	A. Existing Site for Ministry of Public Works Yard	1.03
	B. Existing Site for Sewer Plant and Solid Waste Disposal	0.76

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 13(g), 40 (1,2 & 3), 49 (1) and 69 (1&4) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, read together with Legal Notices No.s 156 of 2019 and 27 of 2020, the preparation of the above plans was on the 19th Day of August, 2025 completed.

The Part Development Plans relates to sites situated in Kandara town in Muranga County.

Copies of the Part Development Plan as prepared have been deposited for public inspection free of charge at the offices of the **County Commissioner Muranga County, CECM in charge of Physical and Land Use Planning-Muranga County**, and the **National Director of Physical Planning-5th Floor, Ardhi House Building, Nairobi**; between the hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above Part Development Plan may send such representation in writing to be received by the National Director of Physical Planning, 1st Ngong Avenue, Ardhi House Building, P.O. Box 45025-00100, Nairobi or electronically via email: ndpp@ardhi.go.ke not later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, and such representation or objection shall state the grounds on which it is made.

DATED the 16th Day of September, 2025.

KARURU CHEGE
Ag. NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PART DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Title of Development Plan: Part Development Plans for various Government Institutions and Public Facilities in Makuyu Town, Murang'a County.

PDP Ref. No.	Description	Size (Ha) Approx.
NRB/C100/2025/01	A) Existing Site for Government Housing	2.88
	B) Proposed Site for Affordable Housing	2.36
NRB/C100/2025/02	A) Existing Site for Stadium	5.82
	B) Proposed Site for Secondary School	1.75
	C) Proposed Site for Primary School	2.41
	D) Existing Site for Government Offices	3.59
	E) Existing Site for Police Station	2.79
NRB/C100/2025/03	A) Existing Site for Health Centre	2.2
	B) Proposed Site for Kenya Medical Training College	1.98
	C) Proposed Site for Recreation Park	3.67
	D) Existing Site for Community Centre	0.51
	E) Proposed Site for Kenya Medical Training College Hostels	0.24
	F) Existing Site for Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE)	0.89
	G) Existing Water Point	0.05

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 13(g), 40 (1,2 & 3), 49 (1) and 69 (1&4) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, read together with Legal Notices Nos. 156 of 2019 and 27 of 2020, the preparation of the above plans was on the 19th Day of August, 2025 completed.

The Part Development Plans relates to sites situated in Makuyu town, Muranga County.

Copies of the Part Development Plan as prepared have been deposited for public inspection free of charge at the offices of the **County Commissioner Muranga County, CECM in charge of Physical and Land Use Planning-Muranga County**, and the **National Director of Physical Planning-5th Floor, Ardhi House Building, Nairobi**; between the hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

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Siaya: Kenya's next frontier in energy and mining

Gateway to opportunity

Siaya County, perched on the shores of Lake Victoria and straddling the Northern Corridor, is emerging as one of Kenya's most promising frontiers for energy and mining. Once known largely for fishing and agriculture, the county is also now positioning itself as an investment-ready hub. The upcoming inaugural Siaya International Trade and Investment Conference (SITICO 2025) is set to showcase the county's potential.

From renewable power to mineral wealth, Siaya is opening its doors to global and local investors eager to seize opportunities in sectors that promise not only returns but also long-term transformation.

Renewable energy: The big advantage

Siaya's greatest comparative advantage lies in its renewable energy capacity. Blessed with year-round sunshine, strong winds across the Lake Victoria basin and two powerful rivers – Yala and Nzoia – the county is primed for solar, hydro and wind power projects.

Flat expanses and high radiation make Siaya ideal for large-scale solar farms. Already, community cooperatives are experimenting with mini-grids powering fish processing and irrigation schemes. Wind mapping has identified corridors suitable for medium-scale wind projects, while rivers Yala and Nzoia present opportunities for small hydropower generation.

At the centre of this shift is the Siaya Agro-Industrial Park, currently under development. Designed to run on clean energy, the park will host agro-processors, cold storage and light industries, all of which will need stable, affordable electricity.

For independent power producers, Siaya represents a ready market with county and national incentives de-risking entry.

Hydropower and irrigation at Ndanu Falls

The most ambitious of these projects is the proposed Ndanu Falls Hydroelectric Project and Multipurpose Dam on River Yala. Despite the county's rich water resources, irrigation and power generation have long been underexploited.

The Ndanu Falls project aims to change that by generating electricity while expanding irrigation infrastruc-



ture for farmers. The dam is expected to power households and MSMEs within a 40km radius and boost agricultural productivity through year-round irrigation.

County projections show the project will create over 20,000 jobs, raise household incomes by 7.5 percent and inject Ksh5.3 billion into Siaya's Gross County Product as outlined in the 2023-2027 County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

The project, estimated at \$87.5 million, has an internal rate of return of 15 percent and a payback period of just 10 years. Metrics that place it among Kenya's most bankable county projects.

Beyond economics, the dam is expected to open new infrastructure, attract tourism around the falls and boost resilience against climate change.

Solarising growth and the Eco City dream

Siaya is also advancing plans for a 10MW solar energy plant to ease its frequent power outages and high costs that disrupt schools, hospitals and small businesses.

The project, valued at \$20 million, will supply clean, affordable energy to manufacturing, services and the vibrant Jua Kali sector. It aligns with the county's vision for a futuristic Eco City at Lake Kanyaboli, ensuring reliable green energy for what could become Kenya's model sustainable urban development.

The solar plant is projected to create 5,000 jobs, reduce household power costs, stabilise supply for businesses and contribute Ksh2.5 billion to the county's GDP. With a 12.23 percent internal rate of return and a 12-year





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payback, the investment offers both profitability and impact.

Nuclear energy: Looking ahead

While renewables are the immediate anchor, Siaya is already looking further ahead with plans to be part of Kenya's nuclear future. Discussions are underway with the Kenya Nuclear Power and Energy Agency (NuPEA) to explore the county as a possible host for a modular nuclear power plant.

With its proximity to Lake Victoria, stable geology and growing energy demand, Siaya ticks many boxes for a facility that could initially generate between 300 and 600 megawatts by the mid-2030s. County officials argue that nuclear would complement renewables by providing the stable baseload power required for industrialisation and mineral beneficiation.

For investors, the entry may be long-term but the payoffs are immense. From guaranteed purchase agreements to heavy-industry attraction. Smaller, safer modular reactors, now gaining global traction, could make Siaya one of Sub-Saharan Africa's first movers in nuclear adoption.

Mining: From ore to industry

Beyond energy, Siaya is sitting on significant mineral wealth. Geological surveys confirm gold deposits in Bondo, iron ore in Ugunja and rare earth elements in Gem and Alego. For decades, artisanal miners have sustained families by tapping into small deposits in Abimbo, Rera and North Ramba. But the operations have often been unsafe, informal and environmentally harmful.

The county government is now working with national agencies to formalise the sector and attract responsible investors.

Kenya's mining sector contributes just 0.7 percent to GDP despite holding an estimated one trillion dollars in untapped resources. Siaya exemplifies this paradox of rich in minerals but underdeveloped in value-addition.

The vision is to shift away from raw ore exports and embrace local beneficiation. Solar-powered processing plants, blockchain-enabled supply chains, and community benefit agreements are part of the county's blueprint. By investing in jewellery fabri-

cation hubs, electronics inputs and smelting facilities, Siaya hopes to raise the mining sector's GDP contribution from one to three percent within a decade.

This approach not only promises economic dividends but also social equity. Mining done right can fund schools and clinics, empower women and youth, and create thousands of jobs in skilled trades.

SITICO 2025: A stage for transformation

All these prospects converge at SITICO 2025, set for October 14-17 at the Siaya National Polytechnic. Themed "Positioning Siaya as an Investment Destination: Transformative Growth through Trade and Investment," the four-day conference will bring together investors, government agencies and development partners.

Plenaries, sectoral roundtables and business-to-business deal rooms will spotlight opportunities in energy, mining and industrialisation. Delegates will tour project sites, engage in policy dialogues, and explore joint ventures designed to ensure investments are inclusive and sustainable.

The County Government of Siaya has earned recognition for its governance and ease of doing business. With a pipeline of bankable projects and alignment with Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, SITICO provides both credibility and urgency for investors looking for a safe entry into Kenya's mineral and energy frontier.

Mining the future together

Siaya is no longer a peripheral county. It is rising as a hub of clean energy, nuclear ambition and mineral wealth. The resources beneath its soil and the power of its rivers and sun are no longer dormant. They are being harnessed as foundations of prosperity.

As SITICO 2025 approaches, the message is clear: Siaya is open for investment, ready for innovation and committed to responsible stewardship. Investors and partners are invited to help mine the future together, transforming not only Siaya's economy but also Kenya's place in the global energy and mining landscape.



National News

Probe Deputy head of the Investigations Bureau George Kisaka appeared before House committee

Firms, ex-officials targeted in forest grab

DCI has identified individuals, 23 companies believed to have acquired Ngong Forest land

BY EDWIN MUTAI

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) is closing in on powerful individuals and companies alleged to have grabbed 53.68 hectares of Ngong Forest land and sold it to unsuspecting buyers.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Committee on Implementation, the DCI said it had identified several individuals and 23 companies believed to have illegally acquired the forest land. The agency told MPs it will conclude its final report within two months before tabling the findings in Parliament.

George Kisaka, the deputy head of the Investigations Bureau, appeared before the committee to provide a status report on the grabbing of forest land in Lang'ata constituency. The DCI is probing the excision of 53.68 hectares where Sunvalley I, II, & III Estates and Royal Park Estate are built. It is also investigating 34 acres of Ngong Forest where KMA

Estate, Lang'ata Gardens Estate, Lang'ata View Estate, Shalom Estate, St Mary's Hospital, and Forest Edge/View Estates are located.

According to Mr Kisaka, preliminary investigations show that the land was not degazetted in line with Section 4 of the repealed Forest Act, Cap 385 of 1942. He added that the DCI has faced challenges due to missing records at the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning regarding the excision of the 34 acres. Tracing former government officials, including the Chief Conservator of Forests, Commissioners of Lands, and Commissioners of Prisons who served between 1985 and 1998, has also proved difficult.

"What remains is to trace and record statements from former Commissioners of Lands, Chief Conservator of Forests, Commissioners of Prisons (specifically 1985 to 1998), and other persons or companies of interest," Mr Kisaka told MPs. He asked the State Department for Lands to



Budalangi MP and chairperson of Committee on Implementation Raphael Wanjala. DENNIS ONSONGOINATON

expedite retrieval of documents related to the disputed excision.

Mr Kisaka said the 34 acres were originally earmarked for the expansion of Lang'ata Women's Prison. However, the land was never used for that purpose and was instead "illegally and fraudulently allocated" to third parties. The parcel has since been fully developed by individuals who may have acquired the properties in good faith.

He told MPs that, according to the Chief Conservator of Forests, a title grant (No IR 70244) was issued in 1996 to the Permanent Secretary, Treasury, to hold in trust for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, covering 988.82 hectares. In 1999, the title deed was surrendered, and a leasehold title (IR 811938) for 538.4 hectares was issued to the Treasury in trust for the Ngong Forest Sanctuary.

The 34 acres were originally earmarked for the expansion of Lang'ata Women's Prison.

George Kisaka



The Conservator confirmed that land reserved for Lang'ata Women's Prison was irregularly allocated to Arladyks Investment Limited, Prescott Company Limited, and Onesmus Kimani Ngunjiri. These allottees later subdivided, sold, and transferred parcels to third parties, many of whom have since built residential estates.

Mr Kisaka further disclosed that the National Treasury, in a letter dated July 10, 2025, confirmed it does not have custody of the title documents relating to grant 81938. He asked MPs to grant investigators two months to conclude the probe, record statements from 23 companies and several individuals, and initiate

arrests and prosecutions.

The Committee on Implementation, chaired by Budalangi MP Raphael Wanjala, is following up on recommendations of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, which directed the DCI to charge individuals behind the irregular excision.

Parliament has previously stopped government plans to demolish homes built on land allegedly hived off Ngong Forest. However, the House concluded that the law was not followed in the 34-acre excision, where KMA Estate, Lang'ata Gardens Estate, Lang'ata View Estate, Shalom Estate, St Mary's Hospital, and Forest Edge/View Estates stand.

The Environment Committee further recommended that the government regularise excisions for land already occupied by public and private institutions—including KMA Estate, Lang'ata Gardens, Lang'ata View, Shalom Estate, St Mary's Hospital, Lang'ata Women's Prison, the Police Dog Unit, Bomas of Kenya, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, Wildlife Clubs of Kenya, and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).

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OPINION

Beyond protests, Gen Zs must get themselves ready to lead

Across Africa and beyond, youth uprisings are forcing leaders to retreat. However, the harder task is turning street energy into institutions that can govern and endure. Madagascar's streets erupted on September 25, with protests modelled on Kenya's Gen Z movement. Within four days, President Andry Rajoelina dissolved his government. Yet history reminds us that while toppling power can happen in days, building something better requires years of preparation, patience and vision. That is the real test facing Africa's young revolutionaries.

The demonstrations began with anger over chronic electricity and water cuts in a country where three out of four citizens live below the poverty line. But the methods were borrowed. Protesters waved the same anime pirate flag that flew in Nepal weeks earlier and used the same decentralised online coordination that Kenya pioneered during the Finance Bill protests of June last year. Twenty-two people died, politicians' homes were stormed, and the much-touted presidential cable car project was set on fire. The crowds chanted "Leo" meaning "we are fed up", as they demanded systemic change, not cosmetic reforms.

From Nairobi to Dhaka to Kathmandu, youth-led uprisings between mid-2024 and this year have forced governments to retreat, reshuffle or collapse. In Kenya, Gen Z not only pushed the withdrawal of the punitive Finance Bill but also triggered a sweeping Cabinet reshuffle and forced the opposition leader to rally behind President Ruto to save his regime. Bangladesh, 1,400 people



Gen Z protesters along Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi on June 25. FILE | NATION

In Kenya, activists broke down the Finance Bill, clause by clause, but they must go further and put forward their own vision for reform



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died before Sheikh Hasina fled in a helicopter. Nepal's youth coordinated interim leadership via Discord servers. Nigerian organisers cited Kenya directly as inspiration for their #EndBadGovernance protests.

Malagasy activists openly admitted they studied Kenya, Nepal and Morocco before launching their own revolt. Each new wave borrows symbols, tactics and digital strategies from the last. The pirate flag flying from Kathmandu to Antananarivo is not only about anime fandom. It symbolises a shared political consciousness moving across borders at speeds previous generations could never imagine.

What comes next, however, is the harder part. Many movements have stumbled when the euphoria of victory met the realities of governance. Egypt's Tahrir Square gave way to military rule, and Hong Kong's activists were forced into exile or prison. Only a few, like Poland's Solidarity or Chile's student movement, turned protest energy into durable political transformation. The lesson is not that today's uprisings are doomed. It is the qualities that make them powerful, such as decentralisation and spontaneity. They must evolve if they are to shape what comes after the streets fall quiet. The task for Africa's Gen Z is not only to hold governments accountable in the streets but also to prepare themselves to lead in boardrooms, legislatures and institutions.

Madagascar shows the fragility of this moment. The government was dissolved but the president remained,

and unless protesters sustain pressure with organisational capacity and policy alternatives, the risk is that business as usual will re-emerge. Yet, this is not inevitable. With the right strategies, the same generation that forced governments to back down can also become the generation that redefines governance itself.

The lessons are becoming clear. Social media networks are powerful but fleeting, and if they are not converted into durable organisations with legal teams, policy units and fundraising arms, their energy quickly dissipates. Revolutions also require broad coalitions to survive. Middle-class support provides legitimacy and resources, but working-class grievances must remain at the heart of the struggle.

Kenya's Gen Z protests succeeded partly because lawyers, doctors and teachers marched alongside boda boda riders and university students, creating a unity that had long been thought impossible. But anger alone is not enough. Movements need economists, lawyers and reform-minded professionals to propose credible alternatives on taxation, corruption, employment and governance. In Kenya, activists broke down the Finance Bill, clause by clause, but they must go further and put forward their own vision for reform.

Street pressure cannot exist in isolation. Successful movements learn to work inside and outside the system at once. Protests apply pressure, but legal challenges, professional associations and civic education build staying power and influence institutions from within. This approach keeps movements independent while ensuring they are not sidelined when the real business of governing begins. Above all, meaningful revolutions require patience. Africa's youth must think in years, not weeks, if they want to secure lasting change.

Kenya sits at the heart of this continental wave. When young Kenyans forced President Ruto's government to retreat on the Finance Bill and pushed a reluctant opposition leader to shore up a shaken regime, they proved that unity across ethnic and class lines is possible. But their task is unfinished.

Unless today's energy hardens into sustainable civic and political institutions, victories risk being symbolic rather than structural. The question is not whether more governments will face youth uprisings. They will. It is whether Africa's young revolutionaries can master the transition from protest to power. History shows that those who build institutions, propose alternatives and prepare for the long struggle transform societies.

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Celebrating German-Kenyan relations

Today, October 3, Germany celebrates the Day of German Unity – a reminder that walls can fall, divisions overcome, and bridges built.

For Germany and Kenya, this message has a special meaning: Germany was the first country to recognise Kenya's independence in 1963. Since then, our relations in politics, trade and development cooperation have flourished.

However, one element has grown even stronger over the past 62 years: people-to-people connections.

Our friendship comes alive, not only in political agreements and trade statistics, but also in the small moments and shared experiences – the aroma of Kenyan coffee greeting early-morning commuters on a brisk Frankfurt dawn, a cool Tusker enjoyed by German tourists as the sun sets over Mombasa (they love it, and cheer Prost!), a marathon in Berlin dominated by Kenyans, or the sounds of Swahili and German mingling in a classroom at the Goethe-Institut in Nairobi.

With *Rangi za Urafiki* (Colours of Friendship), we celebrate the ties that often escape the everyday eye and the cultural moments that bring our two countries closer.

Sport is one of the strongest bonds between our two countries. Germany is a

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football nation: home to the Bundesliga and four World Cup trophies. Generations of Kenyans grew up watching "Football made in Germany" and many can still list clubs and players more confidently than most Germans.

The admiration also flows the other way: in Germany, it is Kenyan athletes who inspire. Kenyans dominated the Berlin Marathon two weeks ago, taking both the men's and women's titles.

Over the past 30 years, two-thirds of the men's winners have been Kenyans, turning Berlin's course into such a stronghold that locals jokingly call it "the Kenyan track." It is on this course that Eliud Kipchoge set a world record in 2022. Tourism is another bridge with 90,000 German tourists visit Kenya each year.

From the 1980s, many returned from the coast with a song stuck in their heads: *Jambo Bwana*. First released in 1982 by Kenyan band Them Mushrooms, the legend goes that the song was developed as some of the musicians observed the interaction between German tourists and a Kenyan barman at a hotel at the Coast. The song became a hit across East Africa and was later even covered by the German pop group Boney M. For many German tourists, it turned into the unofficial soundtrack of a Kenyan trip.

Food and drinks offer their own surprises. In Germany, Kenyan coffee is a popular import, familiar in cafés, roasteries and households. In Nairobi, The German Bakehouse, run by a German baker, sells pretzels, rolls and pastries based on authentic German recipes. This little taste of Germany in the heart of Kenya is sold out every weekend.

Language has its own quiet echoes. More than 10,000 Kenyan students learn German at over 110 schools. The Goethe-Institut in Nairobi offers a wide range of courses, while Deutsche Welle provides free online learning.

Thousands more study German at home with DW's materials, showing how digital tools make language learning accessible everywhere. Many continue

their studies in Germany with scholarships and research fellowships – no surprise, since German is the world's second most common scientific language and Germany remains a global leader in research and development. Everyday words also tell a story: *shule* in Swahili comes from *Schule*, while in Germany, Swahili words such as *safari* are used without a second thought.

And sometimes friendship comes with a wink. In Kenya, wealthy elites once jokingly referred to themselves as *Wabenzi*, literally meaning "the people of the Benz," a playful Swahili twist on the love for Mercedes cars. The nickname stuck, and to this day it's part of Kenya's humorous way of talking about status and success, a neat blend of German engineering and Kenyan humour.

As we celebrate *Rangi za Urafiki*, join us each week to discover more about our two cultures and shared stories – proof that friendship is built not only by treaties, but also by German innovation, Kenyan passion, and the everyday ties that make two distant countries feel close.

From science to sports, music to Mercedes – Germany's footprint in Kenya is everywhere. More Kenyans continue to leave a mark in Germany too.

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Opinion

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Boost checks to avert shady contract penalties

The huge sums of money in penalties that the government is facing for shady contracts are simply mind-boggling. They may be due to the incompetence of the officials involved or could be an extension of the endemic corruption in the public sector.

Taxpayers now risk paying a whopping Sh17 billion, which will most likely deprive them of resources that could have been used for their well-being. And to make matters worse, the arbitration and court awards to local and foreign companies continue to accrue interest.

According to the National Treasury disclosures for the 2025/2026 financial year, some contractors have either gone bankrupt, are mired in corruption allegations, or are reeling under the weight of long-overdue debts. These costly court and arbitration decisions are turning out to be expensive lessons for the government on contract law. Some of the contractors' dues have remained unpaid for several decades.

The contracts for construction projects ranged from energy, roads, and infrastructure to health and real estate ventures. In one case arising from the building of an electricity transmission line by a foreign company, a government agency was found by arbitrators to have unfairly terminated the contract. It paid another firm to complete the project, but was later slapped with the penalty. Corruption rears its ugly head in the contracts by government agencies. Therefore, one cannot rule out connivance with potential litigants for the personal gain of crooked government officials.

Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o says failure by some State agencies to carry out due diligence has largely contributed to the mess. She has also pointed out that there are shady deals where people who do not deserve contracts end up being awarded and doing a poor job. The government should, as the custodian of public interest and national resources, robustly defend commercial suits over project contracts. It must also ensure procurement/contract laws are strictly followed in awarding tenders for prudent use of public funds.

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Solve lecturers' pay crisis

The crisis in the public universities, where the lecturers have been on strike for several weeks, over a salary arrears dispute, is threatening to get out of hand.

Vice-Chancellors have declared that they will slash the striking dons' pay for the days they have not worked. That would be a wrong step, as a strike is a genuine and legal means workers use to get their employers to address their grievances. After all, there is a collective bargaining agreement signed between employers and trade unions and sanctioned through the industrial relations system. Therefore, deducting union members' salaries would create yet another grievance and worsen the situation.

The VCs and Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba are also disputing the Sh7.9 billion salary arrears the lecturers are demanding. They claim that the correct amount is Sh624 million. Again, that is something that should have been dealt with during the negotiations with the University Academic Staff Union (Uasu).

The nationwide strike has paralysed learning and operations in all the public universities. It is a terrible way to welcome the First-Year students, who had been eagerly looking forward to starting their courses.

There does not seem to be light at the end of the tunnel as the parties dig in, with the VCs issuing the threat, while Uasu is insisting that the boycott will continue until the salary arrears are paid.

The universities have also warned that union dues could be suspended and disciplinary action taken against the lecturers who disrupt learning.

If, indeed, the VCs and the Education CS Ogamba disagree with the lecturers' union on the salary arrears, they should seek the intervention of the Employment and Labour Relations Court. The hard-line positions of the VCs and the unions are not helpful, and yet students continue to suffer as no learning is going on. Both parties should genuinely negotiate and reach an amicable solution.



Can you smell the Kenyan arabica?

I had breakfast a few years ago with Sameer Merali, son of you know who, and I was impressed by his air of humble, unassuming competence. Because his father was the richest man in Kenya and a controversial pugilist of an empire builder with tentacles in most deals in the economy, people would assume that the scion of such greatness would be a brash, Maserati-fondling illiterate brat. Quite the opposite. And because he was so different from what I expected, I paid careful attention to what he said. I have never been interested in agriculture, but I left that meeting wondering: can you actually make a fortune from that? One of the most surprising things he said was that production is nothing, we can produce or grow almost anything; the important thing is having a good market for your product.

Today, I am a farmer of some sort. I started out trying to turn myself into a tough, overall-wearing peasant, bending nature to his will with his bare hands and the strength of his back. I am now cured of that nonsense and quite happy to sit in the shade, look at my phone and let real men get the job done.

Kenya is going to have a massive coffee renaissance in the coming 36 months. It is going to be led by Rift Valley, especially Kitale and Laikipia and some sections of Mt Kenya region. My conclusion is not based on formal research, although I have done research for this article, but on my observations as a journalist.

Coffee is, of course, much romanticised in various parts of Kenya. In the colonial days, only white farmers and a few high-falutin Africans were allowed to grow it. To the men of my father's generation, growing coffee suggested you had become a high falutin African, a serious man, walking around with *Taifa Leo* and struggling through *The Weekly Review*. Last week, I observed the modern iteration of that: a progression of men in their 60s, carrying a few kilos of cherry in small sacks, enroute to the coffee society. Poorer, produc-

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ing a small fraction of what the old farmers produced, without a hope of using scientific methods of production and marketing.

That is the coffee that is dying; the coffee of broken cooperative societies, poor investment and bad production practices, where returns could be falling even in the face of global shortages, of peasant farmers proudly doing a cupful of beans, living at the mercy of their societies and the government, ignorant about the market and world out there. The new coffee driven by younger, well-informed, affluent farmers who can take the time to go round the world learning and networking, who approach coffee as a business not some kind of post-colonial validation of their worth, who do not want to be entangled in the management crisis of cooperative societies and who want the government to stay well away from their farms.

Global demand for coffee is strong and, at the moment, the prices are good. In February, the price of a 50-kilo bag was an average Sh46,000 at the coffee exchange, I have read. The government has done well, reforming the coffee exchange, investing in production, bringing in new production

areas such as Laikipia and seeing to the development of new varieties which are climate and disease resistant.

Let me tell you how I know that things are really changing. The new coffee production system requires the use of compost in the pit before planting. The most popular type of compost is banana stems which are a by-product of another crop and which are of little or no value after the harvest. Some farmers feed them to cattle, others chop them up and use them as fertiliser, but if you have harvested a large banana plantation, you might have a disposal problem. Today, a banana stem is going for between Sh40 and Sh80 in some parts, demand is at an all time high. And nearly all the people who are looking for them are new coffee farmers. There is also a growing shortage of coffee seedlings, especially the old SL28 variety, which is making some kind of comeback.

Few farmers are growing the old rain-fed coffee. Farms are becoming climate resilient, more farmers are harvesting rain water and putting their crop under irrigation and some are going organic. And more farmers are investing in their own factories and considering dealing in milled product, not cherry, many are interested in seeking markets for their own products rather than relying on opaque marketing systems.

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South Americans are consuming more of their product, meaning less is available for export. Younger consumers are looking for premium coffees and unique experiences, opening new marketing opportunities for savvy producers. The biggest risk is, of course, our politicians who will make the most awful decisions for the pettiest of reasons. But, can you smell the freshest Kenyan arabica already?

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UNGA was a great opportunity for 'Nation' to bring the world to Africa

The Public Editor's interest this week was piqued by an article titled, "From marble halls to mobile screens: UN meeting now a digital stage," written by Chinese news agency Xinhua. It received the prominence of a page lead in the *Daily Nation* of October 1.

The piece, one of a handful published on the *Nation* platforms about the United Nations General Assembly held in New York last week, described how the global meeting had become a digital feed,

with speeches "livestreamed in six official languages, clipped within seconds, subtitled by AI and propelled worldwide through algorithms and hashtags".

It goes on to say that not only heads of state but also ordinary citizens around the world seized the moment to engage in conversations on multilateralism.

The news agency was right. While some commentators have dismissed the UN as a body on its deathbed, the discussions at UNGA were still important enough to warrant the participation of multitudes, and to interest millions.

From Kenya, just about everyone who is anyone in the leadership and development sector made the 15-hour (direct flight) journey to New York last week. There was the official government delegation led by the President that included Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, and scores of government officials, and the Parliamentary delegation, all funded

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Pamela Sittoni Public Editor



by the taxpayer. Then there were several representatives of non-governmental organisations.

However, this level of attendance did not receive reciprocal media coverage. Other than the President's address and the bilateral talks he held with fellow heads of state and senior government officials, little else was reported about the global meeting.

A social media comment that the Kenyan leaders attending the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) had gone in search of 'unga' provides some food for thought. 'Unga' in Kenya is synonymous with survival. The simplest way to tell Kenyans about the state of the country's economy is by quoting the price of a two-kilogramme packet of unga or a tin of maize. So, the comment about UNGA and bringing 'unga' could be valid. What difference did, or will, the conversations at the annual assembly of the United Nations make?

The speeches and rhetoric aside, did Kenya gain anything from this annual jamboree? What did the various delegations to UNGA do in the one week they were in New York? What did they say on our behalf? What did they bring back? How do we, as Kenyans, get them to account for the time and money spent on this long and costly outing? Did Kenya gain anything, or were all these people out to tour, take selfies and shop? Unfortunately, Kenyans may never get these answers because our trusted news outlets did not find the issues important and relevant enough to warrant coverage.

Additionally, the *Nation* missed a great opportunity to fulfil its ambition of bringing the world to Africa. Here was a global story crying to be made relevant to Africans. A few comprehensive and analytical articles about the big-ticket issues discussed at the UNGA, the African nations' common positions, if any, and what all these mean to Africans, would have gone a long way to contextualise the meeting for the *Nation's* audience across the continent. This would have been possible even without a physical presence in New York because, as the *Xinhua* article states, all the information the media needed was available in real time.

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Do the careers of parents influence the choice of careers of their children?



Benjamin Sogomo Careers

Africa's top teacher, role of parenting

As a toddler I used to crawl from my parents' house in the staff quarters to look for my mother teaching in the school we lived in. Never did I imagine that one day I would walk tall to Addis Ababa to receive Africa's award of "the 2025 Teacher of the Year" from an affiliate institute of UNESCO. These are the words of Jepkosgei Chemoiwa, whose parents, Mr Edward Cherono and Mrs Esther Cherono, were very dedicated and committed teachers, soon after she received the news of her achievement. It looks like Jepkosgei followed closely in their footsteps.

This brings up the question: Do the careers of parents influence the choice of careers of their children? According to studies carried out over time, there is a positive correlation between the two through role modelling, perceived opportunities, economic factors, value system development and gender stereotypes. It is a situation in which successful parents speak well of their careers, leading to their children getting to like these careers at an early age and tending to aspire to be like their parents. In the opinion of a former US Air Force officer, Leolyn Bischel, "children are soaked in what their parents are doing, how they are doing it, what is working and what is not."

According to her professional profile, Jepkosgei has been a dedicated and innovative educator in teaching mathematics and physics, as well as leading STEM programmes and pioneering technology integration in Kenyan secondary schools. She is a passionate advocate for inclusive, digital and learner-centred education aligned with the global and African development agenda. She is also committed to nurturing 21st-century skills, empowering teachers and advancing educational transformation across communities. Her achievements include, but are not limited to, being a master trainer in 3D printing and robotics, a trainer in emerging educational technologies, an innovation and change manager, and a leader in curriculum and STEM enrichment.

Having been a board member in the same school, I witnessed her make PowerPoint presentations in board meetings to assist successive principals simplify complex concepts and curriculum matters for us. It is through such roles that one of the principals, Mr Solomon Koech, emotionally thanked her for her role in assisting him to be recognised as the Principal of the Year in Kenya ten years ago.

As much as the school and the county need her, my take is that her experience and continental recognition place her in good stead to be appointed to a greater national, continental and global role suitable to her abilities and for the benefit of a wider clientele. The Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology in Africa, together with UNESCO and its various institutions, could consider her for such roles. Kudos Jepkosgei, kudos Toyoi, as you walk tall to Addis Ababa.

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Readers' Feedback

Writer got it wrong on CeCe Winans

Recent reports in the *Nation* describe CeCe Winans' visit as her first to Kenya. This is not the case. She previously performed in Nairobi in November 2010 at the Bomas of Kenya. I was at that concert.

I share this observation in the spirit of supporting accurate reporting. Nation Media Group plays an important role in documenting cultural and historical moments,

and getting these details right helps preserve our collective memory.

Thank you for considering this clarification, and for the continued commitment to excellence in journalism.

— Njeri Wahome

PS: Any reason journalists don't provide their email addresses for feedback? Case in point: Elvis Ondieki, who wrote on CeCe. I could not write to him as his email address is not provided.

Story on tragedy was convoluted

I wish to register a little disappointment in the way Muiruri and Koskei report this sad story today. In an effort to use all they learnt in college, they make the story convoluted, especially now that many names are similar. This is a style Muiruri uses to great effect when reporting on politics, but in my opinion, this particular sad story required just simple narration.

— Carlos Kamau Juja

Consider having a columnist who focuses on the Coast region

Daily Nation is a widely read newspaper and I suggest you have a 'columnist' who sheds light on events at the Coast. With Mombasa having been upgraded to a city, the region teems with cultural activities peculiar to seafaring nations that would interest tourists and citizens.

— Alnashir Walji, Nairobi

Omni-channel transforming Safari experience

For years, safari bookings in Kenya followed a traditional path: guests reached out to tour operators, who coordinated lodges, guides, transport, and park permits.

While this model remains important, the digital era has radically reshaped how travelers discover, compare, and purchase experiences.

Today's traveler expects safari access to be as seamless as booking a flight or hotel room; fast, transparent, and mobile-first.

This is where omnichannel booking models are transforming the industry. Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) like Booking.com and Expedia brought global visibility and price comparison. Local players like Jumia Travel offered regional relevance.

And now, with Uber Safari's recent launch in Kenya, the app economy is

For hotels and lodges, this shift presents both challenge and opportunity



Geffry Ndayi Tourism



stepping into wildlife tourism, offering real-time booking of game drives directly from a smartphone.

For hotels and lodges, this shift presents both a challenge and opportunity. The challenge lies in ensuring that our properties remain visible and competitive across multiple digital

platforms, without eroding margins due to commission fees.

The opportunity lies in integration and automation: building systems that connect OTAs, direct websites, mobile apps, and now ride-hailing platforms into one coherent guest journey.

Imagine a guest landing in Nairobi for business. Through their hotel booking confirmation, they receive an option to add a half-day safari at Nairobi National Park via Uber Safari.

Upon check-in, the hotel app suggests a bundled package, such as 'two nights in Diani plus a curated game drive in Tsavo', booked in just a few taps. By blending convenience, flexibility, and personalization, omnichannel integration expands both reach and revenue.

The future of safari booking is about choosing between OTAs, direct channels, or apps, and creating a connect-

ed ecosystem where each channel strengthens the other.

Hotels must invest in Application Programming Interface (API) integrations, real-time inventory management, and data analytics to know the guest's preferences before they even ask. More importantly, the hospitality industry must guard against commoditization by offering layered experiences; that way, a quick Uber Safari drive can serve as the entry point to a deeper, curated journey that hoteliers and guides can deliver.

Kenya's safari future will be defined by those who embrace this omnichannel reality.

The brands that can merge technology with authenticity will not only capture bookings, but they will also capture loyalty.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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Criminal police • The many thugs in uniform are giving the police service a bad name by engaging in crime, says Jimmy Thumbi. "They have been stealing from the law-abiding citizens, while others are hired to ferry ammunition to bandits. They should be stopped, as many good officers will rise above the criminal image to live up to what is expected of them." His contact is jimmythumbi16@gmail.com.

Lost focus • The Kericho County Assembly, which has made two failed attempts to impeach Governor Erick Mutai, has lost its integrity by failing to concentrate on its key role of making laws to be implemented by the Executive, says Erick Kipkirui. "It's disheartening that the MCAs keep talking about protecting the county's resources while doing absolutely nothing." His contact is kipkiruiberick@gmail.com.

Road safety • Speeding, careless and reckless driving, and flouting of traffic rules are endangering the lives of motorists, passengers and pedestrians, says Margaret Wambui. "Speed bumps should be erected in residential areas and traffic laws strictly enforced as a road safety awareness campaigns are mounted. We can lower the number of accidents and save lives." Her contact is magratenjiru@gmail.com.

Data usage • English Premier League fan Carey Yiembe is stunned by what he describes as the supersonic consumption of data bundles while watching a football match on phone. Says he: "Live-streaming the recent Newcastle versus Arsenal match, 1GB lasted only 15 minutes until half time. I had to use three sets. Really, Safaricom? I'm switching to a rival network." His contact is yiembe@gmail.com.

Protect animals • Free entry to parks will boost domestic tourism, but conservation is a must, says Maureen Kweyu. "All should enjoy our beautiful wildlife heritage. But during the wildebeest migration in the Maasai Mara, a viral video showed tourists invading the animals' path and recently, lions were poisoned. Kenya Wildlife Service must curb poaching." Her contact is kweyumaureen01@gmail.com. Have an exciting day, won't you!

LETTERS

Afcon: Invest in preparation, not incentives

By virtue of being one of the hosts of the African Nations Championship (Chan), Kenya was given a direct ticket to the tournament. This means there wasn't much preparation for the championship. The country will also be participating in the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) in 2027 as a host and attempt to try to go past the group stage for the first time. For Chan, while there was no tangible investment in preparation, millions were offered as incentives and this somehow worked. But it must be understood that incentive without preparation cannot yield much. As we look forward to Afcon 2027, Kenya must invest in team preparation instead of waiting to incentivise players during the tournament.

Joshua Oyengo Onyino, Egerton

Activists, push youth to register as voters

Our constitution is quite explicit on the citizens' right to elect representatives. For one to participate in this noble exercise, one has to be a registered voter. The reluctance that has been witnessed since the voter registration exercise resumed points to a malaise that has bedevilled our country for years. The many human rights crusaders in our country should be more active than ever before, prevailing upon the youth who have attained the voting age to register and exercise their basic constitutional right.

Muriithi King'au, Laikipia

Don't blame hospitals for going to media

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale should not blame owners of private hospitals for expressing their grievances through the press; the government declined to listen to them. For months, the hospitals complained of non-payment, but the government did not take any action. In fact, it's the CS and other senior officials who started addressing Social Health Authority matters through the media. It's therefore ironical that the government, which seems to only understand the language of strikes, should blame the private hospitals owners for engaging the media to express their frustrations.

Damson Opiyo Onger, Koru

How to alleviate youth unemployment

Every year, thousands of young people graduate from universities and colleges, hoping to find good jobs, but many end up jobless and frustrated. One big reason for this is that what students learn often doesn't match what employers need. Many jobs require practical skills and work experience, which many graduates don't have. I believe that the government, schools and businesses need to collaborate to address this issue. We should create more internship opportunities and mentorship programmes, and support young entrepreneurs so they can start their own businesses. Young people are the future of our country, and we cannot afford to ignore their potential.

Neema Mwaka Juma

Traffic police bodycams will curb bribery

Despite the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission carrying out raids on rogue traffic officers, bribery on Kenyan roads has not fizzled out. It is highly unlikely for anyone who uses public transport not to see money being given to these officers by drivers and conductors. The government should invest in body cameras for traffic police officers. This will help in curbing their excesses on the roads and prevent them from overlooking traffic offenses in return of bribes.

Jael Atieno, Kibabii University

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TODAY IN HISTORY



October 3, 2001: Uhuru Kenyatta (left) is nominated to Parliament. The nomination signals a major Cabinet reshuffle that might give a clear indication of President Daniel Moi's preferred successor. Kenyatta replaces Mark Too, who resigned as a nominated MP last month. Sources said that Kenyatta was asked to cut short his trip abroad and return to Kenya before the nomination. COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Let's rise above petty politics, vote for change

While millions of ordinary citizens struggle with the ever-rising cost of living, unemployment and the weight of broken promises, the political class appears preoccupied with endless wrangles, greed and the pursuit of power.

What should be a strong and united opposition—a people's watchdog—has been reduced to a theatre of self-interest. The divisions, blame games, and constant bickering among opposition leaders have only served to strengthen President William Ruto's hand.

For too long, our politics has

been about personalities, not principles. Once in power, many of the same politicians who shout about justice and accountability forget the plight of the very people they claimed to fight for. It is this cycle of betrayal and greed that has left Kenyans disillusioned and convinced that "nothing ever changes" regardless of who is in government.

But Kenyans cannot afford hopelessness. Change will not come from the same recycled leaders who have perfected the art of political survival. Change will only come from an awakened citizenry that refuses to be

manipulated by tribalism, empty rhetoric, or short-term handouts.

The 2027 General Election provides an opportunity to chart a new course for our nation by electing fresh, principled leaders committed to service rather than self-enrichment. For this to happen, Kenyans must take the first step: register as voters in large numbers. Politicians thrive on apathy.

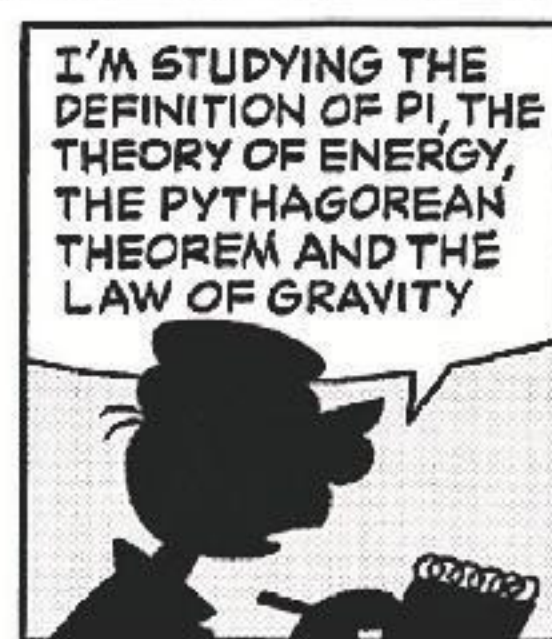
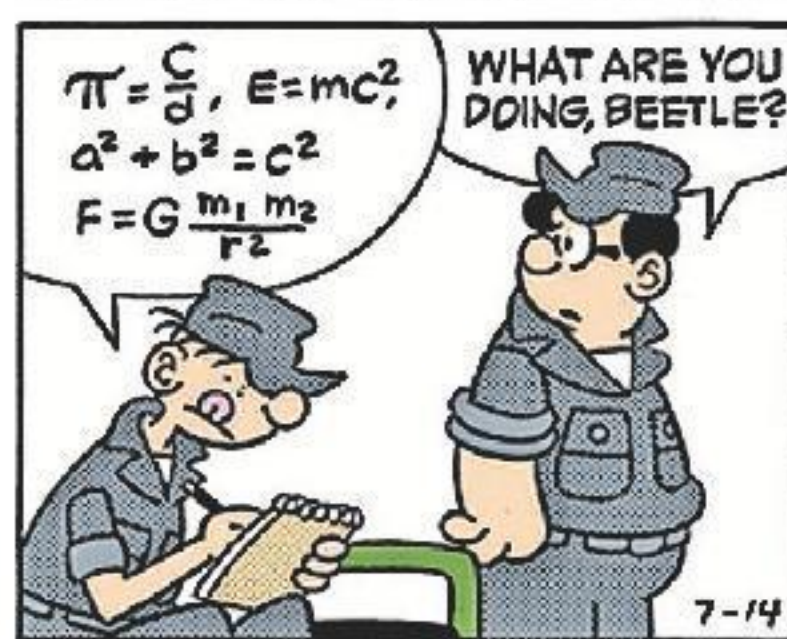
We must also reject the culture of tribalism and "kitu kidogo" politics. Selling your vote for a handout may ease today's hunger but will guarantee tomorrow's suffering. Voting along tribal lines

has only ensured that incompetent leaders find their way into power, while national unity remains elusive.

If we want a different Kenya, we must vote differently with our conscience, not our stomachs; with our vision, not our tribe.

As Kenyans, we owe it to ourselves, and to future generations, to break the cycle of betrayal. Let us rise above the greed and wrangles of the political class. Let us register in our millions, turn up at the ballot in record numbers, and use our votes wisely.

Rony Alal, Nairobi



BEETLE BAILEY

County News

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The multimillion-shilling water supply tower in Bura, Tana River County. **STEPHEN ODUOR | NATION**

Tana River The system is designed to last at least 20 years before review

Families find safety in Sh126m water project

A new water supply system ends years of crocodile attacks and back-breaking treks

BY STEPHEN ODUOR

For Rehema Adhan, every trip to River Tana has been a battle between duty and terror.

Three years ago, she watched in horror as a nine-year-old girl was dragged into the water by a crocodile, never to be seen again.

"We had just finished fetching water. The girl was seconds behind us when the crocodile came out of nowhere, tossing her into the air before catching her mid-stream. We screamed, but no one could save her. That scream still echoes in my head every time I think of the river," she recalls.

Since then, Ms Adhan has forced herself to fetch water while children waited on the banks, too scared to go near the river.

"I always walked last, telling myself maybe I was stronger, maybe I could fight the crocodile if it came for me. But deep inside, I prayed for the day I could fetch water from a tap," she says.

That prayer has now been answered. With the launch of a Sh126

million water project funded by the Water Trust Fund in partnership with the Tana River County Government, Rehema no longer needs to face the river.

"Today, water flows from taps in our homes. Children are safe, and I finally have peace. The river took too much from us. Now the taps are giving us life," she said.

For Caroline Hadia, the taps have rescued her from torment of another kind. For two years, she walked up to 12 kilometres daily to fetch water, a routine that left her with chronic back pain and mounting medical bills.

"I started by carrying jerry cans on my back, but after a year, my body couldn't take it. I spent tens of thousands on therapy, money I didn't have. Eventually, I had to roll water containers with my leg. It was humiliating, but I had no choice," said Ms Hadia.

Today, with clean water flowing nearby, she feels reborn.

"It has saved my back, my money, and my dignity. Now I can rest and live like a human being again," she

PROJECT COST

Sh126m

Cost of water project which was funded by the Water Trust Fund and Tana River County

says.

According to Mr Fredrick Kimera, an engineer, the initiative dubbed the Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas Project has drilled high-capacity wells along riparian areas near Golbanti and Lake Shakababo, designed to withstand any climate calamity.

"These wells are generating about 23,000 litres per hour. We also constructed a rising main that pushes water to higher ground, reaching schools and institutions that previously had no supply," he explained.

The old system at Ngao, he says, had gone beyond its design period, resulting in unreliable supply.

"This new infrastructure im-

proves water quality, pressure, and volume, ensuring that even raised areas benefit," he added.

The system is designed to last at least 20 years before review. Already, 890 households are connected, with expansion works ongoing.

"Within three months, we expect an additional 2,000 households to be connected, bringing the total beneficiaries to 11,000 families. This is not just about pipes. It is about safety, health, and dignity. The impact will be felt for generations," he says.

With progress, however, comes a challenge. Tana Water Services Managing Director William Jillo warns that vandalism threatens the project's sustainability.

"Herders often break pipes to water their livestock, while some residents steal pipes for irrigation. These actions drive up maintenance costs and, in some cases, cut off entire communities," Jillo said, urging residents to take ownership of the project.

"Anyone found with stolen water infrastructure will face harsh penalties. We cannot allow a few individuals to endanger the future of thousands," he warned.

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BRIEFLY

SAMBURU

Disease outbreaks affect counties

Widespread outbreaks of livestock diseases have been reported across several counties, raising concerns over looming economic losses and food insecurity. According to the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) remains the most prevalent, with cases confirmed in Baringo, Narok, West Pokot, Laikipia, Kitui, Garissa, Isiolo and Samburu. **Geoffrey Ondieki**

NAIROBI

Fresh row over illegal dumpsite

A fresh row is simmering between a government officer and a legislator over a disputed illegal dumpsite near a government facility. According to Starehe DCC John Kisang, one person was arrested over the weekend after allegedly dumping waste near the NTSA perimeter wall. The dumpsite had earlier been declared illegal, with authorities led by Starehe Director of Environment Dan Miheso shutting it down. **Sammy Kimatu**

NAIROBI

CS lauds church role in training

Education Cabinet Secretary Dr Julius Migos Ogamba has praised collaborative efforts in transforming technical education during the inauguration of a modern hostel at PC Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute in Dagoretti South. Dr Ogamba, accompanied by senior ministry officials, highlighted the important role played by faith-based organisations in supporting quality education. He singled out the Orthodox Church Patriarch of Africa for its role in elevating PC Kinyanjui to one of the country's most sought-after institutions for TVET courses. **Sammy Kimatu**

Turkana

Insecurity spirals on Turkana and Pokot border

BY SAMMY LUTTA

Kainuk town, on the tense border of Turkana and West Pokot counties, is once again on edge after armed bandits set up a kraal dangerously close to the newly opened Lobokat Girls Secondary School.

The modern school, completed in May with funding from the World Bank and the Kenyan government through the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), now sits under the shadow of rising insecurity.

For more than five weeks, bandits have terrorised residents around the River Malimalite area, shattering the calm restored through Operation Maliza Uhalifu and disrupting livelihoods built on sand harvesting, gold mining, farming, and bodaboda transport.

The most brazen attack came last Wednesday when Elpan Pachu, the only National Police Reservist stationed at Kailoseget village, and Isaac Ilikwel, a sand loader, were shot dead just metres from Kainuk Police Station. The bandits escaped with the reservist's firearm.

"It is heartbreaking that this happened so close to the police station," said resident Margaret Ajikon, warning that insecurity was now creeping into schools and homes.

Despite a heavy security presence in Kainuk, no arrests have been made. Locals accuse some senior officers of complicity and neglect.

Turkana Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai has demanded investigations into alleged complicity, accusing security officers of jeopardising years of peaceful coexistence between the Turkana and Pokot communities.

County News

Feuds As the founding generation fades, what begins with a funeral often ends in protracted legal wars in court

Inheritance wars tear apart North Rift's wealthy families

From the kin of Talai and Kimoso to the Murgor and Kibor dynasties, billion-shilling estates have become battlefields



BY TITUS OMINDE

In North Rift Kenya, fortunes built over lifetimes are now tearing families apart as bitter inheritance battles erupt over disputed wills and fractured loyalties.

Behind the gates of grand estates in the region, family ties are unravelling fast, triggered by handwritten wills, contested inheritances, and the promise of untold wealth.

As the founding generation fades, what begins with a funeral often ends in protracted legal wars in court, with children and, in most cases, wives from wealthy and prominent families battling for legacies with billions at stake, deepening family rifts.

This week, the High Court in Eldoret declared null and void a contested will allegedly authored by the colonial-era paramount Chief Kibor Arap Talai, whose estate, valued at over Sh3 billion, has been the subject of a legal dispute for more than 20 years.

The court's ruling has thrown the late chief's family into disar-

ray, especially among members who had hoped the will would resolve long-standing questions over the estate's distribution.

With the will now invalidated, the division of assets will require a fresh agreement among all beneficiaries.

This is not an isolated case. The bitter feud engulfing the Chief Talai family mirrors a growing trend in the North Rift region, where multimillion- and billion-shilling estates are increasingly becoming battlegrounds, a common source of anguish among wealthy families left behind.

At the heart of many of these conflicts are wills that are contested, allegedly forged, or unevenly favour certain heirs.

Courts in the region are now tasked not only with verifying documents but also with navigating family emotions, mistrust, and claims of betrayal, ensuring that legacies are honoured fairly even when families fall apart.

Behind the courtroom doors and the family home, the fight for legacy and justice tears at bonds

At the heart of many of these conflicts are wills that are contested, allegedly forged, or unevenly favour certain heirs



once thought unbreakable.

Chief Talai died on August 2, 2012. He had two wives – his first, Tapyotin Kibor, whom he married in 1947 and had five children with, and his second wife, Irene, who is at the centre of the contested will and has three children.

His vast estate, spread across Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet counties, includes large tracts of agricultural land, commercial properties, vehicles, farm equipment, and significant financial assets.

While delivering his judgment,

Justice Reuben Nyakundi declared the will dated February 13, 2006, null and void after a forensic analysis. The decision was based on a forensic document examiner's report submitted on November 24, 2025, which concluded that the signatures on the will did not match verified samples of the deceased's handwriting.

The case was originally filed by Talai's first wife, who passed away six years ago. She had challenged the authenticity of the will, claiming it was used by her co-wife Irene to unfairly claim a larger share of the estate. She requested the court to subject the document to forensic analysis at the DCI headquarters in Nairobi, alleging it was a forgery.

Following her death, her daughter Nancy Talai took over the case. During proceedings, Nancy told the court that her father had been a teacher before becoming a paramount chief, and that her mother worked as a cook at the same college in Elgeyo Marakwet where her father taught.

Ms Irene Talai, however, maintained that the will was valid and opposed the forensic examination, claiming it was an attempt to rob her of her rightful inheritance.

Not far away, the family of the late Uasin Gishu tycoon Francis Kipkoech Cheptoo Kimoso remains embroiled in a bitter inheritance battle that has stalled the burial of his son, Luka Kimoso, for nine months.

Luka's body has remained at Iten Hospital Mortuary since January 2025, with the burial halted due to a dispute over the family's contested Sh1.5 billion estate. His brother, Mr Morris Kimoso, moved to court in January, objecting to his burial on land in Karuna Meibek, where Luka had lived for 13 years, claiming it was not allocated to him under their father's will.

The will, reportedly drafted while the elder Kimoso (their father) was unwell and bedridden, is being challenged in court by some family members, led by eldest daughter Margaret Kimoso, who allege that it excludes eight rightful beneficiaries.

In yet another bitter inheritance feud, the family of former Kerio Central MP William Murgor

has faced a similar legal storm.

His son, Dr James Murgor, the former MP for Keiyo North, was accused of forging a will and a power of attorney to take control of a Sh2 billion estate.

Other family members, led by Ms Enid Murgor, the late MP's daughter, filed a petition in the High Court claiming they had been excluded from the inheritance through fraudulent documents.

A forensic expert testified that some of the documents used in the estate's division, including the will, were indeed forged.

Lawyer Philip Murgor, a cousin of James, represented a section of the family and directly questioned the validity of the disputed documents.

In January 2025, the court ruled the will invalid and ordered James Murgor to share the estate equally with all 35 beneficiaries.

In yet another ongoing case, the family of the late Jackson Kibor, a well-known Eldoret farmer and politician, is locked in a fierce legal battle over a will that outlines how his Sh16 billion estate should be distributed.

Mr Kibor's will, released to the family in 2023, named his fourth wife, Ms Eunika Kibor, and lawyer Mr Jonah Korir as executors. Ms Eunika moved to the High Court to have the will officially adopted.

However, other widows, sons, and daughters objected, questioning its legality and fairness.

Court records show that 27 family members filed objections. The hearing is scheduled to continue on November 17, 2025. Mr Kibor died on March 16, 2022, at the age of 88.

These cases reveal a deepening crisis in succession and estate management among wealthy families in the North Rift, where old money, family secrets, and disputed wills are fuelling court battles decades after the original tycoons have died.

As the first generation of post-colonial tycoons passes on, disputes over land, power, and money have replaced family unity with legal warfare — raising the haunting question: who truly deserves to inherit a legacy?

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German dream drives Kenyan youth through language classes

BY GEORGE ODIWUOR

When Phemy Omollo stumbled upon an online link offering free German lessons for Kenyan youth at Tom Mboya University, Homa Bay, she did not hesitate. She filled in the form, hoping to be among the lucky few selected.

Admission meant access to language training at one of the country's designated centres. But for Ms Omollo, learning German was only part of a bigger dream: a future in Europe, where opportunities abound. Enrolling also marked her first step inside a university lecture hall as a student.

"Many Kenyan youths see universities only from the outside. They've never sat in a lecture, never opened a textbook. For me, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said.

She joined a cohort preparing for job placements in German-speaking nations — Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Belgium. Since August 2024, Ms Omollo has not missed a single class. "The journey has not been easy, but I've given it everything," she said.

At its launch, more than 1,100 young Kenyans registered for the programme. The surge followed the Migration and

Mobility Partnership Agreement signed in September 2024 by President William Ruto and the German government. The pact, echoing Tom Mboya's iconic 1959-63 airlift, offers Kenyan youth a pathway to jobs abroad as Germany grapples with labour shortages.

But the journey has been demanding. Some students withdrew, daunted by the language. One year on, only 740 learners have reached the level needed to sit qualifying exams. Each carries a personal story of ambition and perseverance, bound by a shared goal: to uplift their families and transform their lives.

All 740 have already passed their A1

and A2 exams and are now preparing for the critical B1 test, which requires a 65 per cent pass mark. Success will qualify them for overseas employment, with further progression to B2 also possible.

The initiative at Tom Mboya University was launched under Interior Principal Secretary Dr Raymond Omollo, through his widows' empowerment support programme. "The world will start looking for you. You don't need to be the smartest person in the room, but if you're disciplined, you'll go far," he told them.

Germany alone requires about 400,000 foreign workers to fill urgent labour gaps. To protect participants, the government

is working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prevent exploitation. "Unscrupulous individuals have preyed on job seekers. This programme guarantees safe, legitimate employment," Dr Omollo affirmed.

Roseline Njogu, Principal Secretary for Diaspora Affairs, said her office is preparing comprehensive pre-departure training modules. "We care deeply about our citizens overseas. These sessions will help them know what to expect and how to conduct themselves abroad," she said.

Meanwhile, some Kenyans are training at InLegas, a German language exam centre, to become certified examiners.

International

Nothing to celebrate for protest victims' kin during fete

KATHMANDU, THURSDAY

Amid the lights, kite-flying and gatherings to celebrate Nepal's 15-day festival of Dashain this year, the homes of families such as the Chaulagains are shrouded in grief for their son, killed in the country's worst civil unrest in recent memory.

"Dashain is supposed to be filled with happiness, but this year I only feel sadness," said 53-year-old Ganesh Prasad Chaulagain, who lost his son, Shreeyam, 18, in the political turmoil that convulsed the Himalayan nation last month. The high school student was shot in the head on September 8 near parliament after he joined in a peaceful anti-graft protest that spiralled into a two-day episode of violence.

Nepal is slowly emerging from violence triggered by its so-called Gen-Z protests by young people enraged at a lack of jobs and perceived political indifference that killed 74 and ushered in a new interim government.

Reuters has reported that at least 33 of the demonstrators killed in the anti-graft protests were hit by "live bullets" fired from "high-velocity firearms".

Like many in mountainous Nepal, the Chaulagains lived on a slender monthly household income, in their case less than \$200.

But they ensured Shreeyam received an education, setting their sights on his finding a job overseas, perhaps in a country such as Germany, to ease their financial burden in coming years.

The median age in Nepal is about 25 years, but a lack of jobs has forced nearly a third of its young people to leave home in search of a livelihood that ensures economic security.

After the protests, 73-year-old former chief justice Sushila Karki was appointed as interim prime minister to prepare for elections set for March 5, but experts say the task is challenging.

Now the Chaulagains, and the relatives of others killed in the protests, are demanding regular economic support from the government, rather than just a one-time compensation payment. (Reuters)

Nationwide strikes rock France as unions protest austerity plans



Protesters release coloured smoke while holding labour union flags during a nationwide strike against the government and possible austerity cuts in Nantes, France, yesterday. PHOTO | REUTERS

Shocking A video on social media showed police shooting a man in the synagogue

Four injured in attack at temple as 'assailant' shot

People were stabbed and rammed with cars on the holiest day in the Jewish calendar

MANCHESTER, THURSDAY

British police said on Thursday four people had been injured after reports of stabbings and a car being driven at pedestrians near a synagogue in Manchester in north-west England, and that officers had shot the suspected offender.

Greater Manchester Police said officers had been called to the incident at Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in the north Manchester district of Crumpsall after a witness said they had seen a car driven at members of the public and that one man had been stabbed.

Armed officers responded and a man, believed to be the offender, was shot, GMP said.

A video shared on social media and verified by Reuters showed police shooting a man inside the

synagogue's perimeter, while another man lay on the floor in a pool of blood, appearing to wear a traditional Jewish head covering.

"I'm appalled by the attack at a synagogue in Crumpsall," Prime Minister Keir Starmer said on X as he left a European political meeting in Copenhagen early.

"The fact that this has taken place on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, makes it all the more horrific," Starmer said.

A Reuters photographer reported a heavy police presence in the area. Ambulance crews were seen in protective body armour and helmets, and at least one person was seen being taken into an ambulance.

Police said there were further reports that a security guard had been attacked with a knife.

"Paramedics arrived at the scene... and are tending to members of the public, currently four members of the public with injuries caused by both the vehicle and stab wounds," GMP said in a statement on X.

There were no further details.

Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar when even many non-regular synagogue-goers take time to pray and all road traffic stops in Israel.

Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham said it was a serious incident but told BBC radio "that the immediate danger appears to be over".

The Community Security Trust, a charity that provides security to Jewish organisations and institutions across Britain, said it was working with police and the local community. "This

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UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer



appears to be an appalling attack on the holiest day of the Jewish year," the CST said on X.

Britain suffered its second worst year for anti-Semitism in 2024 with more than 3,500 incidents being recorded, reflecting sustained levels of hatred towards Jews, the CST said earlier this year.

Reported levels of anti-Semitism rocketed to record levels in the wake of the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas on Israel and Israel's subsequent war in Gaza that has devastated the Palestinian enclave.

Britain has suffered a number of Islamist militant attacks since the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, including a deadly 2017 suicide bombing at the end of an Ariana Grande pop concert in Manchester.

The police have in recent years also warned about the threat from organised far-right terrorism. Earlier this year, British right-wing extremists were convicted of planning to carry out a terrorist attack at mosques or synagogues as part of a "race war". (Reuters)

BRIEFLY

NAIROBI
Executives push for digitisation to develop tourism

Tourism stakeholders at the 15th Magical Kenya Travel Expo in Nairobi have urged Africa to embrace digital tools to boost growth, resilience, and competitiveness. Speakers said technology can enhance bookings, improve visitor experiences, strengthen sustainability, and expand digital payments. (Xinhua)

LILONGWE

Don't use transition to push shady deals, State officials told

Malawian President-elect Peter Mutharika has warned government officials against taking advantage of the transitional period for corrupt practices, including pushing through questionable contracts and payments and carrying out irregular promotions and recruitments. (Xinhua)

KHARTOUM

8 killed in RSF drone attack in western Sudan

Eight civilians were killed and 12 injured in a drone strike by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces on El Fasher's Al-Daraja Al-Oula neighbourhood, volunteers said Wednesday. Witnesses reported that victims were rushed to Saudi Hospital. The army said it ambushed RSF fighters, killing foreign mercenaries. (Xinhua)

DOHA

Trump pledges US support for Qatar's security

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed an executive order pledging to guarantee Qatar's security, declaring any armed attack on the Gulf state a threat to US peace and security. The order follows Israeli airstrikes in Doha on September 9 that killed six people. (Xinhua)

Business

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States now participate in the Come-sa electronic certificate of origin

Comesa launches electronic certificate of origin in Nairobi

BY LUKE ANAMI

Kenya has launched an electronic cargo clearance system that will seamlessly enable faster clearance of cargo and goods to other countries within the Comesa region.

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO), a web-based system, replaces the manual paperwork that was slow, cumbersome, and time-wasting.

The e-Co will provide a simple and fully online process to apply, issue, and exchange documents, and verify the Certificate of Origin (COO) for goods to more than 21 countries.

A COO is a critical export document that verifies the country where goods were grown, manufactured, or produced.

The Comesa e-Co was first launched in November 2024 at the regional level by three piloting member states, namely: Eswatini, Malawi, and Zambia. Zimbabwe, and now Kenya, have joined the 21 Comesa member states participating in the e-Co, while others are in the process of integration.

"This launch is a signal that Kenya is ready to drive forward digital transformation, regional integration, and continental unity," said Regina Akoth Ombam, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, in a speech read on her behalf by Timothy Were, Director, ICT, Ministry of Trade.

Kenya Revenue Authority will be responsible for the application and registration of exporters, issuing and verification of the e-Co, while the Comesa secretariat will provide technical support, as well as provide advice on its implementation when it is needed by the member states.

EABL transitions 70pc of its manufacturing to renewable energy



Ministry of Energy Principal Secretary Alex Macharia (centre), East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL) Group Chairman Martin Oduor-Otieno (right), and CEO Jane Karuku during the launch of EABL 2025 Sustainability Report yesterday in Nairobi. More than 70 per cent of EABL manufacturing is now powered by renewable energy, according to the report, advancing its bold energy transition plan.

FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

E-mobility 15,000kWh tariff forced operators to limit charging at stations

Epra to lift caps on power use to drive uptake of EVs

Investors call for more incentives to push more charging to off-peak times

BY JOHN MUTUA

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) will remove the monthly consumption limit of 15,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) for electric vehicles per meter at a charging station in a policy change aimed at boosting uptake of the units.

Electric vehicles (EVs) pay Sh8 and Sh16 per kWh for off-peak and peak demand periods respectively, but the special price only applies within the consumption limit of 15,000 units in line with the e-mobility tariff that came into force in 2023.

Any extra unit above the 15,000-kWh recorded on a meter within a month attracts a demand charge, translating to higher charging costs given the

additional fee for a unit of electricity.

The consumption cap has forced operators to restrict the number of electric buses they charge at a single station to remain within the tariff limit and avoid higher charging costs. This has in turn derailed uptake of EVs.

"A major milestone will be the proposed update of the e-mobility tariff, which will remove the current consumption limit of 15,000 units per month," Epra says.

In Kenya, commercial and industrial (C&I) customers pay a demand charge that varies based on the voltage levels. Consumers supplied at high voltage pay a higher demand charge compared to their counterparts relying on low-voltage electricity.

KEY FIGURE

300

Charging stations for EVs currently spread across Kenya

Demand charge is levied to cover the cost of providing the infrastructure that can support peak power usage by the consumers at any given moment. Domestic consumers do not pay this charge.

This fee (demand charge) is different from the consumption charge and it is a key driver of electricity bills for the commercial and industrial consumers.

Removal of the monthly consumption limit for EVs will allow a higher number of buses to be charged at the same facility

in a month.

"With more headroom, we can expand our charging infrastructure beyond buses to serve other forms of transport; two-wheelers, vans and even private EVs," Moses Nderitu, the CEO of Basi-Go, a local manufacturer of electric buses, said.

"Raising or removing the cap on the e-mobility tariff will allow the industry to grow much faster and realise full benefits."

There are currently 300 charging stations for EVs in Kenya, according to data from industry lobby, Electric Mobility Association of Kenya. Most of these are located in Nairobi.

But removal of the consumption cap is likely to trigger a surge in demand from EVs during the day, with Mr Nderitu saying that there is need for more regulatory incentives to ensure that more EVs charge at night when demand is typically low.

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BRIEFLY

REAL ESTATE

Mi Vida hands over 200 units

Real estate developer Mi Vida Homes has handed over 200 affordable green housing units to private equity-backed International Housing Solutions (IHS) Kenya at its 237 Garden City project in Nairobi. Located within the integrated Garden City precinct, the development comprises a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. "Affordable housing must not mean compromised standards. We are proving that you can deliver modern, green, and well-located homes at accessible price points," Mi Vida CEO, Samuel Kariuki said. George Ngigi

BANKING

StanChart ex-staff take pension row to UK regulator

A group of former Standard Chartered Bank Kenya employees have asked the UK's financial services regulator to compel the lender's British parent to act on their claims for past undervalued pensions, citing frustration in their engagement with the Kenyan subsidiary. The 325 retirees are seeking pension payments on the same terms as the 629 former workers who recently won a Supreme Court case affirming a Retirement Benefits Appeals Tribunal award against the lender for their dues estimated at about Sh7 billion. Charles Mwaniki

MANUFACTURING

Rakesh Rao exits Crown Paints after 20 years

Crown Paints' long serving CEO Rakesh Rao has stepped down after 20 years during which the company recorded a major growth of earnings and sales as it also expanded into the regional market. He has been replaced by Mustafa Turra effective October 1, 2025. Victor Juma

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths		Security	Prices		
High	Low		Yesterday	Previous	Shares

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	20.85	20.40	12,487
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00	426.00	422.25	316
402.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	390.75	399.375	9,867
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00	380.00	380.00	1,609
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.75	18.50	6,368
302.50	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	324.25	302.50	53,036

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	41.90	41.35	10,759
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	22.00	21.50	220,968
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	37.25	37.40	2,371
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	105.00	104.75	14,528
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	58.00	58.00	525,879
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.65	10.70	148,344
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	42.95	42.95	11,180
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	57.00	56.50	754,872
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	70.00	69.75	11,277
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	197.25	194.25	3,861
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	284.00	284.25	20,974
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	20.85	21.00	270,758

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50	0.45		
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.39	1.40	36,476
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	8.06	7.92	6,126
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50	4.66		
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.94	3.94	718,280
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	3.30	3.03	10,786
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.61	1.61	41,243
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.25	13.00	28,761
17.00	1.80	Samser Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	15.60	14.80	54,367
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.90	6.90	4,706
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	16.60	16.40	4,002
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.39	0.41	609,477
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.91	2.87	14,786

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	61.25	58.00	911
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.75	58.00	1,895

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	9.12	8.66	1,949,604
14.90	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	14.75	14.40	3,535,680
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	33.85	34.05	66,518
24.75	6.30	Uneme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.88	8.85	620,994

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.96	8.88	163,734
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	4.87	4.84	159,078
320.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	320.00	319.75	7,291
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.16	3.16	4,709,947
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.95	11.00	4,880
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	9.14	9.22	5,902

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	15.50	15.55	83,915
1.36	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	1.31	1.25	376,362
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	6.44	6.52	84,021
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange, Ord 4.00	14.70	14.80	26,512
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	123.00	120.00	1,673
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	421.75	428.25	4,871
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	26.75	26.80	23,977
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	213.00	211.75	8,352
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.62	1.68	88,386
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorn Ord 5.00		65.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	23.90	24.00	560
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20	8.18	8.06	15,073

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	29.35	29.30	7,453,413
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	4680.00	4680.00	187
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	811.00	811.00	42

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX.01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 0.80pts - 178.96 NSE 20-Up 18.37pts -3004.28.01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 20.97pts 4672.29 NSE 20-SI -30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 8.09pts -1791.31 Dwn 0.75pts to close at 164.85

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	151.38	129.00	173.81	92.45	162.06	1.45	87.61	7.44
	sell	152.23	129.50	174.75	92.80	162.89	1.45	88.01	7.53
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	162.39	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	151.40	129.00	173.70	92.50	161.90	1.45	87.65	7.50
	sell	151.90	129.50	174.20	93.00	162.40	1.46	88.25	7.60

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	161.9548
US Dollar	129.2395	100 Japanese Yen	86.4125
1 Sterling Pound	174.7577	1 Swedish Kroner	13.7226
1 Euro	151.9275	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.9473
South African Rand	7.5295	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	100.4543
Ksh/BIF	22.7852	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4611
1 UAE Dirham	35.1860	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1528
1 Canadian Dollar	92.8548	1 Australian Dollar	85.5565

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.23%	7.48%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.68%	7.95%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.36%	10.91%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.48%	4.58%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	7.79%	8.08%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	3.77%	3.84%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.55%	12.18%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.91%	12.59%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.05%	10.57%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	4.95%	5.06%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.38%	12.05%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.56%	5.72%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.71%	9.10%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.51%	8.88%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.24%	10.78%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.59%	11.12%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.35	1.36
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.09%	8.42%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.67	15.67
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.61%	11.14%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.55%	4.65%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.93%	5.04%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.63%	11.21%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.62%	5.78%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.09%	10.62%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.73%	11.32%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.21%	10.79%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.27%	10.77%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	4.91%	5.03%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.34%	12.04%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.11%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.33	13.33
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.01%	12.76%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.73%	8.01%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	4.16%	4.25%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.56%	8.94%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	106.07	106.07
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	126.43	126.43
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.06%	10.54%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.08%	10.56%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.26%	10.75%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.08%	9.50%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	4.99%	5.12%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.53%	10.00%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.15%	8.49%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.26%	10.75%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.65%	9.00%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	5.01%	5.13%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.96%	6.14%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.41%	5.56%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.62%	12.32%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.80%	12.28%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	4.97%	5.09%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.43%	9.85%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.79%	12.88%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.51%	9.99%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.06%	11.70%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.49%	13.23%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.97%	11.59%
Orient Hifadhi Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.31%	9.77%
NCBA Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	216.68	216.68
Nabo Africa Equity Fund	USD	56.88	60.07
ICEA LION Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	152.50	152.50
ICEA LION Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	145.10	145.10
Equity Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	163.65	165.04
Zimele Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	16.70	16.22
Apollo Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	160.64	154.21

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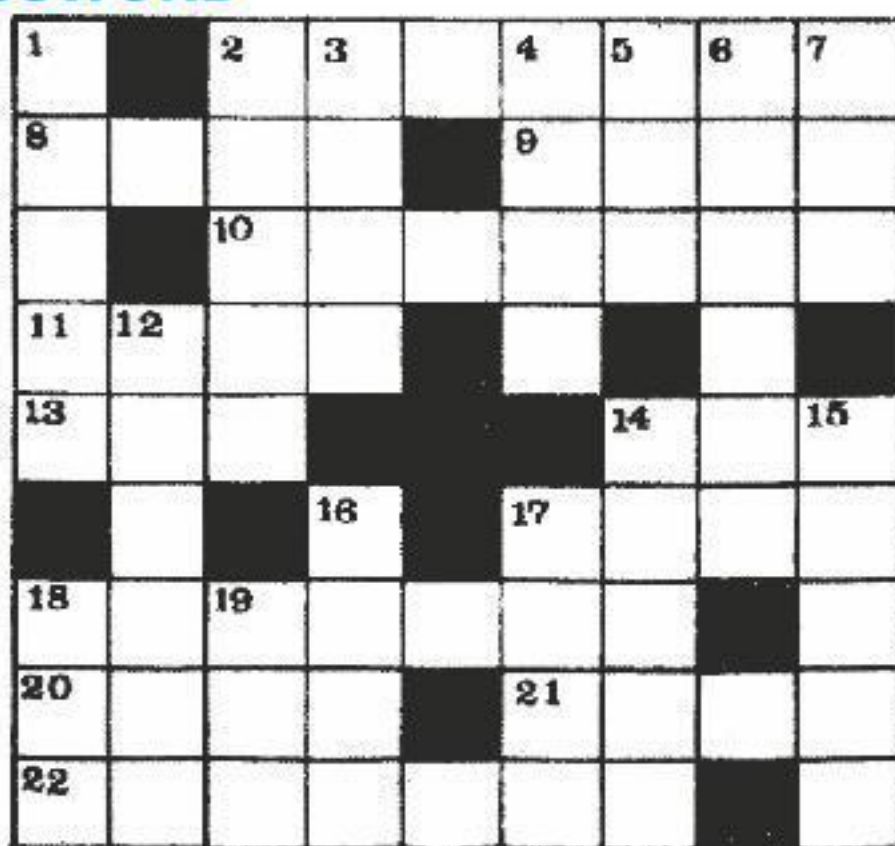
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. Perpendicular
8. Sharpen (skills etc)
9. Bellow
10. Dishonourably
11. Habitual drunkards
13. Prosecute
14. Acquire
17. In addition; besides
18. Fund
20. A remarkable person or thing
21. Story
22. Self-centredness

DOWN

1. Board game played with pieces called rooks, knights, queen etc
2. Merge
3. Fixes a price at a particular level
4. Implement for pressing clothes
5. Government of Bangladesh (abbreviation)
6. Divides into two parts of equal size
7. Have a go at
12. A trip taken for pleasure, especially one lasting a day or less



14. Shine brightly, especially with reflected light
15. Piece of cloth for drying body after bath
16. Role
17. The 5th book of the New Testament
18. Enemy
19. New, or recent, or in a modern form

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS:

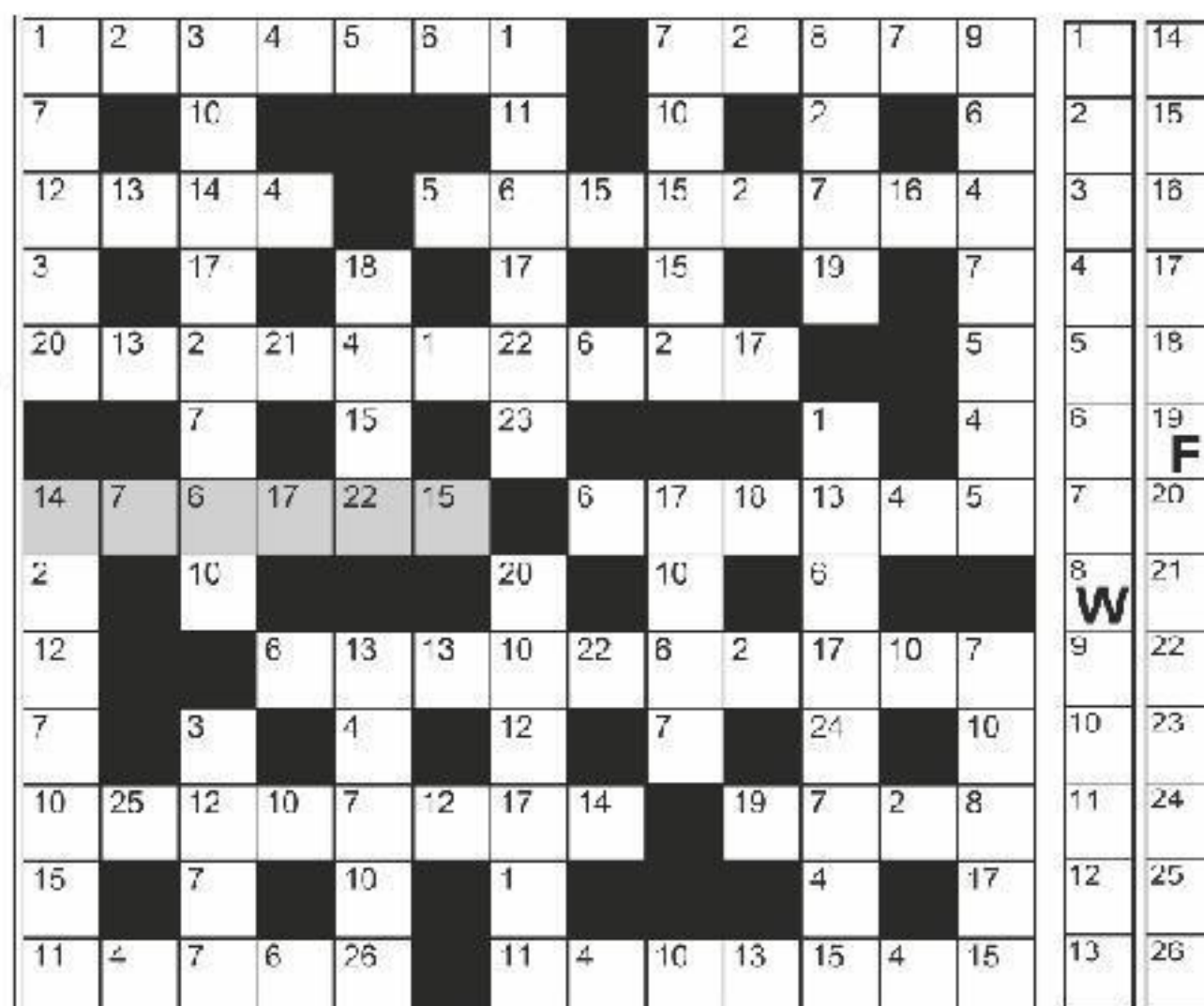
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- 10 Split
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- 21 Ace
- 22 Farsi
- 23 Mat
- 24 Inn
- 25 Nebraska

DOWN:

- 1 Dash
- 2 Loll
- 3 Animus
- 4 Wet
- 5 Ropy
- 6 Emerges
- 9 Ore
- 11 Pelican
- 14 Banana
- 16 Ram
- 17 Mete
- 19 Urns
- 20 Riga
- 22 Fir

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 8 represents W when 8 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.



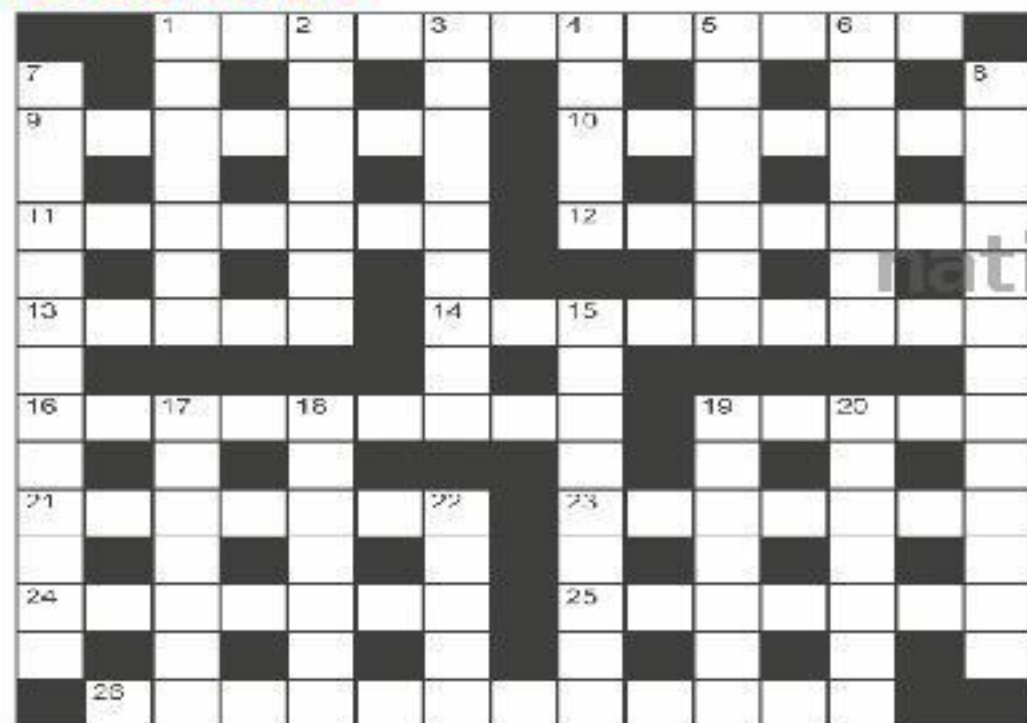
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	W	2	E	3	T	4	J	5	U	6	P	7	I	8	Z	9	A	10	R	11	O	12	V	13	D
14	N	15	M	16	S	17	Q	18	G	19	B	20	L	21	C	22	H	23	F	24	X	25	K	26	Y

COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 One stays covered up even when it's baking (6,6)
- 9 Restored boots with a traditional surface? (7)
- 10 Broadcast chap heard coming from overseas? (7)
- 11 One getting even returns in after e.g. Nevada's taking off 50 per cent (7)
- 12 Old French article carried by riverboat, rolling in it (7)
- 13 Jazz star one's seen in station (5)
- 14 Remote possibility of audible shouts for a red card? (3-6)
- 16 Surprise tail-enders for Yorkshire formerly were first to bat (3-6)
- 19 Letter that's mispronounced if you hear it? (5)
- 21 Liquidate fair located by south-west river (7)
- 23 Figure perfectly represented by seabird (7)
- 24 Niece upset about conclusion of bequest after grand inherited (7)
- 25 Working pump perhaps carrying river to the beach? (7)



- 26 Conceivably, I fled in place of fun and games! (7,5)

DOWN

- 1 They inoculate rabbits? (7)
- 2 Account goes into what emanates from pine fragrance (7)
- 3 I wondered, curiously, what goes on in the bedroom? (9)
- 4 It's played in any national orchestra, for starters (5)
- 5 What a wayward golfer lands in, lacking energy to get across (7)
- 6 This accompanied artefact being brought back partly used? (5-2)
- 7 Mixed up breakfast order? (9,4)

- 8 Dope the man's given with hot needle that gets stuck in both arms (7,6)
- 15 Evidence to support spirit being non-combustible (9)
- 17 Following Elijah's lead, convert learnt to become immortal (7)
- 18 Turkey maybe set up hack defending university on trial (7)
- 19 Performer, say Garfunkel, is the missing 19 Across? (7)
- 20 Modest opening do hotel arranged (7)
- 22 Times exempted from text hoax villain released (2-3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1 Casual
- 4 Narcosis
- 9 Errata
- 10 Panorama
- 11 Parsnips
- 13 Heated
- 15 Station master
- 18 Insubordinate
- 22 Ending
- 24 Vendetta
- 26 Thrilled
- 27 Impels
- 28 Decadent
- 29 Unites

DOWN

- 1 Cheapo
- 2 Surprises
- 3 Antenna
- 5 Alas
- 6 Cholera
- 7 Shaft
- 8 Standard
- 12 Priors
- 14 Inside
- 16 Treatment
- 17 Bisected
- 19 Bungled
- 20 Abdomen
- 21 Lapses
- 23 Doric
- 25 Rein

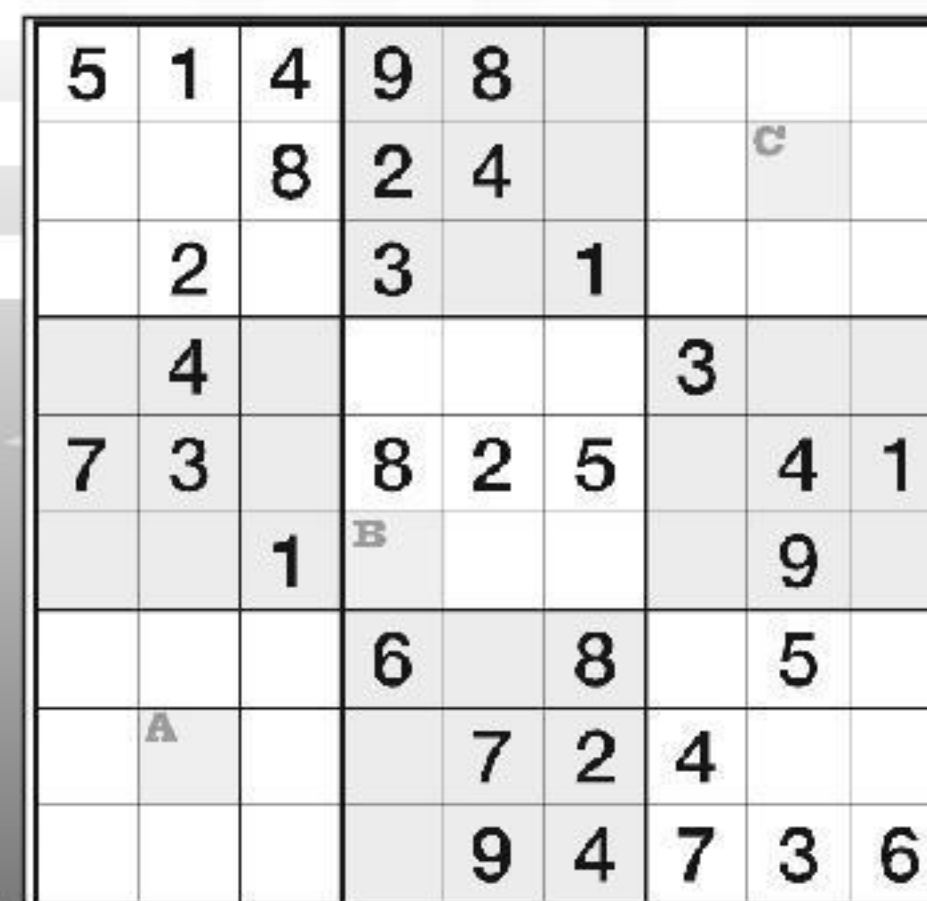
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ENJOY THE GAME OF SUDOKU DAILY

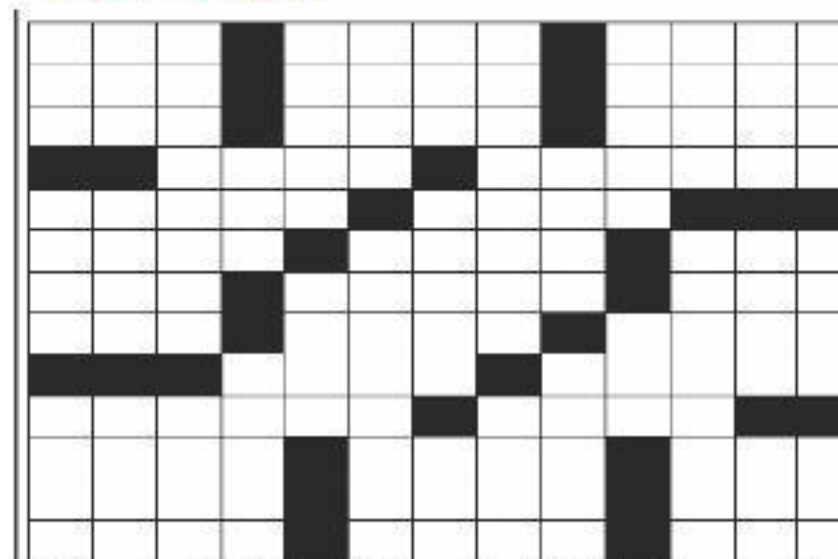
Use Numbers 1-9. Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Don't Repeat Any Numbers in the upper left square (circled in blue), this square already has 7 out of the 9 spaces filled in. Don't Guess. Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. Use Process of elimination.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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



WORD FIT



Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

3 LETTERS

- AWP
- AYL
- BAA
- DAB
- DAM
- DEN
- DUG
- INN
- IRF
- IFT
- NCT
- ORI
- ODD
- RAN
- RYE
- SEA
- URN

4 LETTERS

- AFRO
- ALAX
- APFX
- AKIA
- AKID
- ARMY
- ASIA

5 LETTERS

- AFTER
- AMULET
- AVANCE
- GOODY
- ORDER
- SPARE
- SPORT
- SWEAT

6 LETTERS

- AFRAT
- CORWFF
- ICAWA
- MENTI
- NEAR
- NEAR
- OGRE
- ORAL
- OSLO
- PLOT
- PLOQ
- REFIN
- SIPS
- SOME
- TENT
- TONE
- UPON

8 LETTERS

- AFRAT
- CORWFF
- ICAWA
- MENTI
- NEAR
- NEAR
- OGRE
- ORAL
- OSLO
- PLOT
- PLOQ
- REFIN
- SIPS
- SOME
- TENT
- TONE
- UPON

9 LETTERS

- AFRAT
- CORWFF
- ICAWA
- MENTI
- NEAR
- NEAR
- OGRE
- ORAL
- OSLO
- PLOT
- PLOQ
- REFIN
- SIPS
- SOME
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- UPON

Take 5

by Simon Shaker

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

Enter the letter given, then solve.

9 = M

Solution 1095

WordWheel

No 1095

T	N
L	E
Y	?
D	E

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise.

Solution 1095: REAPPEAR

Word-Builder

1096

L	S	A
D	O	

How many words of three or more letters, including initials, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No more than words or words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 8 Excellent - 10 Amazing - 16

SOLUTION 1095: dan, dew, die, din, dne, end, ide, new, nids, wed, wen, wend, wide, wids, win, wind, wine, wined

TRIO

These four words can be completed using the same three letter sequence. Can you find it?

___KE
A___AD
___W
___THER

TRIO 1095 SOLUTION
LIO

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT
AT KWALE
ELC O.S NO. E003 OF 2023

MWANAMKASI HAMISI NIMAMBEYA **APPLICANT**
-VERSUS-
ORAZIO MAZZONETTO **RESPONDENT**

To: **HASSAN BAKARI GAWAYU**
P.O. BOX 13 - 80400,
UKUNDA.

TAKE NOTICE that an application dated **03/02/2025** was filed by the Respondent for your substitution as the legal representative of the late Mwanamkasi Hamisi Nimambeya in this case concerning the ownership of the land **Title No. Kwale/Diani/390.**

Pursuant to orders of the Court issued on **28th July, 2025**, you are required to appear either by yourself or through a duly appointed advocate and comply with Order 11 of the Civil Procedure Rules (2010), within Twenty One (21) days of this advertisement.

The case will be mentioned on the **28th October, 2025** for compliance and directions.

TAKE NOTE that should you fail to comply and attend Court as directed, the court shall proceed and make orders your absence notwithstanding.

DATED at **NAIROBI** this **2nd** day of **October** 2025.

B. J. SAWE & COMPANY ADVOCATES
ADVOCATES FOR THE RESPONDENT

DRAWN & FILED BY:-
B. J. SAWE & COMPANY ADVOCATES
Town House 8th Floor, Room 815, Kaunda Street
P.O. Box 21712-00100,
NAIROBI.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the High Court at Nakuru, we shall by Public Auction sell the under mentioned property on Friday 24th October 2025 at our MAIN OFFICES located in the SEL & BARNET HOUSE, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM ONE - ALONG MOI ROAD NAKURU, Beginning from 11:00AM.

IN THE MATTER OF NAKURU HIGH COURT MATRIMONIAL CAUSE NUMBER 7 OF 2015 LUCY WAHIGA WANJOHI -VS- JOHNSTONE GIKANDI THEURI

All that property known as **L.R NO. NAKURU/MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 23/266, NAKA ESTATE, NAKURU TOWN EAST, NAKURU COUNTY.** This is a leasehold title measuring **0.08 of a Hectare or 0.2 of an Acre** and it is registered in the name of **JOHNSTONE GIKANDI THEURI.** The property is situated within Naka Estate, Nakuru Town East Sub County of Nakuru County. It is opposite and to the immediate South of Naka Primary School at about 500m off Oginga Odinga Avenue Branching to the right at Naka Primary Bus Stop. It lies at approximately 3.5km from Nakuru Town Centre. Developed upon the plot is a partly double-storey residential house, a garage and some semi-permanent domestic structures. **MAIN HOUSE: Accommodation : Ground Floor-**Garage, Verandah, Kitchen with a pantry and fire place, Sitting room, Dining area, Passage, Guest Bedroom, Bathroom, Toilet, Study Room and stairway. **First Floor-** Stairway landing, Passage, Single small Bedroom, Bathroom & toilet, Passage, one (1No.) ensuite Bedroom, Master Bedroom, Bathroom & Toilet and Balcony. Mains electricity and water services are connected to the property. Foul drainage is to a septic tank. Immediate access road is earth surfaced.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchaser(s) are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or our clients.
2. A deposit of 25% must be paid at the fall of the hammer and payment of the same done via cash, cash transfer, Bankers cheque or RTGS.
3. A refundable deposit of Kshs. 1 Million by way of Banker's Cheque (s) or a deposit to our accounts. To obtain account from our offices.
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A109 Lost

IACRE Ngong Rd opposite Metr
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LOSS of Deed File IR 63018 LR No
337/1879 Machakos County

LOSS of Original Title Deed for Title
Number Tinganga/Cianda Block 1/4 in the
name of Joshat Njuguna Njuku

LOSS of title deed No LR 3564(6680/4)

LOSS Of Title Deed Over Title No.
Limuru/Bibirioni/3784

LOSS of Title For LR. No. 11871/2(IR.
36441), Republic of Iraq

LOSS of Title IR 28420/1 LR 8285/257
Kariobangi North I.N.O Miriam Njoki

LOSS of title LR 10388, (original number
4801/2), IR 17811 for Jirani farms Limited

LOSS of title LR. No. 209/9526 in the
name of Mombasa Maize Millers (Nairobi)
Limited

LOSS of Title: Mwala/Kibau/934 Of
Nzambu Sanga Ngotho

LOSS of Title No. IR 10168 LR 2787/92 of
Mt. Kenya Distributive Coop Society Ltd

LOSS of Title No. L.R 1870/x/24 I.N.O
ACK Uzima Publishing House Limited

LOSS of title number Dagoretti/ Thogoto/
4487

LOST Title Deed E.Bukusu/S.Kanduyi/2688

LOST Title deed Kisumu/Seme Ratta/149

LOST Title Deed- Mwaa/Tebere/B/5971
Monica Wanjira Kaudio

LOST title deed no. Dagoretti/Uthiru/510.
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Mugwe son of Marathi

LOST Title Deed: Wanjare/ Bogiakumu/
3708 of Henry Kimwoni Kombo

LOST Title Deed: Wanjare/ Bogiakumu/
6556 of John Nyakeya Omwenga

LOST Title. Kampi Ya Moto/Menengai blk
1/869, John Kimunya Kamau (Deceased)

LOST title LR. No. 27165/7 of Mathews
Njogu Mburu

LOST title Lr. Number 3879/2 for Katheka
-Kai Farmers Cooperative Society Ltd

LOST Title No. Donyo Sabuk/Komarock
Block 1/67107 Beth Mwikali Nene

LOST Title No. Nakuru/Bahati/210 of
Irene Mumbi Mwaura

LOST Title No. Nyandarua/Ndemi 2922

LOST title W.K/BOGUSERO/10634s

RECONSTRUCTION Of Lost Land
Register For Title Number: Tinganga/
Cianda Block 1/4

TITLE KJD/Kap North 84567 Kevin M. N

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A167 Acupuncture

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PAIN Relief Clinic 0724-044383

A230 Health

TEETH replacement 0797664766

A279 Notices

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
AMALGAMATION AND CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of LR Nos. Kanyamkago/Kawere
1/3212,3213 & 3215 located around Arambe area, Uniri
Sub-County, Migori County proposes to amalgamate
and change its use from Agricultural to Industrial
(Liquified Petroleum Gas Filling Plant) subject to
approval by the County Government of Migori. Individuals,
institutions, organizations etc. with objections or comments
to the proposal are requested to forward the same in
writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:
The CECM, Lands, Housing and Physical Planning
County Government of Migori, P.O Box 195-
40400 Suna-Migori. Physical Planner: Onesmus
Musyoki. RPP NO. 0229.

A279 Notices

THE INSOLVENCY ACT
(No.18 of 2015).
COLLECTION AFRICA LIMITED
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR

PURSUANT to sections 534, 537 and 539 of
the Insolvency Act, 2015 and regulation 103
of the Insolvency Regulations, 2016, notice is
given that effective the 29th September 2025,
Phillip Ibrahim Onyango, I.P. No. OR/IP/033
has been appointed as an administrator ("the
Administrator") of Collection Africa Limited
("the Company").

The appointment of the Administrator is by
Rubicon Landing LLP, a holder of a qualifying
floating charge over the Company's assets.

The Administrator takes control over the
business assets and the management of the
affairs of the Company without personal liability.
By virtue of the administration, the powers
of the directors of the Company in terms of
dealing and/or transacting with the Company's
assets have ceased, unless with the express
permission of the Administrator. Moving
forward, all matters, operational or otherwise
pertaining to the affairs of the Company should
be directed to the Administrator or their
authorized representative.

The Administrator is currently engaging all
key stakeholders of the Company to elicit
their cooperation in order to achieve the best
possible outcome.

Creditors of the Company are required to
send full particulars of any claims they may have
against the Company to the undersigned on or
before 31st October 2025.

The Administrator acts on behalf of the
Company without any personal liability.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Administrator,
Collection Africa Limited (In
Administration)

c/o P.I. Onyango & Co., The Westwood, 4th
Floor, Ring Road Westlands
P.O. Box. 773-00606 Nairobi

Telephone: +254 113 804 990

Email: caladministrator@pio.ke

Dated the 3rd day of October 2025

PHILLIP IBRAHIM ONYANGO
Administrator
Collection Africa Limited

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT
AT NAIROBI
MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURT
MCELC NO.E253 OF 2023

JACKSON MBURU NJUGUNA
..... **PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT**
-VERSUS-

WILSON KAMUNYA KAMONI
..... **DEFENDANT/ RESPONDENT**
TO:

WILSON KAMUNYA KAMONI
COMPASSIONATE PENTECOSTAL
GOSPEL CHURCH,
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(Order 5, Rule 17 of the Civil Procedure
Rules 2010, and Pursuant to the court
order given on the 11th September, 2023

TAKE NOTICE that a Plaintiff has been filed
in the Chief Magistrate's Court at Milimani in
which you have been named as the defendant and
service has been ordered to be effected by means
of this advertisement. Copies of the Summons
to Enter Appearance and all the Pleadings may be
obtained from the Court Registry or the firm of
advocates indicated here below.

TAKE NOTICE that the case will be mentioned
virtually on the 27th October, 2025 as will be
indicated on the day's cause list.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless you
Enter Appearance within Fifteen (15)
days from the date of the publication of this
Notice, this matter will be heard and the court
will give orders as it may deem fit, your absence
notwithstanding.

DATED at **NAIROBI** this.....day of.....2025

GACAU KARIUKI AND COMPANY
ADVOCATE FOR THE PLAINTIFF
DRAWN BY:
GACAU KARIUKI & COADVOCATES
DUNE COMPLEX, 2nd FLOOR, ROOM C1
RUAL, OFF KANGUNDO ROAD
P.O BOX 870-00520 NAIROBI

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT
NO. 13 OF 2019

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The owner of **PLOT LR.NO NAIROBI**
BLOCK 110/851 located off Northern
Bypass Thome, Nairobi City County, proposes
to change its use from **Single-Dwelling to**
town Houses units (subject to approval by
Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions,
members of public etc. with comments and or
objections to the proposal are requested to
forward them in writing within **fourteen (14)**
days of the date of this notice to:

The CECM: Built Environment and
Urban Planning, Nairobi City County.
P.O. Box 30075 Nairobi. Name of
Registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu
Gichuru, Reg No. 0249

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA
AT NAIROBI MILIMANI LAW COURT'S
ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND DIVISION
ELC CIVIL SUITE NO. 548 OF 2013**

SAMIMPEX KENYA LIMITED..... PLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-
HAWO BISHARO OMAR..... 1ST DEFENDANT
SALAT FENUS..... 2ND DEFENDANT
ISININO OSMAN..... 3RD DEFENDANT
FADUMO RAGE..... 4TH DEFENDANT
ADOW SEDOW..... 5TH DEFENDANT
HAWO RAGE..... 6TH DEFENDANT

TO: RECOVERY CONCEPTS AUCTIONEERS, NAIROBI
**EVICION ORDER 22 RULE 29 OF THE CIVIL
PROCEDURE RULES**

WHEREAS as order was made on the 2nd day of May, 2014 by the hon Lady Justice Mary Gitumbi for the Defendant namely: HAWO BISHARO OMAR, SALAT FENUS, ISININO OSMAN, FADUMO RAGE, ADOW SEDOW, HAWO RAGE. Respectively to vacate and handover all land known as TITLE number **Garissa Town/Block 5/3** to the plaintiff.

AND WHEREAS the defendant has defaulted to handover the suit property known as **GARISSA TOWN BLOCK 5/3** as per the decree of this court dated 2nd May, 2014.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORISED to remove the said HAWO BASHIR OMAR, SALAT FENUS, ISININO OSMAN, FADUMO RAGE, ADOW SEDOW, HAWO RAGE from the suit property or any person bound by the said decree who may refuse to vacate the under mentioned property.

GIVEN UNDER my hand and the seal on this honourable Court this second day of May, 2014.

ISSUED at Nairobi this..... 3rd day of February 2015.

**DEPUTY REGISTRAR HIGH COURT OF KENYA NAIROBI
PROPERTY REFERRED TO ABOVE**

Plot No. Title Number Garissa Town/Block 5/3 the "suit premises" Registered at the Lands Registry Garissa County

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot Title No: Nanyuki Municipality/Block 9/1143 located off Embu-Nairobi/ Meru-Nairobi/A2 Highway within Nanyuki town is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include a **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Laikipia.

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-Lands, Housing & Urban Development, Laikipia County Government, P.O. Box 1271-10400, Nanyuki. Plan: Betty A. Ong'ino | Reg. No. 0248**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot Title No. Garissa Municipality/Block 9/133 located off Garissa-Dadaab Road within Garissa Municipality is proposing to **Extend Use** of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Garissa.

Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organizations with Objection(s) hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM-In Charge of Lands, Survey and Physical Planning, County Government of Garissa, P.O. Box 563-70100, Garissa. Plan: Betty A. Ong'ino | Reg. No. 0248**

FORM PLUPA/DC/3

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

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-VERSUS-
ESTHER WANGARI MAINA..... 1ST DEFENDANT
LOISE WANGUI MAINA..... 2ND DEFENDANT
JACINTA WANGUI MAINA alias **Jecinta Wambui Maina**..... 3RD DEFENDANT
ANNE GATHONI MAINA..... 4TH DEFENDANT
MARY MUTHONI MAINA..... 5TH DEFENDANT
JANE WANJIRU MAINA..... 6TH DEFENDANT
MARGARET WAMBUI MAINA..... 7TH DEFENDANT

1. Esther Wangari Maina **NYANDARUA.**
2. Loise Wangui Maina **NYANDARUA.**
3. Jacinta Wangui Maina alias Jecinta Wambui Maina **NYANDARUA.**
4. Anne Gathoni Maina **NYANDARUA.**
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Celebration of Life

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance that we announce the death of the late Professor Arthur Othieno Obel after a short illness at MP Shah Hospital Nairobi.

He was the son of the late Mzee Martine Botsa Obel and the late Mama Margaret Achieng. He was also a beloved son of Eudia, Petty, Susan, Martina, Grace, Mary, Awino and Nyamwalo. He was the husband of Millie Chepkemol and Joyce Andati.

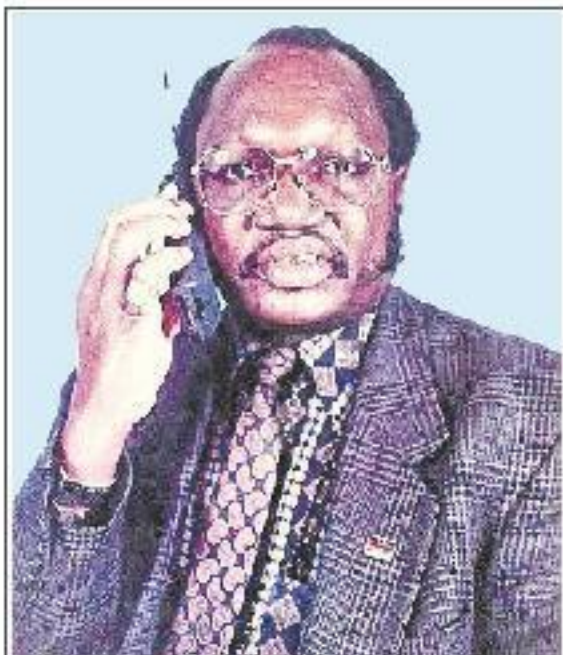
He was the father of Stella, Raymond Weswa, John Masaba, Angela Amakobe, Brian Milton and Gloria Margaret. He was the father-in-law of Linda Waiganjo, Lucy Kendi and John Mbithi. He was the grandfather of Nina Kawira, Zaki Mutuma, Tyler Adams, Deborah, Donnel, Geovanni, Myles and Jean.

He was the brother of Peres Sibuda (Bujumba), the late Alice Auma (Mutumbu), Florence Adhiambo (Germany), Emma Aloo (Bunyala), the late Beatrice Oloo (Meru), Semrick Akoth, Kadogo, Jennifer Omina (Nakuru), Sikuku, Athieno, Emily (Subukia), Jane Mayabi, Jackline Cafew (Busia), Christine Aoko (Samia), Josephine, Geoffrey Oyiko (Kericho), the late George Oyugu, the late George Othieno (UK), the late Omina, the late Masine, Joseph Omondi, the late Kenedy Odhiambo (Mogotio), Edward (Thika), Aspro and Kizito. He was brother-in-law of the late Lay Canon Jacton Sibuda, Jackson Opungu, John Opungu, Samuel Ouma, the late Nasera, Alice Oyiko among others.

He was uncle of Elizabeth, Apollo (Tingolo), Joseph, Dennis (Ministry of Energy), Brian, Emmanuel, George, Pamela, Margaret, Kake, Felly, Maureen, Janet, Rebecca, Daisy, Sakwa, Mamou (RMS), Davis, Oloo, Sylvia, Susan, Lydia, Ochanda, Ashley, Collins, Diana, Twain, Winny, Alice, Dan and many others. He was a relative, cousin and friend to many.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his Loresho home in Kaptagat Grove for funeral arrangements. The cortege will leave Lee Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m on Wednesday 8th October 2025 for a memorial service at All Saints Cathedral scheduled for 12:00 p.m then proceed to Busire Village in Busia County for the funeral scheduled for 10th October 2025.

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



Prof. Arthur Othieno Killion Obel

**Sunrise: 21st May 1946 ~
Sunset: 27th September 2025**

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Elisha Ndirangu Kamakia, which occurred on 25th September, 2025. Elisha was the beloved son of Ignatius Kamakia Ngunjiri and Loise Ndirangu Kamakia of Ol-Kalou. He was a devoted father of Richard Mwema, Claire Njoki, Kigan Kamakia and Tonia Nyawira. He was a loving brother of Dennis Ngunjiri (USA), Peter Kamakia (Kenya Railways) and Carol Wacuka (United Nations), brother-in-law of Dotty Awuor (USA), Rachael Wangei (Isuzu EA Ltd) and Jackson Mwandango (Kenya Air Force). He was uncle of Marley, Jasmine, Austin, Marilyn, Jason, Zalia and Loise among others. He will be fondly remembered as a cherished relative and friend to many. Family and friends are meeting daily at the family home at Hillside, Ol-Kalou, Kaimbaga Ward, Nyandarua County for prayers and funeral arrangements. Family and Friends will hold a meeting at **St Andrews Church, Nairobi** on **Friday, 03rd October, 2025** from 05:00pm and **Clavina Hotel at Gilgil** on **Sunday, 05th October, 2025** from 02:00pm. The cortege will leave **JM Memorial Hospital Mortuary** on **Tuesday, 07th October, 2025** at 09:00 am. A funeral service will be held at **Hillside School** and the burial will take place thereafter at the family home.

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



Elisha Ndirangu Kamakia

**Sunrise: 06th January, 1982
Sunset: 25th September, 2025.**

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Mama Betty Anyango Nyakiamo of Komanda Village, Sumba West Sub-location, Kaksingiri Location, Homabay County on 23rd September 2025.

Beloved wife of Mzee Dominic Mugeni Nyakiamo. Daughter of mama Alice Oloo Otieno and the late Stephen Otieno, Jane Otieno, the late Monica and the late Dorcas.

Sister of Joan, Mike, Judith, Norman, Nicholas, Ezekiel and the late George.

Sister-in-law of Hon. Peter Nyakiamo, John Oketch, Julius Yega, Francis K. Oduol, Pius Ochieng Muswanya, the late Pius Ogweni, the late Maria, Domitila, the late Samuel, the late Gabriel, Joseph, Benta and Morris.

Loving mother of Irene, Jacob, Maria, Maggie, Tom and Arthur (Chief).

Mother in law of Eric, Carol, Felix and Kahui.

Doting grandmother of Ruby, Nicole, Kayla, Natalie, Kylie, Niels, Kaycee, Khloe, Lyanna, Kayson and Baby Betty.

Cousin of Florence Ojode, Hon. Sammy Weya, Elizabeth Walwanda Keith, Joe, Dan, Julius and Edward Okinda, the late Francisca Indech, the late Dave Weya among others.

She was also a cherished aunt and friend to many.

The cortege leaves the Eldoret Hospital Mortuary on Thursday 09th October 2025 for a requiem mass at Eldoret Diocese, Mor Teaching and referral hospital chapel from 10:00am.

Burial mass will take place on Friday 10th October 2025 at Komanda Village, Sumbawest Sub-location, Kaksingiri Location, Suba North, Homabay County from 9:00am.



Mama Betty Anyango Nyakiamo

Death Announcement



Hon. Francis Thombe Nyammo

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of **Hon. Francis Thombe Nyammo** on **Sunday, 28th September 2025**. He passed away peacefully at home on his **86th birthday**.

Hon. F.T. Nyammo was the husband of the late Eva Kanyua Nyammo. Father of Makenna and Joseph Kuria, the late Nicole Nyawira Nyammo, the late John Mwangi Nyammo, the late Jason Muriuki Nyammo. Grandfather of Ashleigh Karimi Nyammo.

He was the son of the late Johana Muchiri Nyammo and the late Ruth Wambui Nyammo.

Brother of the late Waihiuni Gichohi, Wanjeri Kariuki, Wanjohi Nyammo, and the late Nyambura Nyammo.

He was the brother-in-law of the late Njeru Karanja, Njagi Karanja, Mutegi Karanja, Kanjiru Mbae, Jennifer Kahurananga, Mugambi Karanja, and the late Mugo Karanja. He was an uncle and friend to many.

Hon. F.T. Nyammo was the **Former M.P. for Tetu Constituency (2007–2013)**. He was the **founding Chairman of Longhorn Publishers**, a **founding Member of KEPSA**. He was a **long-serving member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Karen**, founder of **KSPS**, and **past Managing Director of Kenya Reinsurance**.

He was **cremated on Monday, 29th September 2025**, as per his wishes.

A memorial service will be announced later.

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

Heller Keller

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Prof. Jotham Ombisi Olembo 25-10-1940 to 29-09-2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Prof. Jotham Ombisi Olembo, which occurred on 29th September, 2025, at MP Shah Hospital, Nairobi after a long illness.

Son of the late Charles Okwemba Olembo and the late Eunice Akhaenda Olembo of Wanakhale Village, East Bunyore, Vihiga County.

Son-in-law of the late Frederick and the late Louise Seaforth, Guyana.

Beloved husband of Dr. Waveney Olembo.

Cherished father of Ariba, Ingati, Otukho and Olando. Loving father-in-law of Petronella, Faith, Alicia and Brenda.

Doting grandfather of Nothando, Nyawira, Jerome, Indiatzi, Tieli and Teyo Olembo.

Devoted brother, brother-in-law, cousin, uncle, and friend and mentor to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at the family home in Kahawa Sukari, Kiambu between 6pm and 8pm to condole with the family.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated in due course.

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You not only touched our lives as a son, husband, father, and brother, but also as a healer.

Within your clinic, you served with compassion and dedication, giving hope, comfort, and care to many. Your hands brought healing, and your heart brought encouragement to those who needed it most. The legacy of your work continues to inspire us and stands as a testimony to the selfless life you lived.

Though time has passed, the impact of your life remains strong. We are grateful to God for blessing us with you, for the lessons you taught us, and for the examples you set. You are missed beyond words, remembered with love, and honored always.

Dearly missed by all your family. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Until we meet again

Forever in our hearts

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing on of Seli Gadese-Mensah, which occurred on 25th September 2025.

He was the beloved great grandson of the King of Dagbon Naa Abukari II.

Son of Chris and Joyce Mensah. Brother of Richard and Esinam.

Loving grandson of the late Kutung Lana (Queen of Kutung) Madam Mary Fiawoo and late Edward Mensah; as well as the late David Kirubi Kariuki and the late Esther Wanjiru Kirubi.

He was the dear nephew of Charity and Frempong Brenya; George and Colleen Fiawoo; Felix and the late Ruth Mensah; Kariuki Kirubi and Rachel Kariuki; Kinyua Kirubi and Jayne Kinyua; Suzanne Waihtiegei and Anthony Muraya; Elizabeth Njeri and Charles Thuo Karungu.

He was cherished and adored by his cousins: Ohenewa Brenya, Bensua and Aaron Komla, Nana Osei Brenya, Boakyewaa Brenya, Terrie Fiawoo, Natalie Fiawoo, Denise Fiawoo, Edem Mensah, Eli Mensah, Selorm Mensah, Wanjiru and Jude Oyiolo, the late Kirubi Kariuki, Wendy Kinyua, Chris Kinyua, Janice Kinyua, Hugh Ndegwa Muraya, Cindy Watetu Muraya, Mwaniki Thuo, Kirubi Thuo and Trizahmarie Njeri Thuo.

The cortege will leave the Lee Funeral Home on Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 7:00am for the memorial service at Nairobi Chapel Ngong Road. The burial will follow thereafter.

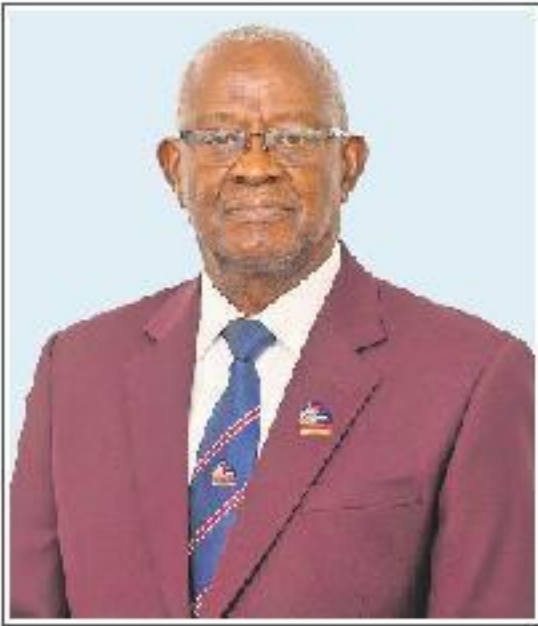
Seli was a caring brother and a friend to many. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed for the impact he had in the lives of all who knew him.

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



Seli Gadese-Mensah

In Loving Memory and Appreciation



Elder (Rtd) Julius Wamanji Kariuki (JUWAKA)

We, the family of the late Elder (Rtd) Julius Wamanji Kariuki, extend our heartfelt gratitude to our loved ones, friends, and well-wishers for the overwhelming support, prayers and kindness during this difficult time.

Your comforting messages, visits, calls, presence and shared memories of the late Elder Wamanji have uplifted us and were a source of strength and solace.

Special appreciation to the Session and Church members at PCEA Nairobi West Parish, PCEA Gateway Church, PCEA Gituro Church, PCEA Kigio Church, and ICC Church, Nairobi, for walking this journey with us.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)

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

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Joseph Kimaru on 22 Sept 2025 following an illness and prolonged hospitalization. He previously worked for Norfolk, Jacaranda, Ole Sereni and Weston Hotels respectively. He was the son of the late Kipbanyo Arap Koech Birebich and the late Rebecca Chemaiyo Baiywo Birebich.

Son-in-law of George Karuri Mukono and the late Mary Wanjiku Karuri of Matasia, Ngong. Loving Husband of Jane Wangui (Kui) Karuri-Kimaru of Jubilee Insurance. Loving father of Charlene Chepkemboi (Raisin Capital) and Brandon Kibet Kimaru (Social House). Brother of the late Misirei Kiprono Arap Baiywo, the late Chepagui Koskey (Bot Musungu), the late Stephen Kiplimo Baiywo and Bot Kebenei (Nenei). A Stepbrother, Cousin, Nephew and an uncle to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his house in Nairobi West Kodo Road 11 from 4:00pm for prayers and funeral arrangements. **There will be a fundraising on 9th Oct at All Saint's Cathedral Church from 5pm to offset huge medical bill and funeral expenses. Contribution can be sent via Paybill: 8062705 Account: Your Name.** A requiem mass is planned on Wed 15th at Don Bosco Catholic Church, Upper hill from 10:00am. The burial details will be communicated later.

**Forever in our hearts Joseph Kimaru,
Your memory and impact will never fade.**



**Joseph Kimaru
Arap Baiywo
Sunrise: 3 Sept, 1953 -
Sunset: 22 Sept, 2025**

Death and Funeral Announcement

It's with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Mary Igoki Mbaka.

She was the wife of the late Isaac Mbaka M'Rinjieu. A loving mother of Geoffrey Njeru (USA), Sammy Gitonga, Dr. Catherine Wanja Gitau, Joseph Koombe and Esther Muthoni Owuor. Mother in love of Margaret Wanjiru Njeru (USA), Teddie Karambu Gitonga, Gitau Muchane, Emma Mwende Koombe and Wycliffe Were. Dotting grandma of Christian, Rachel, Nyambura, Amani, Charlene Diana, Igoki, Gabriel, Njeri, Brian, Neema, Tephilla, Elsie Marie, Princess Favor and Eliana. Blessed Great Grandma of Alora Wanja. Loving sister of the late Joel Mukobwa, the late Salome Kiria, Japhet Nyaga, the late Bernard Njagi, Jane Nkonge, Purity Tanner, Linet Mbaabu, Muthitu Nkoroi, the late Gitaari Nkoroi, Micheni Titus, the late Miriam Gatune, Purity Kangai Nkoroi, the late Violet Kaari, the late Mukuru, Lin Murugi and Alex Mugendi. She was beloved sister in law of Muthoni Mukobwa, Kiria, Grace Nyaga, Solomon Nkonge, the late Franklin Ndii, Patrick Tanner, Bernard Mbaabu, Asenath Nkinga, Kagendo Micheni, Josiah Micheni, Mbae M'Nkuene, Caroline Mugendi, Leah & the late Rev. Ndeke, James & Sarah Macharia, the late Charles & Sally Micheni, Joseph and Miriam Thurairia. Meetings are being held at St Andrew's on Thursday 2 Oct, Friday 3 Oct and Monday 6 Oct. Also daily from 5:00pm at her home in Muganjuki Village, Mwingi location, Chuka.

Philippians 1:20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Phoebe Achieng Wamari

Sunrise: 21st November 1955 ~ Sunset: 21st September 2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of **Phoebe Achieng Wamari**, which occurred on Sunday, 21st September 2025.

Phoebe was the daughter of the late Shadrack Wamari and the late Mama Tabitha Wamari of Huluwinu Village, Siaya County.

She was previously married to Prof. George E. Otiang'a Owiti. Their union was blessed with two sons: Charles Otiang'a Owiti and Eric Wamari Otiang'a Owiti. She was the mother-in-law of Fanis Odhiambo Owiti and Yvonne Owino-Wamari, and a loving grandmother of Shechem, Leo, Jeremy, Abigail, Abe, and Aria.

She was the sister of the late Sarah Onditi, Joab Wamari, the late Rebecca Olewe, James Wamari, Ruth Ademba, Samuel Omondi, Bethwel Waweru, and Martin Omollo. She was also a beloved sister-in-law, aunt, and friend to many.

A dedicated public servant, Phoebe worked at the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) until her retirement.

She was a devoted Jehovah's Witness and a cherished spiritual sister in the Central, Komarock, Nairobi South, and Mlolongo congregations. Her gentle faith and kind heart will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

She held firmly to the hope in **John 5:28-29: "For the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out..."**

The Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 12:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Quarry Road, Mlolongo. The burial will be held on Saturday, 11th October 2025, at the Family home in Gongo Kagilo, Yala Sub-County, Siaya County.

"In God's hands she rests, in our hearts she lives forever."

Promotion to Glory

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Captain Wilfred Peter Njuki 'Joe' Kehara formerly of Kenya Air Force, Kenya Airways Chairman Rubani SACCO, former Chairman Kenya Railway Golf Club.

Beloved son of the late Peter Kihara & Esther Mboi. Loving husband of Grace Sagina Kihara.

Doting father of Elaine Esther, Arthur & Leah Kihara & Alfred James Ngunyi. Doting grandfather of Angel Eathan & Melissa Castillo, Njuki & Neema Kihara. Great grandfather of Alinah Castillo.

Brother of the late Hannah Ngima, the late Major (Rtd.) James Ngunyi, Grace Mwenje, Purity Muthoni, Symon Kihara, the late Millicent Sambu, Agnes Kihara, the late Douglas Wachira. Son-in-law of the late Alfred Nzalwa & Abigail Jaluha Kimiye.

Brother-in-law of Prof. Judy, Wilfrida, Joseph, Bishop Ken & Joy, Violet & Enock Mohol, Col. (Rtd.) Edwin Mboya, Pamela, Caroline Kimiye.

Brother-in-law of the late Gathendu, the late Leah, the late Mwenje, Kahia, Susan, Sambu, Wambui. Uncle to many.

Meetings are going on at Avenue Park 2, from 5:30pm. The funeral fundraising will be held at All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi on Friday 3rd October 2025 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. You are welcome. Other details to be communicated later.

Isaiah 43:1-4



**Captain Wilfred
Peter Njuki 'Joe'
Kehara**

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

It is with great sorrow and profound sadness that we announce the passing on of Shujaa John Kiama Muriithi (Chief Fire Officer) County Government of Kirinyaga, which occurred on 28th September, 2025.

He was the beloved husband of the late Ferister Njeri Kiama and Leah Wakarima Kiama. Son of Richard Muriithi Kiama, Mary Muthoni and Beatrice Muthoni.

A loving father of Richard Macharia, Christine Nyakio, Rahab Wanjiku and Linus King'ori.

He was brother of Loise Wakuthii, Late Stephen Muthii, Priscilla Wanjiku, Irene Karuana, Joyce Wangui and John Kiama.

He was grandfather of Emmaculate, Travis, Liza, Myla, Zyla, Granna, Owen, Austin, Monarisa, Abigail, Wacera & Ariana.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his residence in Gakui Kibingo and Kerugoya Catholic Ground from 4:00 p.m

The cortege will leave Ack Mt. Kenya Funeral Home, Kerugoya, on Tuesday 07th October, 2025 at 9:00 a.m for funeral service at ACK Saint Clement Kibingo Church Starting at 10:00 am and burial to follow thereafter at his home in Gakui Village.

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



MAKUENI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Death and Funeral Announcement

The B.O.M. PA and the entire Makueni Boys fraternity announces with profound regret the passing on of Pst. Jackson Munyao Ndetei on Tuesday 30th Sept. 2025 at Nairobi West Hospital. Until his demise he was a teacher and the H.O.S Geography Makueni Boys High School.

He was also the pastor incharge CCI Mbama, Mandoi Sub-region, Southern Region, Makueni Diocese.

The late Jackson Munyao Ndetei was the son of the late Jones Ndetei Nzioki and Tabitha Kavisyo Ndetei. He was the step-son of the late Alice Mumbi, the late Benedetta Kavesu and Agnes Mueni.

He was the beloved husband of Ruth Nzasi and dear father of Mumbo, Hope and Judah Munene. He was brother of Nduku, Mbithi, Mwikali, Kiio, Ngina, step-brother of the late Muathe, Asuman, Josephat, Minoo, Kavindu, Kyalo, Mulwa and the late Charles.

He was son-in-law of the late Jackson Muthusi and Agnes Kavele, brother-in-law of Mwaiva, Mulinge, Muema among others.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his home in Itaa village at 4:00pm for prayers and funeral arrangements. There will be a funds drive on Sunday 5th Oct. 2025 at his home. **Contributions can be forwarded to Till number 6422046.**

The cortege leaves Pamoja Funeral Home, Wote - Makueni on Wednesday 8th Oct. 2025 at 9:00 a.m for funeral service at his home in Makueni County, Makueni Sub-county, Mumbuni Location, Itaa Sub-location, Itaa Village.

**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
(2 Timothy 4:7-8)**

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Munyao Ndetei
Sunrise: 17/04/1978 ~
Sunset: 30/09/2025**



Four Years on..Forever in Our Hearts and Souls

Mama, today, we not only continue to celebrate your remarkable life but also to honour the indomitable spirit of a true matriarch. Mama, you wore many hats – mother, father, protector, confidante, and friend. Your mission in life was simple yet profound: to see us thrive, and you accomplished that in spades. Despite any adversities you faced, your spirit was unyielding. Your laughter filled every room, your warmth touched every heart, and your love for your entire family was boundless.

Four years on, your legacy shines brightly through us – Maina's calm determination, Kariz's vibrant spirit, Nyawi's nurturing heart, and Seel's fierce independence. Each of us carries a piece of you, ensuring that your spirit lives on. Your love is a thread deeply woven into the fabric of our lives.

Mama,
Your love for us never waned
Your love for us was never in doubt
Your love for us had no boundaries
Your love for us was simply angelic

Continue resting in power, our eternal heartbeat. Continue dancing with the angels!

Forever celebrated and dearly missed by your loving children, daughters in love and your dotting grandchildren.

We love you our forever heartbeat.

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PGK Equator Golf Tour Winner of Nakuru event will take home Sh201,000

Veteran Indiza man to beat

Three-leg winner Snow to miss fifth round of the series as he chases Tanzanian mission

BY LARRY NGALA

Top golfer Dismas Indiza is the man to watch at the fifth leg of the 2025 PGK Equator Tour, which is currently taking place at the par 73 course of the Nakuru Golf Club.

Indiza is one of 38 golfers competing for honours at the event, which began yesterday and follows the fourth leg at Great Rift Valley Golf Resort two weeks ago.

However, this fifth leg has attracted a smaller field of players, including two amateurs, Daniel Kiragu of Muthaiga and junior golfer Wasim Ali of Sigona.

The Nakuru event will be without Muthaiga's Greg Snow, who has already won three legs — Limuru, Mt Kipipiri, and the fourth leg at the Great Rift Lodge. Snow beat senior pro Indiza in a sudden-death playoff for his third win.

Snow is in Arusha where he will seek to defend the Tanzania Open golf title he won with a score of 286.

Joining Snow at the Kili Golf Club near Usa River and Kilimanjaro International Airport, are seven other Kenyan pros—Njoroge Kibugu, Robinson Owiti, Dennis Saikwa, Joseph Karanja, Shem Orwenyo, Sullivan Muthugia, Felix George, and Snow's coach Johnny Limb Jr.

The Tanzania event has attracted nine leading amateurs, including Kenya's top amateur, John Lejirmah; his closest rival, Michael Karanga; and last year's amateur winner, Sammy Mulama.

Other Kenyan amateurs are Carl Wambasi, Steve Orinda, Morgan Kipchichir, James Mathenge, Richard Wafula, Josphat Rono, and Yuvraj Rajput.

In addition to Tanzanians and Kenyans, golfers from Rwanda are also competing for the amateur title.

Back in Nakuru, senior pro Indiza is likely to be the player to beat in the absence of Snow and Kibugu. However, the Kakamega-based Indiza will have to contend with challenges from the winner of the first leg of the PGK Tour, Daniel Nduva of Nyali; Mohit Mediratta, Jastas Madoya, David Wakhu, and Edwin Mudiayi of Sigona; and Kenya's only female professional golfer, Naomi Wafu.

Besides points towards the 2026 Magical Kenya Open, the golfers will be fighting for Sh1.5 million purse, with the winner pocketing Sh201,000.

Meanwhile, the Karen Country Club is set to host the second edition of the Fund Managers Association (FMA) tournament, an annual event to support of girls' education. The tournament that has attracted 232 golfers, is being supported by the Trade and Development Bank (TDB) East and Southern Africa. Together with its trade fund management subsidiary, ESATAL, they have given about Sh5 million as their support for the tournament.

The money will go toward scholarships for underprivileged girls. Part of it will support financial literacy initiatives and the establishment of a permanent Endowment Fund.

The tournament has also drawn backing from FMA member institutions, including GenAfrica Asset Managers, Old Mutual Investment Group, CIC Group, ICEA Lion Asset Management, Britam, Jubilee Asset Management, and KCB Asset Management.

Dismas Indiza during the Magical Kenya Open qualifiers on January 28 at

Dismas Indiza during the Magical Kenya Open qualifiers on January 28 at Muthaiga Golf Club. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



Neema and Ojuka seek redemption in New Delhi

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Samson Ojuka, the Paris Paralympics long jump T37 silver medallist, and Stency Neema, a sprinter, return to action today at the World Para Athletics Champi-

onships in New Delhi, India, seeking redemption. Ojuka failed to advance past the semi-finals of the men's T37 last Saturday and now dreams of better results in the long jump T37 final.

After failing to advance past the semi-finals in the 100m T47 on Monday, Neema, who is competing in her second global event, now aims for a podium finish in the women's 200m T47. Meanwhile, sprinter Jairus Ong'eta has advanced to the men's 400-meter T13 final, which is scheduled for today.

Ong'eta made up for his failure to qualify for the 100m T13 final

on Monday when he dropped personal best 53.05 for the fourth place in the first semi-final. He ease through as one of the two second fastest losers from the two semi-finals.

"I want to go for something special at this Indian capital," said Ojuka, who targets over 6.50m to be assured of not just a medal but his maiden world title.

Ojuka, as Team Kenya captain, knows the heavy burden on his shoulder especially with his team not having secured any gold medals. Even worse, the men are without any silverware. Kenya has two silver medals, from Shei-

la Wanyonyi (javelin T13) and Nancy Chelangat (1,500 T11).

"I remember the Paris Paralympic Games when Kenya had not won a single medal until the final day when I won a silver," said Ojuka, who has been doing 6.2m to 6.3m in training.

Neema is seeking inspiration to clear the semi-final hurdle to achieve her dream. "I want to give it my best shot after failing at the semis in my debut at the world event in 2023 Paris," said Neema who represented Kenya in para taekwondo at the Paris Paralympic Games and 2023 World Badminton Championships.

Weekend golf fixtures

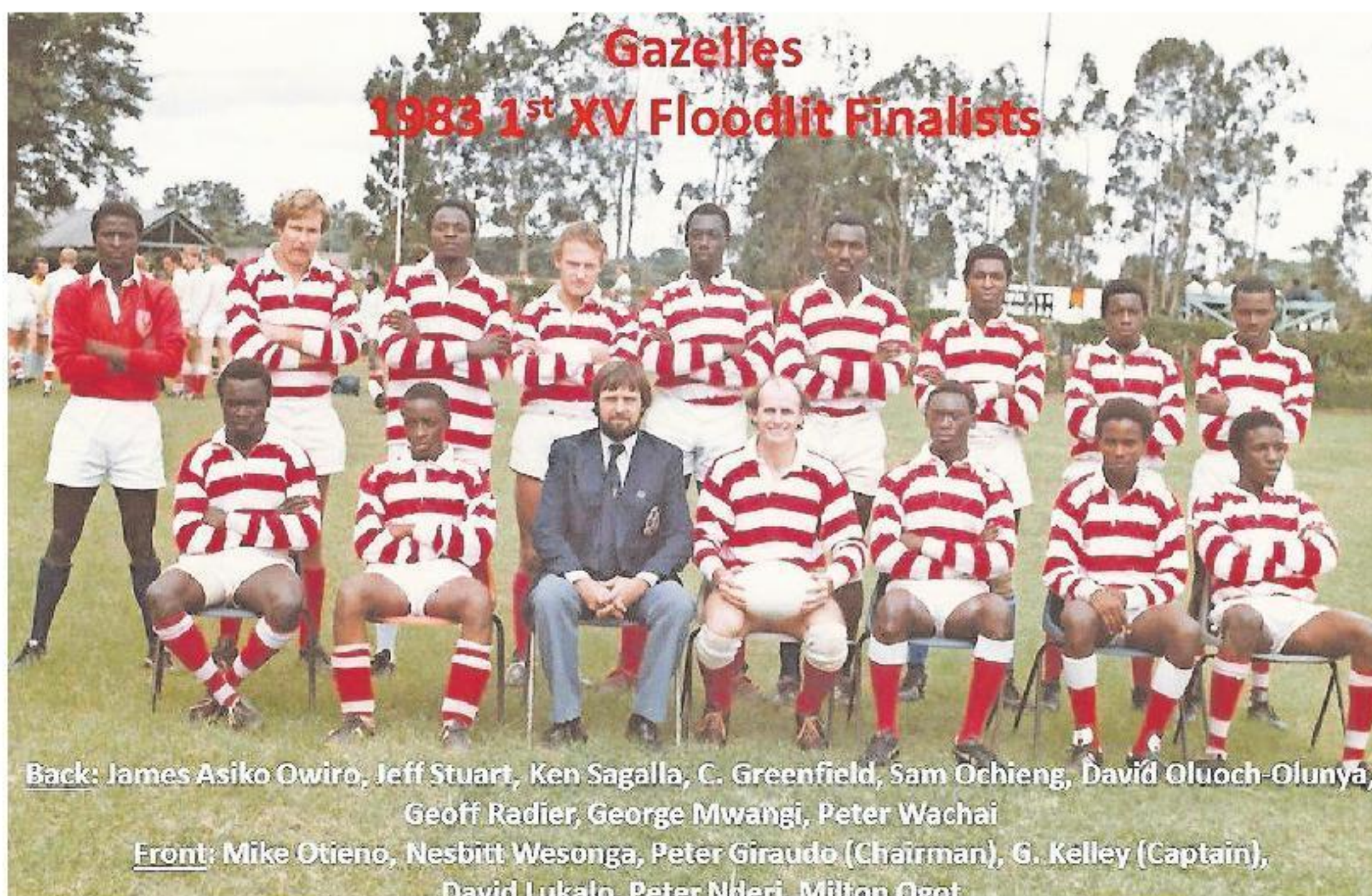
Today: Tea Fields Trophy: 7:00 J. Olwafi, F. Wasike; 7:09 C. Lwenyi, J. Cheruiyot, W. Wilson; 7:18 A. Odongo, W. Kamanga, D. Biegon; 7:27 J. Kamaisi, R. Lemingani, K. Collins; 7:36 J. Mwai, T. Bachu, A. Omooria; 7:45 T. Okwong, J. Michael, K. Lenny; 7:54 V. Chesumei, G. Karioki, R. Ngeno; 8:03 E. Muigua, M. Tanui, N. Koech; 8:12 C. Andrea, K. Mutai, E. Mbagaya; 8:21 W. Wambari, E. Wafula, G. Kirui; 8:30 M. Wekhomba, L. Soo, F. Maiyo; 8:39 D. Ndungu, W. Kibet, P. Shikuku; 11:00 C. Owuor, B. Ogwayo, A. Kombo; 11:09 K. Muraya, A. Kitur, J. Njenga; 11:18 K. Juma Kevin, I. Makokha, D. Bett; 11:27 J. Chebon, H. Kamau, P. Langat; 11:36 E. Barno, S. Etaan, W. Koskei; 11:45 D. Otuke, J. Koina, K. Too; 11:54 E. Mutai, E. Omollo, A. Efremov; 12:03 K. Anyien, F. Bukwo, P. Loris; 12:12 R. Gichuki, C. Bundi, C. Kippinge; 12:21 A. Mwangi, I. Ngechi, L. Tesot; 12:30 A. Nyarusi, C. Konzolo, J. Kaibei; 12:39 S. Kariuki, N. Muchiti, P. Lomadi

J. Osoro, P. Nderitu, C. Kamari, K. Gitura; 11:36 B. Lakhani, U. Raikundalia, V. Budhdev, D. Thakkar; 11:45 S. Samani, K. Chandarana, S. Thakkar, H. Joshi; 11:54 K. Khan, I. Khan, G. Sehmi, J. Shah; 12:03 E. Wakarima, P. Muiruri, L. Muniya, S. Kigera; 12:12 M. Nyakango, D. Nyakango, T. Mwenda, O. Kibuna; 12:21 N. Shah, M. Riyat, H. D'souza, S. D'souza; 12:30 N. Vishram, K. Sumaria, N. Savla, B. Pitrola; 12:39 N. Nyoike, J. Kiige (Jnr), V. Vajpayee (Jnr), P. Tank (Jnr); 12:48 J. Raithatha, V. Shah, S. Kotecha, K. Shah; 12:57 H. Kamuti, J. Wokabi, O. Plakalovic, M. Haria; 13:06 M. Shah, D. Shah, K. Dodhia, D. Gudka; 13:15 H. Shah, A. Jandu, N. Shah, S. Shah; 13:24 M. Wambugu, K. Shah, J. Kimani, D. Gathuo; 13:33 B. Kagiri, E. Wakarima, A. Njaaga, D. Maina; 13:42 G. Kirika, H. Manyara, J. Mwangi, K. Kiura.

Sigona: Tomorrow: Sigona Golf Club, KAM Sigona Golf Day: First Tee: 6:42 W Khan, D Chege, C Waqo, M Waqo; 6:58 S Matharu, A Chandana, A Chotai, S Trushar; 7:06 S Savani, K Mediratta, S Saahil, S Arora; 7:22 S Nanji, S Haria, P Kiran, P Parnimal; 7:30 M Ochiong, E Mideva, A Nyambura, T Alando; 7:38 N Kiplani, S Sachin, S Malde, S Paresih; 7:46 A Gitu, E Kinungi, V Mukhula, D Njoroge; 7:54 B Ogwayo, M Njunge, D Mathu, S King'ori, 8:02 F Makola, S Ngao, F Musyoka, L Mbithi; 8:10 S Harshida, D Isabella, P Archana, N Devi; 8:18 P Kirit, M K Shah, R Prashant, S Kanja; 8:26 S Rajan, S Jatain, S Kalpesh, S Palkesh 8:34 V Kosgei, F Kipyego, K Chemelil, K Kevin; 8:42 G M Gitau, M N Njoroge, S K Kangethe, A Njenga; 11:22 S Makrani, P Kimanga, H Mugure, A Ismail; 11:30 D Sifuna, C Wangombe, M Lucas, P Kiboi; 11:38 H Sehmi, V Chawla, B Thakra, A Sodha; 11:54 Z Gichigi, P Mugo, G G Nganga, M Wainaina; 12:02 L Njenga, J Njau, E Ngigi, E Migwi; 12:10 P Tushar, G Rahim, S Sarju, S Ashit; 12:18 A Sanghani, A Lalla, P C Shah, I Aildasani; 12:26 M Mulji, S Dass, P Popat, S Sajjan; 12:34 K Muraya, S Kalsi, S Amar, S Navin; 12:42 S Mwiti, B Kiraithe, J Mueke, B Savani; 12:50 B Sehmi, P Rakesh, A Kirui; 13:06 C Musungu, M Zeni, P Gumbo, S Maina 13:14 A Parmar, K C Chauhan, R Mediratta, S Haq; 13:22 J Njeki, L Muriithi, N Njiraini, Ano; 13:30 C Kilongosi, B Ngugi, Ano, Ano, Tenth Tee: 6:42 L Bing, Y Sui, S Yichen, Z Huntai; 6:58 J Dhana-ni, S Preet, R Chotai, S Bhatt; 7:06 R Njau, B Bella, A Gathura, P Sejal; 7:14 X Hongxin, Y Sadora, L Zhirui, C Wang; 7:22 K Mediratta, R Mediratta, M Matharu; 7:30 S Mughal, S Merali, J Merali, A Zahid; 7:38 D Qing, L Xi, A Bhat-ti, X Peng; 7:46 S Pradip, D S'ouza, P Pranay; 8:02 E Norohna, S Nishit, M wroe, P Nishit; 8:10 S Hetansh, P Alim, Ndirangu G, M King'ori; 8:18 Kiongora, ano, ano, ano; 8:26 M Ruw, W Njenga, J Kilonzo, V Musili; 8:34 S Khanna, A Savani, P Srinivas, G S Panesar; 8:42 M Kimemia, P Jakaa, M Muhanda; 11:22 P Arvind, D Mela, H Pindolia, S Nitin; 11:30 P Sehmi, D Halal, P Sunil, S Rimal; 11:46 S Sethi, P Hitesh, N Verjee, H Parshu; 11:54 S Sanjeev, K Ketul, S Kiran; 12:02 D Bhachu, D Bhayani, H Lakhani, S Nishwal; 12:10 S Chadha, S Kassam, S Kassam, S Hilesh, J V Bhatt; 12:18 S Rajesh, Y K Nadga, H Chetan, K Parekh; 12:34 V Mola, C Maloba, B Mwirichia, V Nyabe-na; 12:42 D Vasani, P Janki, R Bakhai; 12:50 S Pradip, S Sorathia, S Bharat, P Dinesh; 12:58 M Varsani, K Nagaria, P Deep; 13:06 S Saari, S Raikundalia, M Assaria, R Haas; 13:14 J Esmail, D Gada, S Nitin, ano; 13:22 J ochiong, P Ivia, J Mbatia, C Ntorizi; 13:30 P San-jay, S Mayur, A Vsham.

Vet Lab: Tomorrow; Diwali Golf Day; First Tee: 6:21P. Mwatha, S. Mwathia, J. Ojowa, B. Berges; 6:30 N. Sudhir, A. Shah, R. Singh, B. Gudka; 6:39 C. Ogolla, J. Munge, C. Kenoi, M. Gatundu; 06:48 M. Chege, S. Shah, H. Dodhia, R. Mohanpura; 6:57 N. Chandarana, A. Janbonputra, P. Mandalaiya, D. Shah; 7:06 V. Sonigra, S. Parmar, C. Parmar, M. Chavda; 7:15 K. Balsod, P. Shah, V. Sharma, H. Zhonghui; 7:24 K. Patel, J. Mwangi, S. Kariuki, P. Sokhi; 7:33 M. Shah, M. Aggarwal, P. Jani, J. Ghaghda; 7:42 J. Kioko, C. Munyori, C. Gathumbi, L. Kiragu; 7:51 R. Shah (Jnr), K. Shah, R. B. Shah, Kevin; 8:00 R. Lakhani, H. Sound, A. Radia, C. Samani; 8:09 K. Samani, S. Barot, K. Bavaria, H. Khimji; 8:18 D. Shah, H. Dodiha, K. Shah, S. Shah; 8:27 B. Akun, T. Opar, S. Okach, R. Bore; 8:36 S. Shah, D. Bid, M. Bector, S. Shah; 11:18 R. Shah, G. Warui, M. Kituyi, M. Kombo; 11:27 A. Gandhi, S. Patel, A. Gandhi, R. Shah; 11:36 E. Munene, N. Kariuki, G. Kabuuri, J. Mukua; 11:45 R. Shah, S. Dodhia, F. Limo, S. Gachoki; 11:54 J. Ouko, J. Oreng'e, W. Nadida, M. Karano; 12:03 H. M. Obino, K. Njoroge, W. Macharia, B. Wamatu; 12:12 T. Thannawalla, D. Mukabi, F. Ogutu, R. Ndei; 12:21 Lady Captain's Time; 12:30 M. Gorassia, J. Varia, B. Lakhani, P. Karobia; 12:39 S. Gouri, L. Bakhshi, V. Vajpayee, D. Asodia; 12:48 G. Kingiro, F. Wahome, V. Landfa, F. Mwaniki; 12:57 Captain's Time; 13:06 O. Abekah, R. Khanna, T. Patel, V. Gudka; 13:15 J. Kirui, S. Kantai, K. Ladak (Jnr), M. Ladak (Jnr); 13:24 A. Nyaga, I. Nyakwara, L. Migoye, N. Njuguna; 13:33 A. Ladak, G. Waiganjo, R. Mwarania, E. Ng'ethe; 13:42 F. Limo, C. Oreng'e, S. Shah (Jnr), L. Ongori (Jnr); Tenth Tee; 6:21B. Mabango G. Wanjohi, T. Shah, J. Mureu; 6:30 S. Patel, N. Patel, R. Patel, J. Patel; 6:39 B. Shah, A. Unia, S. Woo, S. Maina; 6:48 N. Shah (Jnr), M. Victor, J. Mathu, B. Mandere; 6:57 C. Hayer, N. Hirani, S. Dossaji, C. Mangat; 7:06 A. Sheikh, H. Rishi, B. Jones, T. Shah; 7:15 E. Mugo, W. Kabugu (Jnr), J. Ndonga, S. Ndonga; 7:24 E. Njumu, B. Omolo, A. Thuku, H. S. Sokhi; 7:33 J. Nyotta, T. Nyotta, B. Agastyanaraju, H. Ramji; 7:42 A. Wangila, V. Muthiani, S. Meely (Jnr), F. Muthiani; 7:51 S. Gadriaju, K. Reddy, V. Reddy, N. Kumar; 8:00 B. Sokhi, B. Patel, G. Patel, N. K. Shah; 8:09 M. Shah, I. Samani (Jnr), D. Shah, A. Shah; 8:18 J. Kinuthia, P. Karing'u, M. Makundi, F. Musila; 8:27 K. Shah, M. Lucas, P. Srinivas, N. M. Shah; 8:36 P. Mutethia, P. Brooks, S. Mbugua, M. Muthua; 11:18 R. Shah, D. Varsani, P. Varsani, V. Shanbali; 11:27

Rugby Draw for 42nd edition on today, annual affair kicks off next weekend



The 1983 Impala Floodlit inaugural finalists, Impala RFC at Impala Club before the big match. They lost 12-0 to Nondescripts. PHOTO | POOL

Back: James Asiko Owiro, Jeff Stuart, Ken Sagalla, C. Greenfield, Sam Ochieng, David Oluoch-Olunya, Geoff Radier, George Mwangi, Peter Wachai
Front: Mike Otieno, Nesbitt Wesonga, Peter Giraudo (Chairman), G. Kelley (Captain), David Lukalo, Peter Nderi, Milton Omet

How Impala Floodlit tourney was started

BY PAUL OKONG'O

The 42nd edition of the annual season opening Impala Floodlit kicks off next weekend. The draw will be conducted today. The tournament, hosted by Impala RFC and the Impala Club, was first played in March 1983.

It is safe to say that none of the players who will feature in this year's tournament were born when the oval ball was kicked at the Ngong Road-based club 42 years ago.

So how did this tournament come into being? "The concept of the Floodlit tournament was introduced alongside the lines of split rugby which was used in the Kenya Cup between 1974 and 1979. This involved Kenya Cup sides fielding two teams of approximately equal strength," says Peter Giraudo, a Kenyan journalist who practiced his trade in the 1970s and 1980s and was also the chairman of Impala RFC in 1983 and 1984.

Split rugby was abandoned at the Kenya Cup in 1980 because some teams were unable to raise two sides. Impala Club also introduced floodlights in 1982 to allow adequate training time for players to up to 8.30pm.

"When we introduced the Floodlit tournament in 1983 we decided to revive the split side concept," said Giraudo. "The concept was borrowed from Zambia where the East Africa Tuskers toured in 1975 and again in 1979. The Tuskers had played some of their matches under floodlights."

Impala Club had erected floodlights in 1982. The playing unit then complained of the extended training sessions, but it soon became a normal routine.

"I suggested it be a tournament in late February or early March and the Kenya Rugby Football Union (KRFU) agreed to give it a go. This might generate revenue for the club which we badly needed. I proposed it would give Impala some-

thing really different and was a gamble worth taking," Giraudo explained.

"Dave Rondell, our second XV prop, was working at Masinga Dam and was able to sell us very cheaply three huge lighting towers. The then chairman of Impala main club Dan Mwendwa was an engineer and helped supervise the towers and pylons, whilst second XV player Ron de Haay had some influence with the Dutch Embassy and Phillips, a Dutch company. Lo and behold, we were able to get a set of powerful floodlights duty free," Giraudo recalls.

The inaugural tournament was a roaring success. Matches were held on Wednesday and Saturday to overflowing crowds that almost overwhelmed Impala resources. Giraudo talks about a huge gate revenue and bar sales that went off the chart.

Said Giraudo: "The Floodlit became the place to be seen socially for young and upwardly mobile young Nairobian, and branched quickly into post-match social events, side shows, concerts and merchandising, bringing a new side to rugby of a festival atmosphere to 15-a-side games, and a very big new audience of young Kenyans. The event became hugely popular for many years and whose success the committee and I hoped for."

The inaugural tournament involved 10 teams - Nondescripts Lions and Nondescripts Tigers, Impala Gazelles and Impala Boks, Kenya Harlequins Ruffians and Kenya Harlequins Vandals, Mwamba Vumbi and Mwamba Umeme, Barclays Bank, and Lenana School.

"Mwamba Vumbi powered their way into the semi-finals after beating Impala Boks 20-3. Chris Lee of Boks was red carded by centre referee Emmanuel Akatsa. Nondescripts Lions dispatched Kenya Harlequins Vandals 26-6 to also qualify for the semi-final. Andy Pryce, David Evans and Bruce Evans scored four tries with David kicking a drop goal as Skipper Pryce kicked a conversion," the Daily Na-

tion reported on March 12, 1983

Four days later on a Wednesday, Gazelles beat Harlequins Ruffians 24-8 while Lions eliminated Vumbi 30-9 in the semi-finals.

Reported the Daily Nation on March 16, 1983:

"Geoff Radier of Gazelles intercepted a Quins pass and ran through unchallenged to score. Radier scored a second try late on. Ken Mulli intercepted another Quins' pass to score a try. Mike 'Tank' Otieno kicked three penalties for the hosts. Beth Alunga Omolo and Cliff Mukulu scored a try each for Quins but Frank Ngaruiya missed the conversions for the result. In the second game Mwamba Vumbi ran into the peerless kicking of David Evans who scored 22 points. The Nondies pack wrecked the Vumbi pack giving scrum half Bruce Evans a field day."

The final was played on March 19, 1983, a Saturday. Nondescripts Lions showed their hand by fielding seven East Africa Tuskers players including David Evans, Bruce Evans, Rod Evans, Andy Pryce and Allan Ramsey.

Impala were led by captain George Kelly, Kenya 15s internationals Joe Masiga, "Tank" Otieno, Ken Sagala and Nesbitt Wesonga as well as Geoff Radier of Watembezi Pacesetters but had no answer to a powerful Nondescripts side who won 12-0.

David Evans kicked two drop goals and two penalties. Masiga made powerful runs but each time he was neutralized by the white shirts defence. "Tank" Otieno inexplicably missed three penalties. Kenya's Attorney General then Mathew Guy Muli presented the trophy to the team and the Most Valuable Player award to David Evans.

Impala Club collected Sh10,000 from the gate, according to Giraudo.

But hosts Impala had to wait until 1999 for their first Floodlit title. In 2011 the tournament was held twice in one season as the Union moved to align with the international calendar.

Anti-doping

Mvurya allays fears of ban as Wada deadline to conform ends

BY VICTOR OTIENO

With the deadline for Kenya to comply with the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) code set to end today, Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has downplayed fears of the country getting suspended.

At a press conference in Nairobi yesterday Mvurya said 30 out of the 35 sticking issues that Wada had with Kenya had been addressed.

Mvurya expressed optimism that Wada will not suspend Kenya, citing the country's commitment to full compliance with its anti-doping code.

Regarding the five outstanding issues, the CS said, Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (Adak) has already developed an action plan that has been shared with Wada.

"Between that period (when Wada declared Kenya non-compliant) and now, Adak has been working hand in hand with my office and also Wada, with the support of international partners and today (Thursday), I am very happy to report that 30 of the 35 issues have now been resolved and dropped," said the CS.

"The five issues that are remaining, Adak has made a very formidable corrective action plan which has already been submitted to Wada and right now, I can confidently say that Kenya is on the right track to compliance. However, we await the decision of Wada on the status of Kenya but by and large, we have complied with all the requirements of the anti-doping agency," he added.

On September 11, Wada declared Kenya non-compliant for flouting its code and gave the Kenyan anti-doping body 21 days to correct its non-conformities in full or risk suspension from today.

A statement by the Wada Executive Committee meeting in Prague, said then that if the suspension was effected and Kenya failed to comply within six to 12 months, there could be further consequences including an international ban.

A source conversant with Adak operations had disclosed to Nation Sport that inadequate funding from the government, which has affected the national anti-doping body's operations since last year, is one of the reasons why Wada had threatened sanctions.

Setting a timeframe of one and a half months, Mvurya explained that the five issues remain unresolved since they require more time and technical expertise.

On funding Adak, he said the Treasury had committed to ring-fencing the financing of the national anti-doping body. "In the next supplementary (budget), we will see more resources appropriated for anti-doping efforts in our country," he assured.

The CS noted that the only matter expected to take longer was the restructuring of Adak. This includes building its human resource capacity to be able to address emerging challenges in future. Adak's funding was reduced from Sh298 million to Sh20 million in the last financial year.

National Treasury CS John Mbadi had in June proposed an allocation of Sh16.69 billion to the Ministry of Sports in the 2025/26 financial year budget estimates where Adak was allocated Sh241 million.

1983
 Year the inaugural Impala Floodlit tournament was held at Impala Club, Nairobi

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How annual Impala Floodlit tournament was started 42 years ago P.31



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SportPesa League

AFC Leopards captain Owino faces former club Rangers

BY CECIL ODONGO

AFC Leopards captain Kennedy Owino says they are prepared to pick maximum points as he faces his former club Posta Rangers in the SportPesa League today afternoon at Nyayo Stadium.

Last season Posta Rangers picked six points from Ingwe with identical 1-0 wins.

Owino has told Ingwe fans to start celebrating as their target is to win against Rangers who are second on the table with six points after two matches.

Leopards drew 1-1 with Sofapaka on September 20 in their opening match at Ulinzi Sports Complex.

"We didn't get the three points our fans needed in the first game but let them come to Nyayo and celebrate with us the three points we will get against the Posta Rangers. Now I'm at AFC Leopards and my focus is on winning even if it is against my former team," said a confident Owino.

Ingwe assistant coach Kenneth Wendo acknowledged Posta Rangers have a tactical coach and the game would be very tough.

"We must understand the magnitude of this game, what we want now and at the end of the season. It is a good match to redeem ourselves and recover from the draw in our last match," said Wendo.

Leopards' Fredrick Alushula is out with injury.

Posta Rangers under the tutelage of Sammy "Pamzo" Omollo have had identical 2-1 wins over Mathare United and former champions Tusker.

They will be confident in the exceptional service of midfielder Kevin Juma and front runners Eliud Lokuwam and Brian Otieno.

Sofapaka will host Kakamega Homeboyz at the Moi International Sports Centre, Annex ground in the other match of the day today

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Today: Sofapaka v Homeboyz (MISC, Annex, 1pm), Rangers v Leopards (Nyayo, 4pm)

Tomorrow: Bandari v Murang'a Seal (Mbaraki, 3pm)

Sunday: Mathare v Sharks (MISC, Annex, 1pm), Gor v KCB (Dandora, 4pm), Ulinzi v Mara (Ulinzi Sports Complex, 3pm), Tusker v Shabana (MISC, 4pm), Bomet v Police (Gusii, 3pm)

Monday: Bidco Utd v Nairobi (Sportpesa Arena, Murang'a 3pm)

Stanchart Marathon sponsorship hits a record Sh233m

BY CECIL ODONGO

Sponsorship for the 22nd Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has reached a record Sh233 million. The marathon will be held on October 26 in Kenya's capital city.

The race has already reached full capacity of registrations with 30,000 runners from 92 nationalities signing up for the annual race.

Running will be in the 42km, 21km, 10km, and 5km family fun run. Last year the race attracted Sh173 million in sponsorship.

Forty three partners played part in hitting the record figure this year by contributing in cash and in-kind.

Standard Chartered led with Sh130 million contribution, while KWAL secured naming rights for the 21km race with Sh10 million.

Prudential, sponsor of the 5km Family Fun Run, has also committed Sh9.5 million, including insurance cover for all participants.

Other key contributors include Anta Sports (Sh5 million), EABL (Sh3.5 million), and UNDP (Sh3.2 million).

Organising Committee Chairman David Mwindi hailed the strong turnout from both sponsors and participants saying it is proof of collective commitment to nurturing talent and transforming lives through the Futuremakers initiative.

In 2024, the marathon raised Sh48 million for the Futuremakers programmes.

Athletics The seven gold winners will pay for half the price of the house they pick



President Ruto confirms Sh27m reward, affordable houses for Tokyo medallists

Head of State hosts world beating Kenya team for breakfast at State House, Nairobi

BY BERNARD ROTICH

President William Ruto lauded athletes who represented Kenya at the just concluded World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan during a breakfast meeting at Statehouse, Nairobi yesterday.

The Head of State announced that the government cash reward for the medallists from the Tokyo championships, totalling Sh27m, has already been deposited in their accounts.

Ruto added that the government will pay half the cost of an affordable house of choice for the all the seven gold medallists.

"We promised to pay gold medallists three million shillings, two million for the silver medallists and one million for the bronze medallists and that has been deposited to the medallists' accounts because we promised and we have implemented as a government."

"We are not dishing out houses freely but we have to pay because we must strictly adhere to the rules and no one is getting anything for free. The government of Kenya is paying the other half of the amount and the athlete will clear the balance just as we did with the footballers after the Chan (African Nations Championships)," he said.

Kenya finished second on the medal table, behind giants USA. Kenya also wrote history at the championships by becoming the first nation to sweep all gold medals from 800m to marathon on one edition.

Double world champion in women's 5,000m and 10,000m Beatrice Chebet has received Sh6 millions while Faith

Kipyegon gets Sh5 million for her gold in the women's 1,500m and a silver in the women's 5,000m.

Gold medallists Faith Cherotich (women's 3,000m steeplechase), Lilian Odira (women's 800m), Emmanuel Wanyonyi (men's 800m) and Peres Jepchichir (women's marathon) were the other Sh3 million beneficiaries.

Dorcus Ewui, who bagged a silver medal in the women's 1,500m, was rewarded with Sh2m while Reynold Cheruiyot (men's 1,500m) and Edmund Serem (men's 3,000m steeplechase) got Sh1 million each.

Ruto said that the brilliant performance that was witnessed at the global event by team Kenya should be emulated across the country.

"It is not an easy feat to achieve and coming in second overall to be the second best in the world is not easy and we celebrate our athletes. We should all aspire for excellence and emulate our athletes who carried our flag high at the just concluded championships," said Ruto.

The President added that Kenya has always led the world in performing well across the world in various sporting events in athletics and that's a reminder that they are not merely participating but are there to compete and do well.

"Greatness is our heritage and mediocrity has no space in our country and average does not raise a flag but excellence and greatness will raise the flag make us proud as a country," he added.

Ruto said that the immediate measures in the foreign allowance were some of the things that were implemented when the athletes left for the championships.

He added that as Kenyans celebrate their performance, discipline and resilience is what inspires every Kenyan in doing their best.

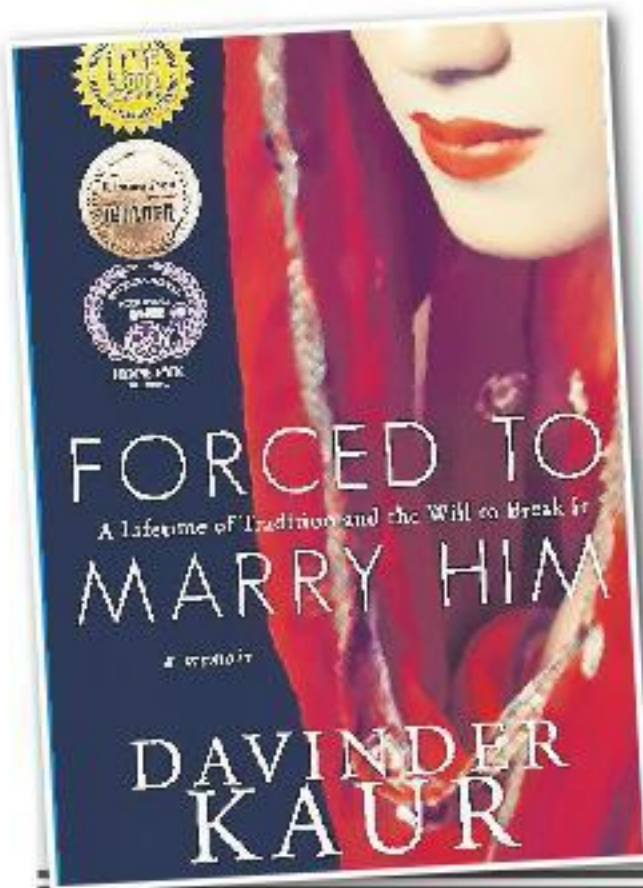
Ruto also announced 500 sports men and women will be absorbed in the various disciplined forces.

President William Ruto, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki and Sports CS Salim Mvurya pose for a photo with the 2025 Tokyo World Athletics Championships medallists at State House, Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO | POOL



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Pastoral women on the frontline

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In Marsabit County, child marriages and pastoralist traditions still limit girls' education, but these three firstborn daughters—Jillo, Jenerita, and Hawo—have defied the odds and broken into the male-dominated world of veterinary care—proving that resilience, education, and leadership can change communities and challenge traditions. **P.4-5**

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mockery of men who care hurts everyone

There's a TikTok video I can't stop thinking about. A Kenyan man living in the diaspora, baby strapped to his chest, walking his two children. The comments section erupted. "Just say she's married you," someone sneered, in reference to his wife. The implication: a man caring for his own children is emasculated, dominated and weak.

But here's what got under my skin. In his defiant response, the man said: "If raising my children or helping my wife to raise the children means she has married me, then so be it."

Even in his pushback, there it was. That word. 'Helping.'

When we say a man is "helping" at home, we're making a declaration of ownership. We're stating that the house belongs to her. The children belong to her. The cooking, cleaning,



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school runs—all hers. When he participates, he's doing her a favour, assisting with her duties.

These children have two parents. This home has two adults. Yet our language reveals what we believe: that domestic life is a woman's jurisdiction, and a man who enters it is either extraordinary or suspect.

That TikTok isn't alone. Men who cook for their families, carry their babies, clean their houses face relentless mock-

ery. They're told they've been "tamed," that their wives "wear the trousers," that they're not "real men." As if masculinity is so fragile that folding laundry shatters it.

We've created a twisted situation where men are simultaneously praised and punished for the same action. When a man changes a diaper, we call him amazing while questioning his manhood. We want him involved but not too involved. Present but not domestic.

The word "help" implies that the work belongs to someone else. When we say a father is helping with his children, we're saying those children belong to their mother. We're erasing his equal stake in those small humans he helped create. When we say a husband is helping around the house, we're declaring home as a female space where he's merely a guest work-

er. This language shapes how men see themselves. Even that progressive TikTok framed his parenting as "helping my wife". The conditioning runs that deep.

But here's what should make us uncomfortable: when we troll men for doing household work, when we mock them for carrying babies, we're revealing how little we think of women's work. If this work is so demeaning, so beneath real men, what does that say about the women who do it daily? The mockery cuts both ways.

Consider what we're teaching our children. When a girl sees her mother do everything while her father is praised for doing anything, what is she learning?

When a boy sees his father's participation mocked, what is he learning about his responsibilities? We're raising another

generation to repeat these patterns.

The intervention starts with language. When a man prepares dinner for his family, he's not helping—he's cooking. When he takes his children to school, he's not helping—he's parenting. When he cleans his home, he's not helping—he's maintaining his living space. These aren't favours. They're basic adult responsibilities that exist regardless of gender.

The men being trolled online for carrying babies and cooking meals aren't weak or controlled. They're doing what adults should do—showing up fully in their own lives, in their own homes, with their own children.

The real question isn't why some men "help" at home. It's why we ever thought they shouldn't.

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ON THE RADAR

Compiled by Wanja Mbutia



Jepkosgei Chemoiwa

The mathematics and physics teacher at Emining Boys' High School in Baringo was recently announced as one of Africa's finest educators, becoming the latest winner of the African Union Continental Best Teacher Award, a prestigious honour established in 2019 to elevate the teaching profession, celebrate exceptional educators and inspire teaching as a first-choice career across Africa. The award is closely tied to the AU Agenda 2063 and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa.

Linda Bach

The senior journalist has been appointed the Kenya Editors' Guild chief executive officer. Her appointment, effective from October 16, was announced by KEG President Zubeidah Kananu, who expressed confidence in Linda's ability to steer the organisation. She takes over from Rosalia Omungo, who has served the editors' lobby since 2017. Prior to her appointment, Linda served as a council member in the guild.



Diana Waithanji

A cybersecurity professional at Sap and board member of the Internet Society Kenya has been selected for the prestigious TechWomen exchange programme. An initiative of the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education, TechWomen is a high-impact mentorship and exchange programme that strengthens the capacity of women in STEM by connecting them with leading US professionals and firms.

Sewing up futures one garment at a time



Workers at the New Wide Garment factory in Kitengela, Kajiado County, stitch clothing for export under the African Growth and Opportunity Act on September 19. PHOTO | REUTERS

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NIGERIA

Coalition seeks halt to violence against women

A coalition of women's rights advocates, government officials, civil society groups, and security agencies has renewed calls for urgent and coordinated action to combat violence against women and girls in Nigeria. They made the appeal during a two-day workshop in Umuahia, the Abia State capital, on Monday. The forum, organised by the Women Aid Collective with support from the Ford Foundation, brought together diverse stakeholders to strengthen policy implementation, build institutional capacity, and push for community-driven solutions to gender-based violence. Prof Joy Ezeilo said Wacol has for decades provided legal aid, advocacy, training, and rehabilitation for women and young people, noting that poverty, entrenched cultural practices, and weak enforcement of laws drive abuse.

GHANA

Ecogas assesses gender equality seal for agencies

In its commitment to promoting gender equality within Ecogas institutions, the Ecogas Gender Development Centre concluded the Regional Self-Assessment Workshop on the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions on Thursday last week. This four-day workshop, held in Praia under the leadership of the Ecogas Commission's Commissioner for Human Development and Social Affairs, saw the active participation of members of the Ecogas Gender Equality Committee, experts from GIZ and UNDP, as well as staff from EGDC and GIABA. Following the official launch of the GES-PI initiative in September 2024 in Accra, this workshop aims to support GEC committee members and Focal Points in conducting self-assessments of their institutions to identify gender gaps based on the Seal's methodologies.

UGANDA

High costs, traditions still block girls from school

The executive director of Uwezo Uganda has said the high cost of education and harmful practices remain huge barriers to girls' education, hence it needs urgent attention to reverse the situation. "Though progress has been made over the past decade, girls in Uganda and across Sub-Saharan Africa are still faced with enormous challenges to enrol in and complete quality education. Poverty, harmful cultural norms, teenage pregnancies, child marriage, gender discrimination and lack of safe learning environments are some of the barriers to girls' education," Dr Gorreti Nakabugo told a press conference in Kampala on Tuesday, ahead of the national conference What Works in Girls' Education. The three-day conference, which ends today, has brought together experts from 20 countries.

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Voicemale Humiliation demonstrates the darker side of authority

When poverty collides with power: The case of abuse of two Njoro girls

Gender-based-violence (GBV) is any harmful act perpetrated against a person, based on gender identity and as an expression of power relations. It can come from a person of the same or different sex or gender identity and can occur in private and/or public sphere. GBV is often classified into physical, sexual, socio-cultural, economic, emotional and technology-assisted forms. A case reported by the *Daily Nation* of September 24 is a classic illustration of emotional GBV and its intersection with other forms.

According to the report, two sisters attending Kenana Primary School in Njoro, were humiliated by their own teacher (and a female one at that) for not wearing underwear. The younger girl in Grade Four who reported to school later than her elder sister was ordered by the teacher to remove a pair of trousers she had worn under her dress to keep herself warm. The teacher then dragged her to the staff room and paraded her before 20 other tutors, including male ones, before announcing that the girl had no undergarments.

The elder sister in Grade 9 was also summoned and similarly asked about undergarments. Meanwhile, some male teachers, perhaps out of spite, offered to buy them the items. The teachers also asked whether their own mother had undergarments.

Totally humiliated and embarrassed, the girls returned home crying and vowed never to return to that school. "It broke me", the mother was quoted as saying. "I send my children to school expecting them to be safe, but they were stripped of their dignity. The teachers could have sent them home instead of humiliating them". Let us decode this case.

First, it is obvious that the teacher not only asked the girl to remove her trousers but also inspected her, hence, was able to determine that she did not have an undergarment. This conforms with what the Inter Agency Standing Committee calls sexual abuse, defined as "the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions". That it was done to a child qualifies it as child abuse.

Second is the issue of power. The teacher, by virtue of her position, had the authority to summon the pupil and to expect obedience. But she misused this power to expose the girl's situation to other teachers, making what is private a public matter.

Third is the concept of vulnerability. The girl's vulnerability was her age and status as a pupil that had to defer to the teacher who exploited this to degrade her. Inlaid in the case is poverty. A girl going to school without an undergarment is an obvious indicator of lack. A sensible teacher would not treat this as a source of mirth and opportunity to abuse her power but one for empathy. It



Mary Njoki*, a GBV survivor, in Nairobi. Two sisters in Njoro were humiliated by their female teacher for not wearing underwear. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION



Dr Okumba Miruka

The teacher, by virtue of her position, had the authority to summon the pupil and to expect obedience but misused this power

Okumba Miruka



is particularly distressing that this was done by a female teacher. Compounding the girls and their mother makes this a case of double violence.

Fourth are the consequences - personal embarrassment, the pain expressed in tears, interference with school attendance and potential drop-out from school. Transferring to another school implies time and money be-

ing spent by the mother on a new set of uniforms and levies. Perhaps the girl will have to walk a longer distance to the next school. But even with this, the stigma among her peers and neighbourhood would remain.

This case also raises the issue about dressing. Why exactly must school girls wear tunics? The report shows that the girl wore the trousers to keep herself warm. This means that her legs were suffering from the cold weather. In many circumstances, girls are deterred from participating in physical activities because dresses expose them and limit mobility and manoeuvrability. Educational authorities must re-think some of these nonsensical traditions which perpetuate gender based discrimination. Could the teacher not have taken the cue and asked the school administration to allow girls wear trousers as part of the school uniform?

This case illustrates the intersection of physical, emotional, sexual and economic GBV. It also highlights the issue of dignity, guaranteed by human rights instruments. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." Article 28 of the Constitution of Kenya avers that "every person has inherent dignity and the right to have that dignity respected and protected".

The teachers abused the girl's right to dignity. By extension, the government is also guilty of violating the girl's right to dignified treatment. It can redeem itself through stern action against the teachers and adequate remedies to the girls and their mother and policy reform on girls' school uniforms.

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Daisy's World Finding sisterhood abroad

Athens: A city that embraces strangers

Athens, the Capital City of Greece, is charming. I am not the kind of traveller who steps into a new city with a list of attraction sites that I must see before leaving. But even on my low budget curiosity of the city, Athens still embraced me with charm. I felt the city was saying: "If you want to, you can belong here too!" It was safe, it gave me new friends and networks, and it opened up some of its secrets to me!

I landed at Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos at 7:35pm. I was travelling alone so as I walked through the airport, passport control and finally my luggage collection, I cut the perfect image of that lone foreigner. I was happy to tick that box that says, "Travel to a different country alone, at least once—it's the fastest way to meet the boldest version of yourself."

With my bag in hand, it was time to step out of the airport and find the train station that'd take me to the city centre. This was a big step from my previous international travels where I ride in a taxi to the hotel, either with colleagues or through a prearranged airport transfer.

The primary language of communication is Greek, which when written, looks more like little diagrams than like words. As I stood on the queue to pay for my train ticket, I was praying that my bank doesn't flag the payment as suspicious activity and block the payment. Thankfully, everything went well. Ticket in hand, I went through the gate and was soon waiting for the train, with a slowly growing crowd.

The weather was warm; everyone just wanted to get home peacefully so conversations were minimal. It felt like waiting for a City Hoppa at the Kencom stage, in Nairobi, but without the constant

honking of buses and blaring music.

One thing I had to get used to very quickly was the smoke of cigarettes because in Greece, or at least Athens, it was normal to meet people, both men and women, smoking while walking on the streets. They do not have a corner like the

one at Jevanjee Gardens in Nairobi, where all smokers have to meet. You know how you walk on the streets of Nairobi and the smell of *mutura* or frying *chipo mwitu* wafts into your nostrils? That is the same way cigarette smoke rents the air as you walk across various streets in Athens.

On the first morning at the hotel, I was surrounded with strangers during breakfast - colleagues, old networks and connections sat together, and chatted animatedly. While this was my first time at this conference, most people there had attended the conference the previous years. I got my breakfast, and scanned the room for friendly faces. I felt like a cast who had just joined a series in its third season. But I was determined to start somewhere, and settle in.

The other option was sitting in a corner, quickly eat my breakfast, and then disappear back in my room. While convenient, doing that would have been a career limiting move. And so, despite feeling like the new student in class, some two faces beckoned to me and I joined their table.

They turned out to be Nigerians who work for a non-profit that focuses on investigative journalism. They were at the conference to showcase the innovative work they are doing to gamify journalistic investigations.

And just like that, I had two adopted Athens sisters. We walked the streets of Athens together, went to restaurants, took photos at random spots, haggled prices together, sat together at meal times, rode on the same bus to and fro the event every day, attended each other's sessions and gave feedback, introduced each other to our networks... They were a reminder that no matter where you are, your tribe is out there somewhere waiting for you, so be bold and make the first move.

Before leaving for Athens, what I thought I needed was to be on time for my flight, and prepare adequately for my panel. Unknown to me, what I needed even more was a sisterhood I could lean on. Together we saw more charm in Athens than I ever would have if we did not build a true bond.

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Trailblazers In Marsabit County, where early marriage and pastoralist traditions still limit girls' education and careers,

From tending goats to leading animal health services, three women defied cultural taboos, early marriage, and gender stereotypes to protect pastoral livelihoods—and open doors for the next generation of pastoralist girls

BY TEBBY OTIENO

"I wanted to become a veterinarian, but mathematics did that thing."

The room erupts in laughter. But for Jillo Shama, Marsabit County's Assistant Director of Social Services, standing before a group of scientists discussing how taboos and gender roles affect zoonotic disease prevention in pastoral communities, this opening line is more than a joke. It is evidence of the struggles many young girls and women in Marsabit have endured to attain basic education and pursue careers at higher learning institutions.

"All my age mates were married off at an early age," she tells *the Voice* after her PowerPoint presentation. "My dad was an orphan and was taken to school for one day. Then the clan denied him a chance because his dad had a lot of cows, and he was told he had to look after them. Those days, people who attended school were prominent."

Because her father was denied basic education, Jillo knew nothing of school for her first five years. When old enough to help at home, her parents sent her to her grandmother to tend young goats and sheep far from Gombo village during droughts. When she turned six, her father brought news that would start her education.

"That day, I discovered school existed; I had never seen a school building or students before," says the former Hekima Primary School pupil. "When I started school and learned to read, I felt like other children. I told myself I'd make my parents proud."

The long road out

With support from her parents, Jillo dedicated herself to her studies, embracing this opportunity that her parents had missed. Today, as she sits in the county's Social Services office and chairs roundtable discussions on how cultural practices continue to hinder the health of residents, she sees her parents in herself. "I was 6 when my father arrived one evening and told me we were going home. He didn't mention school. The next day, he took me to my mother and they enrolled me in nursery school—a privilege no other girl from my village had received before starting



Jenerita Khoboso, a vet officer in Marsabit, defied stereotypes to build a career in animal health. PHOTOS: TEBBY OTIENO / NATION



The pastoral women on the frontline: Redefining gender, animal health and survival

primary education," says the first-born in a family of 10.

Her commitment saw her excel in her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam, earning a place at Bishop Cavallera Girls, one of the high schools she describes as the best in Marsabit. While she went to school, her two siblings were denied that opportunity—they had to stay home tending the family's livestock. "When my younger sister married so young, I realised school was the only thing protecting me from the same fate. I focused on my studies, earned a B plain, and enrolled at Maseno University in 2010 for Sociology with IT."

Maseno University was Jillo's first chance to leave her county. The journey was gruelling—poor roads and scarce transport made travel difficult. But Jillo and her parents were determined she would enrol.

"We travelled on a rough road from Marsabit to Isiolo, to Nairobi, to Maseno. It was the longest journey for me. Then there was culture shock: the first time I stepped at Maseno University was the first time I ate fish," she recalls.

Coming from Marsabit, a pastoral community where milk and



Jillo Shama, Assistant Director of Social Services in Marsabit County, during the interview on July 31.

meat form the basic diet, Jillo faced significant adjustments when she moved over 600km to university. The lifestyle change was profound—from the foods she ate to the environment around her. But the spirit of camaraderie among students helped her adapt and opened doors to new opportunities.

Transformation

Her lecturers' career guidance proved transformative, leading her to embrace a path different from the veterinary or medical careers she'd dreamed of throughout her schooling. Before her first year concluded, she was nominated class representative, serving two consecutive terms that honed her leadership abilities.

"Although I wanted to be a vet, I didn't pursue that career. Still, animal health, environment, and human health are all interrelated. The cultural and social aspects are also critical, especially through the social and behavioural communication work I do to change community attitudes and perceptions," she shares.

Jillo's drive to study remains

three firstborn daughters—Jillo, Jenerita, and Hawo—defied the odds to become frontline animal health officers



high—she is currently pursuing her Master's in Environmental Science, Climate Change, and Sustainability. As a sociologist working with vulnerable groups like children, women, and persons living with disabilities, she is fighting for gender equality. "We are all seeing the impact of climate change, but it hits these vulnerable groups differently. Through this course, I also want to understand how climate change affects them specifically and how best we can safeguard or protect them from its negative impacts," the mother of two shares.

'A course for men'

Over 100 kilometres away, we meet Jenerita Khoboso Lesila, a veterinary and animal health officer in Marsabit. Her entry into this field was inspired by her father, also a veterinarian, who mentored her.

"On my graduation day, I was happy because, you know, I had initially told my dad that I would not manage to complete the course. People were even telling me that the course was difficult and that it was a course for men. Because of that, I was afraid at the beginning," says an elated Jenerita.

Like Jillo, she was eager to pursue her career away from home, but the journey from Marsabit had its equal share of challenges.

"We planned the journey, then left our rural home in Koror for Marsabit town, where we spent the night. The following day, we got on a bus to Isiolo. At that time, there were no tarmacked roads in Marsabit. Because of the rough road, we were forced to spend the night in Isiolo as we arrived in the evening. The next day, we planned the journey to Nairobi and arrived around 4pm," the former Koror Primary School pupil remembers.

When they finally arrived in Nai-

robi, she found herself in a new world and felt her dreams had come true. "I was happy seeing many vehicles and people in the capital city that I had never seen in my life. It was no longer hearsay—I had arrived in Nairobi," Jenerita, who also studied at Bishop Cavallera Girls, shares with soft laughter during the interview.

When she reported to the Animal Health and Industrial Training Institute in Kabete for her two-year certificate course in animal health, she hoped to see other young girls from pastoral communities. That didn't happen. "According to our culture, we wear long dresses and cover our heads, but I didn't have any other female classmates who dressed like me, as I had desired from my first day in college. We did, however, have two male classmates from Northeastern who motivated me in a way."

Walking out of the institution with her father on graduation day, her heart overflowed with joy and satisfaction. She was ready to vaccinate and diagnose animals, offer treatment, monitor their health, and assist with births. Yet her desire to advance her studies still burned bright. She enrolled for a diploma in Animal Health, pursuing it while working for a nongovernmental organisation in the same field.

"Even for my diploma, I was the only Cushite female student. That made me feel like a go-getter who took on a male-dominated course, because even at the beginning, friends used to tell me it was difficult. But I now believe it's just the mindset that animal health is a difficult course. Things are changing. After I joined, other girls started joining, and we now have women, though still few," she tells *the Voice*.

Growing up in a community where most young girls lacked educational opportunities meant that the few who did, like her, had to make the most of it—society was watching. Jenerita, who joined college in 2012, is proud that things are changing. While not all young girls within pastoral communities attend school, a significant percentage are now enrolled.

"Many things motivated me to work harder in college to complete my course. But beyond my dad, I wanted to finish my studies so my three younger sisters could have a role model. That's the pressure that came with being the firstborn."

Although she initially wanted to pursue medicine before switching to animal health through her father's mentorship, she's happy to have knowledge she can share to empower her community.

"After completing my diploma in 2018, I met my fiancé, and we got married in 2019. I then started my own family. We were blessed with our firstborn in 2020, and this year, with our second child," she shares about how pursuing education delayed marriage until she was of age and had established her career—uncommon in most pastoral communities.

Three days on a lorry

In Moyale, Animal Health Assistant Hawo Guyo learned on the

job. After completing her primary and secondary education, she remained at home, lacking school fees for college.

During this period, she joined a community disease reporters (CDR) group in her Sololo community. They visited pastoralists in the interior regions where animals grazed, sharing information about disease outbreaks and scheduled vaccination campaigns. Additionally, she was part of the team that reported observed animal diseases during field visits to veterinary officers, who would then diagnose and provide treatment.

"When I enrolled for CDR, that's when I learned what the job entails. I then became their storekeeper, also selling medicines for the group that was trained by the livestock department and NGOs who were donating medicines. After working for some time, I was trained in animal treatment and vaccination," says the former Moyale Girls Secondary School student.

Training

Her commitment and dedication earned her a scholarship to pursue animal health at the Animal Health and Industrial Training Institute, Ndomba, when opportunity arose in 2007. Consequently, she became the first and only female in Moyale region's animal health department to date.

"During that time, there was a mandatory requirement that one of us get a certificate in animal health. That's when I was nominated. I studied and graduated in 2009. I came back home with my certificate and worked even harder than before. I continued until the government employed me in 2016," Hawo shares.

Like Jillo and Jenerita, Hawo remembers the challenging academic journey that shaped her into today's career woman. She tells *the Voice* that her educational path demonstrates the crucial need for parents to support their children's education and pay school fees, even for government institutions.

"We used to leave home two to three days before the opening day and travel on a lorry that carried livestock to the market, which made the journey long. We would arrive at school exhausted, but we kept pressing on because three days on the road was not easy. It was worse during the rainy season, but I continued till I completed my studies," she says.

The price of being first

Though kilometres apart, these three women share several similarities. They are all mothers and firstborns, passionate about animal health, and travelled difficult roads to acquire their education.

Now they've returned to care for the health of their communities' economic mainstay—livestock, a job most women believe is meant for men. However, with them at the frontline raising awareness, this stereotype is gradually changing.

"I used to ask myself, why are there no other women here except me? I decided to continue working passionately so that young girls



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Millicent Minayo



can see me as an example and get inspired to consider careers in animal health. I feel proud to be in this field," says the mother of six.

"Two of my children already want to pursue animal health careers and be like me. Through my daughter, I am confident there will be more female animal health officers from this region."

They all admit that the nature of their work, following nomadic herders, presents unique challenges for mothers.

"Sometimes we're away for two weeks or a month, and we usually wake up at 4 or 5am at the latest. As a mother with young children, when I go for field vaccinations, I have to bring someone to care for the baby because I cannot carry the baby into the forest until I return to the settlement later in the day. Because I have two babies, I also need another caregiver, who stays home to care for the baby and ensure he doesn't miss school while I'm away on field duty," Jenerita says.

The challenges include risking their health and that of those around them.

"We mostly wear gloves, which can tear. We also wear dustcoats, which only protect against dust, not diseases—like when we're vaccinating against rabies. We must

always work once a job is planned and the community we've mobilised has gathered. You cannot tell them the work can't be done because you lack protective gear," Hawo says.

Not wearing proper protective gear exposes frontline animal healthcare workers like Hawo to high risks of contracting zoonotic diseases, according to Millicent Minayo, Surveillance Coordinator at Kenya Medical Research Institute, who coordinates a population-based integrated disease surveillance platform.

"Even as we perform these duties, our safety comes first because while you're going out there as a veterinarian, there's always the risk of animal-to-human transmission. If you return to the office unprotected, you can then transmit diseases to your colleagues and so on," says the field epidemiology and laboratory training programme alumna.

Millicent adds that female veterinarians and animal health officers make significant sacrifices, including challenging cultural norms by wearing practical attire, riding bicycles, and spending several days away from their families—collecting samples, vaccinating, treating, or helping animals give birth up to 100km from home.

"We have major challenges, especially in government facilities. Protective gear is not a luxury. Sometimes we run out of stock, but with collaborators, we're able to obtain supplies and put them to use. Pastoralists' livelihoods depend on animals, so animal health matters. We also remind them that they need to protect their own health first before caring for their animals to earn a living," she adds.

Risks

Dr Dismas Oketch, a research scientist at Washington State University Global Health Kenya, says their previous research in pastoral communities like Marsabit and Kajiado counties shows that frontline animal health workers face significant exposure to zoonotic diseases, making protective gear non-negotiable.

"Human resources are a critical component of intervention. Beyond having the required commodities, you need people who are experienced, qualified, and ready to respond to emerging events, as is the case with infectious diseases."

"We've realised that most infectious diseases affecting humans actually jump from animals to humans. That's why, through our research findings, we want to ensure health workers are aware of emerging disease syndromes they need to identify before they become major catastrophes," he says.

Back in Moyale, Hawo watches the sunset over the plains where she once travelled three days on a livestock lorry to pursue an education. Her children are in school. Two of them want to follow in her footsteps. She thinks of her younger colleagues—the few other women now joining the field—and smiles.

The roads are still rough. But they are no longer travelling alone.

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2027 race Kitui woman representative prepares to challenge her childhood hero, Charity Ngilu, at the next election

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The mathematics equations came naturally to her. Public speaking did not. Yet in 2003, a shy Second Year University of Nairobi student found herself walking across a stage, winning the Miss Chiromo Campus pageant—a moment that would redirect the trajectory of her life in ways she could never have imagined.

Two decades later, Dr Irene Kasalu sits in her office as the two-term Kitui woman representative, still somewhat baffled by that pivotal victory.

"You would be shocked to know that I never ever thought of joining politics, even in my wildest dreams. I was shy," she recalls. "Throughout my days in Ithangathi Primary School in Kitui County and Kenya High School, I was not outspoken. I was reserved. I am introverted. Although I participated in athletics, especially the short races in primary school, I was mainly known for my academic performance, especially in mathematics."

Born and raised in Kitui East, Irene still struggles to understand how she, a girl from rural Kenya, defeated contestants born and raised in Nairobi. But that unexpected triumph planted something deeper than confidence—it planted a leadership seed.

Inspiration

As Irene adjusted to the attention that came with her newly acquired celebrity status on campus, something shifted. The budding scholar began seeing herself through the lens of two towering figures she had idolised growing up: Nyiva Mwendwa and Narc leader Charity Ngilu. Both women were trailblazers. Both were champions of women's leadership. And both, coincidentally, hailed from Kitui. Mwendwa became the first Kenyan woman to serve as a minister. Ngilu blazed trails in political leadership, even taking on President Daniel Moi in the 1997 presidential race when Irene was in Form Three.

"The two leaders inspired my entry into elective politics," Irene says.

Her first test came when she joined the Student Organisation of Nairobi University, winning a hotly contested campus representative race. The position came with practical benefits—free accommodation and meals at the university—but it offered something more valuable: her first lessons in leadership.

"As a student leader, I learned that leadership is about service delivery."

But transitioning from student leadership to the real political world proved anything but smooth. After

'I'm the next Kitui governor': The unlikely political journey of Kasalu

From a shy mathematics student at the University of Nairobi to a two-term Kitui woman representative, Dr Irene Kasalu's rise in politics began unexpectedly with victory at a campus beauty competition

graduation, Irene threw herself into academic pursuits, completing a postgraduate diploma in actuarial science, followed by a master's degree in finance, and eventually a doctorate in applied mathematics—all from the University of Nairobi (UoN).

Juggling studies, parenting two children, and making ends meet was no walk in the park. Politics had to wait. At one point, she found herself pacing the corridors of the UoN, hawking fresh vegetables she had bought from Wakulima Market. Relief came when she landed a part-time teaching job at Meru University.

Exposure

When devolution arrived, Irene was ready. She joined the race to become one of the pioneer woman representatives, this time in Nairobi, running on a Ford Kenya ticket. She lost to Rachael Shebesh. But she had learned the ropes. "The confidence and networks I had established in the political world illuminated my path in entrepreneurship," she explains.

She landed lucrative contracts that kept her engaged. Around the same time, exposure to Wiper leader

Kalonzo Musyoka's networks opened new doors. Then came the opportunity: Nyiva Mwendwa, the Kitui Woman Representative, announced her retirement from active politics. The playing field levelled. Irene went for it—and won. In 2022, she successfully defended the seat. Winning the first time was an uphill battle. Even with her urban political experience, Irene faced scepticism from those closest to her. "It was not easy to run in the Kitui woman rep race. Many people, including my relatives, felt I was over-ambitious. They dismissed my candidature and instead advised that I try my luck in the Mwingi Central ward rep seat," she recalls.

The war chest required to traverse Kitui's expansive 30,500 km² presented another challenge. In one of the fundraisers, we raised Sh200,000; not enough even to fuel the cars we used to criss-cross the expansive county for a day. We didn't give up," she says.

Her challengers tried to use her youth against her, claiming she was a young woman who could not fit into Nyiva's big shoes. Irene flipped the narrative. "While addressing adults, I presented myself as their last-born daughter who would be available to run their errands," she explains.

The trick worked. Today, Irene still finds her political journey surreal.

"Sometimes I pinch myself. I still can't believe I can share a table with Wiper leader Musyoka. The prospect of facing off with Ngilu, whom I idolised as a young girl, sounds like a dream," she says. But she's not dreaming anymore. She declares: "You are talking to the next Kitui governor. There is no turning back."

Irene is angling for the Wiper party ticket alongside Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua and Kitui Central MP Makali Mulu to join the 2027 Kitui governorship race. If she secures the ticket, she will square off with, among others, Ngilu herself, who has already declared interest in the highly coveted seat she once occupied.

Vision for equity

As a prospective governor, Irene has already outlined her approach to development—one that challenges the current administration's model. She takes issue with Governor Julius Malombe's Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme, which spreads county resources equally across all 40 wards. The arrangement may sound fair on paper, but Irene argues it perpetuates inequality by treating vastly different regions the same way. She points to areas like Mutha in Kitui South, which she says lag far behind in develop-

ment, as examples of regions disadvantaged by equal distribution.

Development approach

"Kitui needs affirmative action to a certain degree. Key townships and their surroundings often get World Bank funding as the countryside lags behind. Kitui needs someone who looks at it with an eye of equity rather than an eye of equality," she says.

"You can't treat Kitui township, which is quite privileged in terms of infrastructure projects such as roads, the same way you treat Mutha in Kitui South, which is relatively underdeveloped, and expect to have the county develop. This disparity is what I am coming to address. This is the only way to address water, roads, health, and other development needs in the sparse Kitui County."

The position reflects her mathematical training—an understanding that equal distribution doesn't always produce equitable outcomes.

The real scorecard, however, has been in making her voice count in Parliament. As patron of the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (Ngaaf), she has been instrumental in rolling out programmes aimed at pushing back poverty in Kitui, including offering bursaries to students from poor backgrounds.

"We have touched the lives of around 500 students. They include students who have acquired technical skills such as hairdressing, masonry, plumbing, and welding in technical and vocational colleges," she says.

The highlight of Ngaaf beneficiaries has been Florence Muia, a mother of seven who defied the odds to resume secondary education after 14 years of marriage. Florence grabbed national headlines in 2019 when she qualified for university after attaining a KCSE mean grade of C+ at Nzuli Mixed Day Secondary. Despite enduring public ridicule in her Thaana Nzau village, she persevered. Irene, who had sponsored her secondary schooling, offered to pay for her college education at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Florence has since graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Public Management) and is doing an internship at the Human Resource Professionals Examination Board.

To address water shortage, which plagues Kitui, Irene promotes rainwater harvesting through a programme that enables residents and organised groups to own tanks. She donates tanks to vulnerable households and has enabled such groups to pay for them slowly, reaching communities sandwiched between thirst and death from crocodile attacks as they draw water from rivers. "My vision is to see every household in Kitui harvesting rainwater. By distrib-

uting water tanks, we are enhancing the resilience of households to drought, which is induced by climate change, one tank at a time," she says.

Criticism and praise

Not everyone is satisfied. Kyalo Muinde, an activist heading Sauti ya Mwananchi, a lobby that promotes good governance in Kitui, offers measured praise. "Irene has been instrumental in fighting sexual and gender-based violence. Whenever such cases are reported, we have seen her actively pursue justice for survivors. However, we have issues with the manner in which her office operates. It lacks transparency in the distribution of bursaries and other resources to organised groups," he says.

Lydia Sila, a trader at Nguni market, laments that Irene has left her neighbourhood out when rolling out programmes. "She has targeted the Kitui region with her water tanks programme and left out the Nguni region," she says.

Irene is among those who strongly believe that much has been achieved since the 1995 Beijing Conference. She attributes the clamour for gender mainstreaming as a key milestone towards the realisation of the two-thirds gender rule. She has dismissed growing criticism of the woman rep post as vestiges of patriarchy, strongly believing that the affirmative action move entrenched in the Constitution has enhanced quality of leadership by adding women's voices to decision-making. "Societies thrive when women and young people are empowered," she says.

Stepping stone

However, she believes the woman rep position should not be an end in itself but a stepping stone in leadership. "Moving from zero female governors in 2013 to seven in 2022 means society is steadily warming up to women's leadership. When you look at Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga and former Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza, who started as woman reps, it underscores the significance of the woman rep position in nurturing women leaders."

Irene believes the position should be a leadership incubator. "To get more women into leadership, affirmative positions such as the woman rep posts should be stepping stones to leadership. We need to cap the position to two terms to allow as many young women to grow the wings needed to fly," she says.

It's one of the reasons her eyes are trained on governorship. "At this stage, I feel mature enough to face off with men," she says.

As she reflects on her journey from that shy mathematics student to a political force preparing for a gubernatorial race, Irene leaves aspiring leaders with words from an American author and philosopher: "When you believe in something, you should let it consume you and let all other ideas evaporate. The way to success is to have one idea and let any other ideas leave your mind."

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White House battle Harris writes an unsparing account of a historic campaign that soared, stumbled, and ended in defeat

BY THE CONVERSATION

It is downright eerie to read, right now, Kamala Harris' memoir of her 2024 presidential campaign. These events feel so far away now, when we read them from within the frequent shocks of the Donald Trump presidency, from troops on the streets of Washington to the indictment of former FBI director James Comey. But the chapter titles – beginning “July 21. 107 Days to the Election” – remind us the poll was just last year.

“It says a lot about how traumatised we both were by what happened that night that Doug and I never discussed it with each other until I sat down to write this book,” Harris reflects about election night: her campaign at an end and Trump triumphant.

The book is not the whole story – not by a long shot. But her words about these events resonate with a ring of truth. The first chapter, Sunday July 21, covers the day Joe Biden, who disintegrated before our eyes in his catastrophic debate with Trump, withdrew from the race, with no road to victory. He wanted to endorse Harris, but “not for a day, maybe two”. She told him that would be “ruinous”. She argued that she was not just “the candidate in the strongest position to win”, but “the only person” who would preserve Biden's legacy. “At this point, anyone else was bound to throw him – and all the good he had achieved – under the bus.”

She draws on her call notes to supply the reactions of senior Democrats to the news that day, from Bill Clinton (“Oh my god, I'm so relieved”) to Gavin Newsom: “Hiking. Will call back.” (He never did.). Throughout, Harris is relentlessly sharp in recollecting the campaign – and candid on all the principals, including the love of her husband, Doug Emhoff. It takes courage to write about such an agonising, devastating defeat – after a historic, exhilarating campaign – so quickly and so personally. Memoirs are rarely written this quickly. (We are still waiting, five years later, for the second volume of Barack Obama's memoirs.)

In writing this book, she got by with a little help from a “special friend”: Pulitzer prize winning Australian author Geraldine Brooks. Harris' acknowledgements note her deep appreciation of working with Brooks, whose “ferocious and brilliant artistic insights were indispensable.” The book fully reflects that. And who knows? Brooks one day might collaborate with Kamala on an inaugural address.

Candid, but loyal about Biden

Harris is candid about Biden's decline, but still essentially loyal. “On his worst day, he was more deeply knowledgeable, more capable of exercising judgment, and far more compassionate than Donald Trump at his best,” she writes. “There was a distinction between his ability to campaign and his ability to govern.”

Bob Woodward, the dean of presidential journalists, reached the same conclusion in his last book, *War*.

Harris writes: “... of all the people in the White House, I was in the worst position to make the case that he should drop out. I knew it would come off to him as incredibly self-serving if I advised him not to run. He would see it as naked ambition.”

The choice, she says, should not “have

Memoir: Kamala Harris lifts lid off her 107-day contest against Trump

Candid yet loyal, Harris reflects on Biden's decline, her own uphill fight against Trump, and agonising choices behind the scenes

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Donald Trump



been left to an individual's ego, an individual's ambition. It should have been more than a personal decision.”

In other words, this was a decision his family and associates did not want to make. But it was imperative the national interest be placed above Biden's personal interest. The Harris campaign kept the core of Team Biden. “I didn't have time to build a new plane; I had to fly the aircraft available.”

One of Biden's closest advisers, Mike Donilon (criticised in Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson's recent Biden book, *Original Sin*) left Harris' campaign two weeks in. She describes him, during Biden's 2024 campaign, filtering poll data and presenting “the numbers in soothing terms [...] there was nothing to see here”. At these briefings (which “made no sense to me”), she writes, “Doug had wanted to stop sitting next to me because he got tired of me kicking him under the table when I asked a question and got a non-answer.”

Pete Buttigieg “too big of a risk” as VP Harris delivers the goods on her vice-presidential search. She admits Pete Buttigieg (a personal friend) was her first choice and the “ideal partner” – but the then transportation secretary, with his husband and children, was “too big of a risk” for “a black woman married to a Jewish man”.

Josh Shapiro, governor of Pennsylvania, came across to her as wanting a co-presidency. “At one point, he mused that he would want to be in the room for every decision [...] I had a nagging concern that he would be unable to settle for a role as number two.”

She viewed senator and retired astronaut Mark Kelly of Arizona favourably, but was afraid the Trump attack machine would try to take him down on his (excellent) military service record – just like the Republicans did to John Kerry in 2004. The man who led that effort, Chris LaCivita, was now a top Trump campaign aide. “Could a captain, used to deference and respect, adapt to an opponent's national campaign specifically designed to disrespect him, to cut a hero down to something small?”

Of course, the military service slander she feared with Kelly was used against her eventual choice. Minnesota governor Tim Walz, who served in the National Guard for 24 years, was accused by vice president JD Vance of “stolen valour” for his misstatement, while arguing for an assault weapons ban, that “these weapons of war that I carried in war” had no place on civilian streets, yet he didn't serve in combat.

Harris found the chemistry she wanted with the “genuinely self-deprecating” Walz: an all-American decent

guy next door, with great values and common sense. “He had no fixed ideas about what the role of vice president would be, saying he would do whatever I found was most useful for him to do.”

She writes that her senior staff favoured Walz “to a person”, as did her sister – while husband Doug, interestingly, leaned towards Shapiro. We will never know if Shapiro or Kelly would have carried their swing states, perhaps changing the outcome of the election.

‘Don't ever let them make you cry’

Trump's outrages on the campaign trail were rife. Harris takes us behind the scenes to reveal her reactions to key moments, like Trump's infamous statement to the National Association with Black Journalists: “I didn't know she was Black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn Black and now she wants to be known as Black.” (Her mother is Indian; her father Jamaican.) To campaign aide Brian Fallon, who wanted her to “punch back with a big speech about my racial identity”, she retorted: “Today he wants me to prove my race. What next? He'll say I'm not a woman and I'll need to show my vagina?”

Harris takes us into her July 25 meeting with Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu during her campaign. She also tells us she believes Israel was right to respond to “the atrocities of October 7”, but criticises the “ferocity” of Netanyahu's response, including “the number of innocent Palestinian women and children killed and his failure to prioritise the lives of the hostages”. She was tough.

“I interrupted to reiterate the need for an immediate ceasefire and a day-after plan that gave Palestinians some kind of political horizon.” Netanyahu did not like what he was hearing – especially from her. “He wanted Trump in the seat opposite him. Not Joe. Not me.”

Harris acknowledges Biden gaffes, like when he put on the *Maga* hat of a Trump supporter he was joking with, who offered it to him. Her internal monologue went: “Don't take it [...] Don't put it on.” Then: “He put it on.” That photo carried the caption, “Biden endorses Trump over Harris.” A bad day on a trail that had only 107 days.

When Harris talks about being a woman in politics, she sounds a lot like Julia Gillard. “As any woman in a public-facing job knows, it takes us longer,” she writes about the two hours she needed to get ready on the campaign trail – make-up, hairstyling, and “more complicated apparel choices”. Women are still judged on these seeming trivialities, she writes, over “the consequential matters we're engaged in”.

She relates a conversation with German chancellor Angela Merkel. “They used to call me this – this ugly bird. And at first it hurt me deeply.” Angela leant towards Kamala. “Don't ever let them

make you cry” Harris never does.

‘I know Donald Trump's type’

Harris' speeches hit Trump where it hurts. As California's attorney general, she told crowds: “I took on predators of all kinds [...] Predators who abused women, who ripped off consumers, cheaters who broke the rules for their own game. So hear me when I say [...] I know Donald Trump's type.”

The crowds “exploded” at this line, she writes. “There are phrases in English that do a lot of work for you. I know his type is one of them. We've all said it about someone of low character whom we've personally known.”

She had big rallies. And big money. She was fully competitive. Harris told America what Day One of President Harris would look like. “When elected, I will walk in with a to-do list full of priorities on what I will get done for the American people.”

By contrast: “On day one, if elected, Trump would walk into that office with an enemies list.” Does anyone following American politics today doubt that? By her own account, the wisest adviser in her campaign was David Plouffe, who ran Barack Obama's successful 2008 campaign. But like a Shakespearean ghost, Plouffe's warnings haunt this play. He counselled her Trump was doing better than in 2016 and 2020, and the assassination attempt had pushed his turnout up 20 per cent. “Whatever you think his turnout will be, add 10 per cent.”

Her campaign strategists were not happy about Harris' continued praise for Biden in her speeches, urging her to stop. Plouffe put it bluntly: “People hate Joe Biden.” Harris quotes those words twice. Why does she believe she lost? This is her verdict: “One hundred and seven days were not, in the end, long enough to accomplish the task of winning the presidency.”

Maybe. Trump got three million more votes in 2024 than he did in 2020. Harris got six million fewer votes than she and Biden did in 2020. All that Harris was proud of – the landmark legislation on infrastructure, healthcare and clean energy – would not deliver their full benefits before the election. In the run up to November, she writes, inflation and interest rates were high, and there was no immediate relief.

Harris wanted to talk directly to Trump supporters, but it never happened. She wrote: “I wished I could ask every one of them. What are you angry about? What about me makes you angry? Is it your health care, your grocery bills, a backbreaking job that doesn't pay what you're worth – and what can I do to help you?”

She did not reach them.

She combated Trump's strength on immigration and border issues, and the issue of Gen Z facing a future without good prospects. An anti-trans campaign ripped across the country: “Kamala is for they/them. President Trump is for you.” It was reported more than \$21 million was spent by Trump and Republicans on anti-trans and anti-LGBTQ television ads as of October 9, 2024. Harris peaked in mid-September. She never had a lead clear of the polls' margin of error. On Election Day, she believed she would win.

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Former US Vice President Kamala Harris during an event in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 6 last year. PHOTO: REUTERS

Legal Eye Document helps separated parents to formalise custody, visitation, and financial duties, and averts conflicts

What is a parenting plan – and what does it contain?

When parents are separated, divorced, or not living together, it becomes difficult to play their parental responsibilities jointly and equally, hence the need for an agreement.

This agreement is called a parental responsibility agreement, a co-parenting agreement, or a parenting plan. Parental responsibility ideally exists until the child attains the age of majority, that is, 18 years. However, under the Children Act, it can be extended beyond that age if the court finds special circumstances, such



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as severe disability or a developmental disorder, that necessitate continued care.

During your meeting, the children's officer, in leading the conversation, will prioritise the best-interest principle. Article 53(1) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that a child's best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child.

Additionally, the Children Act of 2022 provides that in all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities, or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration. Therefore, in drafting the agreement, the paramount

consideration for each parent should be the welfare of the child. In some instances, and depending on the age, the wishes of the child can also be considered.

To affirm these laws, the Supreme Court of Kenya, in the landmark case *Mutheu Agatha Khimulu v Raheem Mehdi Aziz Azad & 4 others*, stated that the parental agreement remains in effect unless specifically revoked by a court order or by the parties' mutual consent. The court also emphasised that parental responsibility cannot be extinguished, meaning it is an ongoing obligation that both parents must fulfil, regardless of their marital status.

It is, therefore, commendable that you are open to developing an agreement. Such an agreement will help prevent conflict between you and your ex-husband regarding custody, visitation, and financial obligations. This is vital for maintaining a stable environment for the children, minimising the emotional and psychological impact of parental separation.

As you draft the agreement, ensure it addresses the time spent with the children, including holidays and special events; mandatory payments made by one parent to the other for the children's benefit; responsibility for making significant decisions about the

children's upbringing, such as education and healthcare; communication requirements between parents; and conflict resolution methods.

Finally, in Kenya, for a parental responsibility agreement to be enforceable, it must be filed in court and adopted as a court order. This means that any breaches can lead to legal consequences, thereby providing a framework for accountability.

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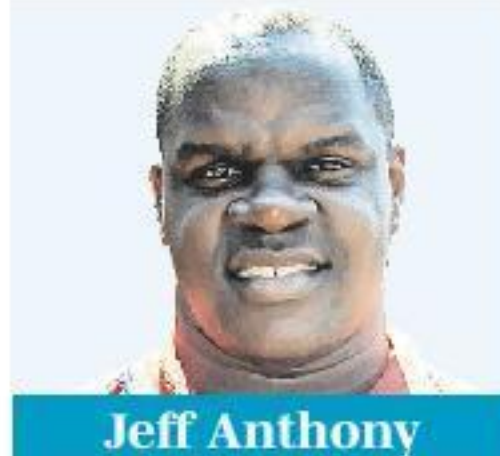
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'Be of service to men': Seva code that silenced Sikh girls in Britain

Davinder Kaur was a child in a family of four. Her life began on Paley Road in Bradford, close to Leeds and Manchester in northern England. Her parents were immigrants from Punjab, India, and they instilled conservative Punjabi traditions in their children. They prohibited dating, courting, and romantic outings, insisting instead on arranging marriages for them.

Bradford was known as the "Second India", with predominantly mixed neighbourhoods of Indian and Pakistani families. Even though Davinder's family were non-devout Sikhs, her mother, Jaspreet, covered her hair with a chunni and read the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy Sikh scriptures. At an age when English children were exploring their passions, Davinder and her two sisters, Kuljeet and Sabina, were indoctrinated into a life of serving men and their families. They were expected to live by the cultural code of Seva, which translates as "being of service to the community". Their freedom was curtailed to conform to masculine approval, and they were subdued from displaying ambition and forced to rank communal expectation above self-interest.

Whenever her father, a philanthropic alcoholic, returned home after a night out, the girls were expected to wake up and prepare his spicy dinner using a laborious



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process called torka. According to Indian tradition, girls are restricted to housework and marriage. Besides paying the utmost respect to their parents, they were also expected to show deference to their brothers.

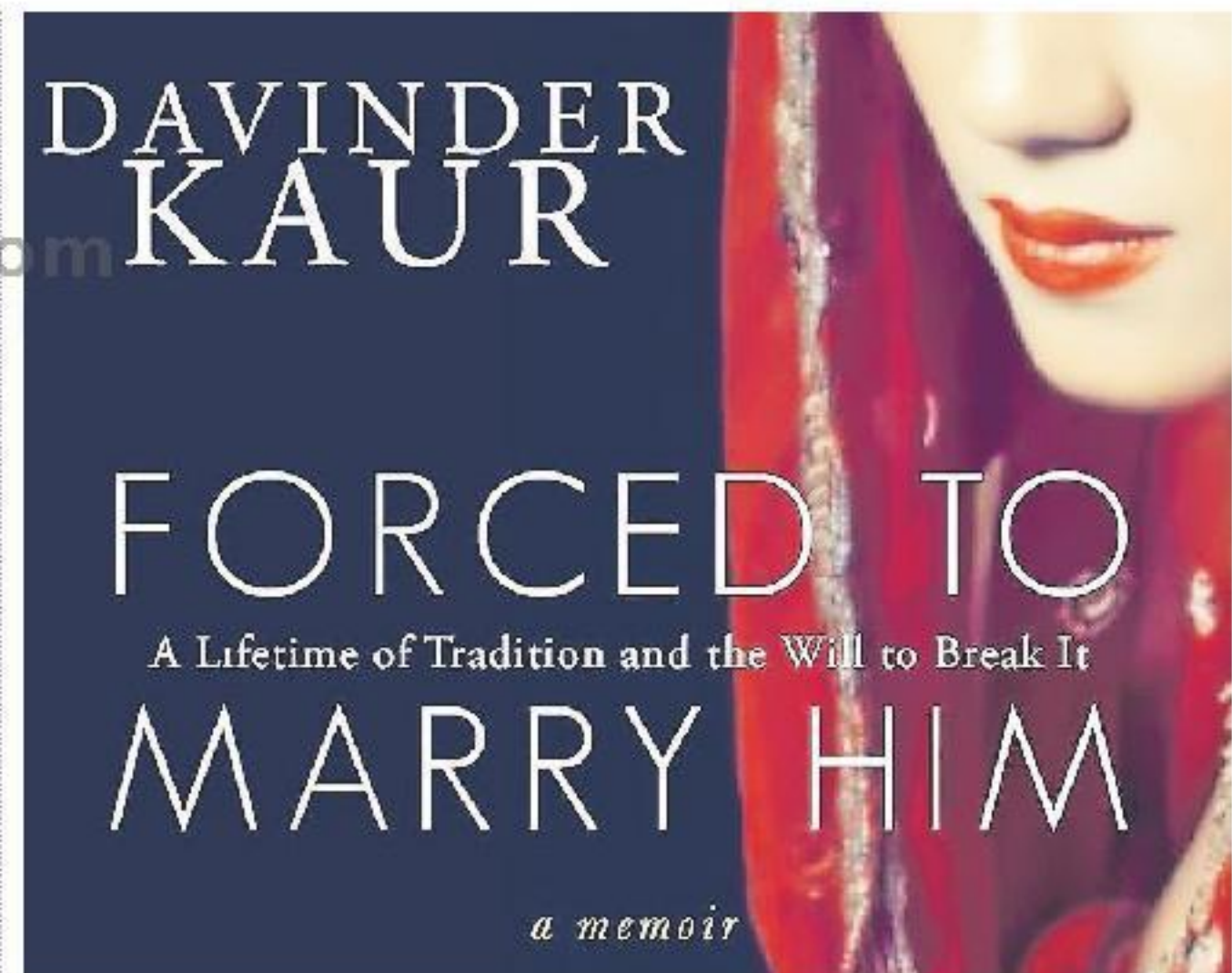
Davinder and her sisters were expected to comply with the wishes of their brother, Mandeep, who was treated like a prince. Sikh boys were considered "worthy", respected, and treated differently. Sons were encouraged to marry early under unions approved by their families, which was thought to reduce the risk of marrying outside their nationality, race, religion, or caste. When Davinder was 14, Mr Shergill, a turban-clad Sikh with a commanding presence, visited their home and handed her mother a picture of Bik, a boy in Punjab whom Davinder was expected to marry. Since the legal marriage age in the UK was 18, Punjabi families began arranging marriages early to coerce girls and prepare them for their nuptials when they reached that age.

Mr Shergill was a bachola, a

middleman who arranged weddings. He victimised Punjabi girls by introducing them to strangers they were destined to marry at 18, thus sealing their fate. Davinder had no say, voice, or freedom to decline. Within a week, Bik was flown to England, and Davinder and her mother walked for 10 minutes to meet him at his youngest uncle's house in Bradford. She posed with him for pictures, creating the façade of excitement, having been ordered to act, speak, and behave that way. Little did she know that the meeting was actually her engagement party, disguised as a social gathering. Forced Indian weddings had been normalised and perfected for decades.

In her memoir, *Forced to Marry Him: A Lifetime of Tradition and the Will to Break It*, Davinder recounts how girls blindly trusted their deceptive parents and naively fell prey to their nefarious aims. Punjabi parents repeatedly deceived their daughters, perpetuating child marriages while undermining their daughters' constitutional rights. After graduating from high school at 16 in 1985, Davinder received an acceptance letter from Leeds Park Lane College, but her mother was enraged and forbade her from enrolling. Attending tertiary education meant Davinder would stay in Leeds, beyond her mother's control.

Instead, she started a samosa business and completed a one-year government-sponsored secretarial course, eventually saving



£5,000 from her income. Two days after she turned 18, she hatched an escape plan, secretly arranging for a taxi to pick her up outside her family's retail shop in Hull City and drive her to the Hull bus terminus. She then boarded a bus to Victoria Station in central London, hailed a taxi to Fitzroy Square, and checked into a hotel. Soon after, Davinder met a German man named Franz, who connected her to an Indian couple that owned a rental house in Paddington.

She became homesick, and a few weeks later she was overwhelmed. She phoned her mother, who immediately started yelling and insulting her. She called her a (witch), saying Davinder was selfish and inconsiderate. She also claimed her grandmother was unwell before abruptly hanging up.

Gaslighting was used to coerce girls into marriage in Punjabi culture. Her mother manipulated her, making her feel guilty about causing pain and distress, when in reality, Davinder was simply trying to escape the torment she had endured. Upon her return, Davinder

discovered that her grandmother was not sick and that the story of her illness had been a ploy to lure her back. She conformed to her family's demands, fearing the rampant "honour killings" to which rebels were often subjected.

In the late 1980s, British authorities cracked down on foreign nationals who abandoned their spouses as soon as they obtained British citizenship. In March 1987, Mr Shergill arranged for Davinder to be flown to Copenhagen, Denmark, and driven to the town of Ishøj, where her wedding was conducted in his son-in-law's flat on April 5. Six weeks later, after a honeymoon in Venice and Rome, Bik assaulted and raped Davinder. When she confided in her father, he despicably told her that Bik had every right to rape her. Davinder escaped from their flat, reported the rape to the Danish police, and filed for divorce.

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