

# DAILY NATION

**Overhaul** Treasury says the reforms will curb wastage and improve revenue collection

## Governors reject e-Citizen system for county funds

**Standoff** Even before the dust settles on the storm over the e-Citizen system, which auditors say is losing billions of shillings and its ownership is questionable, the government plans to roll out a similar one-stop shop payment platform for counties. This has kicked up a fresh controversy, with some governors rejecting the proposal as another assault on devolution and a plot by tenderpreneurs to bag a lucrative deal.

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### 2024 Chan: 10-man Harambee Stars draw with Angola



Harambee Stars player Daniel Sakari (right) fights for the ball with Maunha Joao of Angola during their Chan match at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani yesterday. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION



#### IMMIGRATION

##### Kenyan loses fight to block Canada from deporting her family

A Canadian judge has approved the deportation of a Kenyan preacher and her two young daughters after her asylum claim was rejected. Ms Rosalind Wanyeki fled to Canada in 2020 citing persecution / **P3**

#### EDUCATION

##### Teachers warn State over medical scheme

The Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) has vowed its members will go on strike if their healthcare plan run by Minet is withdrawn and they are transferred to the public service scheme operated by the Social Health Authority / **P10**

### Inside Ruto, Raila road to 2027 pre-poll coalition pact

A plan by President William Ruto's and Mr Raila Odinga's parties to convene joint parliamentary group meetings and track implementation of their co-operation agreement is being viewed as laying the ground for a 2027 pre-election coalition.

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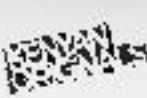


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# National News

**Music festival** Adjudicators describe the items and performances by learners as intense and engaging



Thogoto Teachers Training College students present a Gikuyu folk song during the fourth day of the Kenya National Music Festival in Meru County yesterday. PHOTOS | ANTHONY NJAGI | NATION



Kalkacha Junior School learners perform their choral verse yesterday.



A performer from AEF Semea Junior School presents a dance.

## Little-known academy stuns big names

Themes include talent development, financial planning, security and hope

BY ANTHONY NJAGI

Little Friends Academy is the surprise standout at this year's Kenya National Music Festival taking place in Meru County.

The school from Naivasha, Nakuru County, stunned many by dominating the verses category, sweeping aside traditional giants and claiming trophies in every

competition it entered.

Yesterday, the private primary school cemented its growing reputation by winning the Equity Bank and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)-sponsored categories.

Little Friends Academy teams received trophies and cash awards.

The school was relatively unknown before the 97th edition of the festival.

Its winning English verse, "Under the Roof", is a vibrant performance focusing on the importance of the Competency-Based Education (CBE) system adopted by the Ministry of Education a few years ago.

With great articulation, vivid facial expressions and emotive delivery, the pupils captivated the judges and audience alike, earning applause.

The verse, which was scripted by Casmir Obiero and directed by James Nyaranga Omondi, Amos Baraza and Eric Gichuki Kari-

### 100,000

The amount in shillings that winning teams in the Equity Bank-sponsored categories received. The trainers got Sh30,000.

uki uses imagery and rhythm to highlight talent development, security, hope, prosperity, wealth creation and other themes.

Performers included Natasha Waringa, Faustine Mwaura, Hailey Africa, Sarah Max, Abigail Mburu and Lucillah Wambui.

Little Friends Academy Director Francis Gichuki was full of praises for the pupils and their trainers, saying they are committed, hardworking and disciplined.

"It took discipline, late night practising and extra work to achieve the high score of 90 per cent," Gichuki told the *Daily Nation*.

Moi Forces Academy made a strong impression in the Eng-



Little Friends Academy pupils celebrate with one of their trophies at Meru TTC yesterday.

lish Category with the verse "Our Guardian Bank", which is about a pupil who is mocked by others for unpaid school fees after her father is rendered jobless.

The story ends with a powerful lesson on financial planning and saving.

After getting securing a bank loan, the girl's father gets back on his feet and begins saving.

Apart from sponsoring the annual event, Equity Bank sponsored the English and Kiswahili choral verses for primary schools under the theme "Transforming Lives".

The winners in each category received Sh100,000, while the first and second runners-up got Sh50,000 and Sh30,000 respectively.

The trainers of the top three teams received cash prizes of Sh10,000 to Sh30,000.

In the Kiswahili category, Moi Forces Academy was awarded the Sh100,000 team and Sh30,000 trainer cash.

Judges described the performances as intense and engaging.

"The teams outshone one another to provide entertainment and valuable lessons," Prof Wendo Nabea, one of the adjudica-

tors, said yesterday.

Another festival highlight was the performance by Shikondi Junior School from Western region.

The item was sponsored by the Data Protection Commission. Scripted by Foy Ongaya and Niva Andenyi and directed by Modesta Beti and Joel Lutomia, the piece explores cyberbullying, surveillance, digital footprint, online consent and other computer-related issues.

"The performance was a masterpiece. It shows how young minds can be harnessed to address critical national matters," said Shikondi Junior School principal Polycarp Meja.

The verse stood out for its relevance, creativity and civic message - drawing attention to the urgent need for digital responsibility among young people.

Little Friends Academy and Shikondi Junior School are examples of how the arts can elevate not only talent but also national conversations.

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**Grounds for removal** It is not yet clear why Ms Wanyeki and her daughters are being deported

# Hope fades for Kenyan preacher fighting deportation from Canada

Petitioners are calling for the Canadian government to act with compassion and revoke the removal orders

BY HILARY KIMUYU

A Canadian judge has approved the deportation of a Kenyan preacher and her two young daughters after her asylum claim was rejected.

Ms Rosalind Wanyeki, also known as Reverend Hadassah, and her children were scheduled to be deported from Toronto yesterday via an Ethiopian Airlines flight, to arrive in Nairobi today afternoon.

Ms Wanyeki had argued for more time in Canada, stating that her life would be in danger in Kenya and that she hoped to apply for permanent residency. However, the immigration judge endorsed the deportation order on Wednesday.



Ms Rosalind Wanyeki. PHOTO | POOL

**I was already established, I had the church, I had my own business, I have my two kids. I have come all this way, and then I am asked to go back**

Ms Rosalind Wanyeki



day after the family's final appeal for asylum was declined. She claims she fled torture in

Kenya in 2020 and settled in Toronto, where she runs a gospel ministry. Her daughters, now aged nine and six years, have been attending school and have no memory of life in Kenya, she argued.

The family was originally required to leave Canada earlier in the year, but a deferral was granted so that the girls could finish the school year. Following a final hearing on Wednesday, a deportation order was issued.

The family was being held by the Canada Border Services Agency, awaiting their flight to Nairobi via Addis Ababa.

In a phone interview from the detention centre, Ms Wanyeki told CTV News Toronto that her children are frightened and don't un-

derstand what is happening.

"They don't know why they have to leave the city," she said.

The grounds for the family's deportation have not been clarified by either Ms Wanyeki or the Canadian immigration authorities. Typically, an asylum seeker's status can be revoked if their claim is rejected, or they provided false information.

Ms Wanyeki said that over the past five and a half years, she has lived in Toronto, where she runs a gospel ministry, and her children attend school.

"I have tried to reach out for help from my MP, I'm getting opposition. I'm getting responses that cannot help me right now and I

need help," a tearful Ms Wanyeki told CTV News Toronto in an earlier interview.

"I was already established, I had the church, I had my own business, I have my two kids. I have come all this way, and then I am asked to go back. It's as good as saying, 'if you want me to go back to Kenya, honestly, kill me here,'" she said.

The case has attracted significant attention, with more than 2,000 people signing a petition on change.org to stop the deportation. Supporters argue that she is a pillar of the community, and that her daughters, who have grown up in Canada, would be traumatised by being moved to an unfamiliar country.

"They have grown up in Canadian schools, formed friendships here and adopted the Canadian way of life. They have no connection to Kenya, culturally, socially or emotionally — and removing them from Canada would traumatise them and expose them to significant danger and instability," reads the petition.

The petitioners further said Ms Wanyeki is a pillar of support for many immigrants who had fled religious persecution.

## Amref aircraft crashes near Githurai

BY SIMON CIURI

Amref Flying Doctors (Kenya) yesterday confirmed that the aircraft that crashed in Mwhoko area belonged to them.

The Cessna 5Y-FDM crashed in Mwhoko near Githurai 45 shortly after taking off from Wilson Airport just after 2pm.

Amref said it is fully cooperating with aviation and emergency authorities to establish the cause of the crash.

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) said the aircraft departed Wilson Airport heading to Hargeisa, Somaliland, but lost both radio and radar contact less than three minutes after take-off. The aircraft had four people on board—three crew members and one medical personnel.

There were no immediate details on survivors or fatalities.

By yesterday evening, police were still at

the crash site clearing wreckage and debris. Githurai 45 sub-county police boss Maurice Odanga told the *Nation* that no survivors had been evacuated from the scene.

"For now, the focus is to try and see whether there are any survivors, but preliminary reports indicate the occupants may all have died in the crash," said Mr Odanga.

Eyewitnesses said the aircraft was flying abnormally low over residential and commercial buildings before it went down.

Mr Odanga also said that two other people—believed to be area residents—died in the crash. He said two bodies had been recovered from the scene.

Firefighters from Kiambu County and the Kenya Defence Forces battled fires that had engulfed several homes. Some residents were seen collecting pieces of scrap metal from the wreckage even as rescue operations continued.



Emergency personnel work at the site where a Cessna plane operated by Amref Flying Doctors crashed into buildings in Mwhoko in the outskirts of Nairobi yesterday. The aircraft, carrying four passengers, was en route to Hargeisa, Somaliland. PHOTO | REUTERS

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# National News

**Revenue collection** In preparing the rollout of the system, National Treasury has written to devolved governments,

# Governors reject e-Citizen system for county funds

**Governors Kahiga, Nassir, Kilonzo and Mbarire insist the national government wants to use the system to frustrate counties but senators support Treasury**

BY SAMWEL OWINO

Governors have rejected a proposal by the National Treasury for a centralised system of own-source revenue collection, describing it as an attempt to undermine devolution and micro-manage county affairs.

The system will operate like the e-Citizen – the one-stop payment platform for national government services – to collect county revenue like land rates, parking fees and hospital charges.

The centralised arrangement will replace the distinct electronic revenue systems contracted by each of the 47 devolved governments.

With Treasury planning the rollout in December, it means county governments will face legal challenges arising from the

contracts signed with the vendors of the systems they use to collect revenue.

The proposal, which is under consideration in the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC), has caused a storm with some governors vowing to reject it.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi disclosed the proposed new revenue collection system for counties during a meeting with the Senate Public Accounts Committee.

The minister told senators that plans are at an advanced stage to have only one entity collect revenue for county governments.

He told the committee chaired by Homa Bay Senator Moses Kajwang that the matter has been discussed at the IBEC.

"We will have just one entity, the same way as the national govern-

ment. There are modalities still being discussed at the IBEC level before the rollout in December," Mr Mbadi said.

The CS added that the integrated county revenue management system would weed out cases of devolved governments collecting money and spending it at source while others under-declare what they have collected.

"We have discussed this at IBEC and it faces resistance from the Council of Governors but we are getting somewhere," Mr Mbadi said.

**What the government wants to do is collect and release the funds at its whims. It wants to justify procurement of a system similar to e-Citizen**

Mutula Kilonzo, Makueni governor



"We should not have 48 systems dealing with revenue collection."

He added that the modalities on who would do the collection and how the money would be released to county governments are still being discussed in the IBEC.

In preparing the rollout of the system, the National Treasury has already written to the 47 devolved governments, asking them to provide details of their current revenue systems, information on records of who supplied them and the expiry date of the systems.

Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga, who is the vice-chairperson of the Council of Governors, rejected the proposal.

Mr Kahiga said the national government wants to use the new system to frustrate counties and devolution.

"That system will infringe on the rights of counties. This will be another bottleneck by the national government to county revenues," Governor Kahiga told the *Daily Nation*.

"We have witnessed what is happening to e-Citizen, so what is



Commission on Revenue Allocation head Mary Wanyonyi, Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o and Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga in Nairobi on June 23. DENNIS ONSONGOI/NATION

the National Treasury telling us?"

Mr Kahiga added that counties already have problems with the national government over delays in the release of funds from the shareable revenue and that another system that stifles operations is not welcome.

"Will we let county governments run or do we want to continue frustrating them?" the Nyeri governor asked.

His Makueni colleague Mutula Kilonzo Jr said the government has no business in county revenue collection.

"What the government wants

to do is collect and release the funds at its whims. It also wants to justify procurement of a system similar to e-citizen," Mr Kilonzo said.

"The law creates a clear distinction of the two levels of government. We are not a unitary state."

Mombasa Governor Abdulsamad Nassir told the *Daily Nation* that the decision amounts to micro-managing counties "and we will not accept it".

Mr Nassir said the government can come up with policies like imposing maximum and minimum requirements but not cen-

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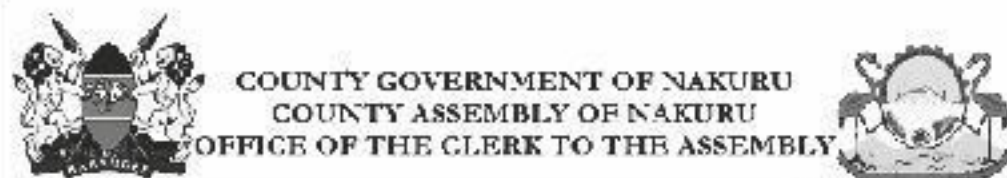
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| 3.  | Francis Njoroge Njogu      | CO Youth, Talent, Sports & Vocational Training       | Culture, Sports and Community Services | 26/8/2025 | 10:00am-11:00am |
| 4.  | Joseph Kiprotich Kibusia   | CO ICT, e-Government & Public Communication          | ICT and E-Government                   | 26/8/2025 | 11:00am-12:00pm |
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Note: Nominees are required to present the **ORIGINAL** copies of the aforementioned documents during the vetting process.

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 49(1) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act No.13. 2019, NOTICE is hereby given that the preparation of the above Plan was on the 04<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 completed.

Copies of the plans prepared have been deposited for public inspection free of charge at the Office of the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Kinangop Sub-County Administrator's Office and Engineer Municipality's Office from 8.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. and 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. Monday to Friday.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above plan may within sixty (60) days send the same to The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Lands, Physical Planning Housing & Urban Development County Government of Nyandarua, P.O Box 701-20303, Ol Kalou, Kenya and such representations or comments shall state the grounds upon which they are made.

Dated this 04<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025

HON. STEPHEN KINYANJUI MBURU KK  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER  
LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT.



asking them to provide details of their current revenue systems and records of who supplied them



tralise the collection of revenue in counties.

He dismissed reports that some governors spend cash at source and that the new system would cure wastage, saying collections are deposited to the Consolidated Fund.

“We will not accept that sys-

tem,” Mr Nassir said.

Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga said discussions on the system are ongoing but added that it must not claw back on the gains made in devolution.

“Those discussions must be held within the confines of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act recognising the distinct constitutional mandate of the national and county governments,” she said.

“It should not be an over-reach by the national government on the functions of the devolved governments. The amounts collected by the Kenya Revenue Authority go to the national government and we get our share of 15 per cent.”

According to Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire, the National Treasury has not engaged the council on the issue.

“Devolved governments have ongoing contracts with different revenue systems,” Governor Mbarire said.

Murang’a Governor Irungu Kang’ata, however, said he has no problem with the proposed system but insisted it must be owned by the government and not a private entity.

“Source code ownership is important. Whichever level of government owns it is not an issue. Any of them can. We should, however, discourage private owners,” Dr Kang’ata said.

The Cabinet Secretary defended the decision, saying the national government is not interfering with the autonomy of counties.

“As much as we say county governments are autonomous, the Constitution gives the National Treasury powers to come up

with financial systems,” Mr Mbadi said.

He added that before the roll-out of the system, the 47 devolved governments would be adequately engaged “since they will be the end-users and must be brought on board”.

“We will not just come up with a system and present it to county governments. We will be as consultative as possible because the end-user can become resistant if not engaged,” the minister said.

Mr Mbadi told the Senate committee to brace itself for major discussions on reforms, especially in revenue collection, as the changes would be taken to Parliament for consideration.

“There are a many gaps that need to be closed. It is obvious that the National Treasury will come up with many reforms,” Mr Mbadi said.

He added that the taxes collected from Kenyans must serve them.

“Kenyans are complaining of taxation without public services. This is because of the many taps that we must do all we can to close,” he said.

Senators supported the decision, saying many people are eyeing governor positions to enrich themselves but not to serve Kenyans.

“Let’s not make counties places people go to amass wealth. We will work together with the gov-

IN NUMBERS

Counties and their illegal accounts

2,421: The number of bank accounts operated by county governments in breach of the law, according to the Controller of Budget.

47: Number of counties in Kenya.

321: The number of bank accounts operated by the devolved government of Bungoma.

15 per cent: The amount collected by the national government that is given to the devolved governments.

2015: When the regulations in the Public Finance Management Act were enacted.

155: Accounts operated by Elgeyo-Marakwet County government.

governments as shocking.

“Is there really a system at the moment? Some of this revenue is collected in cash and spent right there,” she said.

If implemented as envisioned, the system will stop governors from opening multiple accounts in which collections from own source revenue usually ends. Many of these accounts are never audited.

In her report for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year covering July to October, Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang’o said county governments operate 2,421 bank accounts.

According to the report, devolved governments with the largest number of bank accounts are Bungoma with 321, Baringo (292), Migori (208) and Kwale with 165.

The report adds that Elgeyo Marakwet County government has 155 bank accounts, Kajiado (50), Embu (46) and Kakamega (44).

Public finance laws and attendant regulations require that devolved government accounts be opened, maintained and operated at the Central Bank of Kenya.

Counties, however, were found to be operating the accounts in breach of Regulations 82(1) (b) of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015.

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Motor Vehicle Disposal

Notice is hereby given that the following motor vehicles are available for disposal from 8th to 22nd August 2025.

| Reg Number | Make                              | YoM  | Location           | Reserved Price |
|------------|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------|----------------|
| KBY 045T   | Ford Ranger 2.2Ltr 4x4 Double Cab | 2011 | Local Productions  | 990,000        |
| KBY 044T   | Ford Ranger 2.2Ltr 4x4 Double Cab | 2011 | Local Productions  | 970,000        |
| KBZ 857Z   | Nissan Navara SE 4WD 2.5L STD     | 2013 | Even Business Park | 1,080,000      |
| KBZ 766Z   | Nissan P/Up NP200 3/4 Ton 1.6L    | 2013 | Even Business Park | 500,000        |
| KBZ 654Y   | Nissan Navara SE 4WD 2.5L STD     | 2013 | Local Productions  | 1,150,000      |
| KBZ 385X   | Nissan P/Up NP200 3/4 Ton 1.6L    | 2013 | Local Productions  | 630,000        |
| KBZ 236X   | Nissan Navara SE 4WD 2.5L STD     | 2013 | Even Business Park | 1,080,000      |
| KCJ 046H   | Ford Figo Saloon Car 1.5Ltr       | 2015 | Local Productions  | 800,000        |
| KCJ 045H   | Ford Figo Saloon Car 1.5Ltr       | 2015 | Local Productions  | 740,000        |
| KCP 216Z   | Ford Ranger Pick Up               | 2016 | Local Productions  | 2,100,000      |
| KCP 190Z   | Isuzu DMax Pick Up                | 2017 | Local Productions  | 2,050,000      |
| KCU 032C   | Maruti Omni 800cc F8BN4000487     | 2018 | Kisumu             | 150,000        |
| KBY 638R   | Mitsubishi Pajero                 | 2013 | Local Productions  | 1,950,000      |

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# National News

**System ownership** Dr Kiptoo insists that government took over the platform after agreement signed in 2023

## PS, audit officials clash over report on e-Citizen

Audit report listed a number of weaknesses plaguing revenue collection platform

BY DAVID MWERE

The National Treasury principal secretary and officials from the Office of the Auditor-General yesterday clashed over an audit report on the e-Citizen platform.

This comes after a special audit raised serious questions about transparency, accountability and control of the digital revenue collection system.

Appearing before MPs yesterday over claims that at least Sh10 billion may have been lost through the platform, Dr Chris Kiptoo dismissed the Auditor-General's findings and insisted that no revenue had been lost since 2023. However, he acknowledged being unable to account for the period between 2017 and 2022.

Appearing before the National

Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the PS criticised the audit, which covered the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24 and claimed the Auditor-General failed to share the final report before it was tabled in Parliament. He argued that this omission limited the Treasury's ability to address the findings.

"To my knowledge, no money has been lost through e-Citizen. We are as interested as anyone else in establishing the truth, once and for all, so that Kenyans can have clarity," said Dr Kiptoo, who was accompanied by counterparts Dr Bellio Kipsang (Immigration and e-Citizen Services) and John Tanui (ICT).

However, Dr Kiptoo's claim that Treasury was not involved in preparing the audit did not sit well with representatives from the Auditor-General's office,

who were present. They accused Treasury of failing to provide critical documentation—such as records of transfers from the pay-bill account to private entities—despite repeated requests.

"Before finalising the report we held an exit meeting, which PS Kiptoo attended. We have the management letter and official responses. I can go on record to say some of the responses tabled today were not submitted to us," said a representative from the Auditor-General's office. "In fact, some of the statements presented here contradict what was submitted earlier."

Members of the committee did not cross-examine Dr Kiptoo, with Teso South MP Mary Emase

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Fee that users are charged on e-Citizen, despite a Gazette notice requiring prorated charges

saying they "need more time to scrutinise the response and annexes the PS has provided".

"To do justice to this report, we require thorough interrogation. There are many complex issues," added Funyula MP Wilberforce Ojiambo.

However, some members criticised Dr Kiptoo's responses as inadequate.

"Some of the responses provided don't address the audit concerns. We need proper, comprehensive answers," said Gatundu South MP Gabriel Kagombe.

The audit flagged numerous issues, including lack of a legal framework to govern the platform, absence of Service Level Agreements, a weak governance structure and irregular collection of convenience fees. It also singled out ongoing control of e-Citizen by Webmasters Kenya Ltd despite government claims of full acquisition, and delayed remittance of funds to government entities.

While Dr Kiptoo asserted that



Treasury Principal Secretary Chris Kiptoo during a past appearance before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

the platform is now government-owned—citing a January 2023 handover agreement signed by three PSs—the audit report indicates that operational control still lies with the vendor.

The report also noted that the National Treasury irregularly collected Sh2.6 billion by charging a flat Sh50 convenience fee instead of a prorated amount as required by Gazette notice.

The audit further revealed that Executive Order No.2 of 2023 mandated the Directorate of Citizen Services under the Interior ministry to coordinate e-Citizen functions, and Treasury, through the GDP unit, to manage payments made through the platform. But no oversight body was created or mandated to coordinate the two ministries and provide strategic leadership.



### TENDER NOTICE

**PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANCY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 2026-2027**  
**TENDER NO: AMREF/08/08/2025/019**

Amref Health Africa invites applications from eligible firms and individuals for pre-qualification of consultancy and professional services for a two-year period, from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027, across various categories as listed in the tender document.

Interested eligible bidders may download the tender document from the Amref Health Africa website at: <http://amref.org/tenders/> and pay a non-refundable fee of **KES 1,000** or **US \$10** per category. The payment should be made using one of the following accounts.

| KENYA SHILLING (KES) ACCOUNT                                                                                                                                                                                     | USD ACCOUNT                                                                                                                                                                                                      | MPESA ACCOUNT                                                 |
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Only Electronic bidding is permitted. Interested eligible bidders are invited to a virtual pre-tender meeting on **Friday, August 15, 2025**, starting at **2:00 PM EAT**. To access the link for registration to the pre-tender meeting, log onto the Amref Health Africa website: <http://amref.org/tenders/>

Completed proposals and other requested information should be submitted through the provided email address and received on or before **Thursday, August 28, 2025**, at **11:59 PM EAT**.

Late submissions will be rejected. Tenders will be opened on **Friday, August 29, 2025**, at **2 PM EAT** in the presence of the tenderers' representatives who choose to attend the virtual tender opening ceremony. To access the link for tender opening, log onto the Amref Health Africa website: <http://amref.org/tenders/>

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**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO**  
**COUNTY TREASURY**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE ON PREPARATION OF THE FY 2026/27 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP)

The County Government of Kajiado is in the process of preparing the FY 2026/27 Annual Development Plan (ADP) pursuant to the provisions of Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for public participation in policy formulation, whereas, the County Government Act, 2012 Section 115(1) and Section 106(4) stipulates that public participation is mandatory in county planning processes.

In light of this, the county government of Kajiado wishes to invite the general public, private sector organizations, Civil Society Organizations, interested groups, youth and all stakeholders to attend a consultative meeting to be held on **20<sup>th</sup> August, 2025** at **Masaai Technical Training Institute, Kajiado** starting at **10:00 a.m.**

The public are also encouraged to submit written memoranda/proposals to The CECM - The County Treasury, County Government of Kajiado P.O. Box 11-01100 Kajiado OR through the email: [dbud@kajiado.go.ke](mailto:dbud@kajiado.go.ke), [budgetkajiado@gmail.com](mailto:budgetkajiado@gmail.com) and copy to [cdpokajiado@gmail.com](mailto:cdpokajiado@gmail.com).

Stakeholders are advised to align their memoranda/proposals with the development priorities set out in the 2023-2027 Kajiado County Integrated Development Plan, which can be accessed on the Kajiado County website at [www.kajiado.go.ke](http://www.kajiado.go.ke).

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**CECM - FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING**



**Politics** Plans are afoot for joint UDA-ODM Parliamentary Group meetings

# Inside Ruto, Raila road to 2027 pre-election alliance

The duo has formed a team to oversee the realisation of 10-point agenda they agreed to

BY MOSES NYAMORI

President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga have given the strongest hint yet that their parties could be on the path to forming a coalition vehicle ahead of the 2027 elections.

To start with, President Ruto of the ruling UDA party, and Mr Odinga of ODM, have announced plans for a quarterly joint Kenya Kwanza-ODM Parliamentary Group meetings to take stock of the implementation of the 10-point agenda signed between their political parties.

This comes even as the President begins to pull all the stops in thawing resistance against the UDA-ODM political deal in a strategy designed to win the backing of the Orange party which continues to enjoy considerable support in Nyanza, Western and Coast.

Insiders say the President is keen on addressing grievances raised by some top ODM officials, including demands to compensate victims of protests, allocating more resources to counties and putting an end to police killings and abductions, as a means to contain the growing rebellion against his political deal with Mr Odinga.

ODM Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna – who seems to have the backing of Mr Odinga – has been in the forefront calling for his party's walkout from the deal over failure by UDA to implement the 10-point agenda deal.

Mr Odinga's ODM is said to have told the President that full implementation of the MoU is what will determine a 2027 pre-election alliance. The party also believes selling President Ruto in their bastions would only be a viable if the deal is honoured.

President Ruto and Mr Odinga, on Wednesday, constituted a five-member technical team to oversee the implementation of the 10-point agenda as well as the recommendations of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) report. NADCO was a bipartisan negotiation between Kenya Kwanza and Azimio La Umoja-One Kenya Coalition following the opposition-led protests in 2023.

The technical team will be chaired by former ODM nominated Senator Agnes Zani and includes Fatuma Ibrahim, Kevin Kiarie, Gabriel Oguda, and Javah Bigambo, as members.

The report recommended radical reforms, including establishment of the Office of the Leader of Official Opposition and Office of the Prime Minister.

Most of the recommendations in the document – apart from restructuring and reconstitution of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) – remain unfulfilled.

Apart from committing to ensure



President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga during Kenya's African Nations Championships match against DR Congo at the Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani last Sunday. PHOTO: PCS

full implementation of the NADCO report, President Ruto has also promised to protect the right to peaceful assembly and compensation for victims of protests as well as fight against corruption. Other agenda items to be fast-tracked include inclusivity in public service, protecting, strengthening devolution as well as promoting and protecting livelihoods of the youth.

"Dr Ruto and Mr Odinga, acting in their capacities as party leaders, agreed to establish a broad framework for cooperation and collaboration across all political formations," partly reads the joint communiqué signed by the duo.

"In executing its mandate under the guidance of the Principals (Ruto and Raila), the committee shall undertake inclusive and extensive consultations with members of the public and all relevant stakeholders, including the arms of government, government departments, independent commissions, civil society, religious institutions and private sectors..."

The two leaders seek to ensure the implementation of the MoU is informed by diverse perspectives so as to address the needs and aspirations of Kenyans. The committee is under instruction to start its work immediately and will be reporting to the two leaders every two months. The team will also submit its progress reports to a joint Kenya Kwanza-ODM Parliamentary Group on quarterly basis.

"The Parliamentary Group will hold its first sitting on August 18. A final report, detailing the status of the MoU's implementation, will be released to the public on March 7, 2026, making the one-year anniversary of its signing," said the two leaders.

Mr Odinga has already ruled out an early exit from the broad-based gov-

ernment formed last year, which saw some of his closest allies appointed to the Cabinet and other advisory roles. He affirmed that he is fully aligned with President Ruto, at least until the next elections.

"We have said that we are in the broad-based government until 2027. Beyond 2027 are issues that we will discuss at the appropriate time, and the decision will be made by party members, not Raila Odinga alone," the ODM leader said in a recent exclusive interview with the Nation.

Mr Odinga has since dismissed ongoing speculation about President Ruto's chances of securing a second term, insisting that only the Kenyan people can make that determination through the ballot. "It's not a matter of one term or two. The real question is; who decides? It is the people who hold that power at the ballot," he said.

He emphasised that electoral outcomes are tied to performance, not political slogans or threats, espousing his commitment to the implementation of the UDA-ODM agreement.

"It can be one term, it can be two terms, or even half a term. Ultimately, it is the people who will decide

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ODM leader Raila Odinga



through elections."

National Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee chairman Sam Atandi hinted at a President Ruto-Tosha movement resulting from a political deal between ODM and UDA to give the president a second term.

The Alego Usonga lawmaker, who was a guest at a women empowerment function in Gem, Yala sub-county, said the two outfits will work together and support President Ruto's second term bid.

"We are going to form an alliance with the Ruto-led UDA in 2027 and we shall have him re-elected to serve his second term," said Mr Atandi.

He said: "We owe president Ruto a token of appreciation, he stood with Raila Odinga in 2007 in an election. The latter became the prime minister."

Uriki MP Mark Nyamita said: "We have not seen any president who has considered us more than Ruto. No one will make us change our minds, some people are telling us to get out of the broad-based and seek another opportunity, we shall not do it."

Key components of this roadmap include; creation of a compensation fund for protest victims and their families, national dialogue forums, a youth employment strategy, a joint anti-corruption campaign, and a bipartisan economic recovery plan.

Other action points involve: a joint legislative agenda in Parliament, a shared vision for strengthening devolution, roll-out of affordable housing in opposition strongholds, inclusive public appointments, a unified communication strategy, and early coalition planning—especially after ODM's National Delegates Convention (NDC) slated for October.

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Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

## Kenya-US ties intact, Mudavadi says amid row

BY EDWIN MUTAI

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has assured the country and the international community that Kenya remains a key ally of the United States and that Nairobi is not at war with any of its neighbours.

Mr Mudavadi, who is also the Prime Cabinet Secretary, told Parliament the proposed Bill in the US Senate does not mean revocation of Kenya's status as Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) owing to its trade ties with Iran and Russia.

He said the US has already passed a motion extending the Kenya-led, UN-authorized Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS) in Haiti.

"This is not a moment to politicise partnerships. Let us be measured when talking of these issues. There is an effort to create the impression that Kenya is under siege or attack. We are not under siege or attack, we are simply doing our job," Mr Mudavadi said.

Appearing before the National Assembly's committee on Regional Integration yesterday, Mr Mudavadi played down reports that Nairobi's diplomatic ties with Tehran and Moscow had triggered Washington to launch probe on Kenya's links Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Al-Shabaab groups.

US Republican Senator Jim Risch (Idaho), who is also the chairperson of Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, has sponsored a Bill that seeks reassess Kenya's designation as a major non-NATO ally. The Bill cites Kenya's trade engagements with China, Iran and Russia and alleged links to rebel groups in Africa.

Mr Mudavadi dismissed claims of Kenya's links to the RSF or other terror groups saying Nairobi continuous to play its role of peace building within the region. He said Iran is a major buyer of Kenyan tea and Kenyan farmers need markets whether in the US, Europe, or elsewhere.

"These concerns were not raised by the US executive but by a single senator. There is misrepresentation on some of these issues," he said.

"Kenya is a sovereign state and must be free to engage with any nation in the interest of its people. We are merely exercising our sovereign right to pursue economic opportunities for our farmers and traders, peace and security for our country and the region."

He said President William Ruto or himself had not made official visits to Russia or Iran to signify that Kenya had shifted its geopolitical allegiances from Washington.

"On what basis is this review being conducted? Some politicians are exploiting the country's diplomatic challenges for political gain," he said.

He added: "With African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) set to expire this year, we are already in bilateral talks with Washington to secure a new trade framework."



# National News

**Health** National government partnering with counties and private firms in new medical equipment leasing scheme

## We'll not repeat NHIF mistakes, says Ruto

President says new system will use artificial intelligence to find and flag fraud

BY DANIEL OGETTA

President William Ruto has said that the failures that plagued the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) will not be allowed to frustrate his administration's health-care reforms.

He made the commitment even as hard questions persist over safeguards, accountability and delivery.

Speaking during the launch of the National Equipment Service Project (NESP) at State House, President Ruto promised airtight oversight, including the use of artificial intelligence, to detect fraud and ensure the successful rollout of universal health coverage (UHC).

"I will not allow the fraud that brought down the NHIF to follow us into the universal health coverage that we are rolling out," said the President.



President William Ruto (right) is briefed on how a CT scan machine works by Medical Services Principal Secretary Ouma Oluga during the launch of the National Equipment Service Project yesterday. PHOTO: PCS

NHIF had become synonymous with corruption, inefficiency and widespread mismanagement with several attempts at reform over the years yielding little. Last year, it was finally dissolved and replaced by the Social Health Authority (SHA).

"There are facilities that we

have no option but to shut down because they are a theatre of theft, corruption and fraud. You cannot describe them in any other language," the President said. "There are health professionals whose licenses we will not only cancel, we will prosecute them for what they are doing."

The President said ongoing health reforms would replace what he described as a "fragmented and costly medical equipment supply system" with a "smart, collaborative approach" grounded in accountability, transparency, and accessibility. He cited past failures, including

There are facilities that we have no option but to shut down because they are a theatre of theft, corruption and fraud

President William Ruto



expensive equipment purchased under NHIF that sat unused—sometimes due to minor issues—or machinery that was never installed.

"The last medical equipment service... almost became a mess," he said.

Under the NESP model, the government is partnering with county governments and the private sector through a "fee-for-service" approach. Unlike in the past, neither the national nor county governments will pay upfront for medical equipment.

"It is the responsibility of the manufacturer and vendor to ensure that the equipment is in-

stalled, functioning and that reagents are available. All we will be paying for is a verified service," President Ruto said.

Addressing concerns about SHA's performance, the President dismissed claims that the new agency had paid out less than NHIF.

"In 10 months, SHA has paid Sh56.4 billion. By its first anniversary, it will have paid out three times what NHIF used to pay in a year," he stated, countering media reports that suggested under-performance.

He further revealed that the digitised SHA system is now integrating artificial intelligence to flag irregular transactions and monitor service delivery.

"If you are trying to game the system, beware, you are already on our radar," he warned. "The system is flagging such attempts, and investigations are ongoing. In due course, the outcomes will be made public, and the fraudsters will face the consequences of their criminal actions."

The President said that access to healthcare must be "must always be a right for every citizen".

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### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- FOURTH SESSION (2025)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRIVATISATION BILL  
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2025)

#### INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

#### ADDENDUM

**WHEREAS**, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

**AND WHEREAS**, by an advertisement on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 it was notified that the **Privatisation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2025)** has been Read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee for consideration and reporting back to the House;

**IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED** that the **Privatisation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2025)** was committed for **joint consideration** by the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** and the **Public Debt and Privatisation Committee**.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and the National Assembly Standing Order 127(3), in addition to the memoranda already submitted, the Clerk of the National Assembly invites the public and stakeholders to submit further memoranda on the **Privatisation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2025)** to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** and the **Public Debt and Privatisation Committee**.

The additional memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi**; or emailed to [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke) to be received on or before **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

A copy of the Bill is available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Building, and on [www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills).

**S. NJOROGE, CBS  
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

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### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION THE SENATE

#### INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

**The Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill, 2023  
(National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023)**

**The Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023)** was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Thereafter, the Bill stood committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget for consideration. Pursuant to standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee is required to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report on the Bill to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to establish the Kenya National Council for Population and Development and provides for its functions and management. The mandate of the Council is to develop, review and coordinate the implementation of national policy, coordinate the implementation of population and development activities, coordinate the development and submission of population reports. The Bill proposes that the management of the Council shall vest in a Board.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P. O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to [clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke](mailto:clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke) and copied to [financebudgetcomm.senate@parliament.go.ke](mailto:financebudgetcomm.senate@parliament.go.ke) to be received on or before **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

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# National News

**Row** Educators claim the government is forcing them into another scheme without consulting them

## Teachers threaten to down tools in fight with State over medical cover

Kuppet says forcing them into SHA would not only breach the agreement but also constitute an unfair labour practice

BY MERCY SIMIYU

The country is once again staring at the possibility of a nationwide teachers' strike, as educators raise the alarm over government plans to abolish their existing medical insurance scheme and transition them into the Social Health Authority (SHA) system.

Speaking under the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet), teachers have threatened industrial action should the government proceed without consultation.

The current Minet Teachers Medical Scheme, administered by MKL Minet (Medical Kenya Ltd) under a contract with the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), is due to expire on 30 November 2025.

Kuppet insists the scheme is anchored in the 2025–2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), which was legally and collectively negotiated.

The union argues that any unilateral move to dismantle it would not only breach the agreement but also constitute an unfair labour practice.

Speaking to journalists in Nairobi yesterday, Kuppet Secretary-General Akelo Misoru ac-



Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers Secretary-General Akelo Misoru addresses journalists at the union's headquarters in Nairobi yesterday. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

cused the government of sidelining teachers on an issue that directly affects their health, well-being, and professional dignity.

"The Teachers Medical Scheme is not a token. It is not a favour. It is a right secured through a transparent, painful, and lengthy ne-

gotiation process that culminated in the 2025–2029 CBA. Any attempt by the government to dismantle it unilaterally is a gross violation of the law and a betrayal of the very people who sustain the country's education system," said Mr Misoru.

"If this policy is implemented

without our involvement, it will be the sole issue that drives us to the streets. Consider this a threat if you must—but it reflects our firm position. Teachers were not consulted on this matter," he added.

Mr Misoru said teachers would not accept to be enrolled into a

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Kuppet Sec-Gen Akelo Misoru



blanket universal health plan without recognition of their unique needs—especially while other sectors such as Parliament and the Judiciary continue to enjoy specialised medical schemes.

"We are the largest cadre in the public service and among the highest contributors to the national health pool. Yet we are being treated like second-class citizens. Universities, Parliament, the Judiciary—they all retain specialised cover. Why not teachers?" he posed.

According to Mr Misoru, the TSC has not communicated any plans to shift medical coverage from MKL to SHA, a lack of transparency that has sparked widespread anxiety and frustration among

educators across the country.

"Under the current scheme, we gave up our medical allowance. That money previously enabled teachers to purchase private insurance on the open market. It was consolidated into a pool to fund this comprehensive scheme—but even that is now at risk," he stated.

Teachers initially operated under IOMINET and MINET before moving to MKL. Mr Misoru questioned why the scheme has been repeatedly restructured without clear communication and demanded to know what happened to the teachers' medical allowances.

"Someone must explain where our medical allowances went, and who authorised these transfers without our participation. Teachers must be involved in decisions regarding their healthcare," he said.

### Proposed transition

The union revealed it only learned of the proposed transition through media reports, with no formal communication from either the Ministry of Health or the TSC.

Mr Misoru warned that, unless the process is halted and urgent consultations begin, teachers will have no option but to strike.

"It may appear to be a single issue, but it is a critical one," he said.

Kuppet is also calling for a wider national dialogue on policies affecting the education sector, including teacher welfare, workloads, and funding.

"Only the other day, we were asking for dialogue on capitation of allowances and the new education frameworks. Now they're coming for our health. This cannot stand," Mr Misoru said.

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## Over 600,000 set to benefit in 40pc cut on varsity, Tvet fees

BY WINNIE ATIENO

More than 600,000 students are set to benefit from reduced university and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Tvet) fees in the 2025/2026 academic year, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba announced on Wednesday.

The revised funding model will support 201,695 first-year university students, 257,523 continuing students, and 237,000 Tvet trainees.

Under the new framework, university tuition fees will be reduced by between 15 and 40 per cent, with the changes taking effect from September 1, 2025.

Speaking during the Pwani International Youth Week in Kilifi, Mr Ogamba said the budget for the Higher Education Loans Board had been increased from Sh36 billion to Sh41 billion, while the Universities Fund had risen to Sh16.9 billion. He

**Sept. 1**

Date when the reduction of between 15 per cent and 40 per cent in university and Tvet fees takes effect.

urged higher learning institutions to utilise resources efficiently and to embrace strategic public-private partnerships to enhance sustainability.

"These reforms are critical as we prepare to receive the first cohort of Competency-Based Education (CBE) students in university by 2029," the CS said.

Meanwhile, public universities are reviewing course fees in line with the changes. University of Embu Vice-Chancellor Prof Daniel Mugendi said the move would improve affordability and broaden access to higher education for learners across the country.

## Uasu in a storm over disputed constitution

BY MERCY SIMIYU

Tensions are mounting within the universities lecturers' union following claims of irregularities in the recent attempt to amend its constitution, with officials and members now calling for the Ministry of Labour's intervention.

The controversy dates back to late 2024, when a faction of the Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) began pushing for constitutional amendments. A special delegates' conference was convened during the Covid-19 pandemic period, but, according to union members, the process failed to meet constitutional requirements.

### 'Minimum threshold'

"One of the main issues was that only 270 delegates participated, falling short of the minimum threshold of over 300 required to ratify or amend the constitution. That figure alone rendered the entire exercise null and void. But despite this, the leadership proceeded as if it were binding," said Dr Maloba Wekesa, Uasu Secretary at the University of Nairobi.

He added: "Article 23 of our constitution is very clear. Any amendment must be carried out through a secret ballot and must secure a two-thirds majority. That didn't happen—yet the changes were forced through without an-



Dr Richard Bosire.

yone being held accountable."

Dr Wekesa further accused the union's National Secretary-General, Dr Constantine Wasonga, of pushing through the amendments despite objections, alleging manipulation of the process and a violation of internal democratic principles.

"Article 23 clearly states that a secret ballot

and a two-thirds majority are mandatory. Yet Dr Wasonga and others treated the flawed vote as valid. That's manipulation, pure and simple—and it goes against the core values this union is supposed to uphold," he said.

Uasu UoN Chapter Chairperson Dr Richard Bosire echoed these concerns, demanding accountability from the union's leadership.

### Investigate the matter

"What occurred was an abuse of democratic practice. In a democracy, every process must be transparent, accountable, and constitutional. If you can't follow the union's own rules, then you have no business leading it," he said.

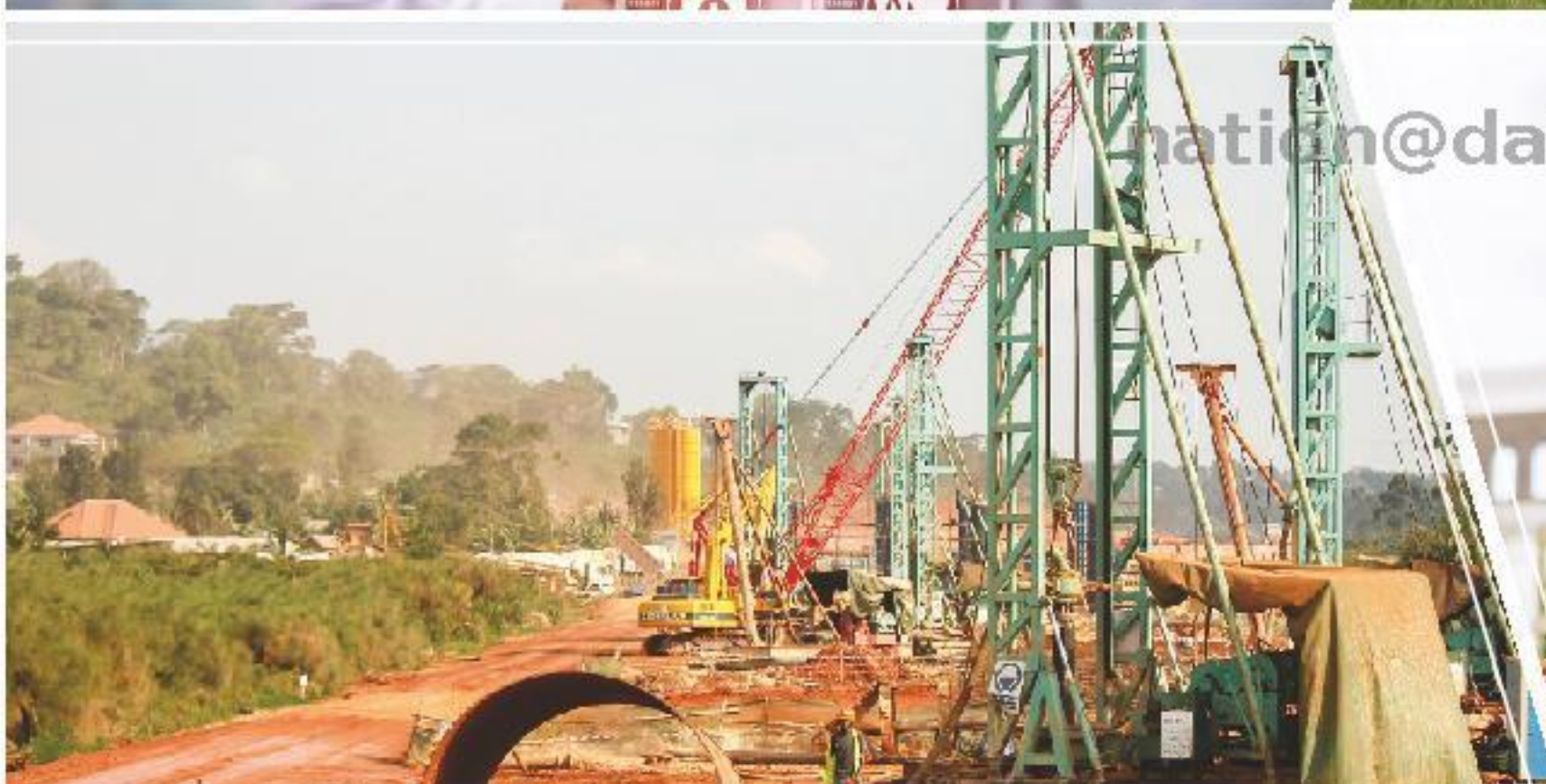
Dr Bosire called on Labour Cabinet Secretary Alfred Mutua to step in and investigate the matter.

"Dr Mutua must now take responsibility. His ministry oversees union elections and registration. If there were errors—and clearly there were—they must be corrected. We cannot simply sweep this under the rug," he stated. "We are a union of intellectuals and scholars. We teach governance, democracy, and justice in our classrooms. We cannot afford to preach one thing and practise another. This must be rectified."

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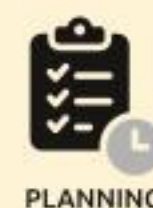
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The Devolution Conference organised by the Council of Governors (CoG) offers a special opportunity for stakeholders to showcase and brainstorm development progress in Kenya's 47 Counties.

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**Graduation** Mount Kenya University to award more than 8,700 graduands today

# KeNIA CEO advises universities to apply AI, says agency ready to help

Dr Omwansa is the guest speaker at Mount Kenya University's 27th Graduation Ceremony today

BY EVANS ONGWAE

Universities shouldn't shy away from seeking support from the Kenya National Innovation Authority (KeNIA), its chief executive, Dr Tony Omwansa, says.

While urging higher learning institutions to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) to accelerate their innovation drive, he reminds them that KeNIA is ready to lend a hand in this journey.

Dr Omwansa argues that innovation is desirable because it can transform society, hence universities should embrace it, equip learners with hands-on skills, and build ecosystems that connect academia, industry, and government.

The KeNIA CEO is the guest speaker at Mount Kenya University's (MKU's) 27th Graduation Ceremony today, where more than 8,700 students will graduate. He will deliver a talk about the event theme, 'Catalyzing Innovation: Universities as Drivers of Artificial Intelligence'.

Dr Omwansa says KeNIA has programmes that support innovation, and which universities can tap. For example, KeNIA's R2C Programme helps researchers, academics, and entrepreneurs to bridge the gap between research ideas and commercial success. "It is an accelerator that connects innovators to



Dr Tony Omwansa, CEO, Kenya National Innovation Authority.

investors and commercialisation partners through expert coaching and networking," says the KeNIA CEO.

Another KeNIA programme, the Commercialisation and Entrepreneurial Institutional Leaders' Summit (CEIL), brings together universities, research institutions, private sector actors, incubators,

accelerators, and government institutions to explore how to build sustainable enterprises through innovation.

The KeNIA CEO notes that MKU has initiated and is participating in various projects that support innovation.

The university has an innovation and incubation centre that nurtures own innovators and others from different institutions.

Dr Omwansa notes that projects such as the African Centre for Career Enhancement and Skills Support (ACCESS), which MKU is implementing in partnership with Leipzig University and nine other local universities from 2025 to 2029, is a significant development. The project supports annual student innovation across the 10 local affiliate universities under the theme: 'Innovate for Impact: Scaling Kenyan MSMEs through SDG 9'.

MKU Chairman, Prof Simon Gicharu, says the university has already integrated AI in its advanced academic and administrative system – the University Resource Platform (UniRP). In this, the university partnered with Marwadi Technologies of India.

According to Prof Gicharu, the AI-driven ICT system will enable the university to serve its global student community even better.

MKU's students hail from more than 40 nationalities, with some of them studying through the Open, Distance and Electronic Learning (ODEL) mode.

Prof Gicharu describes UniRP as a significant milestone in the university's digital evolution as it aligns with MKU's 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, Kenya's Vision 2030, the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

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## United Nations Academic Impact appoints MKU chair of SDG 9



Prof John Struthers, Chancellor, MKU.

BY EVANS ONGWAE

Universities should forge more partnerships to accelerate the realisation of their missions, says a Scottish don.

Prof John Struthers, the chancellor of Mount Kenya University (MKU), points out that institutions of higher learning can achieve their goals much faster when they engage in diverse partnerships with local, regional and international entities.

This year, thanks to its enhanced profile owing to collaborations over the years, MKU was appointed the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) SDG Hub 9 Chair, whose focus is Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure.

The university got this position based on its diverse range of projects that enhance innovation among its students and improve the quality of life for surrounding communities.

MKU is one of the two African universities serving as UNAI SDG chairs for the period 2025-2027.

From 2021 to 2024, MKU served as UNAI SDG Hub 10 on Reduced Inequalities. The university strategically embraces Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in all the activities across all the programmes and campuses, and is a champion of sustainable development.

MKU maintains strong partnerships with several European institutions through which it has expanded training and job opportunities for its students.

Mid this year, the university sent its third cohort of Nursing Apprentices to Germany for hands-on training in the healthcare sector. The students, who completed German language training up to B2 level and a preparatory nursing certificate course, were celebrated during a ceremony at the Mwai Kibaki Convention Centre.

In yet another collaborative initiative, 15 delegates (eight faculty members and seven postgraduate students) participated in the Erasmus+ exchange programme at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava.

These partnerships have added value to MKU's programmes in diverse ways.

Also, the university signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB) Kenya Branch, and South Africa-based International Law Institute – South African Centre for Excellence (ILI-SACE).

The three partners intend to collaborate on alternative dispute resolution (ADR), with a special focus on investment arbitration and ESG compliance. MKU, through its Centre for International and Development Law (CIDLAW), shall contribute academic infrastructure and student reach. CIARB will bring professional arbitration expertise and global networks, while ILI-SACE will offer international standards in arbitration and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) compliance training.

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## Back from Bavaria with start-up ideas

BY EVANS ONGWAE

At 11pm on July 30, 2025, a Brussels Airline flight touched down at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi. Aboard were three young Kenyans eager to get to their homes that night.

Cliff Mbithuka, Joy Watiri and Mark Kiarie had a lot on their minds when they landed at the airport, having stayed in Munich, Germany, for three months. It wasn't just about being homesick. Rather, it was more about how quickly they wanted to get down to the business of establishing their respective enterprises.

The three had just completed a three-month intensive internship and experiential training in Bavaria, Munich. All are Mount Kenya University (MKU) students studying for BSc in Computer Science. They had won a competitive innovation exchange test to become interns in Bavaria-based start-ups.

The programme, known as Africa Meets Bavaria, is coordinated by UnternehmertUM, reputed as the leading centre for innovation and business creation in Europe.

Says Joy: "Now that I'm back, I'm dedicated to applying what I've learned to enhance local tech initiatives, especially in creating impactful, scalable solutions and opening doors for more young women to enter and thrive in tech." She says attending the Africa Meets Bavaria programme was an eye-opener.

On his part, Cliff says: "I thought of establishing a start-up immediately after the three-month master-class, even before travelling to Munich. The idea got fuelled by my experience in Bavaria."

While still in Bavaria, Mark too, had already set his mind on establishing an enterprise. "This was after being part of a German start-up and seeing how a small team could pull everything off and create im-



From left: Mark Kiarie, Joy Watiri and Clifford Mbithuka.

pact while still growing."

Mark, Joy and Cliff are among the 100 MKU students who completed their innovation training last month under the Africa Meets Bavaria programme. While the training is conducted virtually, the three had gained the benefit of being invited to Bavaria for practical learning.

The second group, comprising another set of 100

# 200

The total number of MKU students who will have gone through the Africa Meets Bavaria programme by end of next year

MKU students, is scheduled to begin training this month. By August 2026, 200 MKU students will have gone through the Africa Meets Bavaria programme.

MKU Head of Innovations, Intellectual Property and Community Engagement, Mr Donatus Njoroge, says nurturing 200 innovators at once is expected to have some profound impact. He lauds the Africa Meets Bavaria programme because it is helping to create "a pipeline of innovation ambassadors who will mentor others within the university and beyond".

This initiative is part of a broader international innovation exchange aimed at equipping African students with cutting-edge skills in digital product development, with a particular focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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## Graduation Mount Kenya University to award more than 8,700 graduands today



Mount Kenya University leadership led by Chairman and founder Prof Simon Gicharu (centre), Vice-Chancellor Prof Deogratius JAGANYI and Board member John Gicharu (right) during the unveiling of the new University Resource Platform (UNiRP) provided by Marwadi Technologies from India. JOHN MUCHUCHA | MKU

## University Council approves more investment in intelligent ICT systems

BY EVANS ONGWAE

Mount Kenya University (MKU) is deploying artificial intelligence to accelerate its digital transformation journey, says its council chairman, Dr Vincent Gaitho.

In laying ground for this, the university has transitioned from the Student Management Information System (SMIS) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), to a unified University Resource Platform (UNiRP).

"The Council has approved the implementation of a robust ICT system, a major catalyst in the university's vision of digital transformation, institutional excellence, and student-centred service delivery," says Dr Gaitho.

MKU's vision is to be a global hub for excellence in education, research, and innovation. The university views artificial intelligence (AI) as a strategic enabler in this journey. Accordingly, the Council approved the integration of AI in its ICT system to improve the teaching and learning experience of students, and to also enhance operational efficiency.

Says Dr Gaitho: "AI has become central to enhancing operational efficiency, supporting faculty-led research, driving student innovation, and enabling data-informed decision-making across the institution."

Additionally, AI-powered analytics are increasingly being used at MKU to extract actionable insights from large datasets related to student performance, resource use, and institutional operations.

In recognition of the transformative potential of AI, the university has embarked on an ambitious initiative to redesign and equip computer labs with advanced computing resources. These facil-



Dr Vincent Gaitho, MKU Council Chairman.

ities will support AI-driven simulations, student-led projects, and research collaborations, enabling both learners and faculty to develop real-world AI solutions.

Dr Gaitho reveals that MKU is redesigning its student innovation agenda with a focus on an AI-powered Incubation Hub that nurtures entrepreneurship and creative problem-solving. The Hub explores the use of AI tools in prototyping, simulation, and business modelling. Through ongoing mentorship, students are supported in developing Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) using generative AI, predictive analytics, and intelligent automation, therefore fostering a culture of innovation and preparing them for the modern workforce.

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# This is how MKU is applying AI in teaching and learning: VC

The University Council has approved 13 programmes whose curricula include studying AI

BY EVANS ONGWAE

Mount Kenya University (MKU) is enriching its curricula across all disciplines by incorporating artificial intelligence (AI). The institution's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Deogratius JAGANYI, says this will not only improve teaching and learning, but also prepare students for a world of work where AI pervades all sectors.

Already, the University Council has approved 13 programmes whose curricula include studying AI.

These programmes include Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence and BSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. They will be offered in the School of Computing and Informatics.

The school offers a BSc in Computer Science programme in which AI is an area of specialisation. For this programme, MKU admits 100 students per intake.

The university's digital learning environment, including the Virtual Learning Management System (VLMS), is being enhanced with AI capabilities. Features such as intelligent tutoring, content personalisation, and AI-powered virtual assistants are improving student engagement, supporting diverse learning styles, and assisting faculty in content delivery and formative assessment.

The MKU VC notes that the impact of AI on the IT profession is transformative. It is reshaping roles from traditional programming to more dynamic areas such as machine learning, data analysis, robotics, and AI system design. Professionals with AI skills are well-positioned to lead in innovation and digital transformation initiatives.

"AI-focused programmes are highly marketable, aligning with global trends in au-



Mount Kenya University (mku) Vice-Chancellor Prof Deogratius JAGANYI congratulates a health science graduate Changkuoth Ngunar of South Sudan, during the second graduation ceremony at Equip Africa Institute in Kitale Centre. The middle-level college is an affiliate of MKU. JOHN MUCHUCHA | MKU

tomation, data-driven decision-making, and intelligent systems," says Prof JAGANYI. He goes on: "Graduates with AI expertise are increasingly in demand across various sectors, including healthcare, finance, agriculture, manufacturing, cybersecurity, as well as smart cities and logistics.

Through its Innovation and Incubation Centre, MKU continues to champion the Idea to Market programme – a bold initiative that supports students in transforming their innovative ideas into impactful, market-ready solutions.

On the research front, MKU's Centre for Malaria Elimination last month hosted a ground-breaking continental gathering

that underscored the transformative power of mathematical modelling in disease control.

The 3rd MaModAfrica Annual Symposium held in Mombasa marked a significant milestone in Africa's fight against infectious diseases.

"The war against diseases such as malaria is increasingly becoming a battle of information, with data and its translation into predictive intelligence as the most potent weapons," says Prof JAGANYI, noting the approach's potential for addressing various African health challenges.

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## Studying for PhD at Mount Kenya University

BY EVANS ONGWAE

Students often find doctoral studies a major challenge. That's mostly because for many of them at that level, other engagements, possibly work and family matters, compete for the limited time they have in a day. So, completing PhD studies, no matter how long they have taken, is usually a source of immense joy.

Some students also celebrate having contributed to finding and sharing of new knowledge. Here, some of them describe their academic experiences while studying at Mount Kenya University.

Rebecca Bwari Arogo studied Educational Management, Administration and Leadership. The journey, she summarises, was both challenging and rewarding. "The experience sharpened my research skills and

expanded my academic knowledge, especially through collaborations with supervisors and peers," she adds.

Esther Wangui Mandania describes her PhD study as a transformative experience. She speaks of having achieved both academic and personal growth. Also importantly, she believes her PhD thesis will significantly contribute to the body of knowledge in the field of Medical Laboratory Sciences because it addresses an identified gap.

Joseph Miriti Mwereria says studying for his PhD in Educational Management, Leadership, and Administration was transformative, with coursework demanding discipline and effective time management. "The opportunity to conduct original research was particularly fulfilling, enhancing my analytical abilities," he says.

Daniel Kimata Githuthwa says his PhD studies have made him "a career instructor, a seasoned counsellor psychologist, and a civil and global contributor through research and publications". He adds: "I have become a collaborator who demonstrates the ability to work interdependently with diverse perspectives to promote learning and achieve common goals."

For Mbovu Mvurya Mumia, the PhD journey was intense, vigorous and deeply motivating. "The structured processes and high standards have refined my research abilities and deepened my competencies. This journey profoundly impacted my intellectual abilities and professional development," he shares.

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## National News

**Mounting challenges** Kenya-led mission in the Caribbean nation remains underfunded and under-equipped

# Report: Gang violence in Haiti worsening

June marked a year since Kenya deployed police officers to Haiti

BY NYABOGA KIAGE

The security situation in Haiti has worsened over the last four months, with 1,520 people killed, indicating the mounting challenge faced by the international security mission led by Kenya.

The United States of America has closed its embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, following a deadly gunfire exchange in the Tabarre area. Washington also issued a travel advisory to US nationals, cautioning against travel to the Caribbean nation.

The American government also directed its officials to suspend all official travel other than on diplomatic grounds.

The United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) says that armed violence, human rights abuses and population displacement for the last four months have been on an upward trajec-

tory, with the Kenyan-led Multi-national Security Support (MSS) Mission, overwhelmed.

Ms Ulrika Richardson, the Acting Head of BINUH and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, said this week there were also reports of massive population displacement.

"Gang attacks in the Artibonite and Centre departments, and in the capital, continue to cause serious human rights violations and exacerbate an already dire humanitarian crisis, leading to massive population displacement with dramatic consequences for women and children in particular," said Ms Richardson.

She added that 609 people were injured in armed violence and most of them hailed from Port-au-Prince which is the capital city of Haiti. Artibonite and Centre areas also contributed a significant number of displaced people.

In the same period, there were at least 185 kidnappings that were reported and 628 victims of sexual violence.

"Abuses by criminal groups caused more than 24 per cent of those killed or injured during the quarter. Gang members continued to resort to murders,



Police officers near a burnt police armoured personnel carrier in the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, in Kenscoff, Haiti on August 4. PHOTO | REUTERS

gang rapes and kidnappings to maintain their control over populations living in areas under their influence. Cases of sexual slavery, sexual exploitation, and child trafficking and exploitation were also documented," BINUH's spokesperson Mathias Gillmann said in a statement.

During the same period, 64 per cent of deaths or injuries happened during security forces operations against criminal groups, more than a third of them during strikes using explosive drones. Mr

Gillmann faulted some security operations for causing some of the deaths.

However, operations were just as risky for members of security teams, with some dying in combat. The Kenyan government has so far confirmed the death of one officer identified as Samuel Tompoi Kaetuai, who was shot dead in February, and insists that another officer, Benedict Kuria, cannot be accounted for.

The gunfire near the US Embassy was viewed by local authori-

### AT A GLANCE

#### Violence statistics in the past quarter

- 1,520 deaths and 609 injuries.
- 185 kidnappings and 628 cases of sexual violence.
- Over 1.3 million displaced people since January.

(Source: United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti)

ties as retaliation for the arrest of former senator Nenel Cassy who is accused of supporting gangs. Other charges against him include conspiracy against state security and complicity in murder.

In April, Haiti issued a decree creating two specialised judicial units to address mass crimes, including sexual violence and financial crimes. Judicial authorities also organised criminal trials in several jurisdictions across the country, while the police strengthened the capacity of their specialised units to combat sexual violence.

The UN called upon the Haitian government, with the support

of the international community, to ensure that it strengthens the fight against gangs, "while strictly respecting human rights and standards on the use of force".

Kenyan security officers and their colleagues who form part of the MSS Mission could have to battle the escalating violence in spite of persistent under-equipment.

June marked a year since Kenya deployed police officers to Haiti. During the period, the highest number of civilian deaths and displacement was recorded, compared to the past three years. This was a mission the UN and Haiti banked on to tame gangs in the Caribbean country.

By October 2, the mandate of the MSS could come to an end, unless the UN Security Council decides otherwise. Kenya has been lobbying for the renewal of the mandate of the MSS and more funds for the mission, which it says is yet to complete its job.

MSS is not a UN peacekeeping mission. It is supposed to draw funding from donors, but the money has been hard to come by.

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| 1 Cash (both local and foreign)                                   | 233,726      | 310,075     | 259,683      | 261,331      | 233,726      | 310,075     | 259,683      | 261,331      |
| 2 Balances due from Central Bank of Kenya                         | 602,651      | 524,915     | 996,893      | 1,050,097    | 602,651      | 524,915     | 996,893      | 1,050,097    |
| 3 Kenya Government and other securities held for dealing purposes | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 4 Financial Assets at fair value through profit and loss          | 7,709        | 8,354       | 8,680        | 8,679        | 7,709        | 8,354       | 8,680        | 8,679        |
| 5 Investment Securities:                                          |              |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| a).Held to Maturity:                                              |              |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| a. Kenya Government securities                                    | 4,291,060    | 6,364,047   | 5,649,968    | 7,528,592    | 4,301,493    | 6,374,515   | 5,660,347    | 7,539,058    |
| b. Other securities                                               | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| b).Available for sale:                                            |              |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| a. Kenya Government securities                                    | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| b. Other securities                                               | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 6 Deposits and balances due from local banking institutions       | 21,633       | 216,990     | 171,614      | 9,127        | 21,633       | 216,990     | 171,614      | 9,127        |
| 7 Deposits and balances due from banking institutions abroad      | 176,623      | 213,750     | 334,966      | 136,887      | 176,623      | 213,750     | 334,966      | 136,887      |
| 8 Tax recoverable                                                 | 2,002        | -           | -            | 261          | 2,002        | -           | -            | 130          |
| 9 Loans and advances to customers (net)                           | 8,827,767    | 8,513,879   | 8,266,505    | 8,092,269    | 8,827,767    | 8,513,879   | 8,266,505    | 8,092,269    |
| 10 Balances due from banking institutions in the group            | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 11 Investments in associates                                      | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 12 Investments in subsidiary companies                            | -            | 5,000       | 5,000        | 5,000        | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 13 Investments in joint ventures                                  | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 14 Investments in properties                                      | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 15 Property and equipment                                         | 902,909      | 893,299     | 876,743      | 860,223      | 902,859      | 893,489     | 877,708      | 861,158      |
| 16 Prepaid lease rentals                                          | 5,705        | 5,620       | 5,620        | 5,620        | 5,705        | 5,619       | 5,620        | 5,620        |
| 17 Intangible assets                                              | 92,584       | 78,372      | 71,698       | 70,787       | 92,585       | 78,370      | 71,698       | 70,788       |
| 18 Deferred tax asset                                             | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 19 Retirement benefit asset                                       | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 20 Other assets                                                   | 339,318      | 381,682     | 378,300      | 367,012      | 351,681      | 381,800     | 378,390      | 367,091      |
| 21 TOTAL ASSETS                                                   | 15,503,687   | 17,515,983  | 17,025,670   | 18,395,885   | 15,526,434   | 17,521,756  | 17,032,104   | 18,402,235   |
| B LIABILITIES                                                     |              |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| 22 Balances due to Central Bank of Kenya                          | 3,322,844    | 4,724,216   | 4,637,838    | 5,317,418    | 3,322,844    | 4,724,216   | 4,637,838    | 5,317,418    |
| 23 Customer Deposits                                              | 11,127,345   | 11,715,930  | 11,375,357   | 12,011,154   | 11,127,345   | 11,715,930  | 11,375,357   | 12,011,154   |
| 24 Deposits and balances due to local banking institutions        | 30,929       | 17,268      | 3,230        | 5,325        | 30,929       | 17,268      | 3,230        | 5,325        |
| 25 Deposits and balances due to foreign banking Institutions      | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 26 Other money market deposits                                    | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 27 Borrowed funds                                                 | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 28 Balances due to banking institutions in the group              | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 29 Tax payable                                                    | -            | 1,557       | 1,403        | -            | -            | 1,688       | 1,534        | -            |
| 30 Dividends payable                                              | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 31 Deferred tax liability                                         | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 32 Retirement benefit liability                                   | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 33 Other liabilities                                              | 463,943      | 571,387     | 537,231      | 568,462      | 463,944      | 551,313     | 514,512      | 544,609      |
| 34 TOTAL LIABILITIES                                              | 14,945,061   | 17,030,358  | 16,555,059   | 17,902,359   | 14,945,062   | 17,010,415  | 16,532,471   | 17,878,506   |
| C SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS                                             |              |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |
| 35 Paid up/Assigned capital                                       | 3,719,530    | 3,719,530   | 3,719,530    | 3,719,530    | 3,719,530    | 3,719,530   | 3,719,530    | 3,719,530    |
| 36 Share premium/(discount)                                       | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 37 Revaluation reserves                                           | 442,316      | 432,895     | 433,221      | 433,221      | 442,316      | 432,894     | 433,221      | 433,221      |
| 38 Retained earnings/Accumulated losses                           | (4,363,361)  | (4,450,773) | (4,457,059)  | (4,416,767)  | (4,340,615)  | (4,425,056) | (4,428,037)  | (4,386,564)  |
| 39 Statutory loan loss reserve                                    | 760,141      | 783,973     | 774,919      | 757,542      | 760,141      | 783,973     | 774,919      | 757,542      |
| 40 Other Reserves                                                 | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 41 Proposed dividends                                             | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 42 Capital grants                                                 | -            | -           | -            | -            | -            | -           | -            | -            |
| 43 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS                                      | 558,626      | 485,625     | 470,611      | 493,526      | 581,372      | 511,341     | 499,633      | 523,729      |
| 44 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS                      | 15,503,687   | 17,515,983  | 17,025,670   | 18,395,885   | 15,526,434   | 17,521,756  | 17,032,104   | 18,402,235   |

II STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|                                                       | Bank         | Bank       | Bank         | Bank         | Group        | Group      | Group        | Group        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                       | 30/06/2024   | 31/12/2024 | 31/3/2025    | 30/06/2025   | 30/06/2024   | 31/12/2024 | 31/3/2025    | 30/06/2025   |
|                                                       | (Un-Audited) | (Audited)  | (Un-Audited) | (Un-Audited) | (Un-Audited) | (Audited)  | (Un-Audited) | (Un-Audited) |
|                                                       | Shs'000      | Shs'000    | Shs'000      | Shs'000      | Shs'000      | Shs'000    | Shs'000      | Shs'000      |
| 1 INTEREST INCOME                                     |              |            |              |              |              |            |              |              |
| 1.1 Loans and advances                                | 637,021      | 1,284,268  | 294,382      | 589,398      | 637,021      | 1,284,268  | 294,382      | 589,398      |
| 1.2 Government securities                             | 235,333      | 534,171    | 164,019      | 359,041      | 236,031      | 535,628    | 164,374      | 359,758      |
| 1.3 Deposits and placements with banking institutions | 2,206        | 9,122      | 6,388        | 14,335       | 2,206        | 9,122      | 6,388        | 14,335       |
| 1.4 Other Interest income                             | -            | -          | -            | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| 1.5 Total Interest income                             | 874,560      | 1,827,561  | 464,789      | 962,774      | 875,258      | 1,829,018  | 465,144      | 963,491      |
| 2 INTEREST EXPENSES                                   |              |            |              |              |              |            |              |              |
| 2.1 Customer deposits                                 | 342,473      | 744,645    | 186,186      | 353,769      | 342,473      | 744,645    | 186,186      | 353,769      |
| 2.2 Deposits and placements from banking institutions | 62,589       | 114,624    | 43,391       | 43,431       | 62,589       | 114,624    | 43,391       | 43,431       |
| 2.3 Other Interest Expenses                           | 14,843       | 30,192     | 7,566        | 14,879       | 14,843       | 30,192     | 7,566        | 14,879       |
| 2.4 Total Interest Expenses                           | 419,905      | 889,461    | 237,143      | 412,079      | 419,905      | 889,461    | 237,143      | 412,079      |
| 3 NET INTEREST INCOME/(LOSS)                          | 454,655      | 938,100    | 227,646      | 550,695      | 455,353      | 939,557    | 228,001      | 551,412      |
| 4 NON-OPERATING INCOME                                |              |            |              |              |              |            |              |              |
| 4.1 Fees and commissions on loans and advances        | 61,119       | 113,053    | 21,795       | 42,089       | 61,119       | 113,053    | 21,795       | 42,089       |
| 4.2 Other fees and commissions                        | 58,269       | 119,503    | 26,267       | 53,696       | 73,120       | 142,523    | 34,049       | 67,970       |
| 4.3 Foreign exchange trading income (Loss)            | 29,703       | 58,606     | 12,856       | 21,412       | 29,703       | 58,606     | 12,856       | 21,412       |
| 4.4 Dividend Income                                   | 299          | 299        | -            | -            | 299          | 299        | -            | -            |
| 4.5 Other Income                                      | 151,745      | 253,667    | 91,899       | 150,568      | 151,745      | 253,667    | 91,899       | 150,568      |
| 4.6 Total non-interest income                         | 301,135      | 545,128    | 152,817      | 267,765      | 315,986      | 568,148    | 160,599      | 282,039      |
| 5 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME                              | 755,790      | 1,483,228  | 380,463      | 818,460      | 771,339      | 1,507,705  | 388,600      | 833,451      |
| 6 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES                            |              |            |              |              |              |            |              |              |
| 6.1 Loan loss provision                               | 156,875      | 235,245    | 78,634       | 161,879      | 156,875      | 235,245    | 78,634       | 161,879      |
| 6.2 Staff costs                                       | 352,176      | 707,013    | 168,465      | 344,140      | 354,773      | 713,407    | 171,313      | 349,804      |
| 6.3 Directors' emoluments                             | 19,061       | 40,293     | 10,903       | 22,076       | 19,061       | 40,454     | 11,028       | 22,201       |
| 6.4 Rental charges                                    | 5,043        | 15,297     | 3,137        | 5,755        | 5,643        | 15,297     | 3,407        | 6,233        |
| 6.5 Depreciation charge on property and equipment     | 35,330       | 69,977     | 17,673       | 35,284       | 35,626       | 70,033     | 17,713       | 35,354       |
| 6.6 Amortisation charges                              | 15,262       | 30,470     | 6,657        | 12,692       | 15,262       | 30,470     | 6,657        | 12,692       |
| 6.7 Other operating expenses                          | 257,812      | 532,551    | 110,439      | 220,416      | 260,902      | 538,215    | 111,882      | 223,640      |
| 6.8 Total Other Operating Expenses                    | 841,559      | 1,630,846  | 395,908      | 802,242      | 848,142      | 1,643,121  | 400,634      | 811,803      |
| 7 Profit/(loss) before tax and exceptional items      | (85,769)     | (147,618)  | (15,445)     | 16,218       | (76,803)     | (135,416)  | (12,034)     | 21,648       |
| 8 Exceptional items                                   | -            | -          | -            | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            |
| 9 Profit/(loss)                                       |              |            |              |              |              |            |              |              |



# National News

**Justice** Judge says sentence is, in fact, lenient given the brutality meted out against the victim

## Court confirms 15-year jail term for DJ who lured and raped job seeker

SWW had been working as a secretary at a Catholic parish when she saw a job advertisement in a WhatsApp group

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

The High Court in Nyeri has upheld a 15-year prison sentence for a nightclub disc jockey who raped a young woman after luring her with the false promise of a lucrative job.

Brian Warui, alias DJ Tenta, suffered a legal blow last week after Justice Kizito Magare dismissed his appeal and affirmed the sentence handed down by a magistrate in May last year.

Warui was convicted of raping Ms SWW, a 25-year-old woman who had travelled from Othaya in search of better employment to support herself and her child.

"The court notes that the appellant lured a young job seeker to attend an interview immediately, which ended in rape," said Justice Magare. "I find it a poor sense of self-importance for the appellant to insinuate that the complainant brought this upon herself."

### DNA evidence

The conviction was secured through DNA evidence—including blood samples from both Warui and the victim—and a broken beer bottle used to threaten her.

According to court records, Ms SWW had been working as a secretary at a Catholic parish when she saw a job advertisement in a WhatsApp group named Queens for a receptionist post at a new club along the Nyeri-Karatina road. The ad, posted by someone named Sydney, led her to a contact called Tracy, who described herself as a supervisor.

Tracy then connected her to Warui, claiming he was the club's manager.

Warui allegedly demanded a



Justice Magare found the prosecution's case met the legal threshold, describing the complainant's account as "credible and consistent with the rest of the evidence." PHOTO | SHUTTERSTOCK

bribe and instructed her to attend an in-person interview the same evening. Encouraged by the opportunity, she travelled by motorbike from Othaya to Nyeri, arriving at 7.30pm to meet Warui and Tracy.

After brief introductions, Tracy left and did not return, leaving Ms SWW alone with Warui. Introducing himself as "Alex," he discussed the job description and claimed he had made Tracy wealthy. They moved to a club, where he offered her drinks, meat, samosas, and mixed alcoholic beverages.

Shortly after 2:00am, Ms SWW fell into a deep sleep and later suspected she had been drugged. Upon waking, she asked to be taken to Tracy's home, and Warui agreed, suggesting a short cut.

"However, like many short

cuts, it led to misery," said Justice Magare. "Upon reaching a certain area, the appellant began to assault the complainant, making contradictory remarks—promising her a job while calling her a whore. They struggled on a patch of nappier grass, where the appellant told her he intended to rape and kill her."

### Desperate attempt

In a desperate attempt to deter him, Ms SWW claimed she was HIV positive. Warui replied that it was her problem, not his, and proceeded to rape her.

She told the court that Warui smashed a glass bottle and used it to cut her face, forehead, arms, and thighs—scars the court confirmed were still visible.

After the assault, Ms SWW es-

caped and found help from a night guard, who contacted Catholic priest Fr Josephat Gachanja. The priest picked her up at 3:00am and took her to Mukurweini Hospital for treatment.

She later discovered there had never been a job, and that Tracy and Warui had conspired to lure her into a trap.

The case experienced several delays due to adjournments and cross-complaints, but investigations led by SSP Charles Kimanzi found the allegations against police officers to be baseless.

Despite Warui's denials, DNA analysis by Government Chemist Pamellah Kamalla Okello linked him directly to the crime scene and the victim. Evidence included broken bottle fragments, a

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Justice Kizito Magare



woollen cap, a red dress, underpants with a sanitary pad, and a braid—all recovered from the scene.

DNA samples from the underpants, pad and broken glass matched both Warui and the complainant. The semen found showed a mixed DNA profile, confirming Warui's presence.

### Legal threshold

Justice Magare found the prosecution's case met the legal threshold, describing the complainant's account as "credible and consistent with the rest of the evidence."

"The appellant did not attempt seduction—he began with violence and ended in rape," he said. "He showed no concern even after being told the victim was HIV positive. His conduct was not only abhorrent but also cavalier."

The judge added that the 15-year sentence was, if anything, lenient given the brutality of the attack.

"The court laments that the prosecution could not bring Tracy to justice as well—but it is not too late to act," he concluded.

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## Lawsuit

## Petitioners challenge Ruto pick to head rights body

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

President William Ruto has been drawn into a fresh legal battle following a petition by two civil society organisations challenging the nomination of Dr Duncan Oburu Ojwang as chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).

The Katiba Institute and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) have asked the High Court to nullify the appointment, arguing that both the President and the selection panel that recommended Dr Ojwang's name failed to uphold constitutional requirements on gender parity. Dr Ojwang is poised to replace Roseline Ode, who died in January.

At the heart of the petition is Article 250(11) of the Constitution, which prohibits the appointment of a chairperson and vice-chairperson of a constitutional commission from the same gender. The petitioners also cite Section 1(6) of the Second Schedule of the KNCHR Act, which mirrors the same requirement.

In this instance, both Dr Ojwang and the current vice-chairperson, Dr Raymond Nyeris, are male.

Dr Ojwang is awaiting vetting and approval by the National Assembly. However, the petitioners are seeking interim orders to halt the process, arguing that proceeding with the nomination would further entrench a violation of the law.

The Attorney-General, the selection panel, and the National Assembly are listed as respondents. Members of the selection panel have been named as interested parties.

Dr Ojwang was chosen from a short-list of six candidates: Victor Okoth Ogwang, Selina Amsugut Iseme, Claris Awour Ogangah, Edward Katama Ngeywa, and Michael Peter Otieno Okelloh.

The petitioners contend that by failing to nominate a woman, the process denied women equal opportunity in public service, in violation of Article 27 of the Constitution.

They want the court to assess the actions of the selection panel, the President, and Parliament, arguing that any appointment of Dr Ojwang would be unlawful and all actions taken thereafter null and void.

## Waititu freed on Sh53m bond with appeal pending

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

Former Kiambu governor Ferdinand Waititu has regained his freedom after nearly six months behind bars following his conviction on corruption charges.

Waititu was released on Friday, August 1, a day after the High Court allowed him to secure a bank guarantee of Sh53 million as a condition for his release pending the hearing and determination of his appeal.

His lawyer, Mr John Swaka, confirmed that the former county chief had obtained the required bank guarantee, in line with di-

rections issued by Justice Lucy Njuguna. Mr Waititu was convicted on February 14 by Chief Magistrate Thomas Nzyoki of the Anti-Corruption Court and sentenced to 12 years in prison or a fine of Sh53 million.

He was found guilty of corruptly receiving Sh25 million from Enterprise Testimony Ltd, a company awarded a Sh588 million road construction tender during his tenure as governor.

The High Court revised its earlier position after Waititu pleaded for release on medical grounds, citing diabetes, hypertension, kidney complications and deteri-



Ferdinand Waititu.

orating eyesight.

"This court has no reason or any other evidence from the respondent (prosecution) to disprove the report before the court on the medical condition of the applicant, which, to this court, amounts to new circumstances warranting the court to exercise its discretion and review the order that the court made on March 3, 2025," ruled Justice Njuguna.

She further observed that the Kenya Prisons Service was strained by his continued hospitalisation at Kenyatta National Hospital.

"The court has no reason or evidence from the prosecution to disprove the medical report presented, which constitutes new circumstances warranting review," she ruled.

Waititu argued that his appeal stood a high chance of success, claiming no public funds were lost and alleging that his conviction was based on "public theories and politically motivated perceptions."

The prosecution opposed his application, accusing the former governor of exploiting the court process to delay justice and evade serving his sentence.





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## Expression of Interest (EOI) No. EOI-25002

### Provision of Warehouse Space in Nairobi.

The United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) is the food-assistance agency of the United Nations and is the world's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security.

In order to complement its operations in Kenya, UNWFP seeks to rent warehouse space in Nairobi.

The facility will have to comply with the following minimum criteria:

- The area of warehouse required is a minimum of 6,000 and a maximum of 8,000 square feet all within one area and this should include space that can allow for installation of racks and space with a clear height of 8 meters or more for vertical storage.  
The warehouse area space should be one that can be apportioned as indicated below.
  - Open space of approximately 3,000 sq ft, for purposes of flat storage.
  - Space for racking setup of approximately 2,500 sq ft – Volumetric space 3,800 ft<sup>3</sup>
  - Space for records of approximately 450 sq ft – Volumetric space 500 ft<sup>3</sup>
  - Strong room space of approximately 200 sq ft – Volumetric space 880 ft<sup>3</sup>
  - Office space 236 sq ft
  - Stationery store space 280 sq ft Volumetric space 1580 ft<sup>3</sup>
- Warehouse should have provision for well-ventilated office space with electrical connecting ports for use of office electrical and electronic equipment.
- Location should be within Nairobi or its environs, preferably along Mombasa Road, Industrial area and Embakasi. The warehouse should be located not more than 3 km of the main highway/main road and the access road to the warehouse facility should be tarmacked or easily accessed.
- Facility Should have proper drainage and flood risk mitigation mechanism.
- Adequate water supply and storage.
- Sufficient power supply of industrial voltage and a backup generator.
- Warehouse compound/grounds should have adequate space for trucks to manoeuvre, offload/load cargo as well as parking.
- Preferably gated compound with permanent perimeter fence reinforced with electric wire.
- Preference will be given to a facility with the provision of CCTV cameras and security sensor system for arming doors and proper gate access and control.
- Firefighting system, smoke detection, fire alarm and water hydrant should be in place within the facility and clearly marked.
- The facility should provide proper and clean staff rest rooms.
- Warehouses should meet all statutory requirements for building safety codes as per national and local government health and safety regulations [evidence of the same to be provided including up to date necessary permits and licenses].
- Should be ready for occupation from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.
- Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [WFPKenya.procurement@wfp.org](mailto:WFPKenya.procurement@wfp.org). WFP does not charge any fee for companies to access its surveys, questionnaires as well participate in the entire shortlisting process.
- UNWFP invites qualified Landlords/Agents who are duly registered and authorized in accordance with prevailing laws in Kenya to submit their information for consideration for shortlisting via the below link.

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## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

P.O Box 2362-00900, KIAMBU

### ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES

#### MEDICAL SPECIALISTS I JOB GROUP CPSB 04 (JG 'Q')-77 POSTS

The County Public Service Board is a body corporate established under Section 57 of the County Governments Act, 2012 pursuant to Article 235 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Section 59 of the County Governments Act 2012 outlines the functions of the CPSB among them being "appoint persons to hold or act in offices of the county public service including in the Boards of cities and urban areas within the County and to confirm appointments." Pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012 Section 45 (1), the County Public Service Board wishes to recruit Medical Specialists I (Job Group 'Q') under the department of Health Services as below listed;

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Obstetrics and Gynecologist | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 2. General Surgeon             | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 3. Psychiatrist                | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 4. Pediatric Dentist           | - Eight (8) Posts    |
| 5. Radiologists                | - Eight (8) Posts    |
| 6. Maxillofacial Surgeon       | - Eight (8) Posts    |
| 7. Physician                   | - Eight (8) Posts    |

**TERMS OF SERVICE:** Contract

**SALARY SCALE: CPSB 04:** Ksh. 102,860 X 5,070 -107,930 X 5,300 -113,230 X 5,560 - 118,790 X 5,840 -124,630 X 6,070 -130,700 X 6,370 - 137,070 per month

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Undertaking general diagnosis, care, treatment and rehabilitation of patients
- Carrying out specialized clinical care; providing psycho-social interventions
- Providing clinical services to patients
- Training, consulting and performing surgeries in various health facilities;
- Carrying out forensic and medicolegal services
- Coordinating disease surveillance, prevention, and control
- Coordinating health education and promotion; implementing health projects and programmes; maintaining up-to-date health information systems
- Monitoring provision of health treatment and care
- Undertaking health research; and analyzing medical reports

#### Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have:-

- Served in the grade of Assistant Director, Medical Services/Medical Specialist II in the public or private sector or its equivalent for a minimum period of three (3) years
- A Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch. B) degree from an institution recognized by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
- A Master of Medicine degree in any of the following disciplines: - , General Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology ,Psychiatry, Radiology, Internal Medicine, Paediatric Dentistry, Maxillofacial Surgery from an institution recognized by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
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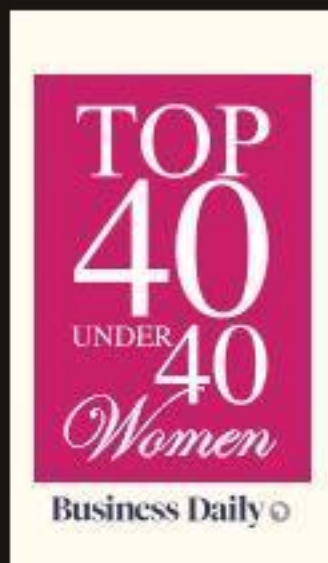
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## Why our infrastructure isn't attracting pension funds

Two weeks ago, I argued that pension funds could be a game changer for Africa's infrastructure. This sparked responses from readers across sectors, one message that stood out came from someone who runs an infrastructure engineering firm that operates across East Africa. His feedback was sharp and technical. And it reinforced something I've long believed: we don't lack ideas or capital, we lack credible execution.

He began by agreeing with me that local capital must play a bigger role. But then he challenged the 'how.' Are we presenting the right kinds of projects to pension funds? Are we matching our ambition with the discipline needed to make these projects bankable? His answer, unfortunately, was no.

His firm works on the full infrastructure life-cycle: feasibility studies, designs, costings, procurement, construction supervision, and risk management. They don't just look at whether a bridge can stand, but whether it can generate long-term value. They integrate gender outcomes, climate impact, local job creation, and sustainability into every project they take on. In short, they understand infrastructure as a developmental tool, not just a concrete structure.

But here's the kicker, despite their expertise, they rarely see infrastructure projects in Kenya that are well prepared, bankable, and right-sized for local investors such as pension funds. One example he cited was the Usahihi Nairobi-Mombasa Expressway project. It had the right intentions and the backing of Ever-strong Capital and CPF Advisory, but the PPP committee recently recommended it be returned for review and possible resubmission. His point is valid—perhaps we are biting off more than we can chew. Like a baby learning to walk, we must start by crawling. We should begin with smaller, credible projects to build confidence and track record.

Instead of starting big and hoping for magic, he suggests we start small and build trust. Infrastructure, after all, is not just about scale—it's about deliverability and credibility. This is where countries like Vietnam offer useful lessons. Vietnam didn't start with mega projects. It began with targeted public investments in rural roads, irrigation, and power distribution networks—projects that delivered visible benefits to citizens and built trust with local financial institutions. Over time, these smaller wins created the foundation for more ambitious partnerships. Investors came because the government first proved it could deliver.

In contrast, Kenya often announces massive infrastructure plans without first laying the groundwork. Take the 2022 batch of water PPP projects by the Ministry of Water—34 in total. None of them have taken off. The reasons? Overambition, lack of market testing, and inadequate preparation. A better strategy would have been to select two or three, structure them well, test market interest, and deliver. Success begets confidence. Confidence attracts capital.

He also raised a critical point on the regulatory environment. Kenya's PPP Act of 2021 was meant to ensure transparency, competitiveness, and value for

The success of pension-funded infrastructure will not come from lofty ambitions or flashy politically motivated launch events



**Nelson Amenya** | Development

money. Yet in practice, the law is often circumvented. We continue to see unsolicited proposals, opaque government-to-government deals, and investor pitches lacking basic documentation like employer's requirements. The Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit project, awarded to Vinci through a competitive and transparent process, should have become the new standard. Instead, other firms, particularly Chinese contractors, are allowed to bypass it through shadowy proposals.

Politicians love the Chinese because they will do whatever the officials tell them to do, and in return, they add everything to the project cost while keeping the details under wraps—just how the politicians like it. How can local or foreign financiers invest in such a landscape of zero transparency?

This engineer's message was not cynical. It was pragmatic. He supports pension-funded infrastructure. He wants to see local capital drive development. But he is also honest about what it takes: competent project preparation, predictable regulation, and mutual respect between government and private actors. He even touched on the now-defunct road annuity programme—a promising model that many countries continue to use successfully. It was cut short in Kenya, possibly for political reasons. But models like this, which focus on performance-based payments and risk sharing, can be revived if the government is serious about mobilizing private capital.

As we continue this conversation, let's be clear: pension funds are not a magic tap. They will not flow toward poorly conceived or politically manipulated projects. They require trust, track record, and technical precision. And that begins with the government taking its own role seriously—not as a gatekeeper, but as an enabler.

The success of pension-funded infrastructure will not come from lofty ambitions or flashy politically motivated launch events. It will come from discipline, from projects that are transparent, right-sized, and clearly thought through. If we want local capital to step in, we must first step up our credibility. This means fewer grand promises and more functional delivery. Less noise, more results. We need fewer ribbon cuttings and more ribbon finishings.

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A section of the Nairobi Expressway at Museum Hill on August 25 last year. WILFRED NYANGARE-SII NATION

Parliament must act to close this loophole. We need clear, higher qualification thresholds for governorship candidates



**Omar Sheikh** | Governance

## Governors need more than varsity degree to succeed

In the 15 years of the 2010 Constitution, devolution has delivered mixed results. While some counties have made strides in development in areas such as infrastructure, water, health and agriculture, others are stuck in a cycle of incompetence, bloated wage bills, pending bills and stalled projects. The difference often boils down to leadership, specifically, the qualifications of a county governor. Per the law, the only requirement to contest for the office of governor is any university degree, irrespective of whether it's relevant to public administration, management or development. This low bar has had profound consequences.

This office is not ceremonial, but executive. Article 192 of the Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012 task the governor with coordinating and supervising county administration and service delivery. These functions demand executive management ability, development knowledge and strategic oversight. Aside from coordinating service delivery and supervising staff, the governor is also expected to manage budgets and ensure prudent use of resources. In corporate terms, this is a role that would demand years of leadership experience and robust managerial competence.

In Kenya, the governor's seat has become a reward for political loyalty rather than competence. The result? Counties staffed with cronies, friends and campaigners—many of whom lack the skills or discipline to deliver. Bloated payrolls, pending bills and ghost workers have become the norm. According to a report by the Controller of Budget, some counties spend up to 70 per cent of their revenue on recurrent expenditure, mainly salaries. That leaves development as an afterthought.

With a budget exceeding Sh30 billion, Nairobi rivals some national ministries in financial muscle. However, frequent leadership crises and questionable procurement practices have ensured that city residents don't fully enjoy the fruits of devolution.

In other counties, like Meru, internal wrangles have paralysed service delivery. Also, fake academic certificates have been used to gain clearance to contest, further eroding public confidence in the office.

This is not only a legal but design flaw. The drafters of the Constitution failed to distinguish between legislative and executive roles when prescribing qualifications. While a senator, MP or MCA debating policy in a chamber may get by with basic education, an executive managing complex budgets and leading thousands of public servants cannot.

Parliament must act to close this loophole. We need clear, higher qualification thresholds for governorship candidates. That could include a requirement for management experience, relevant postgraduate training or certification in leadership and governance. Just as we require technical capacity for roles in finance, medicine or law, county leadership should not be exempt.

Critics may argue that raising the bar undermines democracy. It doesn't. Democracy isn't just about being elected; it's about effective, accountable leadership. Would we let someone fly an aeroplane just because they are popular? Would we let them manage a hospital because they campaigned well? The same logic must apply to governance.

The chaos we see in counties isn't accidental. It's a product of weak, unqualified leadership that, often times, is a product of fraud.

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# Opinion

## DAILY NATION

### IEBC pledge on 24 by-elections laudable

The assurance by the new Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) that it will conduct all the 24 pending by-elections this year is a bold and welcome decision. Some of the seats have been vacant for over two years, denying the people their constitutional right of representation in the county and national assemblies.

As it took over two years to reconstitute the IEBC since the tenure of former chairperson Wafula Chebukati and two commissioners expired, the situation should be quickly redressed. Three other commissioners had resigned following a bitter fallout over the 2022 presidential election results.

Chairperson Erastus Edung Etthekeon and the commissioners have already taken charge of the electoral agency and need to do everything possible to ensure that the by-elections are held as soon as possible. According to him, the elections operations committee is working on the timelines for the by-elections, and the calendar will be released in a week.

And in response to speculation that the date of the next General Election may be altered, Mr Etthekeon says Kenyans will go to the polls in August 2027 as scheduled. The IEBC has also had to allay fears of an alleged plot to "steal" the upcoming elections. Some politicians allied to the government have declared that they will do everything, including stealing the votes, to ensure that President William Ruto wins his second and final five-year term.

The commission should keep its promise to announce the timelines for the mini-polls to accord all the parties an equal opportunity to prepare for them. This will also disprove the opposition's claim that the dates are being kept secret at the behest of the ruling Kenya Kwanza coalition.

The IEBC boss has also assured Kenyans said the agency will carry out its operations openly and transparently. This is essential for the electoral agency to fully regain public confidence in its key mandate of managing elections to enable the people to freely and fairly choose their leaders.

### Pain and terror lessons

Nearly 30 years after the terrorist bomb attack in Nairobi that killed more than 200 people and injured thousands more, the country has never been the same again. The peace that had been enjoyed since independence in 1963 was shattered in 1998 by the terrorists, who had managed to sneak into the country, lie low and plan for several years before unleashing the mayhem.

The massacre at the American Embassy in downtown Nairobi would change the country forever, with security personnel exercising greater vigilance. But it happened again, when terrorists operating from conflict-torn Somalia attacked a shopping mall in the Westlands suburb in 2013, killing 68 people. The most recent attack was in 2019 on a hotel west of the city centre, in which 20 people died.

Interestingly, the bomb used to attack the embassy was built in the serene upscale Runda suburb before being ferried to the city centre. This was a residential estate whose gates were manned by security guards, who never got to know what was happening inside. To the neighbours, that house was supposedly occupied by a humanitarian NGO worker and his family.

The other residents were even more fooled as the operative was always smartly dressed and spoke fluent Kiswahili, English and French. That house was, in fact, a bomb factory. This became one of Al-Qaeda's most devastating attacks. The August 7 bombing of the US Embassy in Nairobi killed 224 people and left more than 4,000 seriously injured.

Yesterday, the country marked the 27th anniversary of the Nairobi bomb blast that would change the country for good. This is an opportune time for Kenyans to reflect on their bloody experience with terror so far and take precautions. Today, the security forces and the public are more alert against criminals masquerading as traders, business executives or relief agency experts while plotting to unleash anarchy.



## Keep good relations with the US

writing this article with misgivings. I thought of giving our dear government, which is in crisis, some unsolicited and unwelcome counsel, then I thought, who am I? For one, my star is in the comic house. It's not the season for serious issues, I fear.

Secondly, who am I to presume to give anyone advice, least of all our all-powerful, all knowing government? I'm just nobody — a bean farmer, freshly driven out of business by the government's own management of student capitation. I'm non-entity. If my hair was on fire, I doubt the State House kitchen would spare even the dirty water. They have more momentous things to do, like turning out sandwiches for important people.

Besides, the government has a roomful of advisers, all with a chain of degrees and honours from the best universities, whom, of an occasion, it advises. Indeed, as it should. And who, might I add, give it the most sagacious advice, as can be observed from the thumping success of the Kenya Kwanza government in every aspect of our lives. We have never had it so good, to quote Harold Macmillan. Have we?

Kenya Kwanza is in a pickle. The country is pissed off, mainly for being put in a position where they have to debate the government and its army of bloggers on matters that are obvious to everyone.

The economy is hard, the people are broke, the new healthcare system doesn't always work as advertised, schools are in trouble, universities are going bankrupt, student loans are a rumour, children are being asked for an arm and a leg to get government jobs, there is corruption every which way and at levels never before seen, there is decision making that makes no sense to the average citizen — like selling off the most liquid parastatal and keeping the garbage or allowing the wretched of Africa free access into our country or launching one of the most expensive reconstructions of State House in memory.

I'm a Pan-Africanist and I believe in free movement of Africans across the conti-

It is going to take very serious action, not PR or grandstanding, to save Kenya's relations with the Americans.



Mutuma Mathiu | Society

ment, but you have to check.

The Americans are pissed off. This is a big problem. Very big baboon. And it is the reason I have emerged into the sunlight from my dark, leaning mud hut in Makandune, abandoning to tedium and endless boredom the many snakes of that village whose career is to hiss, spit and stand on their tail at me, their favourite coward. That is, er, not accurate. I have never actually seen a snake.

For me, any suspicious ruffling of the bushes, a nano second glimpse of a shiny, slithery, suspicious creature is often enough. I turn round and shoot off, calling for help and I don't stop until I can't run any more. My workers have no use for movies, TV or social media, they just sit in the shade, grinning, waiting for Afrosinema to start.

Anyway, the allegations the US is leveling against Kenya are troubling: money laundering, consorting with terrorists and other sanctioned individuals, human rights violations and making common cause with US rivals. Two things I'd like to tell all the government big shots.

First, it's not the sizzle, bros, I'm afraid it's the sausage. Frank Whalley is a great man and a great journalist, the terror of

the English provincial press, the glinting blue eye of the subs table, a veteran of the invented quote and a master of the thick sauce of hyperbole in the headline. We don't sell the sausage, he would tell me, we sell the sizzle. In other words, we fire up your salivating mouth with the grunt of hot oil and leave the rest to your imagination. The purpose of the headline is to whet the appetite, catch the attention, grab you by the neck and shove you into the substance.

I have a feeling that Kenya Kwanza is 80 per cent PR and very little substance. Which is OK, if it works for them and they are not bothered by the sullen masses since there isn't going to be an election as former Presidential Advisor Moses Kuria has been saying, right? But it is going to take very serious action, not PR or grandstanding, to save Kenya's relations with the Americans. And there is a lot at stake, including support for the economy, at a time when it is in terrible shape.

Not to mention the security sector in which the US has played a key role in training and equipping. Kenya must of course maintain strong relations with the US. Substance, not PR.

Secondly, power answers to strength, ladies and gentlemen, not frenetic activity. Boasting, seeking attention, adulation or approval is not a mark of strength, quite to the contrary. Humility, is. "The one thing that I know is that I know nothing," Socrates, of one the wisest ancients said. That's strength. Some of the most powerful people the world has produced were immobile, inaccessible, inscrutable controlled: Mao Tse Tung, is a prime example. Even our very own Mwai Kibaki is reputed to have struck terror into the hearts of acolytes by saying very little, doing very little. It's a gift.

You gentlemen, are looking bad. It's not something you can talk yourself out of.

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# Why advertising should never be used as bait for favourable coverage

In a video circulating online, Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale is seen threatening to pull Ministry of Health advertisements from the *Daily Nation* over its reporting on the reintroduction of biometric patient identification. The story, published on Nation.Africa and on page 8 of the *Daily Nation* of August 5, 2025, reported that "the Social Health Insurance Fund is to reintroduce biometric identification of patients in a dramatic policy reversal aimed at curbing corruption".

Mr Duale claims the story misrepresents facts. In his words: "Yesterday, we launched the most progressive biometric on our healthcare system. Something very new... if a doctor is in Tana River, we know he's doing a surgery. Then the 'Nation' says SHA has failed, we have gone back to NHIF biometric."

However, the Ministry's own website carries a statement titled "Ministry of Health launches biometric health identification, advances digital health transformation", which offers only a broad overview of the system. It states that the Biometric Health Identification enables patients to access care securely using fingerprint verification to reduce fraud, eliminate paperwork and cut waiting times.

The problem is not with the biometric system itself, but with the attempt to stifle legitimate scrutiny.

Mr Duale appears angered by the suggestion that the new biometric system resembles the one scrapped when the Social Health Authority (SHA) replaced it with the One-Time Password (OTP) model. If the new system is substantively different, the burden of clarity lies with the Ministry, not with journalists.

Public office comes with an inherent demand for transparency and accountability. Leaders must understand that scrutiny is not optional, it's the cost of holding power in a democracy. If they are unwilling to tolerate investigation, criticism or questions, they are free to leave public service. The media does not exist to cheerlead those in power or scandalise them. It exists to inform the public, question authority and uphold public interest.

One of journalism's most important functions is not simply to report what has happened, but to contextualise events and investigate their implications – especially when they involve taxpayer-funded policies, digital systems or healthcare access. That's what the "Nation" did. The journalist connected the dots, posed reasonable questions and quoted a hospital administrator who rightly observed:

**Media platforms are not billboards for public relations spin**



**Pamela Sittoni**  
Public Editor

"The return to biometrics, enhanced with better oversight through the Practice 360 app, suggests the solution to fraud may not be abandoning working systems, but improving their security safeguards."

Instead of threatening the press, the Ministry should be asking why its communication strategy failed to pre-empt misinterpretation. A well-executed launch should include a clear, robust media engagement plan: a detailed media kit, expert spokespeople on standby and a proactive approach to explain any policy shifts – especially in areas as sensitive as healthcare.

Moreover, if the CS or the Ministry feels aggrieved by the reporting, there are structured channels of redress. The first would be to immediately point out the misrepresentation or misreporting to the "Nation" editor and seek a correction or clarification. They can also address the matter through the Public Editor, who would launch an investigation to establish the facts and resolve the matter. The



Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale.

aggrieved parties are also at liberty to present their case to the Media Council of Kenya's Complaints Commission. The last resort is to take the issue to court.

What is not acceptable is using advertising as leverage to silence or intimidate the press. Unfortunately, this is not the first time a government official has attempted it. As CS, Mr Moses Kuria issued similar threats. And it is not limited to government. Large corporations have taken to using their advertising muscle to stifle scrutiny and silence critical reporting.

This undermines press freedom and compromises the right of the public to know. When state and private actors start holding media houses hostage with ad budgets, we risk losing independent journalism altogether.

Media platforms are not billboards for public relations spin. They are vital democratic institutions, mandated to hold power to account, ask uncomfortable questions and amplify voices that those in power would rather ignore. Advertising should be driven by audience reach and impact, not by an expectation of favourable coverage.

Advertising should never be used as bait for favourable coverage. Media outlets that uphold professional ethics must draw a clear line between editorial integrity and commercial interests. Entities should advertise because a platform offers access to their desired audiences – not because they expect glowing headlines in return.

Independent media must resist intimidation. They must draw a firm line between editorial integrity and commercial interests. Citizens must defend their right to journalism that is courageous, critical and unbought.

The role of the media is not to serve those in power. It is to serve the public. That means asking tough questions – even when the answers make the powerful squirm. More worryingly, threats to withdraw advertising as punishment for coverage signal a deeper intolerance for criticism – an impulse that undermines democratic norms and accountability. This is a tactic straight from the bully-rule playbook: a method autocrats often deploy to silence scrutiny, erode institutional independence and chill dissent. It has no place in a democracy.

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**Kioko Musyoki** Mentorship

## Let's invest in the future of hospitality

Mentoring young, aspiring general managers in the hotel industry is more than a noble gesture, it's a strategic investment. As the industry continues to evolve amidst shifting customer expectations, technological advancements and global challenges, it is imperative that we pass on the knowledge, insights and experience to the next generation.

Today's hospitality landscape demands a new breed of GMs – dynamic, innovative and committed to excellence. By mentoring young professionals, we help them cultivate the thinking, confidence and leadership skills essential for success in a competitive environment.

Mentorship can take many forms, from structured programmes to informal one-on-one relationships. The objective remains the same: to provide guidance, support and perspective that help emerging leaders navigate the complexities of hotel operations. This guidance may encompass areas like revenue management, operational efficiency, team development and guest satisfaction.

One of the benefits of mentorship lies in the sharing of experience. Books and training have their place but they cannot replicate the value of lived lessons from the frontlines. Seasoned professionals have the ability to share insights, cautionary tales and advice that can help young managers avoid missteps.

Mentorship also helps shape the leadership style and core values of young GMs. By working alongside experienced mentors, they learn to lead and inspire teams, foster guest loyalty and drive sustainable outcomes. It's about nurturing leaders who are results-driven, grounded in empathy, integrity and a passion for hospitality.

I was entrusted with the role of hotel managing at just 27 and will forever be grateful to my then Group Operations Manager Patrick Marekiah for recognising my potential and giving me that platform during my formative years at Sarova Group of Hotels.

Beyond individual growth, mentoring addresses a critical industry need: the talent pipeline. As veteran leaders retire or transition to other opportunities, we must ensure capable successors are ready to step in. Investing in the development of emerging talent helps secure the future strength and resilience of our industry.

Mentorship is not one-way. For the mentor, it offers a chance to give back, share expertise and shape the next generation of hoteliers. Mentors find the experience fulfilling and intellectually stimulating as they gain fresh perspectives and stay connected to new trends and technologies shaping the industry. Ultimately, mentoring strengthens the individual, the organisation and hospitality. Let's make mentorship a cornerstone of professional development. In doing so, we ensure hospitality remains vibrant, innovative and people-focused for generations to come.

Mr Musyoki is the GM Leopard Beach Resort

# Education must remain a top priority

There have been worrying conversations on whether the government is reducing school capitation and ending free basic education.

Education is the basic building block of every society. It is the single best investment Kenya can make to build an equitable, healthy and prosperous nation.

Sustainable development goal four focuses on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education. Kenya is a state party to the UN convention on the rights of the child. On the basis of equal opportunity, primary education should be compulsory and available free to all. State parties should

**Poverty and other factors hinder access to education**



**Angela Muathe**  
Schooling

encourage the development of forms of secondary education available to all. The government's education policy stresses education that is of high standard, satisfies basic learning needs and enriches the lives of learn-

ers. The policy outlines the need to finance education and address the problems of access, equity and quality.

The social pillar of Kenya's Vision 2030 highlights education and training as a key area of investment to ensure prosperity. Despite these commitments and policies, learning institutions face challenges, including inadequate and delayed capitation. Funding for infrastructure, learning materials and teacher-training remain low. Schools are closing earlier than the day determined by the government due to insufficient funds.

Poverty, gender inequality, disability, migration and other socio-economic factors hinder access to education.

Any cuts on government funding will reduce enrolment.

Education prepares learners for the world ahead of them. It shields them from exploitation and crime, contributes to peace, helps close the gender gap, improves health and leads to economic growth.

The government must implement the education policies, frameworks and commitments it has signed. Education must remain top on the priority list of the government. The government should also increase funding for education to keep up with the rising budgetary needs.

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# Letters

## THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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**Happiness** • There is a young man at the old Westlands Shopping Centre roundabout in Nairobi, who turns up every evening, happily brandishing a placard reading: 'Smile, you are beautiful', notes Charles Wakaba Kamanga. "I've been curious about what is in it for him in terms of returns, or is it just for his happiness and the amusement of passers-by?" His contact is kamangacw@gmail.com.

**Sinister** • Where there's smoke, there's fire, remarks Lincoln Kinyua, alarmed that tickets for the coming Kenya-Morocco match in Chan sold out less than 24 hours after Harambee Stars' historic win against DR Congo on Sunday. "Before the game, tickets were sold out, but there were many empty seats. Is there a deliberate attempt to ensure Kenyans stay away?" His contact is mklincoln49@gmail.com.

**Winning** • Congratulating Harambee Stars for starting the Chan tournament with a sweet victory against DR Congo, Jotham Ndung'u says: "I'm also very happy that by that very first win, we've just minted brand new millionaires in the country. But I'm rooting for the Stars to go on and lift the tourney trophy on home soil. Go Stars!" His email address is ndungu.jotham@gmail.com.

**No compassion** • Quite angry with Kenyan doctors, but without disclosing details, Shainaz Khan says they should choose to be either businesspeople or compassionate professionals, not both! "Those who truly care and treat and hold patients above profit are painfully very few. The rest just chase money, and not medicine. The medical world in Kenya sucks!" Her contact is shainazkhan302@gmail.com.

**Parenting** • The August school holidays are here once again, with students back home for about three weeks, notes F. Mukembu. "This is the most challenging time for many parents and guardians. But it shouldn't be the case, as the young people can be enabled to hone their cooking and farming skills. The parents should interact and bond with their children." His contact is fmukembu@gmail.com. Have beneficial day, won't you!

## LETTERS

### Opposition needs a shadow Cabinet

Kenyans have given up on politics and politicians. And this voter apathy will hit both those in power and those in the opposition hard. The government in power will have to actually improve service delivery to win back the hearts of the citizens. The opposition can redeem itself by having a shadow Cabinet. The shadow Cabinet secretaries could propose solutions to the current challenges. This would lead to robust discussions among the citizens and may help politicians to know what Kenyans expect. Right now we are suffering a know-it-all Executive. A shadow Cabinet would also mean the opposition has more to offer than the "terms slogans."

Kariuki Gathuitu, Nyeri

### Bring peace to troubled DRC

On August 1 leaders drawn from the East African Community and South African Community Development convened a joint summit in Nairobi Kenya to discuss on the situation in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The Nairobi Peace Process should ensure that DRC President Felix Tshisekedi and Rwandese President Paul Kagame build bridges. This is key to ending the eastern DRC conflict. Millions of lives have been lost and millions more displaced in the country; it is time to find peace and rebuild lives.

Joshua Omache, Kibabii University

### Siaya's top leaders missing in action

Siaya County is facing a leadership void due to prolonged absence from office by Governor James Orengo and his deputy William Oduol. The two stand accused of disregarding their constitutional mandate while remaining absent from the public eye and paralysing vital county operations. County Assembly Speaker George Okode has been left to handle essential county operations. Where are the elected leader? Mr Orengo must come clean to the people who entrusted him with leadership.

Peter Ojwang', Siaya

### Sensitise citizens on harmful practices

Despite being a democratic and constitutionally progressive country, Kenya still grapples with deeply entrenched cultural practices and religious extremism. Harmful cultural traditions such as early child marriages and female genital mutilation continue to thrive. Desperate for healing, miracles, or prosperity, many have turned to religious leaders who end up abusing them. The government must act with urgency and conduct civic education. This is not a battle to be fought by the government alone, civil society, the media, schools and faith-based institutions all have a role to play. We must unite to confront the myths and manipulations putting lives at risk.

Rony Alal, Nairobi

### Child sex trade exposé a call to action

A recent BBC documentary unveiled the disturbing and heart-breaking reality of the child sex trade in Kenya. The documentary reveals alarming details of how this illegal trade operates, thriving due to poverty, weak law enforcement and social stigma that prevents many victims from speaking out. The documentary underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, community education and support systems for survivors. It is a call to all Kenyans and the international community to unite in ending this grave violation of children's rights.

Ezekiel Kipyego Rotich, Nairobi

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## TODAY IN HISTORY



### August 8, 1992:

Officials of the Kenya National Democratic Alliance (Kenda) say the General Election should not be conducted until a national convention chaired by a neutral body is held. The officials, led by Kenda chairman Mukaru Ng'ang'a, made the call during the party's first public rally at Nairobi's Kamukunji grounds. Here, Social Democratic Party Chairperson Johnstone Makau (right) addresses the rally, with master of ceremony Ngonywa Wa Gakonya looking on. COMPILED BY MARIA WAMBUA

## LETTER OF THE DAY

# Anti-graft body must move beyond surveys

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) is not truly serving Kenyans by spending public funds conducting surveys on corruption levels and not following through with action.

By its very name, EACC evokes a body of serious men and women, appointed and mandated to tackle corruption head-on. It should strike fear into the hearts of perpetrators and act decisively to deter others. Instead, what Kenyans see today is a commission that has become increasingly academic, engaging in endless data collection rather than an enforcement agency.

In its latest survey, the EACC highlights marginal declines in overall corruption prevalence, as though this is cause for celebration. The same sectors, year after year—traffic police, pensions departments and parastatals—are named as the worst offenders, yet, no serious action follows. The commission appears content to congratulate the public on a "slight decline", as if Kenyans should accept that corruption is an incurable national disease that only fluctuates in severity.

It is shameful that job seekers continue to pay bribes to secure employment, while pensioners

are forced to "shake hands" to access what is rightfully theirs.

The rot is deep, and it is made worse by the apparent normalisation of it. If institutions are consistently named in these surveys, why is the EACC not holding their leadership accountable? These bodies have heads who are responsible for governance. If there are continuous complaints and clear evidence of corruption, what is stopping the commission from taking legal action?

The EACC cannot claim impotence. Its role is not just to collect data, it is to enforce ethics and combat corruption. If it claims to

have no "teeth", then it is not fit for purpose and should not be funded by the taxpayer.

The government, too, cannot escape blame. Many of the officials implicated in corrupt institutions are government appointees. If the State refuses to act, then the EACC becomes little more than a ceremonial body—one that risks turning into a symbol of mediocrity rather than justice.

Surveys are important. But they must inform action, not become the end goal.

David M. Kigo, Nairobi





# County News

## Nairobi

### Confusion rocks roll-out of Ruto initiative in South B

BY SAMMY KIMATU

Residents of South B Division in Starehe Sub-county are up in arms over alleged bias in hiring of casual workers under President William Ruto's ClimateWorx programme.

Dozens of youths recruited last week to work along the Ngong River riparian land were yesterday sent home after only four days of work.

"I was shocked when the area chief told me there was a technical hitch in the list of selected names," said a mother of four. "I had taken my child to daycare, expecting to work for 10 days before being relieved by Group Two in Phase Two."

Aggrieved youths have vowed to march to the Starehe Sub-county offices to present their grievances to Deputy County Commissioner John Kisang. Speaking to *Nation*, Mr Kisang explained that Phase One of the project comprised two groups each composed of 450 individuals, totalling 900 youths. Confusion began after the President directed that 10,000 more youths be recruited.

"South B was supposed to recruit 330 youths, but only 124 were given slots. Of these, only 63 reported to work. Chiefs are under pressure to fill vacancies quickly," a source told *Nation*.

South B Assistant County Commissioner Ibrahim Ahmed said 500 youths will now be hired under Cohort Two. Hazina, Kayaba, and Fua-ta Nyayo will each take 150 youths, while Landi Mawe will recruit 50 due to the area's low population density.

"Each group will work 10 days before being replaced," the administrator added.

## BRIEFLY

### Double tragedy as villagers lynch man who killed father over food

**KAKAMEGA** • Emulwala village in Khwisero is reeling from a double tragedy after Lincoln Topi, 39, killed his father, Milton Abednego, 70, for confronting him over stolen sukuma wiki. Witnesses said Topi became violent and turned a machete on his father, who died from excessive bleeding. Villagers later dragged Topi from his house and lynched him. Khwisero police boss Ezekiel Chepkwony condemned the killings and linked rampant drug abuse to smugglers from Luanda and Emuhaya. Both bodies are at Sonac Hospital mortuary. Shaban Makokha

### EACC sleuths arrest six senior officials in Sh1.4bn graft probe

**BUSIA** • The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has arrested six senior county officials over the alleged embezzlement of Sh1.4 billion through irregular procurement. Those held include three County Executive Committee members, a chief officer, and two directors. Detectives also carried out extensive searches at the suspects' homes and offices as part of investigations into procurement irregularities, conflict of interest, unexplained wealth accumulation, and the embezzlement of public funds totalling Sh1.4 billion. Shaban Makokha

### Suspected serial killer lynched by angry mob after arrest in Kisumu

**KISUMU** • An angry mob yesterday attacked and killed suspected serial killer Charles Onyango Odhiambo, alias 'Kwa', after grabbing him from police custody. The suspect had been arrested on Wednesday around midnight. Odhiambo, linked to multiple murders of women and girls, was then detained at Yala Police Station. Around dawn on Thursday, while taking detectives to identify his accomplices, he was intercepted by the mob and lynched. Police say Odhiambo was involved in at least five killings, including that of Elizabeth Atieno, 15. Kassim Adinasi

**Politics** Emergence of young leaders threatens the dominance of the old guard

## The young take on the old in battle for Western votes

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There is a growing sense of political restlessness among younger leaders

BY MOSES NYAMORI

A generational power struggle is taking shape in Western Kenya, as youthful leaders seek to upend the dominance of long-established political figures ahead of the 2027 General Election.

The region, rich in electoral numbers and long courted by national political actors, is witnessing renewed wrangles over control of political parties and the contest for regional kingpinship.

At the heart of the brewing tension is a growing sense of political restlessness among younger leaders, notably Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna and Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya, who are positioning themselves as the new face of Western politics.

Their emergence threatens to destabilise the influence of Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, and Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) Secretary-General Francis



Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya addresses his supporters in Malava, Kakamega County, late last month. ISAAC WALE / NATION

Atwoli—figures who have traditionally dictated the region's political direction. The region's strategic importance is underscored by its voting bloc of 2.6 million, according to 2022 electoral register. Kakamega leads with 844,551 registered voters, followed by Bungoma (646,598), Busia (416,756), Trans Nzoia (398,981), and Vihiga (310,043).

This weight makes the region a prized battleground for national parties seeking to consolidate sup-

## 2.6m

Total number of registered voters in the wider Western region, according to 2022 data from the IEBC.

port. Internal divisions are most evident within the Democratic Action Party of Kenya (DAP-K), led by Mr Eugene Wamalwa. Mr

Wamalwa faces mounting dissent from Governor Ntembeya and Mumias East MP Peter Salasya, who question his authority and seek reforms within the party.

At the same time, DCP Deputy Party Leader Cleophas Malala, Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale, and governors Paul Otuo-ma, Fernandes Barasa and Godfrey Osotsi are all jostling for political influence in their respective counties. Political analysts argue the infighting is symptomatic

of a broader, externally influenced strategy to keep the region fragmented. DAP-K Secretary-General Eseli Simiyu attributes the divisions to deliberate schemes by national players to scatter the Western vote.

"Each county now has a party, and this plays into the hands of power brokers who prefer a divided Western region," said Dr Simiyu. "This is a repeat of the usual strategy that undermines collective bargaining power."

While Mr Mudavadi and Mr Wetang'ula continue to project themselves as the region's principal political leaders—Mr Mudavadi through his close alignment with President Ruto's United Democratic Alliance (UDA), and Mr Wetang'ula via Kenya Kwanza's 2022 performance—recent events reveal cracks in their grip.

Notably, Mr Mudavadi failed to deliver his Vihiga backyard, where ODM leader Raila Odinga garnered nearly double his votes.

Mr Atwoli maintains the region's future lies with the triumvirate of himself, Mr Mudavadi and Mr Wetang'ula. But younger leaders like Mr Sifuna and Mr Ntembeya are not waiting. Professor David Monda, a political analyst, sees their rise as part of a broader generational revolt, potentially rallying the disillusioned Gen Z around movements like Tawe.

Still, Prof Monda acknowledges the challenge of forging unity among the different subgroups of the larger Luhya community.

Deputy Governor Ayub Savula believes the region is now split into three factions—aligned with Mr Mudavadi, Mr Wetang'ula, and Mr Wamalwa—and dismisses the notion of a unified front.

"There will be no unity. Each will reap what they sow. National parties are losing ground to home-grown outfits," he said.



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## County News

# Security beefed up amid peak in holiday tourism

BY SIAGO CECE

Security has been heightened at the Coast amid a peak in tourist visits due to the August holidays. Hundreds of domestic tourists have flocked popular destinations including Diani, Mombasa, Malindi, and Kilifi.

International arrivals are also on the rise, with chartered flights landing in Mombasa City offering direct access from Europe and other regions.

Coast Regional Police Commander Ali Nuno has assured tourists of their safety, confirming that officers have been deployed to beaches and public areas to conduct round-the-clock patrols and respond swiftly to any incidents.

"We are making sure that there are no such incidents. It has been a while since such a crime was reported, and we are grateful because the Coast region has never been this peaceful," Mr Nuno told *Nation* yesterday.

He noted that extra patrols have been assigned to tourist hotspots, especially beaches and busy urban centres, during the school holidays.

In Diani, the break often sees a rise in juvenile gang activity.

"We want to ensure that business continues uninterrupted because that's what drives the area's economy. Without safety and security, stakeholders in tourism and other sectors cannot operate in a conducive environment," the police boss added.

The assurance came hours after three suspects were arrested in Mtwapa, Kilifi County, with suspected stolen goods.

Police recovered over 20 mobile phones, gas cylinders, TVs, watches, and foreign currency from nine countries.

Mr Nuno urged anyone who has lost property to visit Mtwapa Police Station to identify recovered items.

Tourism has surged during the school break, with families travelling en masse.

Beaches, shopping malls, and eateries across the region are reporting a sharp uptick in both local and international visitors.

Businesses have welcomed the enhanced security, saying, a peaceful environment is key to higher earnings during this critical travel season.

Police have urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

The peak period is expected to extend into early next year following the Christmas festivities.

# Turkana vigilantes take on human trafficking syndicates

BY SAMMY LUTTA

Amid a surge in human trafficking cases, locals have formed vigilante groups to take on smuggling syndicates along the porous Kenya-Ethiopia border.

Public service vehicles suspected of ferrying trafficked individuals are being stopped and searched at impromptu road-

blocks erected by local vigilantes. Authorities said traffickers displaced by a security crackdown in neighbouring Marsabit County have rerouted their operations into Turkana.

Turkana County Police Commander John Tarus said a bus bound for Kitale was recently intercepted by residents.

"After a search, we discovered

59 passengers—all refugees from Kakuma—travelling to Nairobi without valid documentation," said Mr Tarus.

He revealed that police had heightened surveillance at all checkpoints.

Turkana's proximity to Ethiopia and its porous frontier has made it a growing hub for cross-border trafficking.

Smuggling routes through Kokuro and Todonyang are increasingly used to traffic people, drugs, and counterfeit goods, often involving Eritrean nationals.

Last month, 108 Eritreans were arrested along the Turkana-West Pokot border.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen attributed the shift to "Operation Ondoa

Jangili" in Marsabit, which has disrupted smuggling networks.

Governor Jeremiah Lomurukai pledged to mobilise county enforcement officers and village administrators to boost anti-trafficking efforts.

Mr Murkomen warned that Kenya is now a transit route for victims trafficked into forced labour and extortion.

## Nakuru trader tries her luck with chicken cages



Virginia Wambui crafts chicken cages using wires from old car tyres at her shed in Bama market in Bondeni, Nakuru City, yesterday. She said that, in a day, she makes three cages. She sells the big ones at Sh500 and smaller ones at Sh350. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

## BRIEFLY

### NAIROBI

## Four matatu touts charged with colleague's murder

Four touts from Obamana Link Ltd were arraigned at the Milimani Law Courts over the alleged murder of Dickson Otieno Ombaka, a rival tout from Obamana Sacco. Hannington Oloo Ogumbo, Duncan Ochola, Vitalis Owino and Daniel Ochieng Ojwang allegedly stabbed Ombaka on August 3, 2025 during a turf war along Temple Road. Magistrate Benmark Ekhubi will on August 8 rule on a police request to hold them for 21 days at Kamukunji Police Station to finalise investigations, including a post-mortem exam, mental assessments and identification parade.

Richard Munguti

**Tana River** Proposals to revive the ginnery have been made, but progress remains slow

# Impoverished Hola relives days of cotton bounty with renewed hope

In 1989, River Tana suddenly changed course. Irrigation pumps failed. A way of life vanished.

BY STEPHEN ODUOR

Once a town on the rise in Tana River County, Hola stood at the cusp of prosperity before its fortunes dramatically changed.

Before the year 2000, Hola thrived on a flourishing cotton industry anchored by the renowned Hola Cotton Ginnery.

Established in 1953 under the Hola Irrigation Scheme, the factory brought transformation to the area.

Cotton farming spanned 12,000 acres, sustaining farmers, loaders, spinners, clerks and countless others working in harmony with the land. At its peak in the 1970s, the ginnery processed nearly half of Kenya's cotton, drawing produce from Hola and neighbouring Bura.

Alexander Muko, an agronomist who has worked with the scheme for nearly three decades,

remembers those golden years vividly.

"I did my attachment at that factory when it was thriving. There was bounty, there was joy. Even the villages around felt its presence," he recalls. "Farming was our livelihood, and every cotton season brought hope."

But in 1989, River Tana unexpectedly changed course. The irrigation pumps failed—and with them, an entire way of life vanished.

## Plunged into poverty

The cotton fields dried up. The factory ground to a halt. Machinery rusted. Families who once thrived were plunged into poverty. Said Yeriba, who once cultivated 40 acres of cotton, remembers the decline with pain.

"When the river changed direction, it was the end of cotton," he says. "My family went hungry. That ginnery was more than a

workplace—it was our future."

Despite attempts to restore irrigation, efforts proved futile. Farmers, once united in purpose, dispersed. Some relocated to try rice farming in the Tana Delta. Others gave up entirely.

"At its best, the ginnery processed cotton valued at Sh54 per kilo," says Mr Muko. "Each season, over 500 acres yielded around 200 tonnes—worth roughly Sh54 million. More than 1,400 households supplied cotton directly, with many others depending on the broader value chain."

Then it all collapsed.

When the river changed direction, it was the end of cotton. My family went hungry. That ginnery was ... our future.

Said Yeriba



Businesses shut down. School attendance dropped. Hola's economy crumbled. Today, the ginnery lies in ruins, its decaying walls a monument to better days. Hola now survives on boda boda transport, small-scale vendors and seasonal farming. Cotton, once the town's beating heart, is no longer grown.

## New market

There was renewed hope in 2009 when the government, through the Economic Stimulus Programme and funding from BADEA (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa), began rehabilitating the irrigation scheme.

The diesel generator was relocated to Makere, and pest-resistant Bt cotton varieties were introduced. Kitui and Malindi ginneries became the new market.

"With this new cotton, farmers could earn up to Sh100,000 per acre," Mr Muko notes. "But the capped price of Sh52 per kilo discouraged many. After one season, most abandoned cotton for rice and maize."

James Kirimi, the scheme manager from the National Irrigation Authority, acknowledges the challenge: "To the farmers, it felt like planting your hope in Hola and harvesting disappointment in Wote," he says wryly. "They believed rice and maize offered better returns."

Proposals to revive the ginnery have been made, but progress remains slow.

Yet hope lingers.

Annah Halako walks through her late husband's fallow cotton fields. The soil remains fertile. So does the will to farm.

She is demanding full implementation of the United Democratic Alliance manifesto, which promised to ban second-hand clothes and promote local textile manufacturing.

"I wish Kazi Mtaani youths could be assigned to cotton plantations. The government has land—use 2,000 acres and assign 30 young people. That would show us the value of that investment," she suggests.

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# International



**Summit** The US leader has threatened more sanctions if the war in Ukraine does not end

## Kremlin says Putin and Trump will meet soon

Moscow side leaves no comment on proposal on Zelenskiy to attend meeting

**MOSCOW, THURSDAY**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump will meet soon, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said on Thursday, in what would be the first summit between leaders of the two countries since 2021.

The announcement came a day after Trump's envoy, Steve Witkoff, held talks with Putin in search of a way to end the war in Ukraine.

Trump has threatened new sanctions against Russia and countries that buy its exports if there is no deal.

"At the suggestion of the American side, an agreement was reached to hold a meeting at the highest level in the coming days, that is, a meeting between Presidents Putin and Trump," Ushakov said.

"We are beginning concrete preparations with our American colleagues."

He said a venue has been agreed, but would be announced later. Putin was on Thursday to meet the president of the United Arab Emirates, which sources have previously suggested as a possible venue.

The Russian stock market rose more than five per cent on the news, with the main MOEX index hitting its highest level in two months.

The rouble hit a two-week high

against the dollar and China's yuan.

There has been no summit of United States and Russian leaders since Putin and Joe Biden met in Geneva in June 2021.

Russia went to war in Ukraine in February 2022, plunging ties into deep crisis.

Trump has moved to mend relations with Russia and try to end the war, though in his comments he has veered between admiration and criticism of Putin.

Ushakov said Witkoff raised the possibility of a three-way meeting of Trump, Putin and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

But he added that the Russian side left the proposal "completely without comment".

"We propose, first of all, to focus on preparing for a meeting with Trump. We believe the main thing is for this meeting to be productive," Ushakov said.

He said the Putin-Witkoff meeting was businesslike.

"It was noted that Russian-American relations can be built according to a different, mutually beneficial scenario, different from how they have developed in recent years," he said.

Pro-Kremlin war blogger Yuri Podolyaka, posting after the Putin-Witkoff talks, said the Russian leader "played a masterful diplomatic game".

"It seems Putin has managed to spin Trump in a carousel of negotiations," he posted on his blog, which has more than three million subscribers.

Trump on Wednesday announced an additional 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods, to come into force on August 28, citing New Delhi's import of



Russia's President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump during a meeting at the G20 leaders summit in Osaka, Japan, June 28, 2019. It was during Trump's first term in office. PHOTO | REUTERS

Russian oil. He said he may announce more tariffs on goods from China, another major buyer of Russian oil.

Russian security official Sergei Shoigu met Indian national security adviser Ajit Doval on Thursday and told him Moscow is committed to a comprehensive strengthening of the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Interfax news agency quoted Doval as saying Putin would visit India at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, Russia on Thursday said a Bosnian court ruling banning the separatist Bosnian Serb president from political office for defying orders from the international peace envoy has put the existence of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a united country at risk.

Bosnia's election commission on Wednesday removed Milorad Dodik from office after an ap-

peals court last week upheld a verdict jailing him for a year and banning him from politics for six years.

Dodik is a pro-Russian nationalist with close ties to Putin who has long advocated secession of the Serb-dominated region from Bosnia and has often acted to block Bosnia's integration into the European Union and NATO.

In response to the ruling, the Russian embassy said the "politicised verdict" was brought under the pressure of Western countries "which use law-making agencies to destroy their opponents".

"Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot afford to make a historic mistake," the embassy said.

"Has its reputation of the 'European powder keg' been forgotten? Not only the place of Bosnia and Herzegovina in a 'democratic European family' is at stake. The existence of Bosnia and Her-

zegovina as a united country is at stake."

In the UN Security Council in 2021, Russia and China blocked the endorsement of Christian Schmidt, a former government minister from Germany, as international High Representative in Bosnia with a mandate to prevent multi-ethnic Bosnia sliding back into civil war.

Bosnian Serb nationalists have never recognised Schmidt as a legal envoy nor respected his decisions.

Dodik dismissed his conviction by the court in February. On Wednesday, he announced a referendum on whether he should stay in office and accused Schmidt and Muslims (Bosniaks) of conspiring to bring him down.

Russia called on the Bosnian authorities to dismiss the "outside dictate" and work to reduce tensions. (Reuters)

### Highway ambush leaves eight dead

**JUBA** At least eight people died and eight others were injured in an attack by assailants on the Juba-Bor road in South Sudan, authorities said on Wednesday. According to Greater Pibor Chief Administrator's Press Unit, the attack took place in Mogiri village on Tuesday around 7pm, resulting in the death of six cattle traders and two soldiers. Gola Boyoi Gola, the chief administrator of the region, added that the raiders made away with 3,000 heads of cattle. He blamed the attack on a criminal gang from Jonglei state known as Red Belt. "This reprehensible act of violence reflects a grave disregard for life and complicates the peace that communities in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area and Jonglei State strive to build," he said. (Xinhua)

### Ministers die in helicopter crash

**ACCRA** Ghanaian officials say eight people, including two ministers, were killed in a military helicopter crash on Wednesday. Defence Minister Edward Kofi Omane Boamah and his Environment colleague Murtala Muhammed died in the crash, Julius Debrah, chief of staff at the Presidency, said at a press briefing. "I have the unpleasant duty to announce a national tragedy involving the crash of a military helicopter around Adansi area in Ashanti this morning," Debrah said. Other victims included Acting Deputy National Security Coordinator Muniru Mohammed Limuna, Vice-Chairman of the ruling National Democratic Congress Samuel Sarpong, and Samuel Aboagye, a former parliamentary candidate. (Xinhua)

## Sudan destroys UAE plane 'carrying Colombian mercenaries'

**KHARTOUM, THURSDAY**

The Sudanese air force destroyed an Emirati aircraft carrying Colombian mercenaries at an airport controlled by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Darfur, official Sudan TV said on Wednesday.

Citing military sources, the TV said the air force launched a surprise strike on the runway of Nyala International Airport.

"The attack targeted a group of Colombi-

an mercenaries upon their arrival aboard a private plane believed to have taken off from one of the air bases in the Gulf," the TV said, adding that the operation killed dozens of mercenaries.

It said the mercenaries were brought in to support the RSF as part of a "foreign plot" aimed at destabilising Sudan and prolonging the civil war.

Sources said the military intelligence had been tracking the plane's movements and

its coordination with RSF members controlling the airport, which allowed the strike to be executed.

On Monday, Sudan accused the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of flying in and funding mercenaries to fight the army on behalf of the RSF. The UAE denies involvement in funding the RSF.

Meanwhile, Sudan's Civil Aviation Authority on Wednesday said the UAE has banned Sudanese aircraft from landing at

its airports, and prevented one Sudanese airline's plane from taking off from Abu Dhabi, marking the latest sign of tension between the two countries.

A source at one of Sudan's airlines said: "UAE authorities justified their decision by stating that Sudanese airlines do not meet operational standards."

Sudan's Badr Airlines and Tarco Aviation operate almost daily flights to Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Dubai airports. (Xinhua)

### ORIGIN OF WAR

# 2023

The year fighting between the army and the RSF began



# Business

# 58.2%

Decline in foreign exchange trading income for Stanbic

## Stanbic doubles dividend despite 9pc dip in net profit

BY JULIANS AMBOKO

Stanbic Holdings has doubled its interim dividend to Sh3.80 per share for the half year ended June 2025, a move the lender said is aimed at deploying idle capital and bolstering profitability, despite a 9.3 per cent dip in its net profit to Sh6.5 billion.

The dividend announced for the six months ended June 2025 translates to a total pay-out to shareholders of Sh1.5 billion, up from Sh726.8 million in the same period in 2024.

"The more capital we hold, the more it is a drag on our earnings and profitability. We have a minimum capital threshold which we have set for ourselves in line with Central Bank. In addition to that, we have another 200 basis points buffer and that gives us enough capital," Stanbic Kenya and South Sudan CEO, Joshua Oigara, said on Thursday.

"Anything beyond that is really nice to have but not a must. So, we are also being very efficient about how we are handling our capital", he added.

### Core capital

The bank's core capital to total risk weighted assets increased to 15.2 percent from 13.5 percent, staying above the statutory requirement of 10.5 percent and translating into an enhanced capital base.

Core capital to risk weighted assets is a gauge used to assess a bank's financial soundness, stability and ability to protect depositors and shareholders from emerging shocks.

Despite the dividend sweetener, the bank faced a 3.6 per cent decline in its total income to Sh19.1 billion, with a notable hit from a 58.2 per cent decline in foreign exchange trading income which closed the period under review at Sh1.9 billion.

## Kisumu hosts the 4th affordable housing conference



Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Alice Wajuhwa addresses journalists during official opening of the 4th Affordable Housing Conference yesterday, at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel in Kisumu.

ALEX ODHIAMBO | NATION

## Procurement Regular surveys to establish average charges of products

# State now locks prices for items in new tender portal

Latest move meant to tame inflation and seal loopholes among colluding suppliers

BY DOMINIC OMONDI

The government has imposed price ceilings on all items supplied to State corporations in a bid to curb cost inflation and seal procurement loopholes.

As part of its new e-procurement system, it will be conducting market surveys periodically to capture prices of various items to be bought by various state bodies, including county governments. These charges will then be locked in the system.

Joel Bett, programme coordinator for the Public Financial Management Reforms Secretariat (PFMR), which is under the National Treasury, said as part of the end-to-end digitisation of government procurement, a market survey on prices for

every item will be conducted periodically.

The secretariat is responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and driving reforms in how public money is managed across government institutions.

"They (prices of these items) will be put in the system. So, if this pen is to cost in the market, let us say Sh100, any procurement person cannot go beyond that price. The system will not take it," said Bett.

Under manual purchase system, prices for commonly sourced goods and services were already standardised through procurement guidelines and market surveys conducted by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA).

These standard rates were meant to guide procuring enti-

### SCANDAL

# 1.7m

The cost of TV for a youth programme bought by a county

ties and prevent price inflation. However, in practice, the guidelines were flouted by procurement officers and suppliers, who colluded to inflate costs.

Kenyans have long been treated to shocking procurement scandals where common items were supplied at grossly exaggerated prices. For instance, a single wheelbarrow was purchased at Sh109,000 by a county government, condoms were priced at Sh32,000 per dispenser, and a television set meant for a youth programme was procured for Sh1.7 million. Even simple items

such as pens and reams of paper have been inflated up to four times their market value.

The government's new electronic procurement system officially went live in July 2025, marking a major shift in how public entities conduct purchases and award tenders.

The roll-out follows a directive issued by President William Ruto earlier in the year, aimed at enhancing transparency, curbing corruption, and ending cost inflation in public procurement. Some of the over-pricing Bett said, has been attributed to suppliers locking in the time value of money, with many going for years without getting paid.

But the National Treasury reckons with the new digitised procurement system—which will be backed by automated exchequer releases—will solve the problem of erosion of time value for money.

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### BRIEFLY

#### EDUCATION

### KCB partners with 29 varsities to boost learning

KCB Bank has partnered with 29 Kenyan universities to provide customised financial and non-financial solutions, including infrastructure support, digitised payments, and SME financing, to enhance higher education. "We are reimagining support for the country's higher education sector. This initiative seeks to unlock new opportunities for the education sector while enhancing its sustainability, growth, and socio-economic impact," said Mrs Anastacia Kimtai, KCB Bank Kenya managing director. Linet Owoko

#### FINANCIALS

### Consolidated Bank returns to profit trajectory

Government-owned Consolidated Bank of Kenya has after a decade of loss making bounced back to profits in the first half of the year riding on higher interest income and cost cutting. The bank reported a profit after tax of Sh12 million for the six months ended June up from a Sh84 million loss in the same period last year, to break a trend of making losses that started in March of 2016. George Ngigi

#### HOSPITALITY

### Serena invests in club app to unify experience

Serena hotels has invested about Sh12.9 million (\$100,000) in its new prestige club app, designed to unify customer experience across its 33 properties in Africa and Asia. The app, which has been rolled out in Nairobi, Kampala, Kigali, Dar es Salaam, and Islamabad, marks a step in the brand's digital transformation strategy. "Through the Prestige Club, we are bringing superior service and exceptional benefits to our members," says Aziz Boolani global CEO of Serena Hotels. Marion Sitawa



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

| Last 12 Mths |     | Security | Prices    |          |        |
|--------------|-----|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| High         | Low |          | Yesterday | Previous | Shares |

AGRICULTURAL

|        |        |                                  |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 14.50  | 10.00  | Eaagads Ord 1.25                 | 13.45  | 13.00  | 6,200  |
| 440.00 | 240.00 | Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00             |        | 439.00 |        |
| 350.00 | 81.00  | Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord     |        | 316.50 |        |
| 430.00 | 320.00 | The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00     |        | 310.00 |        |
| 32.60  | 13.60  | Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00              | 16.30  | 16.20  | 14,600 |
| 289.00 | 120.00 | Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500 | 235.00 | 238.00 | 5,100  |

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

|       |       |                            |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 49.00 | 18.50 | Car & General (K) Ord 5.00 | 23.75 | 24.80 | 1,900 |
|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|

BANKING

|        |        |                                         |        |        |           |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 20.00  | 10.00  | ABSA Bank Ord 0.50                      | 19.70  | 19.65  | 2,406,200 |
| 38.00  | 26.50  | BK Group Ord 0.80                       | 35.45  | 34.50  | 5,100     |
| 83.25  | 43.05  | Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00             | 77.75  | 76.75  | 9,600     |
| 52.50  | 33.70  | Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50          | 52.00  | 51.50  | 1,118,000 |
| 9.74   | 2.80   | HF Group Plc Ord 5.00                   | 7.38   | 7.28   | 20,300    |
| 39.00  | 15.80  | I&M Group Ord 1.00                      | 36.75  | 36.75  | 1,030,600 |
| 48.00  | 15.00  | KCB Group Ord 1.00                      | 48.05  | 47.50  | 4,486,100 |
| 67.00  | 28.50  | NCBA Group Ord 5.00                     | 65.00  | 64.75  | 27,600    |
| 180.00 | 90.00  | Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00              | 180.00 | 179.75 | 28,900    |
| 320.00 | 134.00 | Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00 | 319.00 | 317.75 | 17,300    |
| 18.35  | 10.10  | The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00        | 16.80  | 16.55  | 899,000   |

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

|       |       |                                     |       |       |         |
|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| 0.45  | 0.45  | Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50      |       | 0.45  |         |
| 1.88  | 0.59  | Eveready EA Ord 1.00                | 1.04  | 1.05  | 7,900   |
| 5.40  | 2.70  | Express Kenya Ord 5.00              | 4.40  | 4.50  | 300     |
| 4.66  | 4.66  | Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50 |       | 4.66  |         |
| 9.18  | 3.83  | Kenya Airways Ord 1.00              | 4.91  | 4.90  | 135,300 |
| 3.46  | 2.00  | Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00        | 2.61  | 2.68  | 17,900  |
| 5.00  | 1.76  | Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00  | 1.71  | 1.72  | 108,600 |
| 22.40 | 10.60 | Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50    | 13.60 | 13.55 | 3,800   |
| 8.52  | 1.80  | Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00         | 11.80 | 10.90 | 114,100 |
| 10.80 | 4.50  | Standard Group Ord 5.00             | 5.96  | 6.50  | 1,600   |
| 18.70 | 10.85 | TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00         | 14.50 | 14.50 | 50,500  |
| 0.41  | 0.16  | Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00         | 0.29  | 0.29  | 87,300  |
| 3.95  | 1.80  | WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00         | 2.61  | 2.69  | 4,000   |

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 |       |
| 47.00 | 29.00 | Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50   | 43.70 | 41.00 | 7,500 |
| 3.27  | 0.72  | E. A. Cables Ord 0.50         |       | 1.71  |       |
| 55.75 | 4.38  | E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00 | 47.65 | 47.20 | 1,500 |

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

|       |       |                                        |       |       |           |
|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 7.52  | 1.94  | KenGen Ord 2.50                        | 7.42  | 7.24  | 2,299,500 |
| 12.40 | 1.30  | KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250                | 11.40 | 11.35 | 349,800   |
| 4.20  | 4.00  | KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00             |       | 4.10  |           |
| 6.00  | 6.00  | KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00             |       | 6.00  |           |
| 26.00 | 14.55 | TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00 | 26.90 | 27.40 | 12,300    |
| 24.75 | 6.30  | Uneme Ltd Ord 0.50                     | 9.48  | 9.50  | 428,700   |

INSURANCE

|        |        |                                 |        |        |         |
|--------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 8.98   | 4.01   | Britam Holdings Ord 0.10        | 7.62   | 7.78   | 12,700  |
| 3.69   | 1.60   | CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00   | 3.38   | 3.36   | 195,700 |
| 254.75 | 142.00 | Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00       | 264.50 | 265.00 | 4,000   |
| 2.97   | 1.05   | Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50     | 2.25   | 2.20   | 540,400 |
| 12.20  | 3.30   | Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00 | 10.60  | 10.35  | 2,800   |
| 11.00  | 4.00   | Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00           | 8.12   | 8.38   | 33,100  |

INVESTMENT

|       |       |                                        |       |          |        |
|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| 16.50 | 7.60  | Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50          | 11.70 | 11.55    | 22,300 |
| 1.12  | 0.27  | Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00              | 0.65  | 0.64     | 33,100 |
| 1,500 | 1,500 | Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00       |       | 1,500.00 |        |
| 5.60  | 1.91  | Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00 | 4.98  | 4.59     | 4,900  |
| 1.78  | 0.29  | Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50            |       | 1.12     |        |

INVESTMENT SERVICES

|       |      |                                      |      |       |        |
|-------|------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|--------|
| 10.00 | 5.22 | Nairobi Securities Exchange Ord 4.00 | 9.90 | 10.15 | 11,400 |
|-------|------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|--------|

MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

|        |        |                                          |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 95.00  | 65.00  | B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00           | 89.50  | 89.75  | 700    |
| 495.00 | 325.00 | British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00 | 414.75 | 408.75 | 4,900  |
| 23.90  | 11.00  | Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00            | 22.45  | 22.00  | 17,700 |
| 244.00 | 100.00 | East African Breweries Ord 1.00          | 209.50 | 207.75 | 5,700  |
| 2.33   | 0.86   | Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825      | 1.27   | 1.26   | 11,300 |
| 77.00  | 10.40  | Kenya Orchards Ord 5.00                  | 74.00  | 74.00  | 100    |
| 0.27   | 0.27   | Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00                |        | 0.27   |        |
| 31.00  | 12.00  | Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00                  |        | 20.40  |        |
| 6.80   | 5.90   | Shri Krishana Overseas. Plc. 0.20        | 6.10   | 6.10   | 62,900 |

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

|         |         |                                 |       |        |           |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 27.50   | 11.50   | Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05         | 26.40 | 26.00  | 6,651,000 |
| 20.00   | 20.00   | Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20 .00 |       | 20.00  |           |
| 3330.00 | 1880.00 | Absa New Gold ETF               | 4080i | 3985   |           |
| 761.00  | 761.00  | Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF    | 800i  | 792.00 |           |

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: 01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 1.74pts - 160.98 NSE 20-Up 24.02.pts - 2549.09 01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 36.87pts 4159.04 NSE 20-SI -30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 16.77pts - 1589.48

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

|         |      | Euro   | \$     | £      | C\$   | SF     | IR   | JY    | ZR   |
|---------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|
| ABC     | buy  | 150.57 | 129.00 | 172.41 | 93.87 | 160.05 | 1.46 | 87.53 | 7.23 |
|         | sell | 151.41 | 129.50 | 173.34 | 94.23 | 160.87 | 1.47 | 87.93 | 7.30 |
| Absa    | buy  | 150.55 | 129.10 | 172.97 | 93.93 | 160.11 | 1.47 | 87.54 | 7.22 |
|         | sell | 151.04 | 129.30 | 172.25 | 94.22 | 160.76 | 1.47 | 87.79 | 7.24 |
| Co-op   | buy  | 147.99 | 128.50 | 170.27 | 92.07 | 157.73 | 1.43 | 86.86 | 6.34 |
|         | sell | 153.17 | 129.50 | 174.62 | 95.83 | 162.57 | 1.60 | 89.88 | 8.20 |
| Equity  | buy  | 150.17 | 128.90 | 173.04 | 93.83 | 159.53 | -    | 87.55 | 7.29 |
|         | sell | 150.89 | 129.50 | 173.89 | 94.30 | 160.33 | -    | 87.98 | 7.32 |
| NBK     | buy  | 150.74 | 129.00 | 172.62 | 94.01 | 160.37 | 1.47 | 87.59 | 7.27 |
|         | sell | 150.94 | 129.40 | 172.82 | 94.19 | 160.72 | 1.47 | 87.73 | 7.29 |
| KCB     | buy  | 150.29 | 129.03 | 173.18 | 93.93 | 159.63 | 1.47 | 88.00 | 7.29 |
|         | sell | 150.77 | 129.43 | 173.82 | 94.25 | 160.19 | 1.48 | 88.00 | 7.27 |
| NCBA    | buy  | 150.39 | 128.95 | 172.19 | 93.85 | 160.03 | 1.46 | 87.41 | 7.25 |
|         | sell | 150.99 | 129.45 | 172.95 | 94.26 | 160.77 | 1.47 | 87.76 | 7.28 |
| Stanbic | buy  | 150.49 | 129.00 | 172.32 | 94.00 | 160.89 | 1.46 | 87.56 | 7.27 |
|         | sell | 150.88 | 129.40 | 172.85 | 94.20 | 160.89 | 1.47 | 87.82 | 7.37 |
| Prime   | buy  | 150.00 | 129.00 | 171.95 | 93.70 | 159.65 | 1.47 | 87.55 | 7.25 |
|         | sell | 150.50 | 129.50 | 172.20 | 94.20 | 160.15 | 1.48 | 88.15 | 7.35 |

CBK RATES

|                      | Exchange Rate | Swiss Franc         | 150.5334 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|
| US Dollar            | 129.2374      | 100 Japanese Yen    | 87.7644  |
| 1 Sterling Pound     | 172.7969      | 1 Swedish Kroner    | 13.4610  |
| 1 Euro               | 150.8847      | 1 Norwegian Kroner  | 12.7133  |
| 1 South African Rand | 7.2812        | 1 Danish Kroner     | 20.2188  |
| Ksh/US\$             | 27.6236       | 1 Indian Rupee      | 1.4736   |
| Ksh/T\$H             | 19.1315       | 1 Hongkong Dollar   | 16.4638  |
| Ksh/RWF              | 11.1889       | 1 Singapore Dollar  | 100.6796 |
| Ksh/BIF              | 23.0701       | 1 Saudi Riyal       | 34.4436  |
| 1 UAE Dirham         | 35.1853       | 1 Chinese Yuan      | 18.0024  |
| 1 Canadian Dollar    | 93.8389       | 1 Australian Dollar | 84.2305  |

UNIT TRUSTS

|                                               |                | Daily Yield | Annual Rate |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund      | Kenya Shilling | 7.57%       | 7.83%       |
| African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund          | Kenya Shilling | 7.93%       | 8.22%       |
| Britam Money Market Fund                      | Kenya Shilling | 10.30%      | 10.84%      |
| Britam Money Market Fund                      | USD            | 4.56%       | 4.66%       |
| Absa Shilling MMF                             | Kenya Shilling | 8.25%       | 8.57%       |
| Absa Dollar Fund MMF                          | USD            | 4.04%       | 4.11%       |
| Gulfcap Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 12.89%      | 13.11%      |
| Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 13.13%      | 13.94%      |
| Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund            | Kenya Shilling | 7.08%       | 7.33%       |
| Old Mutual Money Market Fund                  | Kenya Shilling | 10.54%      | 11.04%      |
| Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund           | USD            | 4.98%       | 5.10%       |
| Etica Money Market Fund                       | Kenya Shilling | 11.35%      | 12.02%      |
| Etica Money Market Fund                       | USD            | 5.88%       | 6.06%       |
| CPF Money Market Fund                         | Kenya Shilling | 5.96%       | 6.08%       |
| Co-op Money Market Fund                       | Kenya Shilling | 8.81%       | 9.20%       |
| Co-op Bond Fund                               | Kenya Shilling | 10.18%      | 10.72%      |
| Arvocap Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 11.16%      | 11.75%      |
| Arvocap Alimasi Fund                          | Kenya Shilling | 1.31        | 1.32        |
| Mayfair Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 8.15%       | 8.49%       |
| Mayfair Fixed Income Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 15.20       | 15.20       |
| Enwealth Money Market Fund                    | Kenya Shilling | 10.61%      | 11.13%      |
| CIC Money Market Fund                         | Kenya Shilling | 8.29%       | 8.61%       |
| CIC Wealth Fund                               | Kenya Shilling | 7.00%       | 7.00%       |
| CIC Dollar Fund                               | USD            | 4.61%       | 4.72%       |
| Equity Money Market Fund                      | Kenya Shilling | 5.01%       | 5.12%       |
| Kuza Money Market Fund                        | Kenya Shilling | 11.44%      | 12.12%      |
| Kuza Money Market Fund                        | USD            | 5.58%       | 5.73%       |
| Madison Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 10.42%      | 10.99%      |
| Madison Fixed Income Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 11.74%      | 12.46%      |
| Orient Kasha Money Market Fund                | Kenya Shilling | 11.65%      | 12.25%      |
| Jubilee Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 10.49%      | 11.01%      |
| Jubilee Money Market Fund                     | USD            | 5.11%       | 5.23%       |
| Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund                | Kenya Shilling | 11.93%      | 12.68%      |
| Lofty-Corban Bond Fund                        | Kenya Shilling | 12.22%      | 12.92%      |
| Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund                | USD            | 5.22%       | 5.34%       |
| Cytonn Money Market                           | Kenya Shilling | 12.49%      | 13.30%      |
| NCBA Fixed Income Fund                        | Kenya Shilling | 7.83%       | 8.11%       |
| NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund                 | USD            | 3.40%       | 3.45%       |
| ICEA LION Money Market Fund                   | Kenya Shilling | 8.94%       | 9.35%       |
| ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund            | USD            | 104.35      | 104.35      |
| ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund                   | Kenya Shilling | 117.49      | 117.49      |
| Britam Special Fixed Income Fund ( 3 months)  | Kenya Shilling | 10.66%      | 11.20%      |
| Britam Special Fixed Income Fund ( 6 months)  | Kenya Shilling | 10.68%      | 11.22%      |
| Britam Special Fixed Income Fund ( 12 months) | Kenya Shilling | 10.85%      | 11.41%      |
| Sanlam Money Market Fund                      | Kenya Shilling | 9.62%       | 10.10%      |
| Sanlam US Dollar Fund                         | USD            | 5.34%       | 5.49%       |
| Apollo Money Market Fund                      | Kenya Shilling | 9.71%       | 10.20%      |
| Genghis Money Market Fund                     | Kenya Shilling | 8.65%       | 9.04%       |
| GenAfrica Money Market Fund                   | Kenya Shilling | 10.85%      | 11.40%      |
| KCB Money Market Fund                         | Kenya Shilling | 9.41%       | 9.83%       |
| KCB Money Market Fund                         | USD            | 5.01%       | 5.13%       |
| Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund                 | USD            | 6.42%       | 6.63%       |
| Nabo Africa Money Market Fund                 | USD            | 5.64%       | 5.80%       |
| Nabo Africa Money Market Fund                 | Kenya Shilling | 12.24%      | 13.02%      |
| Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund                 | Kenya Shilling | 12.28%      | 13.06%      |
| Dry Associates Money Market Fund              | USD            | 5.06%       | 5.18%       |
| Dry Associates Money Market Fund              | Kenya Shilling | 9.77%       | 10.22%      |
| Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund        | Kenya Shilling | 12.35%      | 13.59%      |
| Faulu Money Market Fund                       | Kenya Shilling | 9.74%       | 10.18%      |
| Britam Bond Plus Fund                         | Kenya Shilling | 11.20%      | 11.85%      |
| Zimele Fixed Income Fund                      | Kenya Shilling | 12.06%      | 12.75%      |
| Kuza Fixed Income Fund                        | Kenya Shilling | 11.83%      | 12.56%      |
| Orient Hifadhi Fixed Income Fund              | Kenya Shilling | 9.61%       | 10.01%      |
| NCBA Equity Fund                              | Kenya Shilling | 204.81      | 204.81      |
| Nabo Africa Equity Fund                       | USD            | 51.24       | 52.27       |
| ICEA LION Equity Fund                         | Kenya Shilling | 141.50      | 141.50      |
| ICEA LION Balanced Fund                       | Kenya Shilling | 137.46      | 137.46      |
| Equity Balanced Fund                          | Kenya Shilling | 161.98      | 163.35      |
| Zimele Balanced Fund                          | Kenya Shilling | 15.76       | 15.30       |
| Apollo Balanced Fund                          | Kenya Shilling | 156.13      | 149.88      |

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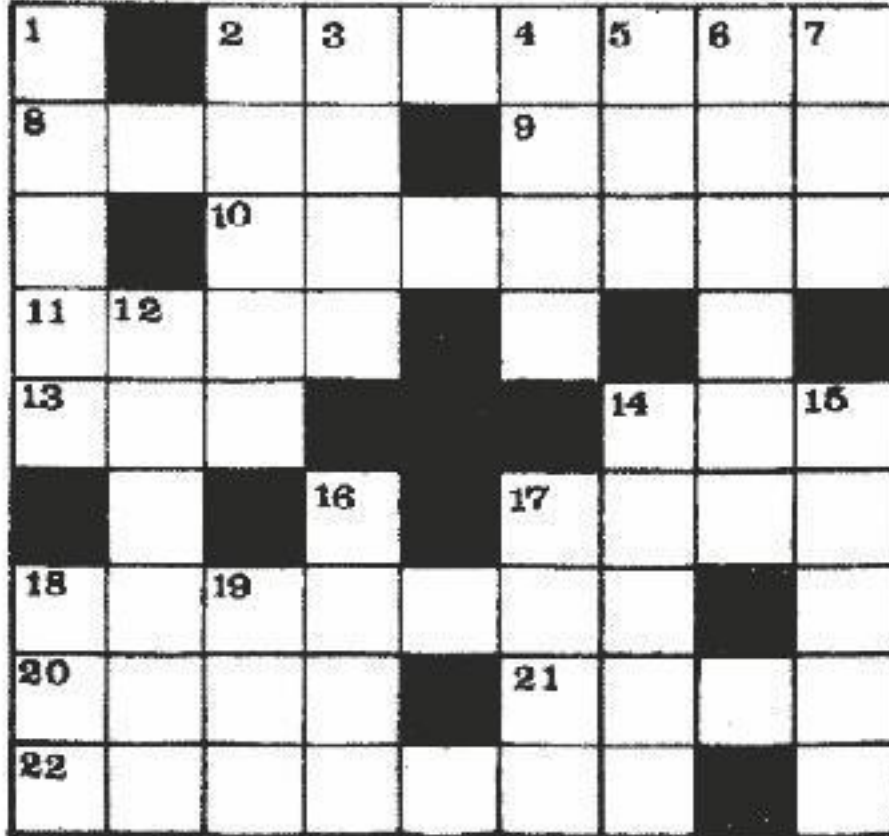
## SIMPLE CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

2. City of Georgia, USA  
8. West African country between Ghana and Benin  
9. Origin  
10. A rose-shaped decoration awarded as a prize  
11. Encounter  
13. Prosecute  
14. Meadow  
17. A native or inhabitant of Serbia  
18. Fine flexible leather made from goatskin  
20. Imitates sarcastically  
21. A subdivision of a larger military grouping  
22. The easing of strained relations between countries

### DOWN

1. The smallest particles of elements  
2. Tally  
3. The sound of a short blast of a car horn  
4. A region on the earth's surface  
5. Adverb used to express denial, negation or refusal



6. Move in a feeble or unsteady way  
7. Consumed  
12. Continent where the majority are Caucasian  
14. The monetary unit of Sierra Leone  
15. Aids in commission of crime  
16. Suffer defeat in a contest

17. The short tail of a rabbit, hare or deer  
18. Insane  
19. Soak flax in water to soften it

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

#### ACROSS:

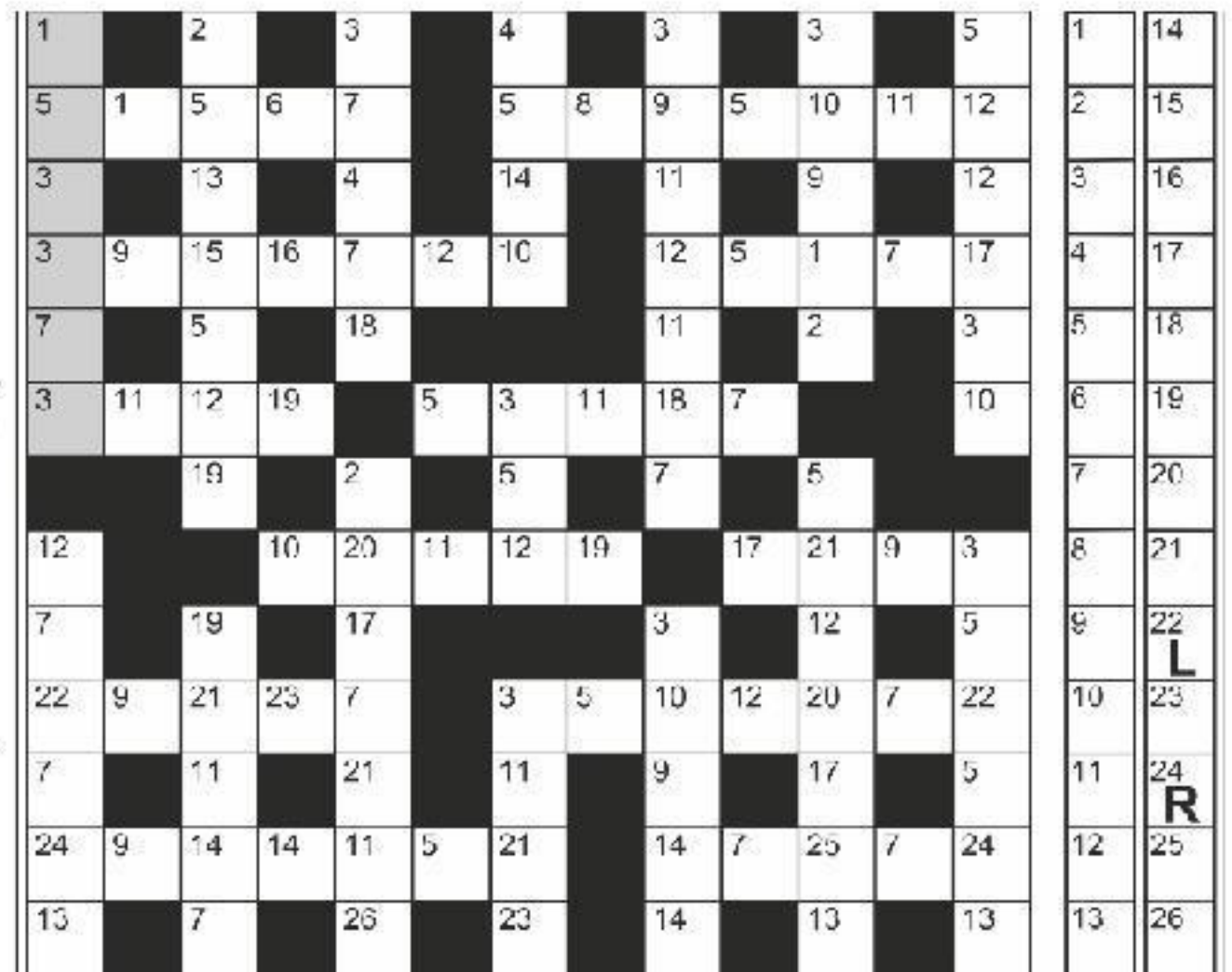
1. Jealousy  
7. Mar  
8. E'er  
10. Slime  
12. Mao  
13. Tone  
14. Dirt  
15. Nee  
16. Fist  
18. Cree  
21. Ace  
22. Erode  
23. Tar  
24. Lea  
25. Lacterns

#### DOWN:

1. Just  
2. Amin  
3. Lament  
4. Ore  
5. Semi-  
6. Yearned  
9. Rot  
11. Logical  
14. Decree  
16. Fat  
17. Sere  
19. Roar  
20. Eels  
22. ELT

## CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 22 represents L when 14 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.



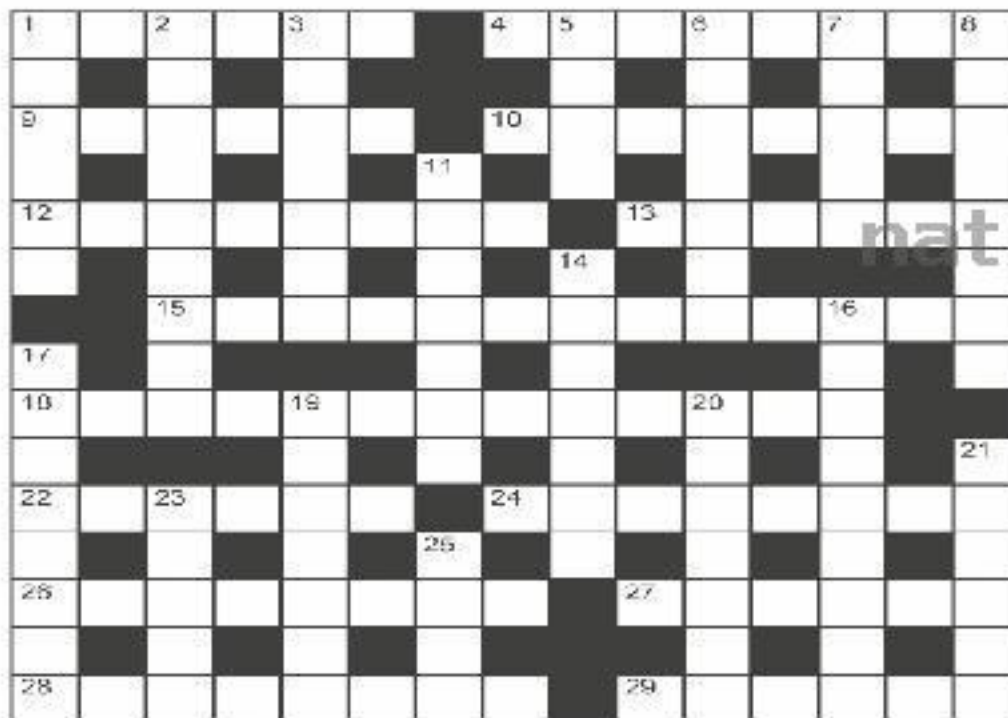
### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

## COMPLEX CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. The people about to flee  
China perhaps (6)  
4. Cheek and criticise one simmering in the kitchen? (8)  
9. Film captures doctor in action (6)  
10. Where reporters work men  
row so freely (8)  
12. Letter Greek writes, one issued about waste (8)  
13. Stress from tragedy papers ignored (6)  
15. Strikes not uncommon by players in this sport? (6,7)  
18. Maybe Humphrey once inspected river briefly when polluted (4,9)  
22. Formula ready, English child's beginning to feed (6)  
24. Ex-con Sandy I'd urge to return regularly for counselling (8)  
26. Exotic primulas discovered beside large unknown plant (4,4)  
27. Spirit in Scottish football team, we hear (6)  
28. Old malt liquor, one that sells overseas (8)  
29. Names visiting part of Hull, arriving at setter's house? (6)



### DOWN

1. Stake best placed on cert, ignoring the odds (6)  
2. Pompous abbot is wrong about inspiring monk originally (9)  
3. European capital I, a newcomer, must embrace (7)  
5. Almost alter end of prayer (4)  
6. Reliable income stream of Wimbledon champion, neat! (4,3)  
7. Investigate pair given award (5)  
8. Second bouncer perhaps goes round obtaining IDs (4,4)  
11. Persist developing features of Brentford's home shirts, say (7)

### say (7)

14. Inclined to be underhand (7)  
16. Purpose in lying debatable essentially for Victor (9)  
17. Regard too highly past culinary utensil removing peel (8)  
19. Liked tree planted outside for all to see (7)  
20. Approve not all shelves Rod neatly put up (7)  
21. Vicious, endless health reforms Liberal introduces (6)  
23. Fool friend with prank primarily (5)  
25. Gin maker is boring in conversation (4)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

#### ACROSS

1. Super natural  
9. Equipment  
10. Booze  
11. Dieter  
12. Flamenco  
13. Redder  
15. Bestride  
18. Courtier  
19. Meteor  
21. Relation  
23. Versus  
26. Enter  
27. Editorial  
28. Nevertheless

#### DOWN

1. Slender  
2. Prude  
3. Represent  
4. Apex  
5. Untilled  
6. Album  
7. Coincide  
8. Repose  
14. Doublets  
16. Therefore  
17. Kerosene  
18. Caries  
20. Rustles  
22. Terse  
24. Snipe  
25. Riot

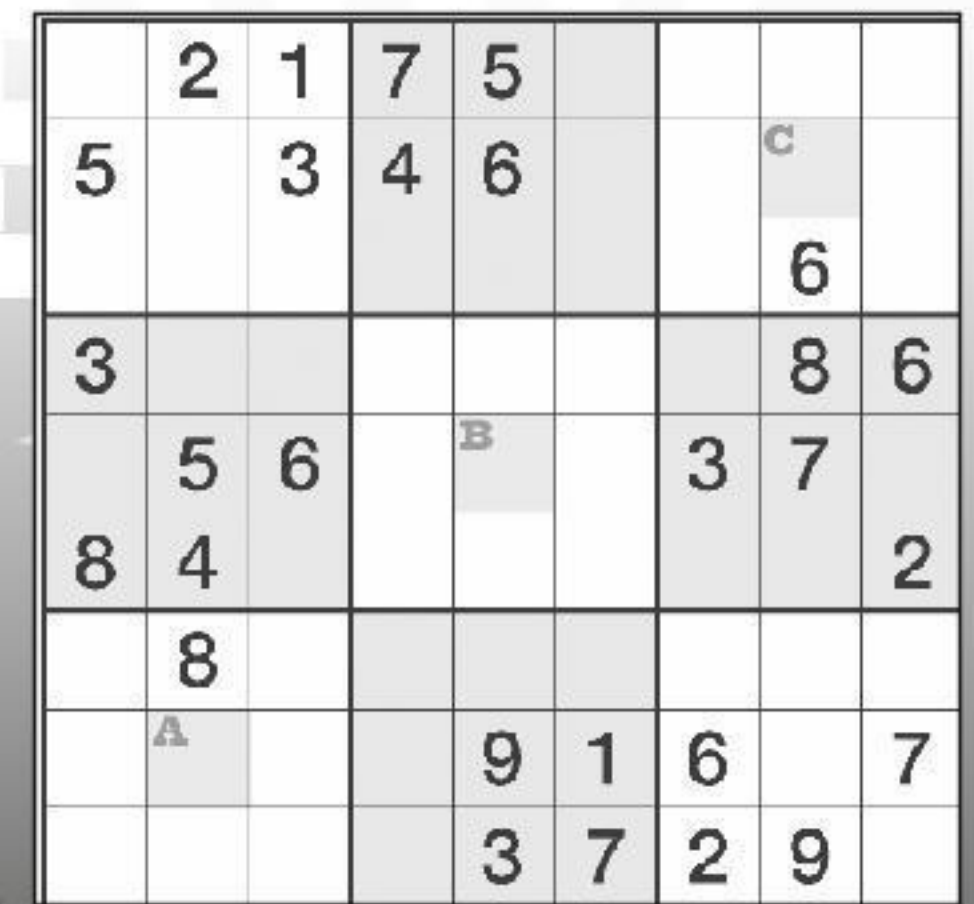
## SUDOKU

### ENJOY THE GAME OF SUDOKU DAILY

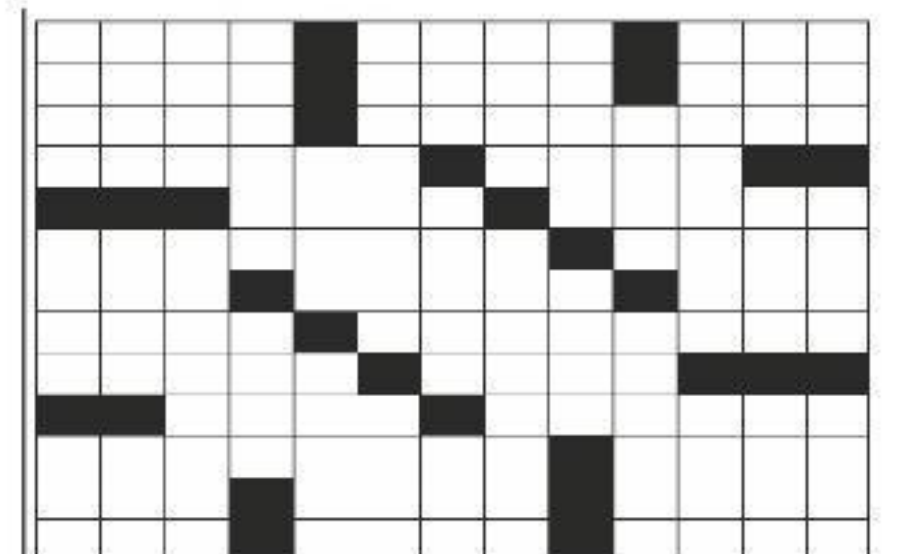
Use Numbers 1-9. Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Don't Repeat Any Numbers in the upper left square (circled in blue), this square already has 7 out of the 9 spaces filled in. Don't Guess. Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. Use Process of elimination.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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



## WORD FIT



Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

### 3 LETTERS

- EYE  
COU  
EVE  
FOX  
FRY  
HAY  
IRE  
NOM  
NOR  
OAT  
OFF  
RIP

### 4 LETTERS

- AGAR  
AURA  
BIAS  
CLOG  
CUTS  
DRFW  
FASP  
LDSB  
LVLB  
GAVE  
GRAM  
GYMS

### 5 LETTERS

- HEAR  
IRKS  
KNOD  
LAME  
MOAN  
NINE  
NITS  
NODE  
OMEN  
ORAL  
OS, O  
RPOD  
ROOF  
SLEW  
SODA  
TAFE  
TELL  
TOME  
YOGA

### 6 LETTERS

- LASHES  
MANIAC  
STRICT  
TESTED

### 8 LETTERS

- APOPLEXY  
CHARISMA  
EMBOLDEN  
INACTIVE  
NOSTRIE  
ONCEILLO  
SABO IAGE  
SEPARATE

### 5 LETTERS

- AM GO  
AVIAN  
LDCI  
SLIPA  
SLAVE  
SLIMS

### 6 LETTERS

- SLIMS

### Take 5

by Simon Shaker

Enter the letter given, then solve.

**4 = L**

**Solution 1087**

ACROSS: 1. LASHES, 2. MANIAC, 3. STRICT, 4. TESTED, 5. APOPLEXY, 6. CHARISMA, 7. EMBOLDEN, 8. INACTIVE, 9. NOSTRIE, 10. ONCEILLO, 11. SABO IAGE, 12. SEPARATE.

### WordWheel

No. 1088

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

**Solution 1087: FLUENTLY**

### Word-BUILDER

1088

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

**TODAY'S GOALS:**  
Good - 5 Excellent - 7 Amazing - 10

**SOLUTION 1087:** abed, abet, are, bad, bade, bet, bate, beated, beat, beet, bet, beta, deb, rate, deb, debi, eat, eta, fas, fed, tea, ted

### TRIO

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

**S \_ \_ \_**  
**A \_ \_ \_ T**  
**\_ \_ \_ ENT**  
**\_ \_ \_ KA**

### TRIO 1087 SOLUTION

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**MIGAA**

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) - Food & Beverages Vendor - Migaa Clubhouse**

Migaa Development is inviting qualified and experienced Food and Beverages (F&B) service providers to express their interest in managing and operating the clubhouse located within the Migaa residential and golfing community. The selected vendor will be expected to uphold high standards of service, align with Migaa's values, and enhance the experience of all guests at the clubhouse.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FACILITY**

The clubhouse is located within Migaa Golf Estate. It caters to residents, golfers, visitors, and prospective homeowners. The successful vendor will be responsible for all F&B operations and for creating a welcoming and vibrant hospitality experience.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The selected vendor will be required to undertake the following:

- Provision of Food & Beverages-Offer a comprehensive menu on demand.
- Operational Management-Recruit, train, and manage all staff and provide all necessary materials and equipment for efficient service delivery.
- Outdoor Seating Setup-Expand the available seating capacity by installing and maintaining outdoor canvas tents or similar structures.
- Food Hygiene and Safety-Maintain the highest standards of food safety and hygiene in food preparation, storage, and service.
- Cleanliness-Ensure excellent cleanliness and orderliness across all areas of operation, both indoor and outdoor.
- Utility and Operational Costs-Cover all day-to-day operational costs, including water and electricity.
- Security of Assigned Premises-Manage security within the leased premises, including the immediate surrounding area.
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance-Possess and display all relevant business licenses, permits, and registrations as per statutory requirements.
- Rental Terms-Remit monthly rent as required.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Interested vendors should submit a comprehensive Expression of Interest including: A brief company profile. Description of relevant experience in F&B operations. Outline of proposed concept/approach to managing the Migaa Clubhouse. Evidence of compliance with legal requirements. Any value-added services or innovations the vendor may offer.

Deadline for Submission: **30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.**

### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Email (Soft Copy): Send to: [sally.ireni@migaa.com](mailto:sally.ireni@migaa.com) with a copy to: [info@migaa.com](mailto:info@migaa.com)
- Hard Copy: Deliver to the Migaa Site Offices in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: "EOI - Clubhouse F&B Vendor"

We welcome all eligible and capable vendors to express their interest and look forward to a mutually rewarding partnership aimed at delivering an exceptional clubhouse experience at Migaa.

## **JOB VACANCY**

### **HOME SCHOOL RESIDENT TEACHER**

**Location:** Nairobi.

**Curriculum:** Cambridge (Highly preferred)

**Key Teaching Subjects:** Maths, Science, English, Spanish, Humanities

### **Qualifications:**

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- Registered with TSC
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- Willing to reside full-time within the employer's household

**How to Apply:** Send your application to [davidmiritih@gmail.com](mailto:davidmiritih@gmail.com)  
**Deadline:** On or before 20th August 2025

## **THE ENERGY ACT 2019**

GridX Africa Development Limited

### **APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION LICENCE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that GridX Africa Development Limited, a limited liability Company having its registered office at ICEA Building, Riverside Park, Waiyaki Way, Westlands, P.O Box, 67802-00200 in the Republic of Kenya, ("the Applicant"), pursuant to the provisions Energy Act, 2019, will on **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025** make an application to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority for the Electric Power Generation Licence.

GridX Africa Development Limited is developing, designing, financing, and installing a 1200kWp grid-tied, roof-mounted solar PV system at Tarmal Steel, Mombasa ("Tarmal"), Mombasa County with GPS Location; -4.046479998830182, 39.65765177301477. The power generated will be used for their own consumption only. The system will reduce Tarmal's energy costs and carbon emissions. The grant of the license will not have an adverse effect on any Public or Local Authorities, Companies, persons, or bodies of persons within the areas of the undertaking.

A copy of the application (subject to confidentiality considerations) will be available (once lodged) for inspection by the public at the registered office of the applicant.

Any public or local authority, company, person or body of persons desirous of making any representation on or objection to the application must do so by a letter addressed to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority and marked on the outside of the cover enclosing it "Energy Act", on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days from the date of application and a copy of such representation or objection must be forwarded to the registered office of the applicant.

Dated: **8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

GridX Africa Development Limited,  
Project Execution,

*Patricia Nyadhi*  
Patricia Nyadhi

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### PERSONAL NOTICES

#### A109 Lost

**LOSS** of certificate of Lease no. Eldama Ravine Block3/116

**LOSS** of lease No. IR. 141256/1 Lr No. 209/19556 Belonging to Omar Hussein Ali

**LOSS** of title deed Lr HD 11344

**LOSS** of title LR NO. 155239

**LOSS** of title LR NO. 189461

**LOST** DEED RUIRU KIU BLOCK7/92

**LOST** green card for Title No Kajiado/ Mailua/4563 I.N.O Mailwa Ndoka Lolingegema

**LOST** Tanzanian Passport TAE291809 Allan Mlulla

**LOST** Title Bunyala/ Nambacha/ 1005

**LOST** title deed Gaturi/Nembure/9846 Of Muriuki R M Ngondi

**LOST** Title Deed: Kanyada/K/Katuma/ B/727 of Dorcas Ojowi Kiariga

**LOST** Title Deed Mahiga/ Rokera/ 471 of John Billy Ndirangu Gichohi

**LOST** title deed Ngandori/Ngovio/7145 Of Paul Njue Peter Muvitiye

**LOST** Title Deed: Nyaribari Chache/B/B/ Boburia/7331 of Pius Masioge Aoga

**LOST** Title Deed Nyeri/ Ngaringiro/ 1595 of Isaac Kingori Mwai

**LOST** Title Deed S/ikabras/Iukume/596

**LOST** title Laikipia/Marmanet S.Rumurut block1/42(Salama)

**LOST** title Lembus/Torongo/822

**LOST** title Loc 20/Kambirwa/ 1746 & 1815 of Solomon Chuchu Ngere (Deceased)

**LOST** Title LR 11344/1893

**LOST** title Ndeiya/Nduma/T.269

**LOST** title no. Baringo/Kewamoi 'A/11689 Nelly Kemei

**LOST** Title No. Kiesegesi/Nyamamithi/blk 3/534(Mumoi) of Paul Mugo Gathenya

**LOST** Title no Nyandarua/ Oljorolok Salient 18091 Name of the owner Elizabeth Njoki Macharia

### PERSONAL SERVICES

#### A167 Acupuncture

**MEN'S** Vitality Clinic 0722-242243

**PAIN** Relief Clinic 0724-044383

#### A279 Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019  
**CHANGE OF USER**  
The Owner of Plot No. MN/VI/2536 Magongo Road, Changamwe Mombasa County wishes to Change the User of the plot from Commercial to Commercial-cum-Residential (Multiple dwellings) subject to the approval of the County Government of Mombasa. Any interested person or institution wishing to make any representation or objection to the above application, stating grounds for objection may send them in writing within 14 days from the date of this publication to: **The County Executive Committee Member Department Of Land, Planning, Housing & Urban Renewal, County Government Of Mombasa, P.O. Box 81599-80100, Mombasa.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019  
**RENEWAL OF LEASE**  
The registered owner of plot L.R No 7983/24 in Nambale Trading Centre, Nambale township Ward, Nambale Sub County proposes to: **Renew the Lease** Subject to approval by the County Government of Busia. Individuals, Organisations Institutions etc with objections/comments are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to **The CECM-Lands Housing & Urban Development, County Government Of Busia, P.O. Box Private Bag Busia(K)**

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT RUIRU**  
**MCELC NO. E088 OF 2025**  
**MARGARET WANJIRU GITAU..... PLAINTIFF**  
**-VERSUS-**  
**ARTHUR KIRIGWI IRUNGU..... 1ST DEFENDANT**  
**THE LAND REGISTRAR, RUIRU..... 2ND DEFENDANT**  
**THE HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL..... 3RD DEFENDANT**  
**SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**  
(Pursuant to Order of the Court granted on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025)  
**TO: ARTHUR KIRIGWI IRUNGU RUIRU**  
**TAKE NOTICE** that Margaret Wanjiru Gitau has filed a suit at the Environment and Land Court at Ruiru being **MCELC No. E088 Of 2025** in which you are named as the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant. Service of the court process upon you has been ordered by means of Advertisement. A copy of the Summons to Enter Appearance and the Plaintiff may be obtained from the offices of **M/S Kiarie, Joshua & Co. Advocates, Block 307, Section 9, Mugo Kibiru Road, Thika and P.O. Box 1280-01000, Thika. AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that, unless you enter appearance within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, the case shall be heard your absence notwithstanding. **Dated at Thika this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.**  
**KIARIE, JOSHUA & CO. ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF**  
**DRAWN & FILED BY:**  
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BLOCK 307, SECTION 9, MUGO KIBIRU ROAD, P.O. BOX 1280-01000, THIKA  
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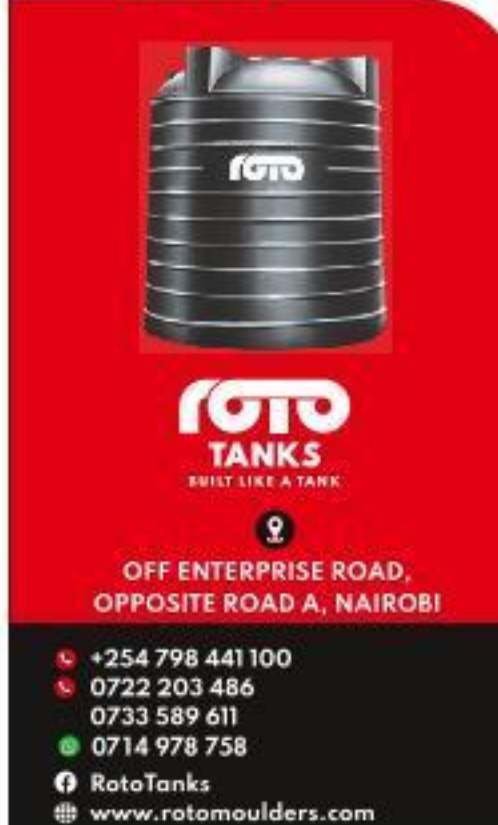
**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT KANGUNDO**  
**ELC NO. E64 OF 2022**  
**JANE WACHERU MIGWI ..... PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT**  
**-VERSUS-**  
**TERESIA KAGECU ..... DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT**  
**SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT**  
(Pursuant to the Order granted by the Court on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025)  
To: Teresia Kagecu  
**RUAL**  
**TAKE NOTICE** that Notice of Motion dated 02/02/2024 has been filed in the Environment and Land Court at Kangundo where you are named as the Defendant/Respondent. Pursuant to the Court Order issued on 10/07/2025 for service of the Notice of Motion and Hearing Notice by advertisement, you are now required to file a response within 15 days from the date of this advertisement. In default, the matter will proceed as the law provides. The case is coming up for hearing on 21/08/2025. A copy of the Notice of Motion, Hearing Notice and other pleadings can be obtained from the offices of M/s S. Ng'ang'a Ndung'u & Co. Advocates, College House, University way, Nairobi or at the Environment and Land Court at Kangundo.  
**S. Ng'ang'a Ndung'u & Co. Advocates for the Plaintiff/Applicant**  
**DRAWN & FILED BY:**  
S. Ng'ang'a Ndung'u & Co. Advocates  
College House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, University Way, P.O. Box 14695-00100 **NAIROBI**  
Cell: 0722 865824  
Email: [sngangandunguadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:sngangandunguadvocates@gmail.com)

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI**  
**COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION**  
**HCCOMM NO. E287 OF 2025**  
**MILLICENT WAMBUI KEBATTA-MUGIH alias MILLICENT WAMBUI KEBATTA ..... PLAINTIFF**  
**-VERSUS-**  
**GEVI LIMITED ..... 1<sup>st</sup> DEFENDANT**  
**REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> DEFENDANT**  
To: Gevi Limited  
P.O. Box 56244, **NAIROBI.**  
**TAKE NOTICE** that a plaint has been filed in the High Court, Commercial & Tax Division at Nairobi in High Court Commercial Case No. E287 of 2025 in which you, Gevi Limited, are named as the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant. Service of the summons on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement.  
A copy of the summons and the plaint may be obtained from the court registry at the High Court, Commercial & Tax Division, Nairobi.  
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#### Qualifications & Experience:

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  - Proven track record in market diversification and new product launches.
  - Strong negotiation, communication and networking skills.
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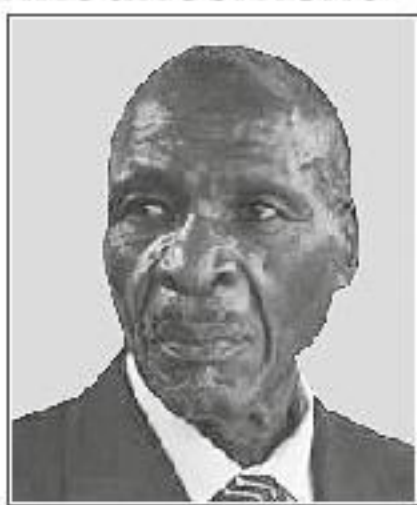
Husband of Mary Wanjiru Muthuma. Son of Joakim and Anna Gitau.

Father of Hilary Muthuma, Perpetua Kimani, Dr. Lydia Muthuma, Beatrice Njenga, Patrick Muthuma and the late Lawrence Warigi.

Brother of the late Roman Warigi and Mary Muthoni. Uncle of Edith Macharia, Angelica Murichu, Gitau Warigi, Francis Irungu, Jayne Macharia, Dr. Joyce Nyairo, Judy Macharia and the late Jimmy Macharia and Henry Thuma Warigi.

Patriarch to many nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dad, we continue to love and cherish you. Funeral Mass and burial will be on August Tuesday 12th at Ihigaini, at 12.00 pm, near Nginda Secondary School.



**Sixtus Muthuma Gitau**

## Death and Funeral Announcement



**Rose Atieno Odhiambo**

**Sunrise: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1958 - Sunset: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Rose Atieno on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, in Mombasa. She died peacefully and surrounded by family, after battling a long illness.

Rose was the daughter of Consolata Adino and the late Linus Kanot Okoth, step-daughter of Leonida Anyango. She is survived by her children, Vivian Guetler, Kevin Beger, Melvin Oduor, Maximilian Otieno, and grandchildren, Brandon and Brian Beger. Mother-in-law of Tobias Beger.

She was a beloved sister of Apollina Rajula, the late Felix Okoth, Fidelis Odhiambo, Mary Akinyi, Anne Odhiambo, Catherine Akoth, Nicholas Okoth, Carren Awuor, Susan Aoko, Dolphin Apondi, Laurelia Atieno, Michael Oluoch, and sister-in-law of the late Patrick Rajula. She was a loving aunt, second-mother, relative, and friend to many.

Family and friends are encouraged to send contributions to **PAYBILL No.: 6739487, PAYBILL NAME: Rose Atieno Odhiambo Funeral fund, and your name as the account number.**

Daily meetings and funeral plans are being held at her home in Mkomani, Mombasa. The burial is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 at Nyadorera, Siaya. For more information about the meeting and funeral plans, don't hesitate to get in touch with Melvin Oduor at 0731 779011 or Maximilian Otieno at 0727 878250.

**"Even though a Rose has withered, never to be forgotten, always in our hearts."**

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

## A Celebration of Life Well Lived



**Joyce Karwitha Ndethiu**  
(28<sup>th</sup> January, 1945 - 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joyce Karwitha Ndethiu on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 while receiving ICU care at the Life Care Hospital in Meru, having previously been undergoing treatment at the Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi for the last eleven months.

Joyce was the beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth and Solomon Ndethiu. She was the third born sister of the late Isaiah and Mary Murunga, the late Samuel and Harriet Mutua, Eunice and Justus Manyara, Julius and Mary Ndethiu, Joel and Celina Gitonga, the late Morris Munene, Cecilia Karuta, the late Joshua Mutethia and Salome Mutethia.

Devoted mother of the late Beatrice Karambu, Linda Kathambi, Frank Mwirigi, Brian Kimathi and Allan Mwititi, and mother-in-law of Ken Mugo and Angie Muthoni.

She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren Jabu, Baraka and Wema. She was a treasured aunt, cousin and friend to many.

A memorial service was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at the MCK Charles New Church, Nairobi. Funeral arrangements are being held daily at her Meru home in Mwitumwiru, Kaaga - behind Westwind Hotel.

The funeral procession will leave Cool Breeze Funeral Home, Kiirua for MCK St. Paul's Church, Meru at 9.30 a.m. Church service will begin at 11.00 a.m. and thereafter proceed for interment at her residence on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

**In God's hands you rest our dear Mum, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.**

## Appreciation

We the family of the late Francis Orata Machio extend our deepest and heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming outpouring love, prayers and unwavering support shown to us during his short illness and demise. We take this opportunity to thank God for the 70 plus years he graciously gave Dad to us.

We are grateful to Dr. Espira of Nala Hospital & his team and Neurologist Dr. Mohan of St. Luke's Hospital Eldoret & his team for their dedication and compassion during his most critical moment.

Our sincere thanks goes to the following:-

The Organizing Committee in Nairobi led by chair Sam Mangera and Esumeyia, team led by Chair and Vice chair George Misango and Jackson Lutta, Committee members Induswe, M.Toboso, T. Muganda, Jerusha (USA), Alice & Elkana Mang'eras, Masese, Arasa, J. Nyamu, James (OCS), Nudi, Ida, R. Ongeti, R. Nyamosi, Mbuli's among others.

All our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support.

Ebushibo Catholic Church Esumeyia & Choir led by Eshisuru Parish Priest and Catechists, St. Veronica Catholic Church, Syokimau, Syokimau Bett's neighbours, St. James Jumuiya-Kitengela, MP Shah Team, KAA, KAA Mulembe family, Legal fraternity, A'BAD Alumni, India, IDIS-UON, Nakuru team, Shikoti Girls Primary & Musoli High Alumni, Kericho Primary & St. Brigid Girls Alumni, Jodari Kiboko Kitengela Neighbours, Team Serious Kitengela & She on Wheels, Sigma feeds, Kisii choir and relatives, Thogoto College, Danna's Events Caterers-Kitale & Team, Machio Team Mumias, Hon. MP Wangwe Navakholo and Hon. MCA Akosi Butsoito West and The Pioneers MCA's who worked with Ex. MCA Hon. Mrs. Florence Tsindoli Machio (Butsoito/Eshinoyi Ward).

As it may not be possible to reach each one of you directly, please accept our sincere gratitude for your overwhelming support during this period. Your expression of sympathy has been a great comfort to us.

**May God bless you All.**



**Francis Orata Machio**

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the calling to Glory of our dear Sister-in-Christ, **Nellie Ngonyo Mwaura**.

Daughter of the late James Kiarie Marenga & Milkah Waceke Kiarie.

Loving wife of John Mwaura Wainaina.

Sister of Margaret Wanjiru, Rachael Muthoni (USA), & the late Francis Thande, Evanson Kahira, John Mugwe, Virginia Wanjiru, Loise Kimani and Paul Njuguna.

Mother of Lilian Njoki Victor Wainaina, James Kiarie and Jane Wacheke.

Grandmother and great-grandmother to many children.

Prayers and funeral arrangements are happening daily at her home in Ruku, on the Wangige to Ngecha Road.

The cortege will leave PCEA Kikuyu Hospital Funeral Home at **9.00 a.m.**, on **Thursday 14/08/25**. The funeral service will be held at ACK Christ the King, Ruku at **11.00 a.m.** and thereafter burial at her home in Ruku, next to St Kevin's Secondary School.

**Family contact: Jane Wacheke Mwaura (0701313982).**

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



**Nellie Ngonyo Mwaura**

**Sunrise: 1946  
Sunset: 04/08/2025**

## Death and Funeral Announcement



**Alice Wambui Kairu-Martin**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved Alice Wambui Kairu-Martin which occurred on 23/7/2025 at Nairobi West Hospital.

Alice was a beloved daughter of Esther Muthoni and the late Richard Kairu; and daughter in-love of Charles Wambicho and Veronica Wanjiku.

Alice was the devoted wife of Martin Kariuki and a loving mother of Maureen, Cedric and Esther.

Alice was a dear sister of Anne, Felista, Charity, Purity, Rosaline, Anthony and Eric; and a sister-in-law of Ben, Simon, Alice, Anne, Mary, Agnes, and Emma.

She was a cherished aunt of Lizz, Kevin, Mercy, Vincent, Wendy, Sonaya, Taniqua, Tyrique, Neil, Maleigh, Hadassah, Ian, Wendy, Ryan, Eddie, Edna, Andy, Sean, Zita, Patricia, Perpetual, Jayden, Tiffany, Mitchell, Ethan, Eliana, Rita, Ivana and Clare.

Family and friends are gathering daily for prayers and funeral preparations from 4:30 p.m. at the family home in Thika, Phase 10 (Delta Zone Estate, House No. 8).

The cortege will leave Montezuma Funeral Home, Kabati on Tuesday, 12th August 2025 at 7:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at Kaguthi Catholic Church, beginning at 10.00 am, after which she will be laid to rest at the family farm in Kaguthi Village, Kandara.

**May her soul rest in eternal peace.**

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of **Stephen Ndaiga King'ori**, formerly of Castle Garden Inn, Garden Estate, and from Aguthi, Tetu, Nyeri County. He passed away peacefully on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**, after a long illness.

He was son of late Raphael King'ori and the late Mary Nyambura and beloved brother of late Eunice Nyambura, Elizabeth Muthoni (Nakuru), Charity Wanjira (Nanyuki) late John Mwaniki, Jane Nyokabi (Maragwa), Francis Muthui (Nanyuki), Susan Njeri (Maragwa), the late Veronica Muthoni and Joseph Mwangi (Kamulu).

Stephen was formerly married to **Esther Waigumo**, they had five children: Mary, Raphael (Chef Raphael), Jesse, Joy (Germany), and Maureen (Angama Mara).

He later married the late **Leah Gathoni**, and they had five children: Simon, Martin, Teresa, Elizabeth, and Rita.

Grandfather of Steve, Jayden, Tehilla, Dylan, Nathan, Daniel, Abigail, Harvey, Haisley, Hansel-Hal, and Liam.

**Prayer meetings:** 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 4:00 PM, at Castle Garden (Garden Estate) and Esther's home, Ruai.

**Funeral:** Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Body viewing at **8:00 AM**, Umash Chapel (off Mbagathi Rd); service and burial at **10:30 AM**, Lang'ata Cemetery.

**Psalm 23: I The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.**



**Stephen Ndaiga King'ori**

**8<sup>th</sup> June 1951 -  
4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of **Willie Mahungu Ndabi**.

Son of the late Jonah Ndabi Wamwea and the late Magdalene Waringa Ndabi.

Husband of Eunice Wachera, Janet Wambui and Florence Nduta.

Father of Julie Williams Waringa, Roy Williams Ndabi and Abigail Waringa.

Brother of Rtd Sgt. Richard Wamwea, Peter Ndungu, Isabella Nduta, Joseph Githinji, Josephine Njeri and Simon Kariuki (Judiciary) the late Johnson Ichugu, the late George Kungu and the late Anne Wanjiku.

Loving uncle of Jonah, Ezekiel, Magdalene, Sheila, Maureen, Veronica, Alvin, Eric, Austin, among others.

Daily meetings are being held every day at his home Karure, Mangu Gatundu North, Cascade Premier Thika and Jambo Grill Thika Road from 5.00pm

The cortege leaves Kenyatta University Referral Hospital Mortuary on Tuesday, 12th August, 2025 at 9.00am for funeral service at his rural home Karure-Mangu, Gatundu North.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7 - "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"**



**Willie Mahungu Ndabi**

**26<sup>th</sup> December, 1977 -  
3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025**

## In Loving Memory / 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Two years ago, you quietly stepped into eternity, yet not a day passes without your memory lighting our path.

You were far more than any title could ever express: a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, a faithful servant of God, a true shepherd to your flock and the heart of our family.

You lived gently, yet with great strength. You spoke softly, yet with deep wisdom. You served humbly, yet your impact endures.

Your prayers still echo in our hearts. Your legacy continues to guide and inspire us.

Your life was a sermon, not preached from the pulpit alone, but lived out in faith, kindness, and grace.

Though we miss you dearly, we find comfort in knowing you now rest in the arms of the One you served so faithfully.

As William Shakespeare so beautifully wrote:

**"And when he shall die, take him and cut him out in little stars, And he will make the face of heaven so fine That all the world will be in love with night."**

You are deeply missed.

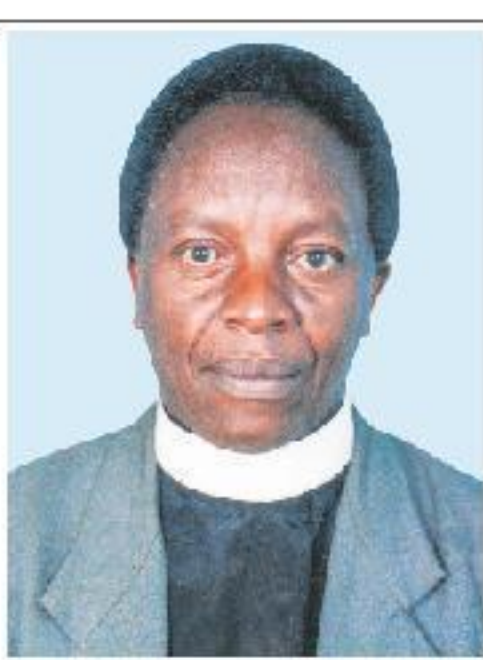
You are deeply loved.

You are forever ours.

Forever loved by your devoted wife Grace Karoki, loving children Joseph Ngugi & Esther, Sylvia Nyambura, Eunice Mumbi, Edward Gachihi, and Alex Muriithi, your grandchildren Precious, Amber, Kelsie, Karoki, and Alexander.

Your memory lives on, forever in our hearts - from your loving family.

**"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." — 1 Thessalonians 4:14**



**Rev. Sospeter Karoki Ngugi**  
(P.C.E.A Church)







## KENYA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KEFRI)

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with great sorrow, sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) Board of Directors, Management and Staff announces the untimely demise of Alice Akinyi Rawago, which occurred on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The late before her death, was working at Kenya Forestry Research Institute Headquarters Muguga. She was a daughter of late Ainea Rawago and Naomi Aluoch. Wife of the late Alfred Oduor. Sister of Regina Sihundu, Tabitha Olale, Beryl Ochanda, John Onyango, Zadok Okoth, the late Moses Otieno, the late Dickson Akumu, David Odhiambo, Onyango. Mother of Lilian Adhiambo, Victor Odhiambo, Ronnie Baron, Vincent Otieno and Naomi Akoth. Her grandchildren include Marcus, Jaylah, Malcom, Britney, Karemba, Humphrey, Eddy, and Carla. The cortège will leave Nairobi on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 6.00am for mass at St Emmanuel ACK Church Bondo Parish on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 will be laid to rest at her residential family home in Bondo.



**Alice Akinyi Rawago**  
Sunrise: 06/06/1968  
Sunset: 29/7/2025

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

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Antony Dick Owi who died on the 24th July 2025 after a short illness.

He was beloved son of Jabez Zakayo Owi and mama Grace Atieno Owi.

Husband of Christabel Okoth and a loving father of Serena, Sylvia and Jabez Owi. Son in law of the late John Okoth and mama Dorcas Okoth.

Brother of Lenza Nyabwa, Felicia, Mary, Caroline, and Dorothy.

Brother in-law of Roger, Michael, Cyprine, Meresa, the late Dolline, Joel, and Nerry. Grandson of the late Abisalom Owi, the late mama Rosalia Owi and mama Sophia Owi.

A cherished uncle of Andrew, Ashley, Chelsea, Kimberly, Michael, Tyler, Robert, Kyle, Gracia, Ivy, David, Edith, Marlin and Keith. Cousin to many.

Family and friends are meeting for daily prayers and funeral arrangements at their family home in Kokuro village, Awendo Division, Migori County.

The cortege will depart from Migori County Referral Hospital on Thursday 14th August 2025 at 11:00am for his final journey. The burial will take place on Friday 15th August 2025 at his above home.

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



**Antony Dick Owi**  
28/01/1982 - 24/07/2025

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death Mwalimu Japhet Kinyamu Guantai of Guiti Sub-Location, Kiamutuja Village.

Son of the late M'Guantai M'iburi and the late Elizabeth M'Guantai of Ithimburi Village, Upper Chure Sub-Location, Chure Location, Igoki Division, Abogeta Sub-County, Meru County.

Beloved husband of Rebecca Tirindi.

Father of Lucy Gatwiri Murithi, Jackson Mutai, Felicity Kathambi Bundi, late Monica Kiende Kaimenyi, Brenda Makena, Dorcas Nthira Mutuma, the late Kate Mwendwa and Pauline Ndumba.

Father in-law of Linus Murithi, Ann Mutai, Bundi M'Mirici, Charles Kaimenyi and Job Mutuma M'Raaria.

Brother of the late Eustace Muriungi, Josphat Gichuru, Bridget Karimi, Julia Karegi, Doris Mugure, the late Kellen Karuru, the late Erastus Mboobua, the late Albert Mwit, Joyce Nyegeera, the late Mercy Nkirote, Lucy Kaburu, Bessy Kanini, Joshua Mutwiri and Jane Ntibuka.

Son in-law of the late Japhet Meme and the late Janet Meme. He has left behind 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are meeting daily at his home Guiti Village for prayers and burial preparation. The cortege leaves Consolata Hospital Nkubu on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 9:00 am thereafter prayers and burial ceremony will be held at his home, Guiti Sub-Location, Kiamutuja Village, Meru County.

Matthew 25:21 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

His story may be ending but his Legacy will forever be told.



**Mwalimu Japhet Kinyamu Guantai**  
Sunrise: 1936 -  
Sunset: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness that we announce the demise of our beloved Patriarch Stephen Mwaura Kimani on Sunday 3rd August.

He was the son of late Andrea Kimani, late Damaris Njeri and late Lucy Nyambura. Loving husband of the late Pauline Wambui Mwaura. He was son in law of the late Genue Rimui and late Esther Wanjiku of Gittha - Kiambu.

He was a brother of Sera Gathoni, Peter kungu, James Ndungu, Peter Kangehe, Mary Wambui and the late Gideon Mwaura, Zakaria Mburu, Sera Gathoni, Esther Nyokabi, Gladys Wanjiru, Mary Wangui and Daniel Ndungu.

Caring father of Lucy Njeri and James Gichuhi, Agnes Wanjiku and Peter Ndungu, Joseph Kimani and Veronica wairimu, Genue Rimui and Martha Wanjiku, Mary Njeri and Jesse Kibandi, Sara Muthoni and Thomas Wachira, Esther Wangui and late Hanna Nyambura. Adoring grandfather of Mwauras, Wambuis, Wanyoike, Nyokabi, Wanjiru, Waithera and many others.

He has left behind 27 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren and a great great grand child.

Burial arrangements are taking place at his home Kitale -Matisi -Orone farm and Kitale town Manna Njuguna Hotel.

The cortege will leave Cherangani Funeral home on Saturday 9/8/2025 at 9:00am for a funeral service at his home Kitale -Matisi -Orone farm there after the Burial will be at his farm Wamuiini B Mabonde from 2pm.

Rest well Dad, at 90 you have left behind a treasured memorable legacy.

Revelation 21:4 - He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed.



**Stephen Mwaura Kimani**  
Sunrise: 1935 ~ Sunset: 3/8/2025

## In Loving Memory



**Mama Hadah Afandi Lodenyo**

Eight years on...

Your memory, a light that never fades.

Your spirit lives on in our hearts.

Dearly missed, fondly remembered.

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-14

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the untimely passing of Titus Ngala Mbaga, who went to be with the Lord on 25th July 2025 through a tragic road accident.

He was the beloved 3rd born son of Edmund Mbaga Lewa and Rosalia Nzingo Ngala.

A devoted husband of Ms. Terry Mwangome and a loving father of Tamama and Talia Ngala.

Titus was a cherished brother of Fredrick Lewa, Phoebe Mnyazi, Lucy Magombe, Gilly Mwagambo, Vicky Mwaboza.

He began his education journey at St. Martins Primary School before proceeding to Ribe Boys High School. He later pursued higher learning at Rift Valley Technical Institute and Mt. Kenya University.

Professionally, Titus joined public service on 26th October 2020 as a Pensions Assistant III, where he served with diligence and distinction until his untimely passing. He was yet to graduate with his Bachelors this year, a true testament to his dedication and pursuit of excellence.

Titus will be remembered for his humility, warmth, and unwavering commitment to both family and service. His life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, and he will remain deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He will be laid to rest on Saturday 9th August, 2025 at Gandini Village, Mwarakaya Subdivision, Chonyi Division, Kilifi South Sub-County, Kilifi County.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." - Matthew 5:4



**Titus Ngala Mbaga**  
Sunrise: 6<sup>th</sup> January 1985 ~  
Sunset: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Celebration of Life

**Lydia Nyagaki Muchemi**



It is with the acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our beloved mum, grandma, sister, auntie and friend Lydia Nyagaki Muchemi.

She was the daughter of the late Charles Kamau Wanguhu and the late Florence Wambui Kamau. She was the wife of Col Rtd David Muchemi.

Beloved and loving mother of John Wangai, Charles Kamau, Nancy & Anthony Mureti and Florence Wambui. She was a mother figure of Nora Atieno.

Cucu of Miles Wangai, Munene and Muruthi Mureti, Muruthi Fionn and Ciara Nyagaki.

Sister of the late Wycliff Wanguhu, Benson Mbugua, late Mesh Wanguhu, Lily Kabura, Gibson Gichuru, Margaret Wangechi, Alex Manyara, Charlene Wamaitha, Wanguhu Kamau, Kimani Kamau and Manyara Kamau.

Sister-in-law of the late Leah Wanguhu, Priscilla Mbugua, Margaret Wanguhu, Bernt Olson, Irene Gichuru, Hasse Erickson, Carol Manyara, George Karanja, Sarah Wanguhu, Njeri Kimani, Nyawira Manyara. An auntie and grandmother to many.

Funeral and burial details to follow.

In God's arms you rest and in our hearts you forever remain.

## Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Madam Jane Masibayi Musundi that occurred on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 after a short illness. She was formerly an employee of the Ministry of Co-operatives and MSME Development.

Daughter of the late George Gregory Musundi Kuchio and the late Consolata Ngira. Daughter-in-law of the late Peter Odera Ogola and Philpine Odeny Orembe.

She was wife of the late Maurice Ogola Odera.

Mother of Dancan Odongo Ogola and Linda Aketch Ogola. Sister of the late Dick Kuchio, Evaline Chituyi, Maureen Kuchio, Caroline Atera, the late William Opiyo, Eliud Saudi, Imelda Tindi, Karen Makokha, Joan Makokha, Lawrence Ongoma, Mercyline Nashirumbi, Ronald Kuchio, Immaculate Muyoti, Pauline Makokha, Angelina Musundi and Joseph Kuchio.

Niece of the late Hon. Gerald Masbayi, the late John Tindi, the late Mathew Kwena, the late Francis Asonga, the late Abraham Makokha, the late Major Vincent Shiranda, the late Ignatius Muyoti, the late Jim Kuchio, Cyprian Echese, the late Apungu, the late Apolonia Makokha, the late Ludwina Muyoti, Anna Kwena, the late Scholastica Tindi, Teresa Nataba, Helena Chitui, the late Magdalene Musundi, the late Oda Namulanda, Mary Siang'ani, the late Mary Adongo and Macilda Kuchio.

Family and friends meeting daily for prayers and funeral arrangements at the family home Nasra Garden Estate, Embakasi.

There will be a funeral church service on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from 11.00am at the St Arnold Janssen Catholic Church Komarock, the final funeral service and burial will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at her matrimonial home in Bondo, Maranyona Village.

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Jane Masibayi Musundi O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace."

"I'm the resurrection & the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." ~ John 11:25.



**Madam Jane Masibayi Musundi**

What is lovely  
**NEVER DIES,**  
but passes  
into another  
**LOVELINESS.**

- Thomas Bailey Aldrich



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## Death and Funeral Announcement



### Mzee Ellis H. Ominde

**Sunrise: 19/9/1952 ~ Sunset: 4/8/2025**

With profound sorrow, heavy hearts, and abiding faith in God, Marell Schools announce the passing of the founding Director Mzee Ellis H. Ominde on Monday, August 4, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with illness.

He was the youngest son of the late Mzee Adonijah Ngorere and the late Truphosa Tabwa.

He was a devoted husband of his beloved wife, Merab Atola Ominde, and a loving father of George Oliya, Brenda Narah, Dr. Sheila Tabwa, Norine Angulu, Eng. Pamela Amambia, Dr. Beryl Shitandi, Sharon Migalica, Eng. Merlyne Indeché, Doris Andayi (wakili) and James Ngorere.

Mzee Ellis was a brother of the late Herbert Ouko, the late Bakhoya Ominde, Zaddock Ambutsi, Gideon Akwabi, the late Atsengo, the late Esire, and Christabel Indeché.

He was a cherished father-in-law of Laura Luvembe, Kaivon Paroo, Dr. Mike Mulongo, Eng. Kevin Odhiambo, Tem Minishi, and Japheth Makhokha.

A doting grandfather of Kayla, Deysha, Ayanna, Aumatage, the late baby Ellis, Sheran, Mideva, Liora, Ineza, the late baby Polarien, Adelya, and Lankanar.

The late Ellis Ominde was a beloved brother, friend, uncle, and mentor to many.

Funeral arrangement meetings are being held daily at his residence in Kanduyi, Bungoma, from 3:00 p.m.

He will be laid to rest at his home in Kanduyi, Bungoma, on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Support for the family toward funeral and burial expenses may be sent via:

**Mpesa Paybill: 247247 Account Number: 434135**

**"In every life you touched, your story goes on."**

**May his soul rest in eternal peace and glory in the embrace of God.**

## Death and Funeral Announcement



### Teresa Njoki Gachiri

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Teresa Njoki Gachiri, wife of Major Doctor J.R Gachiri, on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 after a short illness.

Teresa was the beloved daughter of the late Peter Gikonyo Kambo and the late Esther Wambui Gikonyo of Marmanet, Nyahururu.

She was the daughter-in-law of the late Paul Kiminda Thuita and Elizabeth Muthoni Kiminda of Wanyororo, Nakuru County.

She was a doting mother of Maureen Muthoni Gachiri, Kennedy Kiminda Gachiri and George Gikonyo Gachiri. She was the grandmother of Maxwell James Gachiri Kiminda.

She was a sister of Vincent Kambo, the late Immaculate Njeri, Pius Ndirangu, Annie Wairuri, Gikonyo Mwangi, Francis Ndungu and Cecilia Wanjiku.

She was a sister in-law, a cousin, an aunt and a friend to many.

Further information regarding the funeral arrangement and burial will be communicated at a later date.

There will be meetings for funeral arrangements on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Consolata Shrine, Allamano Center.

**~ Psalm 34:18 ~**

**"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."**

## Death and Funeral Announcement



### Rev. Charity Wanjiku Maina Mukunda

It is with humble acceptance that we announce the passing on of Rev. Charity Wanjiku Maina Mukunda following a short illness.

She was the beloved wife of Titus Mukunda Kanyi.

Mother of Michael Nyaga, James Kairu, Penny Maina, Jean Martha Njoki, Carol Muturi, Susan Mburu and Paniel Kanyi all of USA.

In-laws of Paul Kanjau, Joseph Mburu, and Carol Kanyi.

Grandmother of Myles Rutto, Elaina Rutto, Alyssa Maina, Janelle Muturi, Serah Muturi, Bethany Muturi, Nathan Mburu, Njeri Mburu, Caelynn Kanyi, and Eli Mukunda.

Sister of the late Magdalene Wamuyu, Joyce Wangui, Stephen Kariuki, Purity Wanjiru Mahugu, Rufus Ndegwa, Agnes Muthoni Mbogo, and the late Jackson Muriu.

Sister-in-law of Edwina Wanjiku Kariuki, Rose Wambui Ndegwa, and Margaret Wanjiku Muriu, Mahugu and Mbogo.

Family and friends are meeting at their home in Thika for prayers and burial preparations. Burial date and service will be on 12th August 2025 at the ACK Church Kanyenyaini Murang'a and later proceed to the burial site at Kanyenyaini village.



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## Death Announcement



### Mrs. Emily Atieno Ogola Odiwuor

With humble hearts, we announce the passing of **Mrs. Emily Atieno Ogola Odiwuor (Kademu)**, formerly of Development Bank of Kenya, Nairobi, which occurred on **Tuesday, 5th August 2025**, after a short illness bravely borne.

She was the beloved wife of Prof. Wycliffe Odiwuor of Maseno University, and a devoted mother of Adams Israel Odiwuor (Maseno University, School of Business), Alicia Consy Odiwuor (University of Nairobi, School of Law), and Andrew John Odiwuor (Alliance High School).

Daughter of the late Alex Ogola Obare and the late Consolata Achieng Ogola of Alego Kanyaboli. Daughter-in-law of the late George Opiyo and Dolly Achola of Nyasare - Magina, Migori. Sister-in-law of Anne Achieng of Kitengela.

Loving sister of the late Mary Ogola and Robert Magak, Roseanne and Charles Nyabera, Aloise Ogola and the late Wanjiku, the late Rtd. Major Vincent Ogola and the late Amina, Martin and Eunice Ogola, the late Joseph Odhiambo Ogola, Dr. Christine and Robert Ondiba, and Maurice Obare Ogola.

Cherished Aunt of Noel, Laurence, Nicole, Andrew, Valarie, Jimmy, Achie, Karen, the late Allan, Alvin, Austin, Alex, Kelsey, Kayla, Kiesha, and Emmanuel. Loving Grandmother of Tyjani, Jayden, Makayla, Leko, Mateo and Ava.

Emily was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunty, colleague and friend to many, and will be deeply remembered for her warmth, strength, smile, quiet wisdom and love for her family.

A Requiem Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 13th August 2025**, at Mary Help of Christians Church, Don Bosco, Upper Hill, starting at 2:00 PM. Emily will be laid to rest on **Friday, 15th August 2025**, at the family home in Nyasare, Magina, Migori County.

As we prepare to give Emily a dignified and heartfelt farewell, the family is hosting daily prayers and meetings at her residence in Langata, Masai Estate, and the final meeting and fundraiser will take place on **Tuesday, 12th August 2025** at 5:00 PM, at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi. Your support, no matter the amount, is deeply appreciated and contributions may be sent to **Mpesa Paybill Number 8022816** with your name as the account number. Let's stand together as we honor Emily's life and walk with the family through this difficult time.

Eternal rest grant unto Emily, Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her; may her soul rest through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace. Amen.

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light" Matthew 11:28-30**



# Sport



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## Athletics

### AIU suspends yet another Kenyan athlete for doping

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has suspended yet another Kenyan distance runner for a doping violation.

AIU provisionally suspended Judy Jelagat Kemboi, who won the Guadalajara Half Marathon in Mexico in February, for the presence and use of prohibited substance, Hydrochlorothiazide.

AIU is a Monaco-based organization founded by World Athletics in April 2017 to combat doping and address other forms of ethical misconduct in athletics.

Jelagat, 26, whose records at the elite level only started being posted two years ago on the World Athletics website, has been bagging podium finishes in gold label half marathon races.

She finished second at the prestigious Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon (RAK) in February, and came third in Istanbul Half Marathon in April. Jelagat joins a long list of 25 Kenyan athletes who have been banned either by AIU or Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) this year. Her suspension comes two weeks after the 2024 national 10,000metres champion Roncer Kipkorir Konga and Milan Half Marathon champion Morine Michira were flagged down for doping rules violation.

AIU suspended Kipkorir, who is also the Africa 10,000m bronze medallist and Kenya Defence Forces 10,000m/5,000m silver medallist, for the use of Testosterone.

Michira, who is the 2024 Padova Half Marathon champion, has been given a two-year ban for using prohibited Higenamine and Octodrine. Women's marathon world record holder Ruth Chepngetich was suspended for the presence of masking agent Hydrochlorothiazide on July 17.

## FOOTBALL

### Kenya to host African School Games in 2029

Kenya has been awarded the hosting rights for the 3rd African School Games in 2029. The announcement was made on Wednesday following a resolution passed at the Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees in Algeria. Nigeria will host the 2nd edition in 2027, following a competitive bidding process that also involved South Africa and Kenya.

John Ashihundu

**Golf** 12 ladies including Gachaga, Ngeecu and Awuor enter the KAGC leg

## Top amateurs chase Sh800,000 prize purse in Karen Challenge

168

Golfers who entered the 2025 Karen Golf Challenge before the entry was reduced to 156 in line with tournament rules

BY LARRY NGALA

Following the successful staging of third leg of Sunshine Development Tour - East Africa Swing, the focus now shifts to the 2025 Karen Golf Challenge that will run from today till Sunday.

Karen Golf Challenge forms the 19th leg in the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) series. The tournament has a prize purse of Sh800,000 – Sh300,000 more than the rest of the events in the series, making it the richest.

For this reason, it has attracted a huge field of 168 that had to be reduced to 156 in line with the tournament's rules.

Among the players entered to play are top golfers from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Ethiopia, led by KAGC defending champion Michael Karanga.

Other notable players are Kenyans amateur player John Lejirimah, and Uganda captain Joseph



Cwinyai, who is yet to clinch a leg of the KAGC series. He came close to winning the Kenya Amateur Match Play Championship, narrowly losing to fellow Ugandan Michael Alunga.

Some 12 ladies have entered including Kellie Gachaga (pictured), Bianca Ngeecu, and Ashley Awuor.

The ladies can only win cash awards and World Amateur Ranking points, but not KAGC series Order of Merit points, since the series are for men players.

The winner will take home Sh130,000, while the rest will be shared by the 33 players who will have made the second round cut.

Women will be converging on Mombasa Golf Club today, for the 2025 Ladies Coast Open fourth leg.

Usually, the Ladies Coast Open series is staged in all the golf clubs at the Coast with the last legs taking place at either Mombasa Golf Club or Nyali Golf and Country Club. This year the series started in Malindi on Monday, then moved to Vipingo the following day.

Wednesday was rest day, and the series resumed with the third leg at Diamonds Leisure in Diani yesterday.

From there the series will return to Mombasa for the last two events that are considered as the main legs.

The Nyali leg has attracted the country's leading amateurs such as Kiambu's Joyce Njuguni, Royal's Ashley Awuor and Njoro's Mercy Nyanchama, plus Tanzanians top player Neema Olomi.

Tournament sponsors include Equity, Vipingo Development, DTB, Winstar Security, Shikara Limited, DK Real Estates, Atlas Tea Brokers, Shell, and Kericho Gold.

Meanwhile, Sigona Golf Club will host the 17th leg in the KCB East Africa Golf Tour. A field of 200 players were drawn to play. The top two teams will qualify for the grand finale on December 5, at a venue to be announced later.

The series has so far seen 2,000 players participate in the first 16 events played across East Africa, while 1,000 were engaged in a golf clinic.

## Weekend golf fixtures

**Mombasa Today: Ladies Coast Open:** 6.30 Maarifa. M, Molaa. Z, Njogu. R; 6.38 Dan. A, Mutash. P, Cheruto. S; 6.46 Kisoi. B, Mathege. A, Wanjiku. R; 6.54 Obare. C, Kalekye. M, Kurgat. S; 7.02 Mwaura. P, Njuguna. S, Wanjiru. H; 7.10 Obunga. M, Mwangi. A, Oosterwijk. C; 7.18 Njoroge. W, Mueni. G, Njoroge. H; 7.26 Gichomo. F, Bisonga. B, Nyairo. W; 7.34 Nderitu. C, Moraa. S, Kuria. A; 7.42 Wamoro. I, Mwendah. G, Ngarua. M; 7.50 Kasi. G, Mwaura. V, Katee. I; 7.58 Ngumba. A, Mugure. H, Wamaita. O; 8.06 Munyi. C, Mutuota. J, Oketch. L; 8.14 Kalee. P, Muthee. C, Maina. J; 8.22 Oketch. L, Muthee. M, Gichuki. S; 8.30 Ashioya. D, I, Munyao. V, Githere. S; 8.38 Wanjiru. A, Munyao. L, Kerubo. E; 8.46 Oyar. T, Muteti. F, Mukami. R; 8.54 Amran. A, Bisera. S, Museve. C; 9.02 Njenga. A, Karanja. C, Mohamed. Z; 11.10 Githere. J, Muhia. H, Wambui. E; 11.18 WAngari. J, Brooker. I, Chali. Y; 11.26 Wainaina. R, Kigwe. P, Mariga. M; 11.34 Mkok. R, Wahome. A, Kiragu. T; 11.42 Bernini. L, Mwangi. J, Njui. R; 11.50 Gitonga. Z, Sirai. J, Kikulu. N; 11.58 Gichinga. Adhiambo. B, Kadikinyi. C; 12.06 Wafula. M, Maina. L, Obara. R; 12.14 Wairui. M, Mokaya. C, Mokaya. L; 12.22 Kaur. H, Kwamboka. G, Kamau. R. G; 12.30 Kanyi. S, Rambui. P, Mbinya. R; 12.38 Waweru. J, Kemunto. J, Naneu. M; 12.46 Radtke. J, Khanili. B, Kandu. M; 12.54 Stokes. S, Njoki. M, Elias. V; 1.02 Njuguni. J, Nyanchama. M, Olomi. N

**Nyali Tomorrow: The 2025 Ladies Coast Open (final leg):** First Tee: 6.50 Mugure. H, Maarifa. M, Wanjiru. H, Mwaura. V; 7.00 Kinyanjui. R, Mwaura. P, Njoroge. H, Makena. M; 7.10 Mundui. B, Mulaa. Z, Njoroge. W, Amran. A; 7.20 Kasi. G, Muigai. C, Bisera. S, Nyairo. W; 7.30 Bisonga. B, Moraa. S, Ayianda. C, Mwangi. A; 7.40 Mukua. J, Muhia. H, Kamau. J, Akello. N; 7.50 Wahome. A, Wanjiru. A, Ngaruiya. M, Kuria. A; 8.00 Cherop. A, Ngumba. A, Munyi. C, Maina. J; 8.10 Akinyi. E, Mutuota. J, Muthee. C, Dan. A; 8.20 Oketch. L, Kurgat. S, Ndiwo. T, Njogu. R; 8.30 Wamoro. I, Kigwe. P, Kisoi. B, Serem. C; Tenth Tee: 6.50 Palo. M, Gakera. S, Wachira. E, Minari. B; 7.00 Kaur. N, Wafula. M, Mwangi. C, Mbukua. P, Selestine. L, Achilla. C, Mogaka. A; 7.20 Wairumu. A, Flora. V, Mwendah. G, Abdalla. F; 7.30 Muriithi. R, Ndiema. M, Wangari. A, Masila. E; 7.40 Kaveko. R, Kariuki. E, Ngwiri. J, Mburu. A; 7.50 Winja. J, Obunga. M, Nduva. P, Mwangi. L; 8.00 Ongwae. J, Wanjiku. R, Mathege. A, Obare. C; 8.10 Museve. C, Katee. I, Oosterwijk. C, Kalekye. M; 8.20 Mutash. P, Oseko. J, Mutuku. A, Mwende. S; 8.30 Maina. L, Kamundi. M, Njenga. A, K-

munya. T; First Tee: 11.15 Mkok. R, Vincent. M, Githere. J, Kalee. P; 11.25 Ockotch. C, Kiragu. T, Wambui. E, Wainaina. R; 11.35 Oyar. T, Kaur. H, Kwambokah. G, Kanyi. S; 11.45 Wanyee. N, Chali. Y, Kamau. R, Wambui. P; 11.55 Radtke. J, Lusakale. K, Kemunto. J, Kikulu. N; 12.05 Kandu. M, Naneu. M, Sirai. J, Khanili. B; 12.15 Stokes. S, Jamal. A, Elias. V, Talib. S; 12.25 Njuguni. J, Olomi. N, Nyanchama. M, Njoki. M; Tenth Tee: 11.15 Mukami. R, Gitonga. Z, Oketch. L, Mumbi. N; 11.25 Muthee. M, Gichuki. S, Breitner. L, Bernini. L; 11.35 Mwangi. J, Dr. Ashioya. I, Munyao. V, Njui. R; 11.45 Nanice. G, Mbinya. R, Waweru. J, Munyao. L; 11.55 Githere. S, Kadikinyi. C, Wafula. M, Kerubo. E; 12.05 Mohamed. Z, Muigai. P, Myomba. S, Adhiambo. B; 12.15 Mokaya. C, Wairui. M, Mokaya. L, Obara. R; 12.25 Mueni. G, Brooker. I, Wangari. J, Muteti. F

**Thika Greens Tomorrow: The FCM Golf Tour:** 6.20 S Wanjiru. F, Wambui. P, E x2; 6.30 C Oyugi. A, An x3; 6.40 W Njenga. A, An x3; 6.48 M Wanyoike. Dr P Ngugi. L, Ngugi. A, An x3; 6.50 T Ochieng. B, Omondi. Anox2; 7.40 M Gwandaru. F, Musyoka. S, Ngao. A, Tutu. 7.12 A Muita, W Mutugi. S, Onkui. D, Nyamache. 7.20 Sponsors Time; 7.28 L Irungu, S Kimani; 7.36 Njenga. D, Mwaura. 7.36 S Chibayi. J, Muremba. S, Huni, M Kintuthia; 7.44 E Kimani, M Maleruya, C Gitonga, M Wanjia; 7.50 S Kisili, M Mwangi, B Waweru, Lucy G; 7.58 M Njuguna, L Kihara, K Florence, M Maina; 8.06 L K Njenga, L Kirui, Dr A Shitseswa, An x3; 8.14 J Ndiritu x4; 8.22 D Ndiangu, J Nyaga, J Njeru, S Kiarie; 8.30 Captains Time; 11.30 H Hassan x4; 11.38 C Kibiri, J Maina, P Maregwa, F Muraya; 11.46 J Gichimu, M Wandere, FN Thuo, S Kamau; 11.54 M Mbutia, N Kithae, F Mugambi, L Gatobu; 12.02 C Thuku, A Kimeu, J Ogalo, M Wanyoike; 12.10 M Irungu, J Kawiria, SD Mello, N Kamau; 12.18 L Muteti x4; 12.26 P Onyango x4; 12.34 J Muriimi, C Lumbasio, B Lumbasio, An x3; 12.42 P E x4; 12.50 P E x4; 12.58 P E x4; 13.06 J Kamwere, P E x3; 13.14 P E x4; 13.22 P E x4; 13.30 J Ngunyi, I Mutahi, An x2; 13.38 P E x4; 13.46 P E x4 Tenth Tee: 6.20 P E x4; 6.30 P E x4; 6.40 P E x4; 6.48 P E x4; 6.56 P E x4; 7.04 G Mbogo, I Koome, B Waweru, An x3; 7.12 J Nderitu, Z Nderitu, S Wahome, T Shivo; 7.20 T Mwangi, W Njeri, M Thambu, S Kogi; 7.28 L Gitau, J Mbitu, S Njenga, J Muigai; 7.36 K Njuguna, B Muthoni, M Kinyanjui, J Karuri; 7.44 T Thal x4; 7.50 L Kihara, C Kamonde, N Wambugu, G Mutuma; 7.58 C Okun, J Korosso, D Njuguna, A Wambugu; 8.06 E Wanjiku x4; 8.14 S Okwoni, I Gachini, S Chege, J Gichuru; 8.22 M Kimemia, E Karagu, M Akorot, V Akoth; 8.30 Sponsors Time; 11.30 S Njoroge, S Abuje, T Thaay, M Kinyua; 11.38 V Ongera, K Maruru, R Nyandika, M Mutambu; 11.46 D Salaton, P Njoroge, P Kimani, M Shako; 11.54 C Gikundi x4; 12.02

SM Irungu, H Njenga, H Thimba, Sharon M; 12.10 C Narogoi, B Ondimu, F Marete, N Njogu; 12.18 F Mugo, S Kamau, E Wanjiku, M Kimeu; 12.26 C Kilongosi, G K'Ouma, N Nderitu, P Karanja; 12.34 A Kipkemboi x4; 12.42 K Mariga, B Wamatu, W Macharia, R Muraya; 12.50 P E x4; 12.58 P E x4; 13.06 P E x4; 13.14 P E x4; 13.22 P E x4; 13.30 P E x4; 13.38 P E x4; 13.46 P E x4

**Ruiru Tomorrow: August Mug: First Tee:** 6.30 J Kibogo, A K Wainaina, J Mureithi, S Mwitari; 6.40 A Maina, J Thomas, F Kamau, G Wachira; 6.50 T John, Jefferson K, An x3; 7.00 C Ndegwa, N Gitonga, S Irungu, G Ndungu; 7.10 Kiambu x4; 7.20 An x3, S Kingara, B Ndumu, J Gicheru; 7.40 Sponsor x4; 7.50 D Muiruri, J Wachira, S Wainaina, A Kimani; 8.00 M Mura; 8.10 Githinji, P Njeru, N Kingori; 8.10 F Kinyanjui, G Njuguna, A Mwaura, P Kamau; 8.20 J Gitau, M Irungu, H Maina, A Kariuki; 8.30 H Muhia, M Kimemia, D Kirinyia, Sponsor; 8.40 Captain x4; 10.40 Captain x4; 10.50 C Gitonga, E Njagi, E Waitthaka, P Wanjiru; 11.00 J Waihenya, E Kabugi, J Mathu, P Gitumbi; 11.10 Sponsor x4; 11.20 Sponsor x4; 11.30 E Muthemba, D Mila, B Waweru; 11.40 P Miti, L Nganga, N Nganga, J Ngugi; 11.50 W Njenga, Eng J Mwaniki, S G Njuguna, J Kamiri; 12.00 M Muthee, E Kamau, S Nganga, J Maina; 12.10 M Nyambura, D Kamau, T Kiuri, B Kimani; 12.20 Sammy M, Sponsor x3; 12.30 P Mburu, P Kigwe, C Wambui; 12.40 Kany G, D Githinji, D Muita, J Muigai; 12.50 P M Mwan; 8.40 J Mburu, C Munyiri, P Githuku, F Mwangi; 10.30 Sponsor x4; 10.40 Sponsor x4; 10.50 Captain x4; 11.00 M Kariuki, R Kithuka, Brig Mohamed, Fr Githo, Fr J Muigai; 11.10 W Karume, P Mbugua, F Kiamba, B Mulindi; 11.20 Z safari, M Wanjohi, M Kinyua, H Thuku; 11.30 J Muguongo, Sponsor x3; 11.40 E Muriithi, Sponsor x4; 11.50 S Mwaura, D Gitonga, M Karunga, T Kiragu; 12.00 S Mbinda, D Warui, E Okiddy, M Mwiti; 12.10 L Wachira, D Kibui, M Kairu, M Karimi; 12.20 P Ngunjiri, A Gitu, Fr P Kimani, M Karunga; 12.30 J Kilanzo, Dr P Mumbura, D Mukel, W Kamau; 12.40 A Machochi, A K Ndungu, K Wangondo, D Waruinge; 12.50 C Njoroge, F Kiamba, C Karanja, E Gathu





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**BRIEFLY**

**Women's Champions League qualifiers return to Kenya**

Kenya will host the CAF Women's Champions League Ceca Zonal Qualifiers in Nairobi next month

Regional body Ceca on Wednesday confirmed the change in venue. The tournament was originally scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The qualifiers will be held from September 4 to 16.

Kenya hosted the first edition of the tournament in 2021 won by home side Vihiga Queens. Yusuf Mossi, the Competitions Director at Ceca, expressed his satisfaction with the decision, stating: "We are pleased to bring the tournament back to Kenya." He acknowledged the nation's passion for women football.

Kenya champions Police Bullets will represent the country in the qualifiers. This will be their second appearance in the competition after their debut last year in Addis Ababa.

Toto Arege

Group 'A' Two-time champions DR Congo thump Zambia to revive title dreams



Harambee Stars captain Abud Omar sticks to Angola's Bernabe Thomas like glue during their 2024 African Nations Championship Group "A" match at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani yesterday. The match ended 1-1. SILA KIPLAGATI / NATION

**FIXTURES**

**Yesterday's results:**  
Group "A"  
DR Congo 2 Zambia 0  
Angola 1 Kenya 1

**Playing today:**  
Group "C"  
Algeria v South Africa 5pm  
Uganda v Niger 8pm

**Playing tomorrow:**  
Group "D"  
Central Africa Republic v Mauritania 5pm  
Tanzania v Madagascar 8pm

Battling 10-man Kenya earn precious point against Angola

Harambee Stars play over 70 minutes a man less as they protect a 1-1 scoreline to the end

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|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|--|
|                  | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |  |
| Group "A"        |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |  |
| 1 Kenya          | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1  | 4   |  |
| 2 Morocco        | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  | 3   |  |
| 3 DR Congo       | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1  | 3   |  |
| 4 Angola         | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -2 | 1   |  |
| 5 Zambia         | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Group "B"        |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |  |
| 1 Tanzania       | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3  | 6   |  |
| 2 Burk.Faso      | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0  | 3   |  |
| 3 Madagascar     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1   |  |
| 4 Mauritania     | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1   |  |
| 5 CAR            | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 0   |  |
| Group "C"        |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |  |
| 1 Algeria        | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3  | 3   |  |
| 2 Guinea         | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 3   |  |
| 3 S. Africa      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0   |  |
| 4 Niger          | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0   |  |
| 5 Uganda         | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -3 | 0   |  |
| Group "D"        |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |  |
| 1 Senegal        | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 3   |  |
| 2 Congo          | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1   |  |
| 3 Sudan          | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1   |  |
| 4 Nigeria        | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0   |  |



**BY VICTOR OTIENO AND CECIL ODONGO**

Ten-man Harambee Stars put up a spirited fight to draw 1-1 with dominant Angola in their second Group "A" match of the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani in

Nairobi yesterday. Angola thought they had scored the winner in extra-time but centre referee Nigerian Sadou Ali Brahamou cancelled Joao Chigando Manha's header after a VAR review for offside. That decision saw Kasarani roar in wild cheers - the thousands of enthusiastic home supporters elated to see Haran-

bee Stars secure a point in a tough match they played more than 70 minutes with 10 men. Midfielder Marvin Nabwire was sent off in the 21st minute following a tackle on an Angolan player. Earlier in the first-half, Angola took the lead in the seventh through dread-locked, burly-forward Joaquim Jo Cristovao Pa-

DR Congo's Oscar Kabwit (left) tussles for the ball with Zambia's Kelvin Kapumbu during their 2024 African Nations Championship Group "A" match at Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi yesterday. **DRC won 2-0.** CHRIS OMOLLO / NATION

ciencia. However, Kenya equalised through attacking midfielder Austine Odhiambo from the spot in the 12th minute. The draw took Kenya atop Group "A" table on three points from two matches played. Following the draw, each member of the team will get Sh500,000 cash reward from President William Ruto.

Earlier at Nyayo Stadium, Democratic Republic of Congo bounced back to beat Zambia 2-0 in a Group "A" match.

Leopards had on Sunday lost 1-0 to Kenya at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani in their opening match and needed a win to get back on track as they chase after a third Chan title.

DR Congo, winners of the tournament in 2009 and 2019, took the lead via Ibrahim Batobo's long range shot that went past Zambia custodian Willard Mwanza in the 51st minute. The goal sparked wild celebrations from the sizeable crowd coloured in blue at the Nyayo stands. Despite Zambia, popularly known as Chipolopolo - the Copper Bullets, possessing the ball and fighting back, DR Congo defence was resolute on its line.

**2-0**

DR Congo's win over Zambia in their 2024 African Nations Championship Group "A" match at Nyayo Stadium yesterday



DR Congo revive title hopes with victory over Zambia in Group 'C' of 2024 Chan tournament  
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# Why CAF slapped heavy fine on Kenya

CAF rules that FKF breached various safety and security regulations, and disciplinary code on Sunday, and imposes a total of Sh2.5m in fine

BY VICTOR OTIENO

The government has urged fans to comply with safety and security regulations imposed by Confederation of African Football (CAF) at the ongoing 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan), noting that the success of the tournament will be a big statement on the country's ability to host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon).

The advisory came yesterday after CAF imposed a fine of Sh2.5 million (\$20,000) on Football Kenya Federation (FKF) following breach of various safety and security regulations, as well as the disciplinary code.

Kenya is co-hosting the tournament with Uganda and Tanzania. The tournament started on August 2, and will run till August 30. The three countries will also co-host the 2027 Afcon.

Nineteen teams, among them the three host nations are competing in the Chan. The showpiece, which is exclusively reserved for players playing their trade in their respective domestic leagues, will conclude on August 30, with a final match at the 48,000-seater Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) Kasarani.

After just the first round of Group "A" matches, CAF has already imposed a total fine of Sh2.5 million (\$20,000) on FKF over breach of various safety and

security regulations, as well as the disciplinary code.

In a statement on Wednesday, CAF Disciplinary Board said it found FKF guilty of breach of CAF Disciplinary Code, as well as CAF Safety and Security Regulations during the two matches held in Nairobi on Sunday. Hosts Kenya defeated 2009 and 2016 Chan champions, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) 1-0 at MISC, Kasarani on Sunday. Harambee Stars attacking midfielder Austine Odhiambo scored the winner. Later that day, 2018 and 2020 champions Morocco thumped Angola 2-0 at the 18,000-seater Nyayo National Stadium. CAF Disciplinary Board indicated that the Sh2.5 million should be paid within 60 days. Additionally, CAF issued a suspended fine of Sh258,600 (\$2,500) against Kenya.

Speaking at Nyayo National Stadium on Thursday, Raymond Omollo, the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, warned fans against misbehaving during the tournament, saying that such acts not only attract sanctions from CAF but also soil the country's image.

He said every match in the Chan tournament presents an opportunity for Kenya "to prove we can host Africa's biggest football event."

"CAF and other stakeholders are closely observing not just the



Harambee Stars fans rally behind the team against DR Congo on Sunday during their 2024 Africa Nations Championship match at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

games, but the overall fan experience and security management," said Omollo.

"Therefore, our success in hosting the ongoing tournament must go beyond the readiness of our facilities and our on-field performance. We must show we are not just passionate; we must also demonstrate that we honour the game and opportunity. Let's match patriotism with responsibility," he added.

Nicholas Musonye, the chair-

man of Kenya's Local Organising Committee, said: "We don't want to attract another penalty from CAF. It is not in our interest for Kenya to be fined."

"We need the money to help our team and even pay the volunteers. Those coming to the stadium must follow the security measures and CAF guidelines. They should not carry vuvuzela and any other banned items to the stadium," the former Cecafa General Secretary added.

In Kenya's match against Democratic Republic of Congo, CAF Disciplinary Board charged the FKF with breaching Articles 82 and 83 of the CAF Disciplinary Code as well as Articles 15, 31, and 32 of the CAF Safety and Security Regulations. As a result, FKF was fined Sh646,500 (\$5,000) for the stampede and unauthorised access to the stadium, and an additional Sh1,293,000 (\$10,000) for assault on CAF personnel and guests. CAF further warned FKF

for the ignition of fire inside the stadium during the match.

In the case of the match between Morocco and Angola, CAF charged FKF with misconduct and breaches of Articles 82 and 83 of the CAF Disciplinary Code, and Articles 31, 32, and 43 of the CAF Safety & Security Regulations. The CAF Disciplinary Board imposed a fine of Sh646,500 (\$5,000) with Sh323,250 (\$2,500) suspended on condition that FKF does not commit a similar offence for the remainder of the tournament.

Calling on Kenyans to support the security officers by cooperating and adhering to their protocols and directives, Omollo urged the public "not to allow a few negative incidents to ruin the effort of thousands". In a separate incident, CAF Disciplinary Board fined the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Sh1,293,000 (\$10,000) for the breach of CAF's Safety and Security obligations as stipulated in Articles 82 and 83 of the CAF Disciplinary Code and Articles 24 and 28 of the CAF Safety & Security Regulations.

The charge stems from incidents during the Group "B" match between hosts Tanzania and Burkina Faso at the 60,000-seater Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam. The CAF Disciplinary Board says that during the match, "fans in the stands misbehaved and broke safety and security protocols."

## South Africa play high-flying Algeria in Kampala, Uganda seek redemption against Guinea

BY VICTOR OTIENO

South Africa begin their campaign in the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) today against a formidable Algeria at the 45,000-seater Nelson Mandela Stadium in Kampala. The Group 'C' match will kick-off at 5pm.

Later today at the same venue, hosts Uganda will be seeking to bounce back from their disappointing start of the competition when they face Guinea from 8pm.

Niger are the pool's other members.

Kenya are co-hosting the 19-nation, four-week biennial tournament with Uganda and Tanzania. Ranked 56th globally, South Africa, nicknamed "Bafana Bafana" (The Boys) are making their third appearance in Chan, but are yet to win the tournament.

As hosts of the 2014 edition, South Africa failed to capitalise on the home support to make it past the group stage of the tournament. In the previous edition of the tournament held in 2011 in Sudan, "Bafana Bafana" reached the quarter-finals

and were eliminated by Algeria 2-0. To reach the last eight stage, South Africa won all their group matches of the competition against Niger, Zimbabwe and Ghana. Heading into the Friday's clash against Algeria, South Africa, coached by 54-year-old Molefi Ntseki will be aiming to extend their win in Chan openers to three, having bagged maximum points in their first round matches of the 2011 and 2014 championships.

They registered an identical 2-1 win over Ghana and Mozambique

respectively. However, making that bright start today promises not to be easy as Algeria showed their mean business with a 3-0 rout of hosts Uganda on Monday at Mandela National Stadium.

In that match, the "Desert Foxes" impressed with slick style of play,

with all the three goals showcasing pure masterclass.

Coached by former international team defender, Madjid Bougherra, Algeria are eyeing their first Chan title in three appearances. They reached semi-finals in 2011 and final in 2022 at home - losing 5-4 to Senegal in post-match penalties after drawing 0-0 in regular and extra-time. Placed 36th globally, Algeria are unbeaten in their last seven Chan matches in open play - winning six and one penalty shootout loss to Senegal in the 2022 final. Having become Chan regulars,

Uganda are eyeing a long-awaited title and will be desperate for a win against Guinea. DRC and Uganda are the teams with most appearances in Chan at seven each.

In their six previous appearances, Uganda did not make it past the group stage. On the other hand, Guinea are making their fourth appearance in the tournament.

The West African nation best performance in Chan was in 2020 in Cameroon where they finished third. Uganda are ranked 89th while Guinea are placed 82nd.

### PLAYING TODAY

(All matches at Mandela National Stadium)  
Guinea v Uganda (8pm)  
Algeria v South Africa (5pm)



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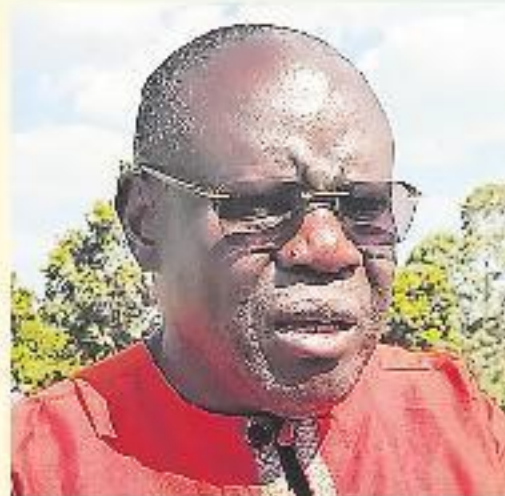
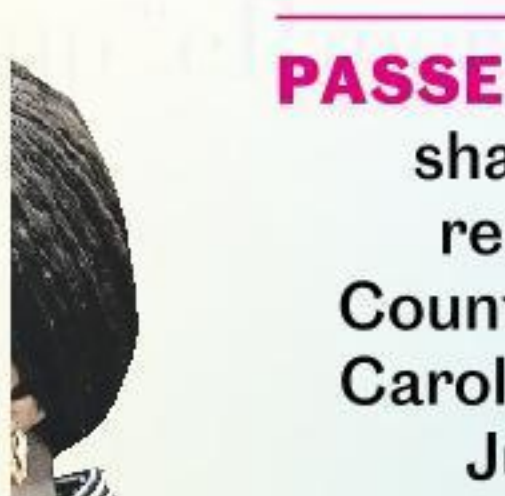
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## The final testimony

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Here is the truth about men who choose 'women's' work

**W**e recently published a story about male kindergarten teachers who have chosen to work in a field overwhelmingly dominated by women. These men described the raised eyebrows and outright disbelief they encountered when people learned about their profession. Yet what struck me wasn't the surprise they faced, but the profound im-

perfect they were having—children finally had male role models showing them that caring isn't exclusively feminine.

I'm reminded daily of how deeply entrenched our society remains in the fiction that certain work belongs exclusively to certain genders. It's a fiction that costs us all—economically, socially, and emotionally.

The recent comment by a senior police officer suggesting that women's recruitment should be capped at 20 per cent because "they can't deliver as men" during protests, reveals how far we still have to go. This thinking reduces police work to a single dimension and ignores reality: effective law enforcement requires diverse skills. Women have proved themselves in combat zones, as firefighters, as surgeons under pressure. Why would policing be different?

This perspective fails to recognise that police work extends far beyond crowd control. Officers handle domestic violence cases, investigate sexual crimes, work in cybercrime units, and engage in community policing—areas that benefit from diverse approaches.

The irony isn't lost on me that while we question women's capabilities in traditionally male-dominated fields, we simultaneously undervalue men who choose careers in early childhood edu-



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cation, nursing, or midwifery. These men face ridicule, yet research shows that children benefit from male role models in educational settings and that diverse

care teams provide better outcomes.

I think about male midwives delivering babies with skill and compassion, stay-at-home fathers nurturing children while wives advance careers, women handling household repairs while partners manage domestic duties. Each challenges the narrative that caring is less masculine or providing is less feminine.

At home, this evolution plays out practically: couples sharing cooking duties based on schedules rather than gender, fathers attending parent meetings as readily as mothers, families functioning best when everyone contributes according to abilities.

Rigid gender roles damage us beyond individual families. When we tell boys certain careers are beneath them or girls that certain fields are too challenging, we create artificial scarcity in vital sectors while pushing qualified individuals away from where they might excel.

Our ancestors lived when physical strength determined opportunities, but we inhabit a world where emotional intelligence, creativity, and interpersonal skills often matter more. In Kenya's evolving economy, clinging to outdated notions of who can do what work isn't just regressive—it's economically counterproductive.

Change happens one decision at a time. When we stop asking "Is this woman's work?" and start asking "Who can do this work well?", we create spaces where talent thrives regardless of gender and work gets done by the most qualified people available.

The world has evolved. Isn't it time our thinking did too?

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## ON THE RADAR

Compiled by Wanja Mbuthia

## Angeline Yiamiton

President William Ruto has nominated Angeline Yiamiton Siparo as a member of the National Police Service Commission.



Angeline has previously served as the coordinator of the Young African Leaders Initiative's Legacy Localisation Project across 49 countries and the chair of the National Aids Control Council (2016–22). She also served in various institutions, including Oxford HR (AU/Africa CDC), Catholic Medical Mission Board, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, Futures Group International, and Family Health International. She holds a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology from USIU-Africa.



## Catherine Ndereba

Catherine Ndereba has been appointed to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development's Council of Eminent Personalities, a distinguished group tasked with bringing peace to warring communities and regions across the Horn of Africa, including in Kenya and countries like South Sudan and Somalia. Ndereba, a two-time Olympic medallist, now serves as assistant commissioner of Prisons.

## Lillian Ngala

Lillian Ngala has been recognised among the Top 50 Most Influential Women in Kenya by Africapitol. This prestigious acknowledgment is a testament to Lillian's tireless efforts in empowering leaders, shaping policies, and driving meaningful social change. Lillian is the founder of the Lillian Ngala Network and the Lillian Ngala Foundation, which helps widows build homes in Homa Bay. She has been a trailblazer in redefining the HR landscape in Africa, championing people-centred values, and fostering the culture of belonging.



## The makeshift clinic fighting Sudan's worst cholera



Halima Mohammed Adam, a cholera patient, receives treatment at a United Nations-run makeshift clinic in Tawila, North Darfur, Sudan, August 5, 2025. Sudan is experiencing its worst cholera outbreak in history. PHOTO | REUTERS

## WHAT'S UP AFRICA?

## UGANDA

### Lawyers set up healing circle for GBV survivors

Women Muslim lawyers under the Islamic Women's Initiative for Justice, Law and Peace have established a new facility, the Nisa Healing Circle, designed to provide psychological and legal support to Muslim survivors of gender-based violence. Located in Mulawa village, Kira Municipality, the centre will serve as a safe and supportive space for beneficiaries. It will provide counselling and other forms of support to promote the culture of seeking justice and punishing perpetrators. Ms Asiat Nakawunde, the in-charge therapist, emphasised the importance of psychological support for survivors.

## TANZANIA

### 50 young women trained to lead in tech via UN initiative

As part of ongoing efforts to close the gender gap in digital access and opportunities, 50 girls from across the country have successfully completed the African Girls Can Code Initiative, locally known as "Binti Dijitali," coding camp, marking the fourth national camp organised under initiative. With funding from Belgium, it aims to bridge the technological divide by increasing women's and girls' access to digital technologies and supporting their empowerment through education and employment. The two-week camp was held in Dodoma.

## BOTSWANA

### Gender organs call for vibrant women's league

A wave of concern is sweeping across gender justice organisations. As such, they are calling for an urgent revival and strengthening of political women's leagues to support women vying for leadership roles and general election candidacies. Following that, the organisations have raised the alarm over the dwindling number of women occupying top political positions. Currently, the Botswana Congress Party is the only organisation with a notable female presence, reportedly 30 per cent representation, on its executive committee.

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## Daisy's World Retirement sparks reflections on time, purpose, relationships, and profession



# Start with the end in mind: Lessons from dad's 38-year career

Last weekend, my older sisters and I headed home for the much anticipated retirement climax for my dad – after 38 years as an educator. I said much-anticipated because since the year started, hardly a week passed without my father reminding us in the family WhatsApp group that he was due to retire by mid-2025. For me, the event was a good excuse to pause work and spend a few days in the countryside with my family. It was also a good excuse to wear a new, colourful, shiny dress when it is not Christmas.

During the gathering that included people from church, neighbours, some members of my extended family, and family friends, I sat at the front. I enjoyed the sermon, the performances and the satisfying feeling of watching my father, from the side, smile often. It was a great occasion to remember the long road he had walked. No one wins a marathon by mistake – like my dad, no one successfully completes a formal professional journey by mistake. It has been close to 40 years of hard work, sacrifice, devotion and passion. Even as I listened to other guests, my mind was firmly fixed on the finish line, when my father, the man of the moment, would take hold of the microphone and display his oratory mastery. My father is an admirable public speaker.

For today's column, therefore, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on the lessons from that event. My first lesson was that the best day to start planning for your retirement is on the first day of employment. That was not exactly a new awakening for me – someone has said it before either in a financial literacy class or in one of the work conferences I have attended. However, watching that unfold right before my eyes carried serious depth. I imagine it would have been quite the spectacle had my father not done what he was expected to do during his formal employment; for example, putting together a home, taking his children to school and forging critical relationships. From his speech, my biggest takeaway was that on his retirement day, he did not



Daisy Okoti

regret doing his primary assignments.

Another reflection was that time passes faster than we think and if we are not fully present, life will pass us by. I could imagine my dad on his first day of work being told that one day, he would retire. Maybe his mind quickly dismissed that idea as farfetched because, surely, 40 years is a long time to think about. But slowly by slowly, the years went by, he got older and just like that, it was time for him to retire. I thought back to the time I joined university and my mind was convinced that four years was a lifetime. It is a good thing that at the end of the four years, even if I was surprised by how fast the years passed, I had accomplished what had taken me to university. I extend that reminder to you. Do not be tempted by the illusion of the time you think you have. Whether you are starting a five-year fellowship, starting university, or leaving the country for an eight-year PhD programme. The best bet is to do your best from the onset.

My final reflection was on the importance of nurturing genuine relationships – friendships and familial. Ultimately, it is those closest to you who will walk life's journey with you to the end. When we major in the minors – giving too much focus to things that don't matter – we risk regretting how we spent our time. Whether that is formal employment, like in my dad's case, or the end of whatever phase of our lives. My father wholeheartedly retired and that for me was a sign that from the bottom of his heart, he knew he had done the best he could during formal employment.

Later when I spoke to him and asked what his favourite part of the event was, he did not mince his words. "I liked the presentations and the gift-giving segments most." I am a true daughter of my father because like him, I enjoyed those two parts the most.

Happy retirement, Dad!

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## Voicemale More men use maternal surnames and reject paternal lineage, indicating myth and gender power shifts

# From stigma to statement: The emerging face of the Agikuyu male identity

It is observable in Kenya that more and more men from the Agikuyu are using identifiably their mothers' names as their surnames, contrary to the norm. A connoisseur of this culture indicates that this is resulting from the modern system of birth registration requiring the father's and mother's names. He explains that this trend is symptomatic of children born of single mothers but under different circumstances.



Dr Okumba Miruka

First, the child was fathered out of an adventure rather than well-established relationship. Second, there was a breakdown in the relationship between the two biological parents and the mother wishes to obliterate the father from her memory by not having the child carry his name. Third, the biological father denies responsibility and does not go through traditional sanitisation where he pays a penalty for making someone's daughter pregnant out of wedlock. An alternative ceremony is then done for the maternal grandfather to take over ownership of the child.

Whatever the case, there is a curiosity in that single mothers and men who deny responsibility for pregnancies are not found only in this community. Why then is this phenomenon not evident in the other Kenyan communities?

From a theoretical and philosophical perspective, we must ask additional questions. Is it a way by which women are asserting autonomy? Is it sending the message that lineage is not intrinsically patrilineal? Is it saying that the men in question are proud of their matrilineal identity and "feminine" surnames? Is it conveying that if in deed all these men were results of single parenthood, they do not consider it a liability, hence are sanitising it away from the social stigma

it has historically suffered? Mythologists may also claim that this trend is an unconscious reclamation of the community's genealogical origin, which is that it descended from the nine daughters of the matriarch Mumbi after whom the community's clans are named.

Incidentally, children taking their mothers' names is practised in a number of civilisations. In Africa, the practice is found among the

Akan of Ghana. Here, the mother's lineage provides the child's surname and a man is bound to support his sister's children rather than his own. Among the Minangkabau of Indonesia, considered the world's largest matrilineal society, children bear the mother's clan name and belong to her clan. Moreover, the man moves to the wife's home (nothing to do with the Biblical command in Ephesians 5:31). The same happens in the Khasi and Garo tribes of India where it is the youngest daughter who inherits family property and sustains the lineage. Among the Mosuo of China, "children take their mothers' surnames, live in extended matrilineal households under matriarchal leadership, and men often live separately, with children raised in their mother's family".

Writing on the website of the Development Studies Association of Australia, Tahmina Rashid delves into the subject of naming and its connection with patriarchy and colonialism. She argues that "naming practices are reflective of prevailing power structures and hierarchies". This is manifest in the practice, for example, of Africans taking foreign names and of a woman assuming her husband's name thinking that this is a show of love for the "better half", yet it is an exercise in domination and subjugation.

She traces the origin of surnames to the Norman Conquest and occupation of England in 1066 but much more strongly to the 18th century patriarchal laws in England, which vested ownership and inheritance of property to the husband, declaring that only his name "became a family name and was subsequently passed on to the children". This led to the demise of women's surnames. Notably, this is the tradition that colonialists imported to us, hence a woman becomes "Mrs" somebody rather than remain herself. She challenges social scientists to deconstruct and decolonise these norms.

The psychological constructs of anima and animus also come to mind here. These concepts were originated by Carl Jung to explain our unconscious femininities (for men) and masculinities (for women). Jung characterised anima as consisting of emotion, intuition and creativity (shaped through association with the mother) while animus inheres in logic, assertiveness and independence (modelled in association with the father). Of course, feminists will consider this nothing but stereotyping which, by its nature, does not allow for individual differences but thrives in generalisation. Perhaps a more nuanced way of seeing the concepts is that each human being has a mixture of the two.

Looking at these thoughts, is this trend a deliberate or fortuitous disruption of patriarchy? Is it the beginning of the deconstruction Rashid is calling for? Could the men be retreating to their anima and mythical origins? Are we likely to see other communities replicate the trend?

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Trailblazer She championed women's rights, pioneered affirmative action, and inspired generations through her calm

# The legacy lives on: How Phoebe Asiyo shaped a generation of leaders

Her proteges share intimate testimonies of how her quiet wisdom, from calling one "lethal" to teaching handwriting skills, fundamentally shaped Kenya's gender inclusion journey and modern political landscape



Former Karachuonyo MP the late Phoebe Asiyo. Her legacy lives on through the countless women and men she mentored, the institutions she helped build, and the barriers she broke. PHOTO | POOL

BY MORAA OBIKIA

Phoebe Asiyo finally rests today at her home in Kibiri, Homa Bay County, having been flown in from North Carolina, USA, where she died on July 17 at the age of 92. By now, you probably know many of her accomplishments—from tabling the Affirmative Action Motion in Parliament in 1997 (which sadly never saw the light of day but set the wheels of gender justice in motion) to mobilising women to travel to Kapenguria in West Pokot to visit detained Mzee Jomo Kenyatta. Mama Phoebe, as many women of her era fondly call her, was still on a mission: 50-50 representation of women in leadership.

To women of the 21st century who may not have the slightest idea of what she stood for or how she helped shape the gains they now enjoy, she has left behind a reservoir of history in the form of her book, *It Is Possible: An African Woman's Reflections on a Life-Long Political Journey*. Her biography takes you deep into her world in the pre-colonial and independence seasons, and sweeps you through the maze of being an elected woman in a Parliament dominated by men. In her struggles, she learnt. Through her accomplishments, she inspired and mentored women and men, some of whom now share what Mama Phoebe taught them, whether in person or from a distance. Their testimonies are lessons in themselves.

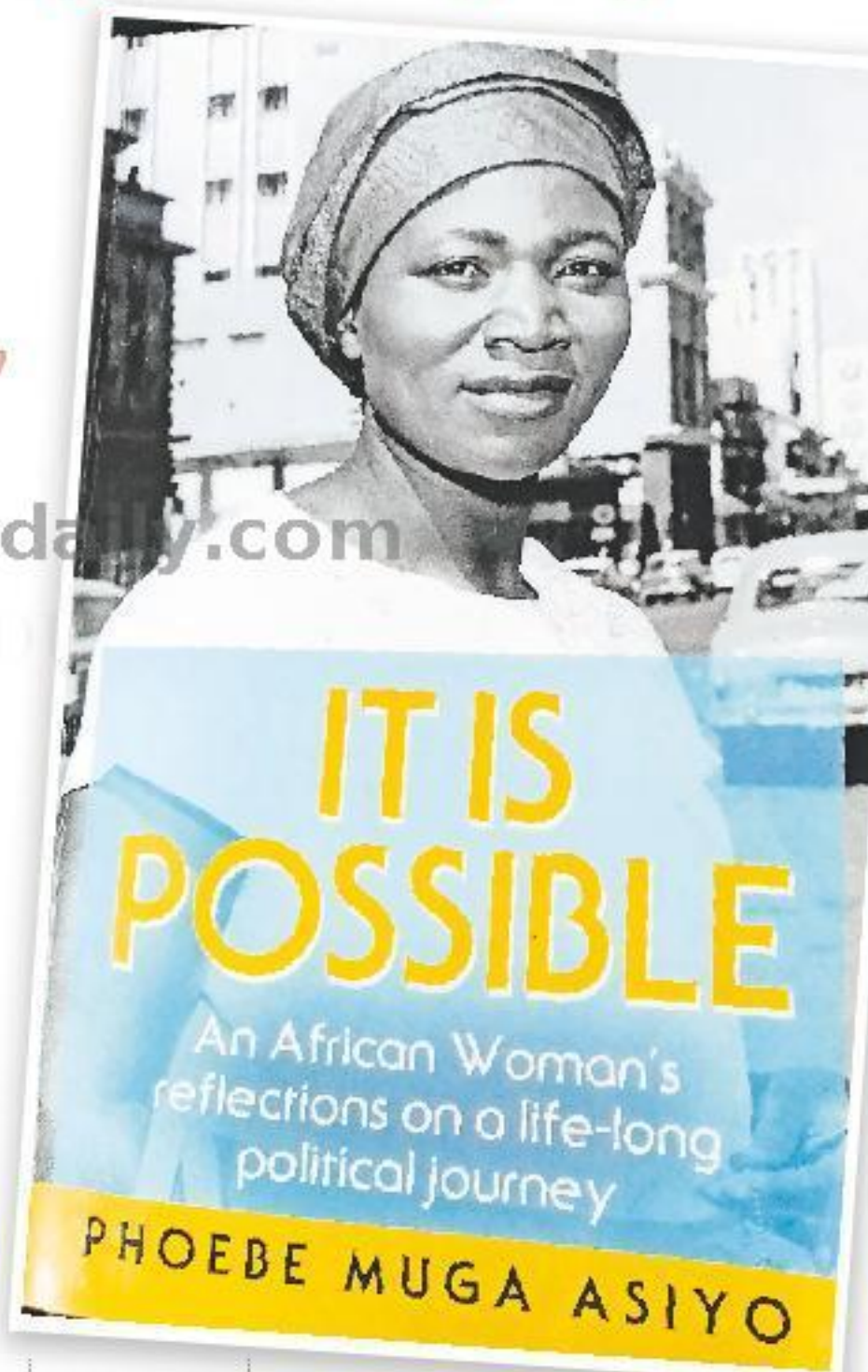
**Martha Karua,  
Party leader,**

## People's Liberation Party

"We have lost a library"

"She was the first African chair of Maendeleo ya Wanawake, so the history of the women's movement in this country is intertwined with her history. And as we grew up, these are the women we heard about. On the political front, there were Phoebe Asiyo, Julia Ojiambo. We heard of young ones like Chelangat Mutai. These are names that impacted me and others alike as we grew up. I had the pleasure of working with Phoebe when I joined Parliament, and also in the women's movement.

"When the constitutional review process started formally in 1997-98, I remember that, within the Inter-Parties Parliamentary Group, Phoebe was the only woman in the legal committee, while I was the only woman in the constitutional committee. At that



Phoebe's book, *It Is Possible: An African Woman's Reflections on a Life-Long Political Journey*. PHOTO | FILE

PLP leader Martha Karua. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

time, she was also chairing an umbrella of all the women's organisations: the Women's Political Caucus.

"She had been unanimously proposed and accepted by all the women's organisations to lead that caucus so that we could jointly push for women's gains in the constitutional review process. She ended up being a key pillar in the process, as one of the initial commissioners elected by women. We deliberately placed her there to represent the older women, the carriers of our history in independent Kenya as women.

"Working with Phoebe was easy. She gave a listening ear to everyone. She was always tempered in her responses. She truly was a resource, a source of wisdom for us. Beyond the women's movement, which culminated in the gains we have today, she also brought the affirmative action motion after the Beijing Conference. And together with Charity Ngilu, who brought a similar but slightly different motion, they set in motion the journey that eventually gave rise to the National Gender and Equality Commission—and more broadly, the journey towards gender inclusion.

"In the constitutional review, we argued, for the first time, that one-third of all organs

of the review process should be women. That's how women ended up in the commission, in the national convention, and even when it went down to the districts and counties, women were there.

"So yes, she has left a lasting impact, not only on the women of Kenya but on the nation as a whole through her contributions. When you are in Parliament, you are a national leader. The National Assembly of Kenya. I also remember the work she did for her constituents. I remember knocking on the doors of development partners alongside her, looking for support for our respective constituencies. That was long before the Constituencies Development Fund, and at a time when the government of the day was responsive to development.

"So, I know she did a lot of work. We have lost a library, a library of the history of leadership in Kenya, and women. She had another first: the first woman secretary-general for the Local Authorities. She was an icon in leadership, political leadership, national leadership, and leadership within the women's movement. The current generation of older and younger women can carry on Phoebe's legacy by being authentic leaders, as she was. By genuinely working for the welfare of the nation and women. Luckily, she has left behind a memoir where people can read about her journey. But I believe we must also, collectively, record the contributions of women so that the women of Kenya can continue to be mentored by the legacies of those who came before them.

"As I've said, luckily for us, Phoebe has left a book: *It Is Possible: An African Woman's Reflections on a Life-Long Political Journey*."

**Cecily Mbarire,  
Governor, Embu  
County**

"She broke barriers"

"Hon Phoebe Asiyo's conviction and courage inspired an entire generation. As a trailblazer in politics, she broke barriers and paved the way for women like me to take our rightful place in leadership. Her fearless pursuit of equality and justice empowered countless women to find their voices, to stand tall, and to fight for what they believed in. Her historic motion on affirmative action in Parliament, the first of its kind, called for greater representation of women in leadership. That single act set in motion a transformation that continues to open doors for generations of women leaders.

"Beyond the walls of Parliament, Asiyo's work within the women's movement both locally and on the global stage cemented her legacy as a champion of empowerment, advocacy, and social transformation. She carried out her duties with unmatched



n, courageous leadership in politics and grassroots movements



Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

grace, unwavering dignity, and profound humility—values that inspired and shaped many leaders who walk in her footsteps today. The people of Karachuonyo were truly privileged to be represented by such a visionary and principled leader.

"Her mentorship has shaped the paths of many women in leadership today, including myself. Her absence will be felt across the country, but her legacy will continue to ignite change for years to come. Phoebe Asiyu's life was a testament to what determination, courage, and vision can achieve. May her memory continue to inspire and guide us. RIP Mama Asiyu."

## Dr Litha Musyimi-Ogana, AU Commissioner for Human Rights

### "She called me 'Lethal'"

"I met Phoebe way back in 1993, when we were preparing for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo. She had been trained at one of the institutions in the US called the Center for Development and Population Activities (Cedpa). She was an early alumna of Cedpa because she was a pioneer Kenyan woman politician. I went to Cedpa much later, in 1985.

"When I got there, they told me to reach out to Mama Phoebe, whom I used to admire as a little girl, because really, there were few women politicians in those days. It was either Grace Onyango, Phoebe Asiyu, Julia Ojiambo, later Nyiva Mwendwa, or Grace Ogot. And before that, there was Chelagat Mutai. You know, we had only one woman in Parliament at a time. So, these women truly inspired us.

"During that training, they told me that once I returned home, I should look for her. So I tried but didn't manage until we eventually met in New York during the preparatory conference for ICPD. I had listened to her on the radio, Voice of Kenya, in those days, and every little girl wanted to be like Phoebe Asiyu. When I met her, she struck me in many ways. First, she was such a calm person. Intelligent. Humble. Elegant, from her hair, all the way to her shoes. She was among the women who taught me how to write in longhand. I had learned computers at university, so I arrived with tech skills.

"When I met these women, and they knew the issues we were discussing in New



Dr Litha Musyimi-Ogana, AU Commissioner for Human Rights. PHOTO | POOL

York, especially on women, and they could express themselves and write it all down. I would type everything out, of course, in between carrying handbags here and there. When I got back home, I learned that she had been the chairperson of Maendeleo ya Wanawake, which I had also joined. So, I began to overlap with Phoebe in the women's movement.

"From ICPD, we went on to Beijing. When we came back, we started meeting at conferences here and there. But it's the Women's Political Caucus that truly brought us together. When Hon Phoebe presented the Affirmative Action motion to Parliament, we were training the National Council of Women of Kenya in Embu, and we were all hopeful that the motion would pass, but something happened, and it failed. That's why we call it the Phoebe Asiyu Motion.

"When the motion failed, we converged at Silver Springs Hotel in Nairobi because we wanted to ask: what can we do as Kenyan women to change the situation? Eventually, we held a series of meetings, and that's how the Kenyan Women's Political Caucus was formed. My organisation at the time, the African Centre for Empowerment, Gender and Advocacy became a member of the caucus. It's in the Women's Political Caucus, where my organisation was a member, that we ended up working closely. At some point, the caucus split.

"I can't remember what the other group was called, but I stayed on the caucus side. We listened to Phoebe. We didn't want to lose the caucus. It wasn't an easy fight, but one good thing about us, Kenyan women, is that we know what matters most. We might disagree on petty issues, but when it came to the constitutional review, we came together again. And we rallied behind her leadership.

"Phoebe never held grudges. If she disagreed with you, that wasn't the end—she would still call you back. We came together when we were fighting to be part of the constitutional review. You know, those assemblies they talk about were born out of this process. They were part of our strategy to influence the local process. It was the caucus's idea that we must go to the location level and plant ourselves. Because Kanu was now too strong. If Kanu came with delegates from the local level, they would take control of the constitutional process. This is where Phoebe was at her best—by planting a female delegate alongside the opposition, women's voices could not be ignored.

"We disagreed, yes. But through leadership like Phoebe's at the caucus, we always found a way to focus on what was important, and agree. By the way, she used to call me 'Lethal'. Phoebe taught us how not to be confrontational.

"Later on, we made serious inroads in engendering the government. She was a

peacemaker. Even when you listened to her, you wouldn't immediately hear what she was saying. You had to lean in to listen because she spoke so softly. I used to ask her, 'How do you even campaign?' That tells you she was approachable; someone you could share a laugh with. I even asked her one time why she never wore earrings and then she told me 'Lethal... I am an SDA.'"

## The voices from Parliament

### Julius Mawathe, Embakasi South

"When Phoebe Asiyu was campaigning for her re-election, I was the vice-captain of Umeme FC. We travelled to Kendu Bay to play under the leadership of Joe Akech, the former Mayor of Nairobi. That's when I saw her campaign with such strength and determination. (In 1979, Phoebe made history by winning the Karachuonyo seat for the second time, defeating then-Kanu chair David Okiki Amayo.) I was a young man then, and Phoebe stood out as a woman leader everyone knew. She was vocal and truly admired. We loved watching her debate on television; she was sharp and articulate. She brought many positive changes to the community and never stopped fighting for what she believed in. Every time she spoke, she reminded us of the importance of having more women in leadership."

### Julius Sunkuli, Kilgoris

"Phoebe Asiyu was well known to me because she was a member of my party, Kanu. She was nurtured by the party and was part of Kanu. She was a model for many people in Kenya who aspired to ethical leadership. She was a strong debater in the House."

### Rahab Muiu, National chairperson, Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation

#### "Did more and spoke less"

"She reminded me many times of my mother, who often worked in silence. Very little noise, but a lot got done. I always remembered that, especially when I later came to work with her in Maendeleo ya Wanawake. When we were reviewing the Maendeleo constitution, she stuck to her role, and I stuck to mine.

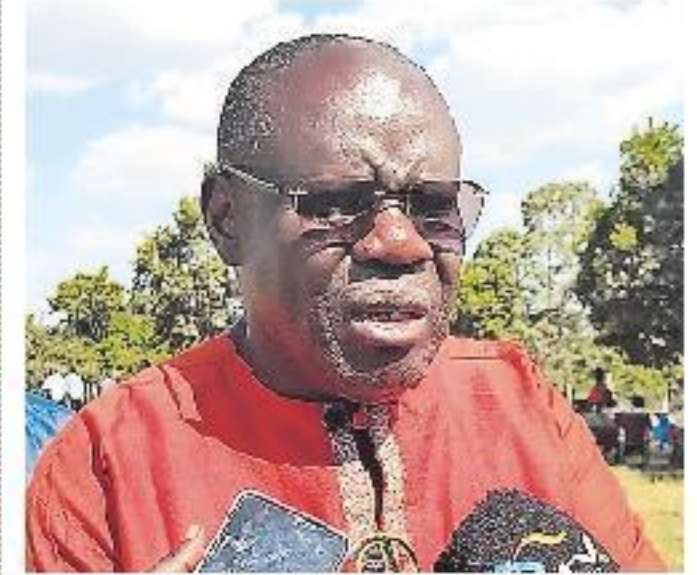
"Even before the Affirmative Action motion, there was the journey to Kapenguria in 1960, because they believed women needed to be at the table. All of this is in Mama Phoebe's book. She and Priscilla Abwao, who had been nominated to the Legislative Council, mobilised women from across Kenya, visited Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, and pushed for 50-50 representation in Parliament and local authorities.

"So I have seen a woman of great value. A woman of high integrity. A woman who does more and speaks less. She never commanded you to do things her way, but she would offer wisdom. She had a soft-spoken way of passing on information.

"When you look at her leadership



Embakasi South MP Julius Musili Mawathe. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION



Kilgoris MP Julius Sunkuli. RUTH MBULA | NATION



Maendeleo Ya Wanawake chairperson Rahab Muiu. PHOTO | POOL

throughout the years, you realise that pressing hard, pushing loudly, that's not always where change happens. She was an excellent listener. Mama Phoebe never classified people. She dealt with everyone in their own space, without judgement. The rest was up to you.

"Let me talk about when I worked with her as a patron from 2018. It has been seven years of great wisdom. She gave me the space to make decisions and accepted that I was the leader. That kind of trust moved the institution forward.

"When we transitioned the building from individual trustees, including her, she stood with me. She helped me. She was there when we reviewed the constitution. We needed to bring all these elements into the document, and I'll forever be grateful that the institution now sits on a clear, inclusive constitution.

"There was a constitution in the last regime; I was part of it, but we needed to include the sub-counties, so we could cover the entire country and address other structural gaps. We've had many challenges during my time. Transitions bring a lot of uncertainty. She stood with me. Mama Phoebe never interfered. She didn't lobby board members behind the scenes or tell anyone what to say in meetings. None of that. She let me do my work and offered her advice from a distance.

"May the good Lord rest you in everlasting peace. You were a gentle soul."

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**Resilience** Former banker promises transformational servant leadership and justice for all

BY STEVE OTIENO

# After supporting husband's campaigns, Amina Halake launches presidential bid

In the dusty corridors of Kenyan politics, where power has long been the preserve of men, a voice rises with quiet revolution. Amina Halake stands at 50, not asking for permission to dream but declaring her intention to shatter the highest glass ceiling in the land—to become Kenya's first female president.

"I do not offer myself to be your leader; I offer myself to be your servant," she declared at her official campaign launch.

"For too long, we have had leaders, but what Kenya needs now is service. And perhaps that is why our beloved country is referred to as She, not He."

This is not political rhetoric dressed up for applause. This is Amina Halake—banking executive, academic, survivor—charging into the 2027 General Election with the audacious belief that Kenya is ready for "transformational, motherly leadership."

Under the rebranded Alliance for Change party—formerly the Alliance for Real Change that her husband, former presidential aspirant Abduba Dida, once led—Amina has positioned herself not as a political heir, but as an independent force shaped by her own journey through struggle and resilience.

Her candidacy pulses with an urgency that feels deeply personal. At its heart lies an unrelenting focus on accountability, particularly regarding extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances that have torn through Kenyan families like a wound that won't heal. "Mothers cry for their sons. Families bury their loved ones without answers. This must end," she said. "Under my leadership, every life will matter. We will hold security agencies accountable and restore dignity to every Kenyan, regardless of tribe, religion, or region."

Amina's story begins in Moyale, Marsabit County, in the historically neglected region. Here, in a landscape where scarcity was a constant companion, a young girl learned lessons that would later shape a presidential vision. "I remember going to school barefoot. I remember trekking kilometres to fetch dirty water because that's all we had," she recalled in an exclusive interview with the Voice. "But I also remember my mother's sacrifices. She worked day and night to ensure we got an education."

From St Mary's Primary School in Moyale to Moyale Girls High School, then to the University of Nairobi where she earned a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) followed by a Master's in Strategic Management, Amina built her path one determined step at a time. Today, she pursues a PhD in Leadership and Governance—an academic journey she describes as reflecting her "obsession with building an equitable, well-governed nation."

"The leadership of this country



Amina Guyo Halake addresses journalists at Arabian Cuisine in Nairobi on July 27 during the launch of her 2027 presidential bid on Alliance for Change party. Amina is the wife of 2013 presidential candidate Mohammed Abduba Dida. PHOTOS | EVANS HABILI NATION

**From Moyale to the national stage, 2027 hopeful champions clean politics, gender equity, and youth empowerment in her historic run for the presidency**

touches me deeply. I have been a leader all through—primary school, high school, campus. It's in my bones," she explained.

Her professional journey took her through five years at a local bank before she transitioned to the Islamic banking sector. There, she discovered the contrasts between conventional and Sharia-compliant banking systems, deepening her understanding of economic justice.

While many are discovering Amina now, she has been preparing for this moment for years. In 2017, she contested the woman representative seat in Marsabit—a campaign derailed by family tragedies when she lost a young uncle to a road accident and an aunt, forcing her to split time between Nairobi hospitals and the campaign trail. "I couldn't cover the vast terrain of Marsabit. It's a huge county, and I lacked the resources and time. But even then, I finished third, and I was proud of that," she said.

Her political education accelerated through supporting her husband's presidential campaigns in 2013 and 2017. Their first attempt surprised the nation when they outperformed seasoned politicians like Martha Karua of Narc-K (now People's Liberation Party). "That taught me a powerful lesson: you do not need to be rich or come from a dominant

tribe to lead this country. What matters is how you package yourself and what you offer the people," she reflected.

For Amina, the cynical assumption that politics is inherently corrupt represents exactly the problem she wants to solve.

"The idea that politics is dirty is exactly why it remains so. Politics is not dirty. But if you lie, deceive, buy votes, and manipulate people, then you are dirty," she stated with characteristic clarity.

"If I tell you what I believe in, and you buy into that vision, that's clean politics. That's the

politics I stand for."

This philosophical stance isn't just idealistic; it's battle-tested. As a woman in politics, she has faced the brutality reserved for those who dare to transgress traditional boundaries. "There are those who are unhappy with me. They will paint me with all sorts of labels. But I've learned to block out the noise and move forward."

Her campaign focuses unapologetically on the issues that

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Amina Halake



Amina after launching her 2027 presidential bid in Nairobi on July 27.

matter most to ordinary Kenyans: corruption, healthcare, education, infrastructure, and youth empowerment. Her critique of the current administration cuts deep, grounded in the lived reality of citizens watching their government's priorities.

"We're told free education is no longer sustainable, yet the same government is spending Sh1.2 billion to build a church. If that money was redirected to schools, we wouldn't be having this conversation," she pointed out. "We're told we need affordable housing, but why not use those funds to ensure every Kenyan child is in school and every hospital has medicine?"

She warned current and former opposition leaders not to underestimate a population that has evolved beyond blind loyalty. "The Kenya of today is not the Kenya of yesterday. The youth have eyes. They can see. They have ears. They hear. You can't keep lying to them and expect the same blind loyalty," she said.

At the core of Amina's candidacy lies a deep longing for justice—both legal and social. She envisions a country where laws apply equally to all, where the poor are not crushed under a system designed to protect the powerful. "Kenya has become a place where the law bends for the powerful and breaks the weak. We must end this. We must build institutions that serve every citizen," she declared.

Her war on corruption is personal and comprehensive. "Corruption is why our hospitals lack medicine, why our roads are pot-

hole-ridden, why our farmers sleep hungry, and why our youth are jobless. We will dismantle these networks."

On gender equality, Amina speaks with the authority of lived experience. "What a man can do, a woman can do 10 times better. If you raise a woman, you raise an entire community."

She draws from the cultural challenges that northern Kenyan girls still face—female genital mutilation, early marriage, and discouragement from pursuing education—to illustrate broader systemic inequalities.

"We've had to run away from forced marriages, from circumcision. But we are here. We are resilient. The people of northern Kenya can thrive in any condition."

When asked about whether her Islamic faith precludes her from leadership, her response is both firm and enlightened: "Our faith holds women in high esteem. There is nothing in Islam that prevents a woman from leading. Look at President Samia Suluhu in Tanzania—a formidable Muslim woman leading her country with dignity."

Despite her resolve, Amina carries a burden that could complicate her political journey. Her husband, Abduba—affectionately known as "Mwalimu"—was sentenced in 2022 by a court in Illinois, USA, for stalking and threatening a woman. He was jailed for seven years, released in April 2025 after serving three years, and remains under legal supervision until 2029.

While Amina did not address this directly at her launch, it represents a shadow that political opponents and voters alike will scrutinise. Whether the electorate will separate her ambitions from her husband's controversies remains an open question in a political landscape where family associations often define careers. Yet, she remains undeterred, driven by what she describes as a mission larger than personal ambition. "My ambition is not for personal gain. It is to end the pain felt by Kenyans, to bring justice where there is none, and to remind this nation what true leadership looks like."

Asked about possible coalitions, Amina indicated that AFC is open to partnerships, but with strict conditions. "Our door is open to anyone ready for change. But we're not accepting everyone. If you have a questionable history in public life, you cannot be part of our movement."

She believes Kenya is ready for "a mother's touch—a nurturing but firm hand at the helm. I am confident that where I stand, the youth will not suffer. Where I lead, bad leadership will not see the light of day."

Her vision extends beyond political promises to a fundamental re-imagining of Kenyan society. She dreams of roads reaching every village, hospitals stocked with medicine, clean water as a right rather than a luxury, and children attending school without fear of being turned away.

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## Deepening famine Desperate families feed infants unsafe substitutes, risking death as aid remains scarce



A Palestinian baby, suffering from severe malnutrition, receives treatment in the paediatric ward at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, in Deir al-Balah, Gaza, on July 28. Here, infant formula has nearly run out and baby bottles are often filled with harmful substitutes. PHOTO IREUTERS

# 'If the baby could speak, she would scream at us': Gaza women resort to dangerous baby feeds

With formula vanished and breastfeeding impossible, Gaza's babies face starvation; families resort to grinding chickpeas, herbs, and leaves for survival

BY REUTERS

In a makeshift tent on a Gazan beach, three-month-old Muntaha's grandmother grinds up chickpeas into the tiniest granules she can to form a paste to feed the infant, knowing it will cause her to cry in pain, in a desperate race to keep the baby from starving.

"If the baby could speak, she would scream at us, asking what we are putting into her stomach," her aunt, Abir Hamouda, said.

Muntaha grimaced and squirmed as her grandmother fed her the paste with a syringe.

Muntaha's family is one of many in Gaza facing dire choices to try to feed babies, especially those below the age of six months who cannot process solid food. Infant formula is scarce after a plummet in aid access to Gaza. Many women cannot breastfeed because of malnourishment, while other babies are separated from their mothers because of displacement, injury or,

in Muntaha's case, death.

Her family says the baby's mother was hit by a bullet while pregnant, gave birth prematurely while unconscious in intensive care, and died a few weeks later. The director of the Shifa Hospital described such a case in a Facebook post on April 27, four days after Muntaha was born.

"I'm terrified about the fate of the baby," said her grandmother, Nemah Hamouda. "We named her after her mother ... hoping she can survive and live long, but we are so afraid, we hear children and adults die every day of hunger."

Muntaha now weighs about 3.5kg, her family said, barely more than half of what a full-term baby her age would normally weigh. She suffers stomach problems like vomiting and diarrhoea after feeding.

Health officials, aid workers and Gazan families said many families are feeding infants herbs and tea boiled in water, or grinding up bread or sesame. Humanitarian agencies also reported cases of parents boiling leaves in water, eating animal feed and grinding sand into flour. Feeding children solids too early can disrupt their nutrition, cause stomach problems, and risk choking, paediatric health experts say.

"It's a desperate move to compensate for the lack of food," said Unicef spokesperson Salim Oweis. "When mothers can't breastfeed or provide proper infant formula they resort to grinding chickpeas, bread, rice, anything that they can get their hands on to feed their children... it is risking their health because these supplies are not made for infants to feed on."

### Baby bottles without milk

Gaza's spiralling humanitarian crisis prompted the main world hunger monitoring body last week to say a worst-case scenario of famine is unfolding and immediate action is needed to avoid widespread death. Images of emaciated Palestinian children have shocked the world.

Gazan health authorities have reported more and more people dying from hunger-related causes. The total so far stands at 154, among them 89 children, most of whom died in the last few weeks.

With the international furore

over Gaza's ordeal growing, Israel announced steps over the weekend to ease aid access. But the UN World Food Programme said it was still not getting the permissions to deliver enough aid.

Israel and the US accuse militant group Hamas of stealing aid—which the militants deny—and the UN of failing to prevent it. The UN says it has not seen evidence of Hamas diverting much aid. Hamas accuses Israel of causing starvation and using aid as

a weapon, which the Israeli government denies. Humanitarian agencies say there is almost no infant formula left in Gaza.

The cans available in the market cost over \$100 (Sh13,000)—impossible to afford for families like Muntaha's, whose father has been jobless since the war closed his falafel business and displaced the family from their home.

In the paediatric ward of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the central Gaza city of Deir al-Balah, the infant formula supply is mostly depleted. One mother showed how she poured thick *tahini* sesame paste into a bottle and mixed it with water. "I am using this instead of milk, to compensate her for the milk, but she won't drink it," said Azhar Imad, 31, the mother of four-month-old Joury. "I also make her fenugreek, anise, caraway, any kind of herbs (mixed with water)," she said, panicked as she described how instead of nourishing her child, these attempts were making her sick.

Medical staff at the hospital spoke of helplessness, watching on as children's health deteriorated with no way to safely feed them. "Now, children are being fed either water or ground hard legumes, and this is harmful for children in Gaza," said Doctor Khalil Daqran. "If the hunger continues... within three or four days, if the child doesn't get access to milk immediately, then they will die."

### Unconscious

Meanwhile, Ibrahim al-Najjar said he lost his five-year-old son Naim to malnutrition that is ravaging Gaza. One year later, he is still grieving while scrambling to make sure his other children don't suffer the same fate. "This child will follow him," the Palestinian former taxi driver said, pointing to his 10-year-old son Farah. "For about a month, he's been falling unconscious. This child was once double the size he is now."

Najjar, 43, held up a medical certificate that shows Naim died on March 28, 2024. The whole family has been displaced by nearly two years of Israeli air strikes.

The Najjars had been used to eating three meals a day before the war broke out in October 2023—after Hamas-led Palestinian militants attacked Israel—but now they can only dream of even simple foods such as bread, rice, fruit and vegetables. Naim's brother, Adnan, 20, focuses on taking care of his other brothers, rising every morning at 5.30am to wend his way gingerly through Gaza's mountains of rubble to find a soup kitchen as war rages nearby. "I swear I don't have salt at home, I swear I beg for a grain of salt," said Naim's mother Najwa, 40. "People talk about Gaza, Gaza, Gaza. Come see the children of Gaza. Those who do not believe, come see how Gaza's children are dying. We are not living, we are dying slowly," she said.

Five more people died of mal-

nutrition and starvation in the Gaza Strip in the previous 24 hours, the enclave's health ministry said on Wednesday, raising the number of deaths from such causes to at least 193 Palestinians, including 96 children, since the war began.

A global hunger monitor has said a famine scenario is unfolding in the Gaza Strip, with starvation spreading, children under five dying of hunger-related causes and humanitarian access to the embattled enclave severely restricted. And the warnings about starvation and malnutrition from aid agencies keep coming. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) said food consumption across Gaza has declined to its lowest level since the onset of the war. Eighty-one per cent of households in the tiny, crowded coastal territory of 2.2 million people reported poor food consumption, up from 33 per cent in April.

"Nearly nine out of 10 households resorted to extremely severe coping mechanisms to feed themselves, such as taking significant safety risks to obtain food, and scavenging from the garbage," Ocha said in a statement.

Even when Palestinians are not too weak to access aid collection points, they are vulnerable to injury or death in the crush to secure food. Between June and July, the number of admissions for malnutrition almost doubled, from 6,344 to 11,877, according to the latest Unicef figures available.

Meanwhile there is no sign of a ceasefire on the horizon, although Israel's military chief has pushed back against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plans to seize areas of Gaza it doesn't already control, three Israeli officials said. Netanyahu has vowed no end to the war until the annihilation of Hamas, which killed 1,200 people and took 251 others hostage in its October 7 attack, according to Israeli tallies.

Israel's military response has killed more than 60,000 people, according to Gaza health authorities, and turned Gaza, one of the world's most densely populated areas, into a sea of ruins, with many feared buried underneath.

### 'The shadow of death'

Holding her emaciated baby Ammar who, she said, is wasting away from malnutrition, Amira Muteir, 32, pleaded with the world to come to the rescue. "The shadow of death is threatening him, because of hunger," she said, adding he endures 15 or 20 days a month with no milk, so she waits hours at a hospital for a fortified solution. Sometimes he has to drink polluted liquids because of a shortage of clean water, she said.

Muteir and her children and husband rely on a charity soup kitchen that helps them with one small plate of food per day to try and survive. "We eat it throughout the day and until the following day we eat nothing else," she said.

## THE SAD REALITY

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# How can my sister hold her abusive police baby daddy to account?

Dear Vivian,

My sister was assaulted by the baby daddy who is a police officer. We have a doctor's report, occurrence book (OB) number, a completed P3 form, and a recording capturing the assault, including my sister begging him to stop. We also have photographic evidence of her injuries. Unfortunately, given that he's a police officer, getting help from the police has been difficult. What are the proper steps we can take?

Juliet Mwendwa,  
Meru

Dear Juliet,

You're doing the right thing by documenting everything and seeking legal help. Kenya's law applies to all, regardless of their profession. Your sister's rights are protected,



Vivian Mwende

and there are legal channels you can follow to ensure the officer is held accountable.

First, ensure your sister is in a safe location. If she still lives near him or feels unsafe, help her relocate immediately. Organisations like Fida-K and Kituo Cha Sheria offer free legal aid, emergency relocation, counseling, and psychosocial support for women in violent situations.

Once she contacts them, she will be assigned a lawyer who will guide her through the entire

process. The lawyer will review her evidence, help her write formal statements, and file an official complaint with the relevant authorities.

Since the abuser is a police officer, the case must be reported to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (Ipoa). They are mandated to investigate police misconduct and brutality, including domestic violence involving police officers. Upon receiving the complaint, Ipoa will respond within 24 hours, providing a reference number and details of the officer assigned to her case.

Under the Protection Against Domestic Violence Act, Ipoa is also required to inform her of all available support options, including shelter, medical assistance, and protective court orders.



With her lawyer's help, she should submit the OB number, P3 form, photos, medical reports, and the audio recording. Ipoa will then begin formal investigations, interviewing witnesses like you, requesting internal records, and assessing the evidence.

Upon conclusion of the investigations, the authority will forward the file to the Office of

the Director of Public Prosecutions to pursue criminal charges against the officer.

Notably, the court can issue immediate protection orders; such as banning him from contacting her, staying away from her home and workplace, or vacating a shared house. These can be granted the same day if she is in danger.

If convicted of assault caus-

ing actual bodily harm, he could face up to five years in prison. If the court finds he used his police status to intimidate or obstruct justice, he may be charged under the National Police Service Act, which allows up to 10 years in prison, a fine of Sh1 million, or both. Courts have handed down these penalties before in similar cases.

Finally, your sister may be awarded compensation for medical expenses and emotional trauma. The lawyer and prosecutor will ensure her voice is heard and her rights are protected.

Vivian

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**Good Read** Black immigrant women in Europe face systemic abuse, custody loss and silencing in interracial relationships

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## The vicious abuse Kenyan women endure at the hands of European men

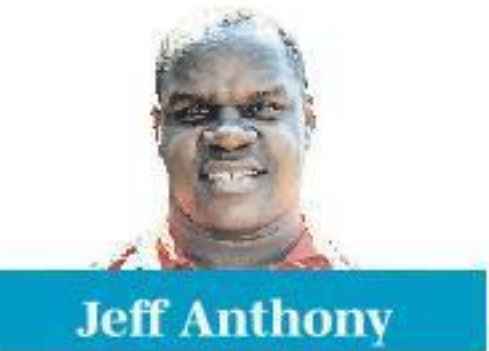
In 2009, Becky Faith Amose, a mother of three, graduate of National Cooperative College in Kribi and descendant of the Cameroonian coastal city of Limbe, separated from her husband Mru Michael.

Shortly after, she coincidentally met Daniel, a Cameroonian who worked in Sweden and commenced a relationship with him before travelling to Stockholm in 2012. She subsequently began working at Sarnmark, an institution that stewarded personalities afflicted by disability.

Becky successively enrolled at the University of Gavle to study Social Work and on June 5, 2023, she earned a degree in Social Studies, with specialisation in International Social Work.

She later enrolled for a master's programme in Social Work, specialising in Interventions in Childhood at Jonkoping University. While at Sanmark, she noticed disturbing incessant crimes committed against black female immigrants living in Sweden.

Black women were experiencing gruesome intimate sexual partner violence at the hands of their white husbands, and whenever they reported their abuse to Swedish authorities, the perpetrators weren't apprehended.



Jeff Anthony

Becky further discovered that myriad social workers in Sweden were affiliated to institutions that operated foster homes, which were funded by the Swedish government.

The social workers engaged in an established cartel that conspired in subterfuge to infiltrate black homes and break family dynamics. They consequently facilitated the accommodation of

black children in foster homes, which were majorly operated by their boyfriends or husbands.

In September 2013, Becky's children joined her in Sweden. Her eldest son Emmanuel, who is autistic, was enrolled into a special needs high school. He was, thereafter, withdrawn from the school, admitted to a foster facility, transferred to a detention centre and detained in solitary confinement, while being subjected to egregious treatment.

Swedish authorities subsequently cautioned Becky from voicing her frustration in an effort to disguise the maltreatment. Unhinged by the intimidation, Becky resorted to launching

a safe Pan-African space known as Ubuntu Families, a diaspora and home support circle, where black women living in Europe could share their experiences with racial prejudice.

Most sad stories were of black Kenyan women married to white men from Sweden, Belgium, England, Norway and Germany, who chronicled their prevalent harrowing encounters at the hands of their white husbands.

One of the women was Josephine Atieno, a resident of Brussels, Belgium, and a descendant of Kisumu, Kenya. In February 2015, she was an employee of Babab Beach Hotel in Diani, when she met Noah Lambert, a Belgian tourist who made frequent holiday visits to coastal Kenya.

### Pregnancies

On December 21, 2018, while Josephine was pregnant with her first daughter, she travelled to Brussels to live with Noah and delivered a baby girl on January 26, 2019. She noticed that the pleasant attributes Noah had exhibited in Kenya had been replaced by inclement, intolerant and temperamental mannerisms.

Josephine discovered that she was pregnant again with a girl and when her first daughter

was two-and-a-half years old, she walked in on Noah molesting her.

She reported to the police in Brussels, but he wasn't arrested. When she returned home debilitated by the trauma, Noah disgracefully revealed to her that paedophilia is a cultural practice in Belgium. He repeatedly bragged that the Belgian authorities don't arrest white men who transgress black women.

Across Europe, there is a prevalent Janteloven code of conduct originally from Scandinavia, known colloquially as the Jante System, where members of the Caucasian race relentlessly protect other whites without question. This system prohibits white people from attributing liability to other white people who commit crimes against blacks.

### Fractured shoulder

One evening, Josephine fled her marital home with her children to seek respite in a colleague's house. She found temporary employment at a medical facility while training as a Zorkundige, a certified nursing assistant, and eventually used her earnings to rent a house. In a show of pre-eminence, Brussels police unlawfully apprehended and assaulted her, leaving her with a fractured shoulder.

In an effort to besmirch her personality, she was arraigned over trumped-up charges that claimed she was physically abusive towards her children and was a sex worker.

The advocate, who was assigned to her, concocted a plea deal and coerced Josephine to plead guilty, which she did to annihilate the charges. The court subsequently awarded Noah full custody of his children and ad-

judicated against bestowing any visitation rights to Josephine. She never saw her children again.

In the past, Kenyan women in Belgium had been killed and secretly cremated by their white partners. Their children were sexually abused and brutally left in the custody of their white male partners who continued to violate them. The inevitable formality was similar across Europe.

On July 27, 2017, Debra Wamohu Mbuthia, a Kenyan living in Lillestrom, Norway, lost custody of her two children when she reported to the police that one of them was being defiled by her teachers.

### Killings

Mary Waihera Kamathi, a registered nurse, was killed on August 21, 2018, by her German boyfriend and investigators concealed the evidence and protected the perpetrator.

In 2023, in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, Scotland, 36-year-old Kenyan woman Darrel Odhiambo was strangled to death by her 66-year-old Scottish husband.

In *Interracial Relationships between Black Women and White Men*, Dr Cheryl Y Judice gives accounts of black women in relationships with white men.

The educational manual contains vignettes of the lives of black women who are dating, married to, or divorced from white men, and a myriad of researched information she conducted during her doctoral studies in sociology.

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