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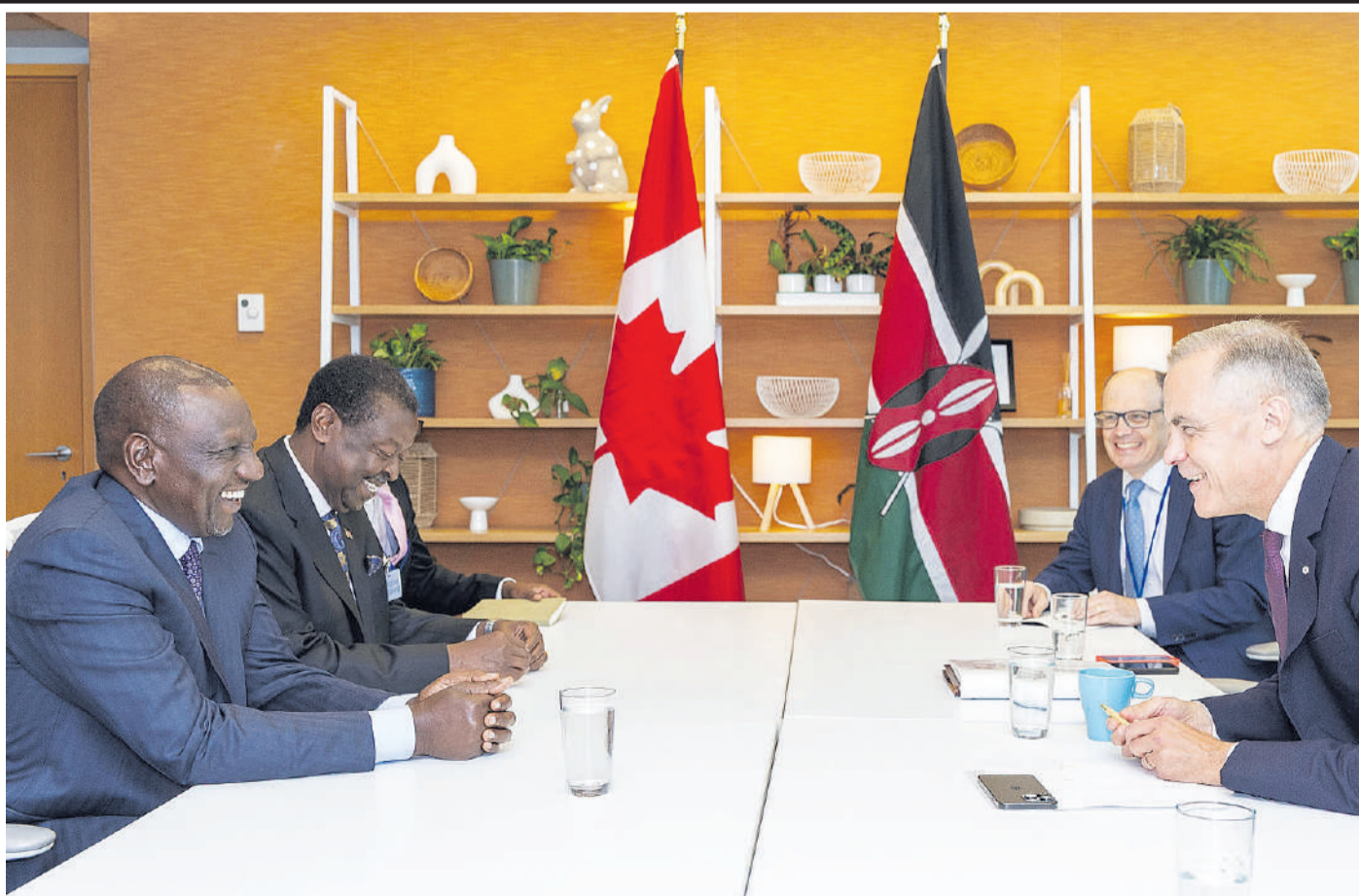
National Police Service CEO Peter Leley /ENOS TECHE

How Ipoa plans to deal with human rights abuse by cops

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Kenya-US back Gang Suppression Force in Haiti



LASTING PEACE: President William Ruto, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on the sidelines of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly in New York City, USA, yesterday /HIRAM OMONDI/PCS

Farmer grabs 2,000 acres of Egerton varsity land

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BOOST PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Ipoa in ambitious plan to tame rights abuse by cops

It also seeks to improve complaint resolution efficiency from 59% to 76%



National Police Service Commission chairman Yuda Komora, CEO Peter Leley and commissioner Edwin Cheluguet before National Assembly Delegated Legislation Committee yesterday /ENOS TECHE

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In light of the increasing incidents of alleged police abuse of power and human rights violations, the Independent Police Oversight Authority has rolled out an elaborate effort to ramp up its activities, acquire technology and align policing with human rights standards.

According to its Strategic Plan 2025–2030, the authority wants to launch an aggressive fundraising from development partners to reduce reliance on the exchequer, boost public confidence in its work, hire more staff to strengthen its establishment and retool its operations through digitisation.

To promote compliance with human rights standards and the rule of law, Ipoa aims to reduce the proportion of police officers implicated in human rights abuses from 23 per cent to 15 per cent within the five-

year period. It also seeks to improve complaint resolution efficiency from 59 per cent to 76 per cent.

To promote professionalism in the National Police Service, Ipoa intends to reduce the number of complaints from 4,095 to 3,000 over the plan period.

Moreover, successive Ipoa leadership has been complaining about declining state funding and delay in exchequer releases, hence undermining its capacity to robustly hold police officers accountable.

It is seeking to ramp up its strategic development partnerships to expand collaboration and increase funding. In this regard, the authority hopes to raise support from development partners from the current Sh200 million to at least Sh300 million.

The plan states that annual work plans and performance contracts will be derived from the strategic plan to maintain alignment and

monitor progress. A coordination framework will define leadership roles, resource requirements and institutional responsibilities to foster collaboration and efficiency.

To optimise resource utilisation, the Isaac Hassan-led body hopes to achieve unqualified audit status every year for the period of the implementation of the plan by adopting a strategic approach to ensure proper allocation of resources, minimise wastage and enhance services.

This approach aligns Ipoa's activities with Kenya's broader development goals, emphasising value addition and operational efficiency, the plan shows.

Additionally, a risk management framework has been incorporated, outlining potential risks and mitigation measures to ensure resilience and adaptability during the implementation period.

The second pillar focuses on enhancing public trust and confidence

in the National Police Service and Ipoa. The authority plans to raise its customer satisfaction index from 51.7 per cent to 74.8 per cent and increase public awareness of Ipoa from the current 20 per cent to 30 per cent.

The plan also emphasises improving human capital for effective and efficient service delivery. Ipoa seeks to increase staff strength from the current 25 per cent of approved establishment to 54 per cent in five years.

To realise its mandate and implement its planned activities, the document reveals that it must strengthen its capacity in financial, human, technological and physical resources.

Current staffing stands at 289 against an approved establishment of 1,377, which is inadequate for overseeing the work of more than 130,000 police officers nationwide.

The document shows that with a 32 per cent growth in staff strength between 2018 and 2024, it is already experiencing congestion and overcrowding in its offices.

Currently, Ipoa has nine regional offices but is expected to provide oversight across the country, where more than 3,000 police facilities are spread across 1,450 wards. To enhance its capacity, the authority intends to decentralise services further and adequately equip its offices.

Its end-term evaluation of its retired strategic plan for 2019-2024 revealed a high success rate in its efforts to enhance police accountability, foster stakeholder collaboration and build institutional capacity, the plan shows.

The evaluation was conducted internally and employed an output-based approach, resulting in an overall performance score of 92 per cent.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Through the new plan, Ipoa sets a bold vision of scaling up capacity, strengthening independence and driving professionalism in policing. Its success, however, will depend on whether the agency secures political support and financial backing required to transform its oversight mandate into tangible improvements in human rights compliance on the ground.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Do you think Raila will be on the ballot in 2027?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Should counties pay SHA premiums for vulnerable Kenyans?

YES 32%

NO 68%

TAKEOVER

Macharia writes to banks amid Directline Assurance standoff

BUSINESSMAN SK Macharia has written to various banks in a bid to take over Directline Assurance Limited.

In his memo to the banks, Macharia sought to disclose he is the majority shareholder at the firm.

"We write to instruct you to cancel all the current bank mandates. The current CR12 is not valid (see attached correspondence from the AG and BRS in particular the letter from BRS to purported shareholders/directors)," he said in the letter.

"Once the CR12 is corrected by BRS, we shall give you fresh instructions as to who are the correct signatories."

He also wrote an internal memo to announce he had appointed the chief operating officer at the firm, Wilson Maina, as the new acting principal officer.

"On behalf of Royal Credit Limited, the majority shareholder of Directline Assurance Company Limited, I hereby appoint you as the acting principal officer of Directline Assurance Company Limited effective September 22," the letter read.

"Please note Sammy Kanyi has been removed from the position of the principal officer of this company."

"You will be assisted by Stella Kinoti to act in totality as finance



Royal Media Services chairman SK Macharia /HANDOUT

director, assisted by Elizabeth Kuria. Christopher Katiwa will also assist in sales and marketing," the memo dated September 22 indicated.

Kanyi moved to court on Monday and asked that Macharia be cited for contempt of court for removing the board of directors and installing new members in defiance of a court directive.

WORLD TOURISM DAY

Kenyans to enjoy free park entry on Saturday

CS says the day reminds the country of the power of tourism to drive change



Tourism CS Rebecca Miano and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei at Lake Naivasha Resort /HANDOUT

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KENYANS will on Saturday enjoy free entry into Kenya Wildlife Service managed parks for free.

Tourism CS Rebecca Miano announced the move saying it is part of honouring United Nations World Tourism Day.

“To honour this significant occasion, I am thrilled to announce that the government of Kenya is offering free entry to all Kenyan citizens to visit Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)-managed national parks, reserves and sanctuaries on Saturday, September 27, 2025,”

Miano said. KWS manages about eight per cent of the total landmass of the country.

This land contains 23 national parks, 28 national reserves and four national sanctuaries.

The United Nations World Tourism Day is celebrated annually on September 27.

This year’s theme is ‘Tourism and Sustainable Transformation.’

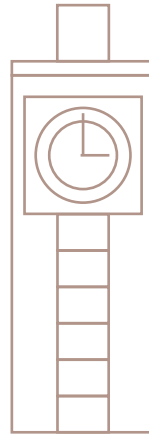
Miano said the day reminds the country of the power of tourism to drive positive change for communities, conservation and the economy. The CS said the free entry is an opportunity for every Kenyan to reconnect with the country’s

breath taking wildlife heritage, deepen collective commitment to conservation and experience the unparalleled beauty of national treasures.

“By opening the gates to these iconic spaces, we aim to foster a greater appreciation of Kenya’s rich biodiversity and inspire a shared responsibility to protect it for future generations to come.”

Miano invited all Kenyans to take advantage of the opportunity to explore, learn, celebrate the wonders of Kenya’s parks, reserves and sanctuaries, saying they are not just Kenya’s pride but world’s heritage.

CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **A SPORTS BOSS** is once again hogging the limelight—not for medals or trophies, but rather for his style of running things. Word is the official, long whispered to allegedly have dubious academic papers, can never quite bring himself to face the media. Instead, at press conferences, he lets little-known officials do the talking while he sits quietly on the sidelines—most of the time profusely sweating. At a recent briefing, tongues wagged after the big man allegedly “collapsed” not once, not twice, but three times. His camp was quick to dismiss the chatter, insisting he was overcome by fatigue. Skeptics are having a field day, with some suggesting that “the stuff” the boss is apparently fond of might finally be catching up with him.

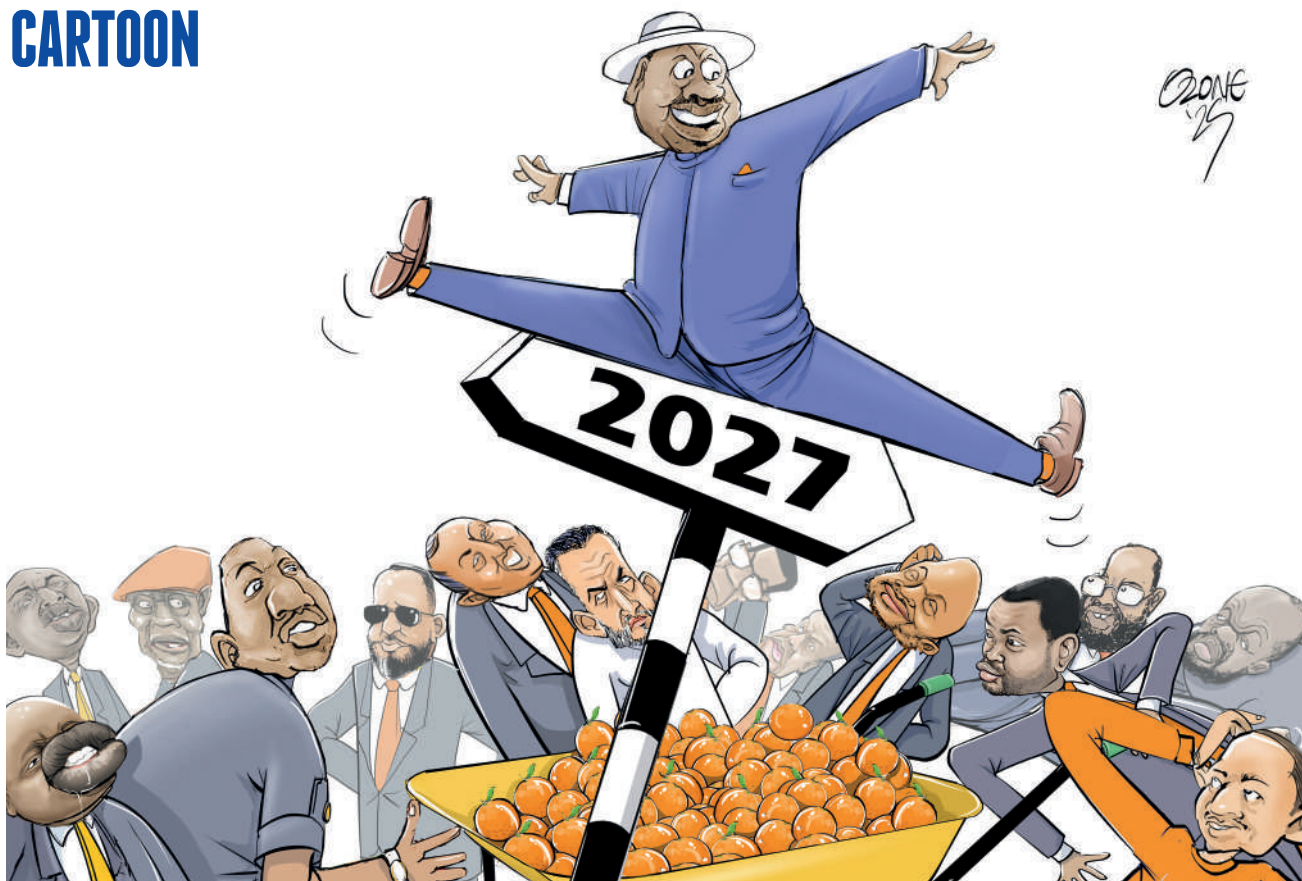
★ **MURMURS IN ONE** political camp reveal growing discontent after their supremo went off-script during a recent meeting, supposedly making pronouncements that badly undercut the very narrative his lieutenants had been pushing on the campaign trail. Sources say senior figures had carefully drafted a speech to keep him on message, only for the leader to allegedly brush it aside at the podium. The fallout was instant, with some visibly agitated insiders grumbling that months of work had been thrown into disarray. A few were even overheard lamenting the “embarrassment” the move had caused, with one muttering that their political project now risks losing steam at a critical moment.

★ **A WAVE OF** unease is sweeping through a major political establishment as a fast-rising youthful movement continues to gain momentum. Senior members are said to be rattled by the growing influence of the young brigade. In hushed tones, top officials were overheard admitting it may be time to “tame” the energetic newcomers before they tilt the balance of power. But with the youth movement winning hearts on the ground, the question remains—who is taming who?

★ **A LAWYER IS** once again on the spot after a warrant of arrest was supposedly issued in a land forgery case in Nairobi’s high-end estate. The lawyer, already entangled in a disputed 53-acre coastal estate, is accused of forging wills and witness statements to apparently grab prime properties. Forensic experts have ruled the contested signatures fake, with investigators now probing a wider network of fraudulent dealings.

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NO LONGER AT EASE ON MONDAY, THE ODM CHIEF DISMISSED SPECULATION ABOUT ANY 2027



Inside Raila's secret 2027 poll strategy

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ODM leader Raila Odinga is once again playing a game of high-stakes chess as he seeks to balance his newly warm ties with President William Ruto while keeping his long-time support base loyal.

The veteran politician, often described as a master tactician, is walking a political tightrope — assuring supporters that he has not abandoned his presidential ambitions while projecting pragmatism in his dealings with the Kenya Kwanza administration.

On Monday, Raila moved to quell speculation about a 2027 pre-election pact with Ruto, firmly declaring that ODM had not reached any decision on backing the President.

“We have not passed any resolutions as a party to say how we are going to go into the elections of 2027. Wherever you are, don’t commit the party to some things which have not been discussed. Let them be discussed first,” Raila told legislators during an ODM Parliamentary Group meeting.

“Who told you ODM will not have a candidate in 2027?” he asked.

The remarks struck a careful balance: Raila neither shut the door on working with Ruto nor committed ODM to supporting the President’s re-election.

Instead, he projected ambiguity — a calculated move, analysts say, to preserve ODM’s bargaining power while keeping his base excited with the possibility of another run for State House.

Since formalising a working arrangement with Ruto earlier this year, Raila has appeared closer to government than ever before.

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To keep his ‘disgruntled’ base engaged, Raila has balanced mild criticism of government with grassroots mobilisation

Yet this closeness has not been universally embraced in ODM.

Secretary General Edwin Sifuna and other key figures have privately and publicly expressed unease, warning that too much proximity to power could dilute the Orange brand and alienate the party’s grassroots supporters.

To manage the unease, Raila has adopted a two-pronged strategy.

On one hand, he maintains cordial relations with Ruto, avoiding open confrontation.

On the other, he keeps ODM’s machinery active — staging rallies, by-elections, and policy forums to energise the base and project independence.

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7 PRE-ELECTION PACT SUPPORTING PRESIDENT RUTO



ODM leader Raila Odinga during parliamentary group meeting in Nairobi /EMMANUEL WANSON

ODM has for instance lined up a series of rallies and events — from Wajir on Sunday to a planned mega rally in Kisii on Friday — all part of a broader effort to project vibrancy ahead of the party’s 20th anniversary celebrations in October.

“Wajir remains as solid, vibrant and loyal to ODM as ever; a juicy stronghold that continues to prove its commitment to the movement and its values,” Governor Ahmed Abdullahi said at the weekend gathering.

A three-day jamboree is planned for Mombasa in October to crown the celebrations.

By keeping ODM vibrant at the grassroots, Raila signals that the party remains a political force in its own right — regardless of his open lines with Ruto.

Still, cracks within ODM are evident. Some leaders in Raila’s camp argue that any association with Ruto risks being read as capitulation. They warn that ODM’s 2027 prospects could be jeopardised if supporters feel the party is shielding government from accountability.

Raila seems aware of the risk.

His rhetoric has often contained subtle criticisms of Ruto’s administration, a nod to disgruntled supporters who demand a strong opposition voice.

But he stops short of launching full-scale attacks, careful not to destabilise the partnership with Ruto.

This is not the first time Raila has straddled the uncomfortable line between government and opposition.

His political career is punctuated with examples: from his 2008 power-sharing deal with President Mwai Kibaki that made him Prime Minister, to the 2018 “handshake” with President Uhuru Kenyatta that redefined Kenya’s political landscape.

In each case, Raila has presented himself as both a statesman capable of building bridges and a populist leader defending the interests of his loyal base.

His latest dalliance with Ruto follows the same script — and once again raises questions about whether his political ambitions extend to the ballot or beyond it.

For Ruto, the alliance with Raila provides a buffer against growing discontent over the economy and governance.

For Raila, it offers relevance and influence at a time when many had written him off as a spent force.

Nambale MP Geoffrey Mulanya said Raila is carefully managing perceptions.

“Raila is assuring his supporters that he has not given up his political ambition. What he is doing is preparing his foot soldiers,” Mulanya said.

Yet Raila’s remarks also ignited debate within the Rigathi Gachagua camp, with some of his allies

reading them as political posturing.

Embakasi North MP James Gakuya dismissed the ODM boss’s statement as politics of survival.

“He is only playing politics of survival,” Gakuya said.

Machakos deputy governor Francis Mwangangi termed Raila’s move bait for both opposition and Ruto to engage him ahead of 2027.

“He (Raila) could have seen the mood in the country that the President and his alliance have lost the goodwill of Kenyans hence need to send signals to his former colleagues that anything is possible since we have not agreed on the future,” Mwangangi argued.

“There is also probability of wanting the President to initiate such a talk beyond 2027 by saying that we have no deal is to tell the President the need to talk about the future.”

Raila’s allies have however rushed to his defense amid claims he is flip flopping on his stance toward President Ruto and the 2027 deal. His inner circle insists there is no contradiction.

“I support President William Ruto where he does well, just as I also oppose misses by his administration,” Homa Bay Town MP Opondo Kaluma said.

“Like I told you, don’t be so sure with Baba (Raila). Baba will go where Kenyans will be, and most Kenyans want William Ruto out of office like yesterday,” added Saboti MP Caleb Amisi

Nandi Senator Samson Cherargei has downplayed growing concerns over Raila’s latest comments during the ODM Parliamentary Group meeting, cautioning that they should not be “over-interpreted.”

Cherargei, a close ally of Ruto, sought to calm political speculation, insisting that Raila’s statement does not amount to a reversal or betrayal of the agreement.

“People should not read too much into what Raila said in ODM Parliamentary Group meeting because UDA-ODM joint partnership is working perfectly beyond 2027. In any case President Ruto is a former ODM member,” Cherargei said.

The senator insisted that the ongoing partnership between ODM and UDA remains strong and intact.

Raila’s bases ready for tense primaries ahead of mini-polls

LUKE AWICH

ODM enters a make-or-break moment today as it conducts primaries in key strongholds, with the exercise touted as a potential trigger for internal revolt if mishandled.

Party bastions in Orange bases especially in Nyanza are on high alert, with aspirants and supporters warning against bias and backroom deals that have haunted ODM primaries in the past.

Five aspirants are squaring it today in Kasipul to replace the late Ong’ondo Were who was gunned in the city on April 30.

They are Boyd Were, George Otieno alias Ajo Mbuta, Okindo Majiwa, Ottoman Adele and Newton Ogada.

In Ugunja, three aspirants—Fredrick Owino, Moses Omondi and Joseph Alur—are battling for the ODM party ticket to run for the MP seat, which remained vacant after Opiyo Wandayi was appointed to serve in the Executive last year.

Siaya will go to the polls on Friday. Already, whispers of favouritism and manipulation are reverberating in the two constituencies where contests are fierce.

In Kasipul, Homa Bay deputy governor Oyugi Magwanga has alleged of a plot by the Raila Odinga-led party to impose a candidate on voters.

Magwanga, the former area MP, in a viral video warned residents against electing Ong’ondo Were’s son.

“When the former Kasipul MP Peter Owidi died, did the party give a direct ticket to the relatives? And what about former Ndhwa MP Orwa Ojode, was the wife given the ticket? Even in Malava, the son of the late Moses Mululu Injende was not given a direct ticket and he lost

ODM aspirant for Kasipul constituency Newton Ogada with colleagues George Otieno, Adel Ottoman and Daniel Okindo Majiwa in Oyugis town yesterday /ROBERT OMOLLO

at the nomination. We must reject the project,” he said.

His remarks were immediately countered by National Assembly Minority Whip Millie Odhiambo who called for civility ahead of today’s polls.

“It is in public domain that that Magwanga and Ong’ondo were sworn political enemies. Their political competition was often marked with a lot of violence, allegedly orchestrated by supporters of both sides,” Millie said.

“Hon Ong’ondo Were is dead, his son is vying. Magwanga doesn’t need to support him but does not need to further the political bile and antagonism for another generation.”

Yesterday, the aspirants traded barbs with each calling for a fair play during the exercise which some claim is already ‘rigged’.

“They want to interfere with this nomination; we must have a free and fair exercise. Let the people decide, don’t decide in your house and impose on the people,” aspirant Newton Ogada said.

Adele and Otieno too warned against any attempt to meddle in the polls warning the party stands to lose the November 27 by-elections if the will of the people is thwarted.

“We do not know who the Returning Officers are, we demand that all aspirants are involved. If the will of the people will be frustrated then ODM must be prepared to lose Kasipul seat because the people of Kasipul are watching,” Adele said.

Boyd Were called for peaceful process even as he alleged of plans to sponsor violence to disrupt the exercise.

According to Boyd, some suspicious figures have been sneaked into the constituency to cause violence and disrupt the selection process.

“We are astonished that the people who only the other day accused others of orchestrating political violence in our constituency have today mobilised murderous characters from outside our constituency to suppress the ODM nominations and blame others for it,” Boyd said.

The aspirant also claimed his supporters were being targeted after some received threats.

The same situation is also spiraling in Ugunja where Alur has raised the alarm over a plot to have known supporters of some of the candidates superintend Friday’s nomination.

“There are people who, in their Facebook and other social media postings, are aligned and rumours have it they are angling to be the referee in this contest,” Alur said.

Attempts to get a comment from ODM’s National Elections Coordinating Committee chairperson Emily Awita were frustrated as she did not respond to our calls and messages.



(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The ODM-UDA deal, signed in March this year, has reconfigured Kenya’s political landscape, with both parties presenting it as a framework for stability and cooperation ahead of 2027. However, Raila’s careful emphasis on the expiry date is seen by analysts as an attempt to balance between his supporters’ expectations and his working relationship with Ruto.

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PHOTO STORY



US Chargé d'Affaires Susan Burns and National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula on Monday. The two nations have pledged to deepen their long-standing partnership despite global geopolitical dynamics /HANDOUT

UNSECURED ASSETS

How vast parcels of university land are exposed to grabbers

At least 12 institutions lacked title deeds, lease agreements

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DETAILS have emerged of a mystery farmer who holds about 2,000 acres of Egerton University land for maize production.

An audit established that “the beneficial owner is not known and the value is not disclosed,” creating ambiguity over who controls the land.

The revelations were made in a new report, which has flagged multiple public universities sitting on billions of shillings worth of land and assets with no proof of ownership.

Auditor General Nancy Gathungu said at least 12 institutions lacked title deeds, lease agreements, or transfer documents for properties valued at over Sh19.5 billion.

The situation has left the institutions highly vulnerable to grabbers, encroachment and mismanagement.

The audit points to a culture of negligence and poor asset management that has put prime university land at risk of being illegally acquired or misused.

“Several institutions did not have title deeds, transfer documents, or other legal records to confirm ownership of land, buildings, or intellectual property reflected in their financial statements,” Gathungu said.

Among the most affected institutions are Egerton University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenyatta University and South Eastern Kenya University. In the audit covering June 30, 2024,

JKUAT leads the list with a staggering Sh16.6 billion worth of land, whose title deed remains under the original owner's name.

The parcel LR No 13538 has never been formally transferred to the university, raising questions about its legal ownership.

Kenyatta University reported 12.472 hectares of land valued at Sh123.3 million that has already been encroached upon. Another piece of land worth Sh880,000 also lacks ownership documents.

The university's inability to secure its assets has left it exposed to squatters and illegal developers.

South Eastern Kenya University is missing documentation for land and intellectual property totalling Sh2 billion.

Similarly, Turkana University College and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology lack title deeds for land valued at Sh80 million each.

Laikipia University has unsupported land ownership records worth Sh547 million, while Murang'a University of Technology reported that 18 parcels of land valued at Sh54 million have been encroached upon and “hived off” from the main property.

Land is not only poorly managed, but the report also points to widespread failures in asset governance across the higher learning sector.

KU has been called out for reportedly spending Sh229 million on maintenance at its Kigali campus—without supporting documents.

Auditors further established that the university also continued using fully depreciated assets without revaluation.

The University of Nairobi leased out several parcels of land without approval from the University Council, the Ministry of Education, or the National Treasury, in violation of public finance regulations.

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology and Garissa University are using outdated and uncommissioned ERP systems, hampering financial transparency and accountability.

Pwani University reported land worth Sh116.7 million under illegal encroachment, with no eviction efforts in place to remove the squatters.

At Koitaleel Samoei University College, auditors established that the institution had not valued land and buildings recorded at Sh535 million.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The cumulative effect of these lapses is not just financial loss but also operational inefficiency, legal vulnerabilities, and a failure to maximise public resources for educational development. As universities continue to grapple with funding shortfalls and rising liabilities, the loss of land and assets to grabbers and poor management can only deepen their financial and operational crises.

'SHOW EVIDENCE'

Gachagua's tough terms to endorse joint candidate

ELIUD KIBII

ANY opposition leader seeking the presidency will have to go all out and bring in numbers, if they are to bank on the Mt Kenya vote bloc, former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said.

In a wide-ranging interview with a local Kikuyu station, Inooro TV, Gachagua told his opposition counterparts they won't get his backing on a silver platter and they need to pull up their socks in the battle against President William Ruto.

Admitting that only through a united force can they dislodge Ruto from the presidency, the former DP said joint candidate negotiations will be based on numbers.

“The discussion will be that if you want to lead Kenya, it means dislodging [President] Ruto and to do that you need votes. You need to convince us you have those votes,” he said, adding that discussions are likely to happen in December 2026.

Before then, the DPC leader said all the presidential hopefuls have to put in the work and demonstrate they have the numbers propelling them to the top position to beat the President in 2027.

Among those in the ‘United Opposition’ who have expressed interest in the presidency are Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, PLP's Martha Karua and former CS Fred Matiang'i, who is yet to announce his political vehicle.

Gachagua, however, warned that the negotiations will be more than making the declaration.

“You must demonstrate a winning formula. My plan is to go with a head-start of seven million votes, which I have already mobilised. I'll then start topping up with votes from the Maa region, the Coast, go round the country, speak to the Gen Zs, the payslip people I speak for and everyone else who believes in Gachagua's vision. With all that, I am targeting a minimum of 10 million votes.”

With these numbers, he will then request his counterparts to endorse and add to him their votes.

“We will then negotiate who, if we add into their basket will be enough. Or if I am the one to add, they have to convince me,” he said.

In the 2022 polls, the Mt Kenya region had 4.6 million registered voters across Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu and Nyandarua counties. Nakuru and Laikipia counties, which also share a huge demographic of the Mt Kenya region, had between them 1.3 million votes.

With the continuous voter registration that is set to resume and the mass voter registration expected towards the election, the numbers are expected to change drastically.

Gachagua also appeared to chide his counterparts in the opposition, questioning their capacity to mobilise by themselves and in his absence, particularly during his six-week visit to the US.

“Some people have said that my work is to attack and remove Ruto and then hand over the seat to other people. Power isn't passed over like a cigarette lighter. You have to demonstrate how much effort you put in to remove Ruto. How many voters have you mobilised? How many political meetings have you held and attended? Show us with evidence,” he said.

Buoyed with the numbers, Gachagua now sees himself as a kingmaker, even though he is upping his presidential bid.

“I backed Ruto, mobilised four million votes in the region and made him President through a lot of hardships only for him to throw me out and target the community,” he said.

The bid, however, faces legal challenges over his impeachment—which the courts have to overturn for him to occupy state office. He would also face resistance from other regions, as he comes from one that has produced three Presidents already.

Drawing lessons from his fallout with Ruto, Gachagua said his endorsement of another candidate will be based on a well-structured power sharing and resource allocation arrangement.



DCP leader Rigathi Gachagua addresses residents of Mlolongu in Machakos county on Saturday /HANDOUT

NEWS GENERAL

DRAGGING ITS FEET?

NLC under fire over unresolved historical land injustice cases

Commission denies deliberately delaying cases and colluding with developers

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SENATORS have criticised the National Land Commission for being too slow to process more than 2,000 cases of historical injustice.

The Senate Lands Committee accused the Gerishon Otachi-led commission of failing to put in place mechanisms to resolve the cases, leaving Kenyans suffering prolonged injustice through deprivation of land. “They are talking about 2,000 cases of historical land injustices. We recommend their budget be enhanced so they can move faster,” committee chairman Mohamed Faki said.

“They must also come up with a clear plan on how they are going to manage these cases so the public can see results.”

The lawmakers expressed frustration during a session with Otachi and other top NLC officials as they responded to multiple petitions.

Otachi said the commission is overwhelmed by the volume of cases it receives each year but denied deliberately ‘sitting on them’. He cited budgetary constraints and staff shortages as the main challenges.

“It is not that we have not been working. In areas like Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi, we have cleared many cases. Others have been heard and only determinations are pending,” Otachi said.

Nominated Senators Beatrice Ogolla and Miriam Omar, however, faulted the commission for what they said was lacking of seriousness.

“The reason why our committee has the highest number of pending petitions is because of the commission,” Ogolla said. “They are either unresponsive or give us general answers.”

It emerged during the meeting that some petitions filed as far back as 2021 have yet to receive any response.

These include cases of recognition of land ownership rights and redress



Kenya National Land Commission chairman Gershon Otachi before Senate Committee on Lands at Parliament building yesterday /ENOS TECHE

of injustices in Mombasa, illegal alienation in Kiambu and disputes in Oldkeresi, Narok West.

One of the petitions was filed by Robin Muchondi on behalf of Marungu residents in Taita Taveta county.

Residents say they face eviction from their ancestral land due to what they allege is collusion among church officials, land officers and provincial administrators.

Muchondi told senators that in 2007, the Holy Rosary Catholic

Church requested 75 acres to establish an orphanage and church. However, during site identification, the area chief allegedly directed instead that 1,000 acres be allocated. The elders opposed the move and the process stalled.

In 2009, the chief and church officials reportedly brought in a surveyor to excise the 1,000 acres, but he allegedly declined since the land was already occupied.

Despite the contention, in 2019 the church constructed a building on the disputed land and in 2023 the Ministry of Lands created the Ngoloki Adjudication Scheme that omitted the contested 1,000 acres, adjudicating it in favour of the Catholic mission.

“The adjudication omitted about 1,000 acres in favour of the mission. It is an injustice and a serious omission to allocate land without residents’ knowledge,” the residents’ petition reads.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Senate Lands Committee has criticised the NLC for taking too long to resolve more than 2,000 cases of historical land injustice. It urges more funding, faster work and transparency. Commission says it's underfunded, understaffed and cases are complicated taking a long time to sort out. It also denies collusion involving land officers.

GANG SUPPRESSION FORCE

Kenya and US support creation of new force in Haiti amid veto fears

ELIUD KIBII

KENYA and the US have agreed to push for adoption of transition of the Kenya-led Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti to a scaled-up Gang Suppression Force.

Following the high-level event on Haiti during the UN General Assembly High-Level Week in New York, the two states also pushed for a resolution for the establishment of the UN Support Office for Haiti (Unsoh).

Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said through a strengthened new mandate, Unsoh would better support the 5,500 forces needed to restore security necessary for the return to elected governance.

Landau said the new mission would address the gaps the MSS has faced, which include unhonoured pledges in terms of financial and personnel contributions. He regretted that despite Kenya’s

contributions, the mission lacks the mandate and necessary resources to address the gang menace.



“That is why the US and Panama have worked with Haiti to introduce a UN Security Council resolution to establish a larger gang suppression force with a broader mandate; and a UN support office for Haiti, which would provide the necessary operational and logistical support for the force,” Landau said.

While noting the solutions to the gang violence must be Haitian-led and internationally supported, Kenya and the US urged member states to support the resolution when it comes to a vote and to contribute to the effort.

“The GSF and Unsoh would provide tools needed to address Haiti’s immediate security challenges, but enduring recovery depends on Haitian leadership. Haiti must write its own future and work towards building a stable nation,” the statement said.

President William Ruto, President of the transitional government of Haiti Laurent Saint-Cyr (3rdL) during a high-level meeting on Haiti at the UN headquarters in New York, USA /PCS



KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE

UPGRADING OF ROADS AHEAD OF MASHUJAA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is a state corporation established under the Kenya Roads Act of 2007, with the responsibility for management, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of Rural Roads.

The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible Construction Companies to bid for upgrading of various roads to be financed by the Government of Kenya through the Road Maintenance Levy Fund and Development Vote.

Bidders are requested to download full details of the Advertisement and Tender Documents from the KeRRA website www.kerra.go.ke **Free of Charge** as from **24th September, 2025**.

Completed tender documents **MUST** be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the Tender Name, Tender Number and be deposited in the respective Tender Boxes located in the various Regional Offices indicated in the Long Advertisement given in the KeRRA Website so as be received on or before **1st October, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

Opening of the bids will take place immediately thereafter at the respective Regional Offices and in the presence of Tenderers Representatives who wish to attend.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management)
For DIRECTOR GENERAL
KENYA RURAL ROADS AUTHORITY**

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THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA
(The National Land Commission Act, CAP 281)

**THE SELECTION PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION**

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the National Land Commission Act, 2012 as read with the First Schedule thereto, the Selection Panel invited applications from suitably qualified persons for the positions of Chairperson and Eight (8) Members of the National Land Commission in the print media and on the Public Service Commission website on 27th August, 2025.

The list of applicants can be accessed on the Public Service Commission website: www.publicservice.go.ke

After considering the applications, the Selection Panel shortlisted candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission. The schedule of interview for the shortlisted candidates is as set out below:

1. CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Interview Date: Wednesday 1st October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Dr. Rebecca Kavutha Mutia	Female	Kitui	8.30 a.m.
2.	Hon. Dr. Abdikadir Oman Aden	Male	Garissa	9.30 a.m.
3.	Gilbert William Opanga	Male	Vihiga	10.30 a.m.
4.	Monicah Namunyak Cherutich	Female	Nakuru	11.30 a.m.
5.	Abuga Kennedy Kaunda	Male	Kisii	12.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Thursday 2nd October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Nelly Karimi Mbugua	Female	Meru	8.30 a.m.
2.	Prof. Saeed Mutta Mwanguni, EBS	Male	Kwale	9.30 a.m.
3.	Dr. Justa Wawira Mwangi (PWD)	Female	Embu	10.30 a.m.
4.	Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy	Male	Kwale	11.30 a.m.
5.	Dr. Humphrey Kimani Njuguna	Male	Murang'a	12.30 p.m.

2. MEMBER, NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Interview Date: Friday 3rd October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Lucy Chepkosgei Chepkochei	Female	Baringo	8.30 a.m.
2.	Reuben Cheruiyot Rutto	Male	Baringo	9.30 a.m.
3.	Martin Sangula Ngomat	Male	Bungoma	10.30 a.m.
4.	Gentrix Nasimiyu Ndinyo	Female	Bungoma	11.30 a.m.
5.	Augustine Khaemba Masinde, EBS	Male	Bungoma	12.30 p.m.
6.	Emily Wawira Njeru	Female	Embu	2.30 p.m.
7.	Kizito Osore Wangalwa	Male	Busia	3.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Monday 6th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Edwin N. Makori	Male	Nakuru	8.30 a.m.
2.	Dr. Salome Ludenyi Munubi	Female	Kakamega	9.30 a.m.
3.	Mokin Arap Ptang'u'ny, HSC	Male	Bungoma	10.30 a.m.
4.	Kula Halkano Hache (PWD)	Female	Isiolo	11.30 a.m.
5.	Mary Yiane Seneta	Female	Kajiado	12.30 p.m.
6.	James Wagama Ruitha	Male	Nyeri	2.30 p.m.
7.	Susan Khakasa Oyatsi, MBS	Female	Kakamega	3.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Tuesday 7th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Caroline Chepkurui Chirchir	Female	Kericho	8.30 a.m.
2.	Rev. Charles Kipyegon Mutai	Male	Kericho	9.30 a.m.
3.	Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot	Male	Kericho	10.30 a.m.
4.	Washington Opiyo Sati, (PWD) MBS	Male	Kisumu	11.30 a.m.
5.	Chimwaga Mongo	Male	Kilifi	12.30 p.m.
6.	Juliet Wanjiku Murimi	Female	Kiambu	2.30 p.m.
7.	Prof. David Ndegwa Kuria	Male	Kiambu	3.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Wednesday 8th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	George Augustine Arwa	Male	Kisumu	8.30 a.m.
2.	Dr. Domitila Ndinda Kyule	Female	Makueni	9.30 a.m.
3.	Said Masud Athman Mtwana	Male	Taita Taveta	10.30 a.m.
4.	John Kwemoi Meng'wa	Male	Trans Nzoia	11.30 a.m.
5.	Abdirahman Mohamed Adan	Male	Mandera	12.30 p.m.
6.	Ambrose Lkusulan Lochokwe, OGW	Male	Marsabit	2.30 p.m.
7.	Daniel Murithi Muriungi	Male	Meru	3.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Thursday 9th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	John Mwangi Maina	Male	Murangá	8.30 a.m.
2.	Maryam Abdillahi Mbaruk	Female	Mombasa	9.30 a.m.
3.	Andrew Okach Ochola, (PWD)	Male	Migori	10.30 a.m.
4.	Dr. Joseph Kipkirui Mutai	Male	Nakuru	11.30 a.m.
5.	Julius Kiplagat Rotich	Male	Nandi	12.30 p.m.
6.	Kosion F. Kibekekenya	Male	Narok	2.30 p.m.
7.	Morintat Peter Oiboo	Male	Narok	3.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Monday 13th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Prof. Lawrence Salaon Esho	Male	Narok	8.30 a.m.
2.	Fawcett Ouma Komollo	Male	Nyamira	9.30 a.m.
3.	Elizabeth Atieno Ayoo	Female	Homa Bay	10.30 a.m.
4.	Dr. Konyango Charles Otieno	Male	Siaya	11.30 a.m.
5.	Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko	Female	Siaya	12.30 p.m.
6.	Sospeter Oduor Ohanya	Male	Siaya	2.30 p.m.
7.	Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed	Male	Mandera	3.30 p.m.
8.	Dr. Mohamed Khalif Abdirahman	Male	Wajir	4.30 p.m.

Interview Date: Tuesday 14th October, 2025

S/No.	Name	Gender	County	Time
1.	Tirop Kosgey	Male	Uasin Gishu	8.30 a.m.
2.	Dr. Ruth M'mbwaya Agesa, MBS	Female	Vihiga	9.30 a.m.
3.	Abdi Ali Mohamed	Male	Mandera	10.30 a.m.
4.	Halima Saney Sheikh	Female	Wajir	11.30 a.m.
5.	Omar Daud Khalid	Male	Wajir	12.30 p.m.
6.	Fatuma Abdi Ali Hirsi	Female	Wajir	2.30 p.m.
7.	Nelly Karimi Mbugua	Female	Meru	3.30 p.m.
8.	Monicah Namunyak Cherutich	Female	Nakuru	4.30 p.m.

The shortlisted candidates are notified that the interviews will be conducted on the date and time indicated above at the Public Service Commission (Commission House), Harambee Avenue, Nairobi. The candidates are required to arrive at the designated venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the schedule interview time.

Shortlisted candidates are required to avail the originals of the following documents:

- National Identity Card;
- Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts;
- Any other supporting documents and testimonials; and
- Valid Clearances from the following bodies:
 - Kenya Revenue Authority;
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - Higher Education Loans Board;
 - Any of the Registered Credit Reference Bureaus;
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Police Clearance Certificate);
- Letter of recognition of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE) for any degree obtained from foreign universities; and
- Recommendations from relevant professional bodies (where applicable).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to avail any credible information of interest relating to any of the shortlisted candidates through sworn affidavits to the Secretary/CEO via email nlc2025@publicservice.go.ke or hand delivered to the Office of the Secretary/CEO, Public Service Commission situated on 4th floor Commission House, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi on or before **30th September, 2025**.

HON. REHEMA DIDA JALDESA

CHAIRPERSON

SELECTION PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

NEWS GENERAL

SETBACK

Court dismisses petition challenging price of fuel

Ruling means cost will continue to be determined under current framework

JAMES GICHIGI
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KENYANS anticipating a reprieve at the fuel pump have suffered a setback after the High Court dismissed a petition challenging the government's pricing formula.

The suit, lodged in December 2023 by Kituo cha Sheria, had sought to have the state compelled to stabilise and reduce high fuel prices, which at the time retailed at Sh217 at the pump.

They argued that the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority and the Ministry of Energy had failed to translate falling international oil prices into lower local pump prices.

"That notwithstanding, on October 6, 2023, Energy Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir, while submitting a report before the National Dialogue Committee,



A fuel attendant pumps fuel into a car /FILE

indicated there would be a looming increase in fuel prices in the coming months to a retail price of Sh300.

If not controlled, Kenyans stand to suffer irreparable loss," said Kituo Cha Sheria in its court papers.

According to the organisation, the state's inertia had deepened the cost-of-living crisis, squeezing

household budgets, inflating transport costs and slowing down economic activity.

It asked the court to compel the authorities to revise the pricing formula and adopt measures to cushion consumers from high costs.

However, in a decision delivered by Justice Chacha Mwita on Tuesday, the court held that the petitioners had not demonstrated how EPRA or the ministry had breached Kenyans' constitutionally protected economic and consumer rights under Articles 43 and 46.

The judge said the evidence presented did not show a clear violation and emphasised that the State had already adopted reasonable interventions.

"The measures already taken by the government are reasonable. Any further steps would be additional, not mandatory. I am unable to make orders in favour of the petitioners," the judge ruled.

Any additional steps, he added, would be policy choices rather than constitutional obligations.

On that basis, the court declined to issue any of the orders sought by Kituo cha Sheria.

The ruling effectively means that fuel prices will continue to be determined under the current regulatory framework.

The framework adjusts pump prices monthly based on a formula that factors in global crude costs, exchange rates, taxes, and levies.

HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Woman trampled to death by elephants herd in Kwale

CYRUS OMBATI

A 25-year-old woman was trampled to death by a herd of elephants in Mularoni village, Vigurungani, Kinango, Kwale county.

The incident comes amid growing challenge of human-wildlife conflict across the country.

It prompted an outcry in the area with calls for the government to address the menace.

Police and witnesses said Pombe Nyawa was riding on a motorcycle as a pillion passenger when they came across a herd of elephants on the road on Sunday, evening.

The herd charged towards the woman and her husband, who was the rider, prompting him to make an abrupt U-turn. The man said the motorcycle overturned in the process, flooring them. They then jumped off and escaped on foot to different direc-

tions. The elephants caught up with the woman, trampling her.

She died on the spot. The police and Kenya Wildlife Service personnel later visited the scene as the body was taken to the mortuary pending an autopsy. Police advised the family to file a compensation claim.

In May 2025, Kenya introduced the third phase of its Human-Wildlife Conflict Compensation programme, an initiative aimed at addressing these incidents and supporting affected families.

During its launch at Meru National Park, President William Ruto unveiled the innovative Wildlife Conservation Card, a new tool designed to help fund conservation efforts.

"Compensation is justice, but prevention is progress," Ruto said, emphasising the need for long-term solutions that benefit both people and wildlife.



Elephants walk in front of cows belonging to Samburu herders at the Mugie Conservancy /FILE



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) is Kenya's National Medicines Regulatory Authority established in 1957 under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, Chapter 244 of the Laws of Kenya. The Board regulates the Practice of Pharmacy and, the Manufacture and Trade in Medical Products and Health Technologies.

PPB seeks to recruit qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Number of Positions: Forty-Five (45)

Job Type: Full time

Location: Nairobi and Regional Offices

Terms of Service: Contract of Eighteen (18) Months

S/No.	Position/Specialty	Job Grade	Number of positions
1.	Regulatory Officers	PPB 6	22
2.	Biotechnologists	PPB 6	5
3.	Biotechnologists Specialists	PPB 4	10
4.	Information Security Specialists	PPB 7	1
5.	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer	PPB 6	1
6.	Biomedical Engineer	PPB 6	1
7.	Biostatistician	PPB 6	1
8.	Internal Auditor and Risk Assurance Officer	PPB 6	1
9.	Software Developers	PPB 7	3
Total Positions			45

Application Procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should visit the PPB website (<https://web.pharmacyboardkenya.org/careers/>) for more details and the application process.

Applications should reach the PPB on or before **14th October, 2025 at 11:59 pm, EAT.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. PPB does not charge any fee in the recruitment process.
2. PPB is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disability, female candidates, marginalized and minority groups are encouraged to apply.
3. Applicants must be registered pharmacists in Kenya
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
5. Applicants must comply with Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya

NEWS GENERAL

EXPANSION WOES

Fight between government and youths over Kenol grounds escalates

ALICE WAITHERA

THE Environment and Land Court in Murang'a has suspended the construction of government offices on grounds used by the youth for sporting activities in Kenol town.

Justice Jane Onyango issued the orders following the application of a petition by former National Cohesion and Integration Commissioner Wambui Nyutu.

Nyutu said residents approached her for help in blocking the construction of government offices, underscoring the importance of the grounds for the youths.

Justice Onyango scheduled the application for an inter-parties hearing on December 1.

The administration, in partnership with the NG-CDF, intends to construct government offices

including an ICT hub, IEBC offices, police quarters and Kenol Court on the space. The grounds are strategically located along the Kenol-Sagana dual carriageway, which is considered the gateway to the Mt Kenya region.

However, youth in the fast-growing town insist that for over a decade, the grounds have hosted activities especially during holidays, keeping them busy and away from crime.

They also challenged the move, saying the subcounty headquarters has numerous idle spaces that can be utilised for the projects.

On Monday, a public participation forum organised by deputy county commissioner Gitonga Murungi to debate the issue ended in disarray.

The DCC, who said the land is in

the possession of his office, backs the county's expansion plan.

During the meeting, local youth claimed leaders had brought in other young people from other areas to support the construction plan.

They left the meeting, only to return minutes later accompanied by other political leaders, including Nyutu, who was armed with the court order.

This prompted confrontations and the two groups of youths engaged in near-fist fights. Police officers present lobbed tear-gas canisters to break them apart and disperse them.

While local leaders underscored the benefits the expansion would bring, residents expressed their reservations.

MP Mary Waithera said the space is not a designated play-



Youth and leaders flee after police lobbed teargas to disperse them at Kimorori grounds in Kenol, Murang'a /ALICE WAITHERA

ground, highlighting the benefits new offices will bring to locals. The local courts, for instance, are hosted in an old, congested building within the subcounty headquarters.

Additionally, an ICT hub would provide opportunities for locals to engage in online jobs and benefit from numerous digital employment opportunities enabled by the state.

MORE RESEARCH

Put data at heart of strong conservation, scientists told

Wildlife sector has many challenges that data can help address, says state

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THE government has urged scientists to help solve the challenges threatening to wipe out iconic species. Head of Public Service Felix Koskei said experts should help the government through their research.

"Let us engage policymakers to ensure our decisions are data-driven," Koskei said.

The head of public service made the remarks at Lake Naivasha Resort on Tuesday, when he presided over the opening of the three-day Second International Wildlife Scientific Conference.

The conference from Tuesday to Thursday is themed "Innovations in Wildlife Conservation Science and Practice for Socioeconomic Development".

It provides a platform for researchers, conservationists, policymakers, community leaders and international partners to exchange knowledge and present key scientific findings. They will also deliberate on solutions for sustainable biodiversity conservation and human development.

The conference follows the inaugural meeting in September 2023. It had more than 300 participants and featured 127 scientific papers by local and international researchers.

Kenya's wildlife sector is experiencing environmental, political, economic, social, technological and legal challenges. Unplanned conservation challenges have a direct impact on sustainable wildlife conservation and management. They include changes in land use, infrastructural development, increasing human and livestock populations and unpredictable global climate change.

Using scientific data can help ad-



dress problems of wildlife poaching, human-wildlife co-existence, species loss and population decline, habitat loss and degradation.

Koskei said some challenges can be addressed through research that scientists have generated over time.

He said the government is also keen to enhance funding for research.

"We are progressively increasing their budget so we have a solid source of information in data and other required issues enabling us to make correct decisions," Koskei said.

The state allocation for research is less than one per cent of the country's GDP.

Attending the opening were Tourism CS Rebecca Miano, PS for the state department of Wildlife Silvia Museiya, Wildlife Research and Training Institute CEO Patrick Omondi, WRTI board chairman David Nkedianye, KWS director general

Erustus Kanga and Northern Rangelands Trust board chairman Julius Kipngetch.

Miano said her ministry is finalising a Bill establishing a national tourism regulator.

"It is critical for this country to regulate the industry effectively and come up with policies supporting all players and all actors," she said.

Public participation has been done and the Bill will be submitted to the Cabinet and then to Parliament. She said she hopes it will be approved in a couple of months and the issue of uniform national regulation resolved.

"The data-driven decisions, the well-informed decisions, will go a long way in promoting the tourism sector," the CS said.

KWS highlighted the increase in human-wildlife conflicts, which has been caused by the swelling population.

Wildlife PS Silvia Museiya, Tourism CS Rebecca Miano, Head of Public Service Felix Koskei and the chairman of the Wildlife Research and Training Institute David Nkedianye at the opening ceremony of the second International Wildlife Scientific conference at Lake Naivasha Resort yesterday /HANDOUT

BLUE ECONOMY

New training programme launched to help safeguard Kenya's marine resources

BRIAN OTIENO

KENYA needs to adopt more sophisticated technologies to monitor the ocean in order to better protect and preserve its resources, experts have said.

Technical University of Mombasa Vice Chancellor Leila Abubakar noted that the technologies in use are outdated, slowing efforts to harness the full potential of the blue economy.

She spoke on Monday during the opening of the first Coastal Ocean and Environment School for the West Indian Ocean region hosted at TUM. The training is being conducted in East Africa for the first time and has brought together 75 participants from 17 countries including Somalia, Mozambique, Mauritius, Madagascar, Réunion, Germany and France.

"This training will equip experts, especially from Kenya, with the latest technologies for blue economy exploration," she said.

Abubakar said Kenya's ban on single-use plastics had reduced marine pollution and boosted yields, but emphasised that more needed to be done.

TUM Deputy Vice Chancellor Peter Gichangi said youth must seize opportunities in the blue economy, noting the Indian Ocean supports about 65 million people.

Prof Brian Arbic, an oceanographer from the University of Michigan, said the programme links global experts with East African practitioners.

Pwani University Vice Chancellor James Kahindi said the government is collaborating with the institution, TUM and KMFRI to roll out a joint oceanography curriculum, with each institution handling specific units.



The Indian Ocean in Shimoni, Kwale county /BRIAN OTIENO

NEWS BUSINESS

ACCEDE

StanChart starts complying with payment order on pension case

MARTIN MWITA

STANDARD Chartered is collecting data from appellants in a Sh7 billion court award for verification and processing of claims, management has said, as it affirms its commitment to the judicial process.

The 629 former employees were awarded the amount in a landmark 16 year pension battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court over undervalued pension.

The bank announced a structured process, commencing September 22, 2025, for pensioners to collect information and process claims.

“Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Pensions Fund is fully complying with the judicial process notice of the Supreme Court’s ruling dated September 5, 2025,” management said in an official statement.

Additionally, the Standard Char-

tered Bank Kenya Pensions Fund is also addressing all enquiries with all pensioners who are not among the 629 appellants. Last week, the Nairobi Securities Exchange listed lender issued a profit warning, telling investors that its 2025 earnings will be impacted as it moves to settle the Sh7 billion pension obligation for former employees.

The Tier 1 lender projected that its net earnings for the year ending December 31, 2025, would be at least 25 percent lower than those recorded in 2024. The announcement saw the bank’s share price at the NSE tumble, shedding close to Sh15. The share price however averaged Sh287 at the start of the week. Standard Chartered began the year with a share price of Sh279.75 and has since gained 9.47 per cent on that price valuation, ranking it 49th on the NSE in terms of year-to-date per-

formance. The profit warning means that profits will drop by at least Sh7.1 billion or more, compared to the Sh28.5 billion reported in 2024, a figure almost similar to what it is awarding former employees in pension compensation.

Capital Markets Authority regulations demand that any listed company must issue a caution if its

profits are projected to fall by 25 per cent. “We would like to reassure our clients and stakeholders that SCBK is adequately capitalised to meet the anticipated obligations,” said board chairperson Kellen Kariuki.

“We continue to execute our strategy of combining differentiated cross-border capabilities with leading wealth management expertise.”



Standard Chartered Kenya and Africa CEO, Kariuki Ngari, with head of human resources Evans Munyori and bank's Pensions Fund chairman, David Ongoro engage former staff during a pensions verification process /HANDOUT

AUSTERITY

State to cut 2025-26 budget by Sh21bn on lower revenue

Debt service obligations now absorb more than 60 per cent of government revenue



National Treasury CS John Mbadi before National Assembly Committee on Implementation on September 18 /ENOS TECHE

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The National Treasury plans to cut Sh21.1 billion in the current budget, an indicator of the first supplementary budget for 2025-26 financial year.

According to the details in the Draft 2025 Budget Review and Outlook Paper, the exchequer has lowered its total expenditure target for the 2025-26 financial year to Sh4.269 trillion.

This is down from the Sh4.291 trillion set in the approved baseline budget, marking a Sh21.1 billion reduction.

The revision comes at a time that treasury’s is struggling to balance spending plans against weaker-than-expected revenue performance.

This follows the spiral effects of the

sustained gen Z protests last year that saw the state fall back on its revenue targets. For instance, official data by the taxman shows that, in July 2025, total collections stood at Sh212.6 billion, falling Sh20.1 billion short of the monthly target of Sh232.7 billion.

This underperformance follows a difficult 2024-25 financial year, when tax revenues were dented by the withdrawal of the Finance Bill 2024 and months of street protests that disrupted economic activity.

“This performance, coupled with the weak budget outturn in FY 2024-25, points to continued fiscal pressures and underscores the need for realistic revenue projections in preparing the FY 2026-27 budget,” said National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi.

The cut, while modest in the con-

text of a Sh4.2 trillion budget, treasury maintains that it is targeting to shrink the budget deficit to 4.7 per cent of GDP in 2025-26, down from 5.8 per cent last year.

However, debt obligations remain a pain point for the country with the exchequer data showing that by the end of June 2025, Kenya’s total public debt stock was estimated at 64 per cent of GDP—above the 55 per cent threshold considered sustainable by the International Monetary Fund.

Debt service costs now absorb more than 60 per cent of government revenue, limiting fiscal space for development programs.

This essentially means that for every Sh100 that is collected by the government, Sh60 per cent is directed towards repaying debt.

“The financial year 2026-27 and medium-term budget are being developed against persistent fiscal challenges, including revenue shortfalls, rising public debt and debt servicing costs, accumulation of pending bills and increasing demands for priority funding,” added Mbadi.

“To address these challenges, the Government will continue implementing its fiscal consolidation strategy aimed at reducing the fiscal deficit and containing debt growth, while safeguarding essential service delivery through enhanced domestic revenue mobilization and prudent expenditure management.”

Despite proposed reforms to streamline the payment to suppliers, the exchequer admits that pending bills still remain a thorn in Treasury’s side.

As of June 2025, ministries, departments, and state corporations owed

suppliers and contractors Sh525.9 billion, with treasury now warning that without expenditure rationalisation, the pile-up of arrears could worsen.

Despite the budget squeeze, treasury holds that priority programs under President William Ruto’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) will be protected.

Spending is expected to remain focused on agricultural transformation, support for small businesses, affordable housing, healthcare, and the digital economy.

The BROP notes that ministries and departments will be required to rigorously review their projects and eliminate low-impact spending.

“The zero-based budgeting approach—where every expenditure must be justified afresh—is expected to guide allocations in both the supplementary and future budgets,” added Mbadi. In previous years, budgetary adjustments have often shifted money away from development spending to recurrent obligations such as salaries, pensions and interest payments.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The government plans to raise Sh3.58 trillion in revenues in 2026-27, equivalent to 17.1 per cent of GDP, while spending is projected at Sh4.65 trillion. Treasury says it will prioritise concessional loans, expand the use of public-private partnerships and deepen domestic debt markets to ease refinancing risks.

THE DATA

129.24

The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

Kenya’s shilling remained stable against the US dollar on Tuesday as inflows ensured stable supply in the market

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Mean
US DOLLAR	129.2367
EURO	152.1310
STG POUND	174.5083
SA RAND	7.4560
KES / TSHS	19.0929
KES / USHS	27.0976
JPY (100)	87.3811
SAUDI RIYAL	34.4585
IND RUPEE	1.4635
AE DIRHAM	35.1856

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
KAKUZI	425.50	7.59
CROWN PAINTS	53.00	3.92
CIC GROUP	4.28	3.88
UCHUMI	0.35	2.94
HF GROUP	10.30	2.49

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
EXPRESS KENYA	7.40	9.09
UMEME	6.94	8.92
UNGA GROUP	20.00	6.98
HOME AFRICA	0.94	6.93
STANDARD GROUP	5.44	6.53



TIP OF THE DAY
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR BOSS

Do you feel like you’re not getting the guidance, clarity, or feedback you need from your manager in your one-on-one meetings? If so, redirect the focus by asking the right questions.

Ask for guidance on tasks and projects:

I’m having some challenges with X. Can you help me think about how to navigate it successfully? What do you think of my idea Z? Do you have any suggestions for how to improve it, or an alternative idea I should consider?

Clarify priorities and expectations: Given what’s on my plate, what should I be prioritizing right now, and can you help me understand why?

As you review my workload, am I taking on the right projects?

Align with the organization and its strategy:

To help me better understand the big picture, how does the work I’m doing fit into the company’s broader goals? What’s new in our company’s strategic priorities that you feel I should know about?

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TRADE

Ruto to hold last minute talks with the US on Agoa extension

It was to expire in 2008, but Africa lobbied WTO for an extension that took it to 2015

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KENYA will negotiate for the extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa) on the sidelines of the ongoing United Nations General Assembly in New York, United States of America.

President William Ruto said that he would be speaking with US officials this week regarding the possible extension of the 25-year-old trade pact, which is set to expire in a week.

According to Ruto, Agoa has been of great benefit to Kenya and Africa at large, connecting traders to ready markets at very low cost.

Ruto will build on comprehensive meetings conducted by delegations from Kenya and four other AGOA beneficiaries who visited Washington last week to push for a temporary extension.

This is the third attempt by African states to extend Agoa, put in place by Bill Clinton's administration in 2000 and reviewed by the Obama administration.

Initially, Agoa was meant to expire in 2008, but Africa lobbied the WTO for an extension that took it to 2015. Trade experts say underinvestment in sectors that produce export goods has prevented Africa from maximising the benefits of Agoa's extension.

According to Pankaj Bedi, chairman of apparel company United Aryan, the delegation of private investors and government officials had more than 30 engagements last week, including with members of Congress and their aides.

He said there was universal support from the Congressional Republicans



President William Ruto delivers his speech during a High-level Meeting on Haiti at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on the sidelines of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA on September 22/PCS

and Democrats they met, including staffers for House Speaker Mike Johnson, to renew Agoa.

Without an extension, manufacturers would face steep rises in tariffs on their products, including a jump from 10 to 43 per cent for synthetic textiles.

"It's like a house of cards that will collapse," Bedi said, predicting mass layoffs across the textiles sector if the trade deal is not renewed.

Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has publicly said in the past that an extension was not a priority for the current administration, which is focusing on bilateral discussions and trade deals with individual nations.

Although various experts have warned of serious consequences if the trade pact is not extended, the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

has dismissed those fears as baseless

In an interview with a local daily, WTO director general, Ngozi Okonjo, said the expiry of Agoa would not have a substantial effect due to the minimal trade between eligible African nations and the US.

According to the global trade body, President Trump's reciprocal tariff policy leaves little room for preferential trade treatment for African

states under the pact. It adds that the continent offers little to the US market, hence the expiry will have little effect on them.

"Tariffs will likely be used as bargaining chips to extract concessions, such as market access for US companies, adoption of US standards in technology and energy, and reforms of national industrialisation and socio-economic policies."

Since its enactment in 2000, the Act has been at the core of US economic policy and commercial engagement with Africa, giving eligible sub-Saharan African countries duty-free access to the US market for over 1,800 products, in addition to more than 5,000 products that are eligible for duty-free access under the Generalised System of Preferences programme. If the US declines to extend the deal, at least 66,000 Kenyans employed in the apparel industry alone would not be assured of their jobs. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) fears that the number could be higher if the Export Processing Zones and related businesses decide to downsize.

The deal signed in 2000 by Bill Clinton's administration and reviewed by Obama in 2015 has two major provisions.

For instance, it provides eligible countries with duty-free and quota-free access to selected product groups, expanding the list of products under GSP.

The GSP is a non-reciprocal trade preference programme that permits duty-free imports of products, more than 4,600 at the HS-8-digit classification, from designated developing countries, currently about 130, including most SSA countries.

THE DATA

66,000

The number of Kenyans employed in the apparel industry

CULTURE CHANGE

By Chris Harrison

Trust first



I often hear employees joking (half seriously) about the need to keep their computer mouse moving. The fear is that if the cursor sits still for too long, a manager will conclude they are not working.

It is a telling symbol of a workplace culture that equates presence with productivity.

In such environments, people feel monitored rather than motivated, counted rather than trusted.

The impulse to surveil is understandable. In an era of remote work and flexible schedules, leaders worry that performance may slip through the cracks.

Technology offers easy ways to check activity, so dashboards and trackers become the default solution. But the unintended outcome is a workforce focused on "looking busy" rather than achieving results. The mouse that wiggles but produces nothing of value illustrates the paradox perfectly.

Cultures built on surveillance may achieve compliance, but rarely inspire commitment. They breed anxiety, erode creativity, and push employees into defensive routines designed to avoid blame rather than deliver excellence.

Worse, they send a signal of mistrust that lingers far longer than any performance report. Once employees sense they are being treated as potential slackers, their discretionary energy - the extra effort that distinguishes good from great - quickly evaporates.

There is another way. Leaders who choose to move beyond surveillance invest in building trust. This means setting out a clear direction of travel, explaining the "why" behind priorities, and then allowing people the autonomy to deliver.

Trust is not about neglecting accountability; it is about shifting the focus from activity to outcomes. A trusted team member is more likely to take ownership, to innovate, and to collaborate in pursuit of shared goals. When employees are treated as responsible adults, they respond with the same level of responsibility. The practical shift starts with leaders themselves.

When those at the top model trust - resisting the temptation to track every moment and instead focusing on conversations, clarity, and encouragement - managers follow their example. Step by step, behaviours cascade through the organisation, and trust replaces surveillance as the cultural norm. Trust first, and the rest will follow.

Productivity does not live in a blinking screen or a moving cursor. It lives in people who know they are trusted and who repay that trust with their best work.

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PROPERTY

UN's Kenya move stirs prime Nairobi real estate market

JACKTONE LAWI

NAIROBI'S prime real estate market is looking at a major shake-up with the anticipated surge in demand for high-end housing following the planned relocation of United Nations diplomatic offices.

Although official timelines remain under wraps, industry players say the expected influx of diplomats, expatriates, and support staff could significantly transform the city's residential property landscape, especially in prime neighbourhoods.

According to HassConsult Land prices in Gigiri, and its neighbourhood were reported to be in a state of stagnation in the first quarter of 2025 and recorded a strong increase in property prices in June 2025 after the relocation plan was revealed.

Developers have already started off plan sales for properties marketed as tailored to the needs of diplomats,

expatriates, and executives expected to relocate to Nairobi.

"With the UN expected to move four departments to Nairobi, demand for housing will be very high, and we want to ensure our properties meet that need," said Wonder Properties Kenya founder Jack Wu during the launch of its latest development Diplomat Residences.

The United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) is currently one of four global UN headquarters and already hosts thousands of staff.

However, the anticipated relocation of additional agencies and diplomatic offices is expected to double or even triple housing demand within the next few years.

While the outlook is bullish, concerns remain about affordability for locals. Nairobi already ranks among Africa's priciest housing markets relative to income.

Wonder Properties' sales manager,

Real estate apartments /FILE



Poonam Arora, however, insisted the company is targeting a broad market, not just elites.

"We sell from as low as Sh5 million, so even the middle class can afford our properties," he said.

Developers are now prioritising mixed-use gated communities, apartments with international-standard amenities and serviced residences targeting short- to medium-term diplomatic staff.

Analysts project that property prices in Nairobi's diplomatic blue zones could climb by 15-20 per cent once relocations commence.

Kenya's government is equally eyeing the opportunity, with the Ministry of Housing indicating that it is working on policies to guide property development around diplomatic corridors, including tighter security regulations and incentives for investors in serviced apartments.

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INFERTILITY, LOSS AND JOURNEY TO PARENTHOOD THROUGH IVF

Rebecca, Mary and Priscilla recount their ups and downs in quest for pregnancy

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There's something about starting a family that feels almost instinctive when you get married.

For many couples, the excitement of choosing baby names, imagining tiny clothes and dreaming about midnight feedings comes naturally.

Parenthood is not just expected, it's deeply desired. But for some, the journey to that dream becomes a quiet struggle marked by uncertainty, loss and waiting.

When pregnancy doesn't come, or worse, when it comes and ends in miscarriage, it can leave couples with a grief that is hard to explain and even harder to carry.

For women, especially, it begins to challenge identity, confidence and sometimes, the very foundation of a marriage.

For Rebecca, 26, this reality has become painfully familiar. She and her partner Peter, 29, have been trying to have a baby for the past three years.

But instead of celebrating new life, they have suffered three consecutive miscarriages: one in 2023, another last year and again this year. Each time, the loss has cut deeper.

After the third miscarriage, Rebecca underwent a hysterosalpingogram, a special X-ray that looks at the uterus and fallopian tubes.

It was during this test that doctors discovered she has bilateral hydrosalpinx, a condition where both fallopian tubes are filled with toxic or infected fluid.

"The doctors told us that this fluid can leak back into the uterus and make it nearly impossible for an embryo to implant and grow," Rebecca said.

"That's likely what's been happening all along, the embryos never had a chance."

To increase her chances of carrying a pregnancy to term, doctors advised that Rebecca undergo a procedure to block the tubes from the uterus.

It's a minimally invasive surgery, either hysteroscopic or laparoscopic, but with one major consequence: Once the tubes are sealed, natural conception is no longer possible.

The plan also includes cleaning the uterus to clear any infection or inflammation caused by the miscarriages.

Doctors will use PRP (Platelet-Rich



Peter, 29, with his partner Rebecca, 26, during a consultation with Dr Sarita Sukhija, a fertility specialist at Myra Fertility Centre /NANCY WAINAINA

Plasma) made from Rebecca's own blood, and inject it into her uterine lining to help strengthen it and improve the chances of embryo implantation.

"After they seal the tubes and prepare the uterus, we'll start IVF. That means I'll begin hormone injections on the second day of my cycle to stimulate my ovaries, then go for ultrasounds every few days to monitor the egg development," Rebecca said.

Once the eggs are mature, doctors will collect them through a procedure done under sedation, and Peter's sperm will be collected the same day.

The fertilisation takes place in the lab, and the resulting embryos are grown in an incubator for several days before being frozen. In a future cycle, Rebecca's body will be prepared for the embryo transfer.

"If we get several good embryos, we'll freeze the extras. That's a relief because it means we don't have to go through the whole process again if we want more children later," she said.

HOPE AFTER DESPAIR

While Rebecca's journey is just beginning, Mary Nyokabi's has come full circle, but not without years of pain. Now 42, Mary got married at 26

with the hope of quickly starting a family. But month after month turned into year after year with no pregnancy. For 15 years, she faced the agony of unexplained infertility.

"You start to question your womanhood. The silence, the looks, the questions... they say nothing, but they say everything. You begin to doubt yourself," she said.

After many tests and disappointments, Mary was diagnosed with

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blocked fallopian tubes, a condition that made natural conception almost impossible.

She and her husband tried everything from hormonal therapy to traditional remedies, but nothing worked. The emotional toll was immense, and the fear of losing her marriage became very real.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't scared he might give up," she admitted.

"There's this unspoken pressure. You feel like you're the problem. But he stood by me."

Four years ago, after exhausting every other option, Mary and her husband turned to IVF. It was a difficult decision, especially financially, but one they were ready to try.

"It was expensive. It was emotionally exhausting. But we had to try," she said.

The procedure worked. Mary became pregnant, and today, their son is three years old.

For Priscilla Muendo and her husband William Muendo, the journey to parenthood was long, uncertain and emotionally taxing.

But today, sitting side by side with smiles lighting up their faces, the couple shares a testimony filled with hope, one that's now doubled

with the anticipation of their second baby, conceived through In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF).

Married for six years, the couple from Kasarani had faced a deeply painful struggle with infertility. Just like Mary, Priscilla was diagnosed with blocked fallopian tubes, a condition that makes natural conception nearly impossible.

"I thought I would never conceive. It was heartbreaking. But we sat down, talked about it and decided to go for a consultation," she said.

Their journey led them to a fertility clinic where, after a series of consultations and medical tests, IVF was recommended.

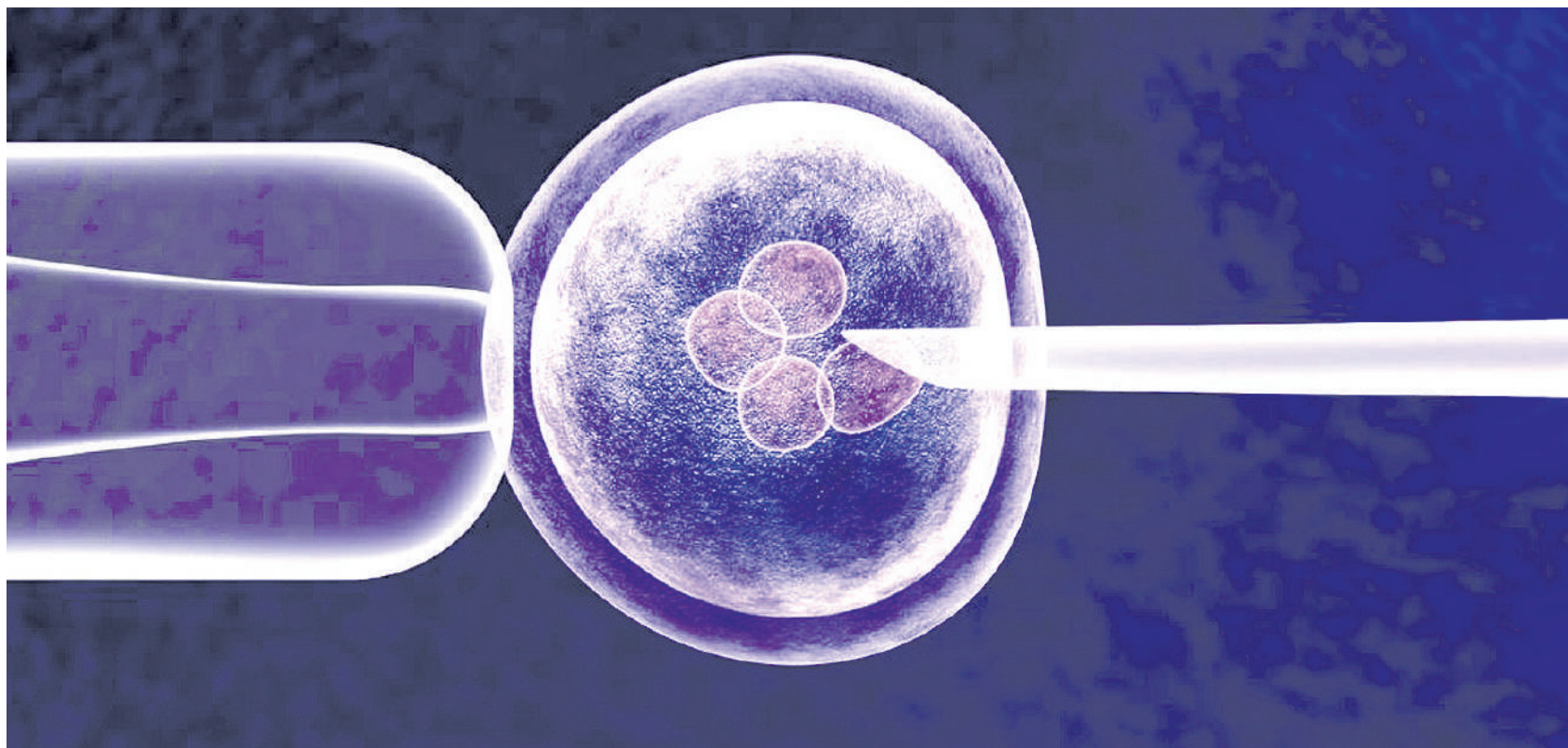
On November 18, 2022, Priscilla underwent her first embryo transfer. Nine days later, too anxious to wait, she took a pregnancy test at home and it was positive.

"We couldn't believe it at first," William said.

"It didn't feel real. But when we went to the hospital and the results were confirmed, we were overwhelmed with joy. It actually worked."

Priscilla's first pregnancy through IVF was carefully monitored by Dr Sarita, who supported the couple from conception through delivery.

IVF procedure
/ILLUSTRATION



Today, their first IVF baby is a healthy two-year-old and now, they are expecting their second.

“Every case is different. You have to take that first step. Go for consultation,” Priscilla advised other couples facing similar challenges.

“You’ll be tested, diagnosed and from there, you can find the right treatment. Whether it’s IVF or something else, there’s always a way forward.”

COMMON BUT STIGMATISED

In Kenya, infertility is more common than many realise and far more stigmatised.

Dr Sarita Sukhija, a fertility specialist at Myra Fertility Centre, says recent statistics indicate that one in five couples struggles with infertility, and about 4.2 million Kenyans require medical intervention to conceive.

Despite the scale of the problem, infertility remains a topic rarely spoken about openly.

Many affected individuals suffer in silence, burdened by societal pressure, cultural expectations and misinformation.

This silence has allowed infertility to grow into a hidden epidemic, where judgment and stigma often replace support and understanding.

Rather than turning to qualified medical professionals, many couples resort to religious or traditional healers.

Cultural beliefs and fear of being ostracised discourage them from seeking proper diagnosis and treatment. The absence of open conversations around fertility challenges leaves those affected feeling isolated, ashamed or broken.

Yet infertility is a medical condition, not a curse, failure or secret to be hidden.

“Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive after 12 months of regular, unprotected intercourse,” Dr Sukhija said.

She emphasised that infertility can affect both men and women, and the causes are wide-ranging.

In women, issues may stem from blocked fallopian tubes, uterine abnormalities such as fibroids or polyps,

cervical conditions like stenosis or polyps, or ovarian disorders that interfere with ovulation.

In men, infertility may result from sperm production or motility problems, hormonal imbalances, infections or anatomical defects.

Age is also a factor for both sexes, and shared environmental exposures, such as toxins, substance use and lifestyle habits, can contribute significantly.

“It’s imperative that both partners undergo a thorough fertility evaluation,” Dr Sarita emphasised.

“Infertility is not a ‘woman’s issue’; it’s a shared concern that requires a joint approach.”

The good news, she said, is that infertility is often treatable, thanks to

advancements in reproductive medicine. Options Dr Sukhija cited include Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), such as In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Intrauterine Insemination (IUI).

Others are treatment of infections, surgical procedures, such as tubal repairs, ovulation induction therapies.

Also doable are lifestyle changes, including improved nutrition, stress management and cessation of substance use.

“With timely and appropriate interventions, many couples can go on to achieve their dream of parenthood,” Dr Sukhija said.

Despite these medical options, social narratives around fertility still place overwhelming pressure on

women in particular.

One of the most enduring and misleading concepts is the so-called “biological clock”.

Dr Sukhija says the idea of a biological clock is scientifically incomplete and socially loaded.

She said fertility decline is not abrupt but gradual, and varies greatly from one individual to another.

“The word ‘clock’ can be misleading as it implies a ticking time bomb when, in reality, fertility decline is more like a dimmer switch than an on/off button,” she said.

Biologically, the components of the so-called clock are egg quantity (ovarian reserve), egg quality and timeline of reproductive health.

It’s true that fertility tends to de-

cline from the mid-30s onward, but that doesn’t mean it vanishes overnight.

At Myra IVF Centre, for example, eggs can be preserved for up to 12 years, offering women more control over their reproductive timelines.

UNSOLICITED ADVICE

Societal pressure often masquerades as biological advice, pushing women to have children at “the right time” regardless of their personal or medical readiness.

While age does play a role in fertility, the fear-based narrative surrounding it lacks nuance and compassion.

Dr Sukhija said this misrepresentation contributes to a range of myths.

“Many people believe, incorrectly, that fertility ends suddenly at 35, or that women who are not pregnant by 30 have missed their chance,” she said.

“It’s time we stop using biological clock as a warning bell and start having informed, respectful and supportive conversations about women’s reproductive health. Science is evolving, and so should our narratives.”

She indicated that infertility does not always stem from external or age-related causes.

For many women, it is the result of complex medical conditions, such as Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS).

While PCOS is commonly associated with irregular periods and the presence of ovarian cysts, it is, in fact, a much deeper endocrine disorder that affects various aspects of a woman’s physical and emotional health.

A study conducted at Kenyatta National Hospital found that 37.4 per cent of women presenting with irregular cycles were diagnosed with PCOS.

Globally, the World Health Organisation estimates that 6-13 per cent of women of reproductive age are affected by the condition. Yet, PCOS remains poorly understood and frequently underdiagnosed.

“PCOS is a hormonal imbalance that disrupts the natural ovulation process,” Dr Sukhija said.

“As a result, ovulation may rarely or never occur, leading to irregular cycles and difficulty in conceiving.”



William Muendo and his wife Priscilla Wairimu Muendo after the interview, in Westlands, Nairobi
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Dazzling Tokyo medal haul glory to Kenya

Kenya's stirring campaign at the 20th World Athletics Championships in Tokyo reaffirmed its enduring power on the global stage.

With 11 medals—seven gold, two silver and two bronze—the nation rose to second place overall, a commanding return that reasserted the east African nation among global sports giants.

Above all, this was the championship of Kenyan women.

Six of the seven golds came from their relentless strides. Beatrice Chebet's dazzling double in the 5,000m and 10,000m placed her among legends like Tirunesh Dibaba and Vivian Cheruiyot. Faith Kipyegon's flawless 1500m run, Peris Jepchirchir's marathon brilliance, Faith Cherotich's steeplechase win and Lilian Odira's shock 800m gold rewrote the record books.

Their sweep of every women's long-distance title was unprecedented—proof that Kenyan women now set the global standard. These victories reflect years of investment in women's athletics, mentorship and grassroots development. Emmanuel Wanyonyi's 800m triumph added a bright note, signalling promise for the men's team. Kenya's climb from fifth in Budapest to second in Tokyo shows strategic gains in coaching, preparation and competitive grit.

Quote of the day: "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." —*The American children's author, illustrator and cartoonist Dr Seuss died on September 24, 1991*

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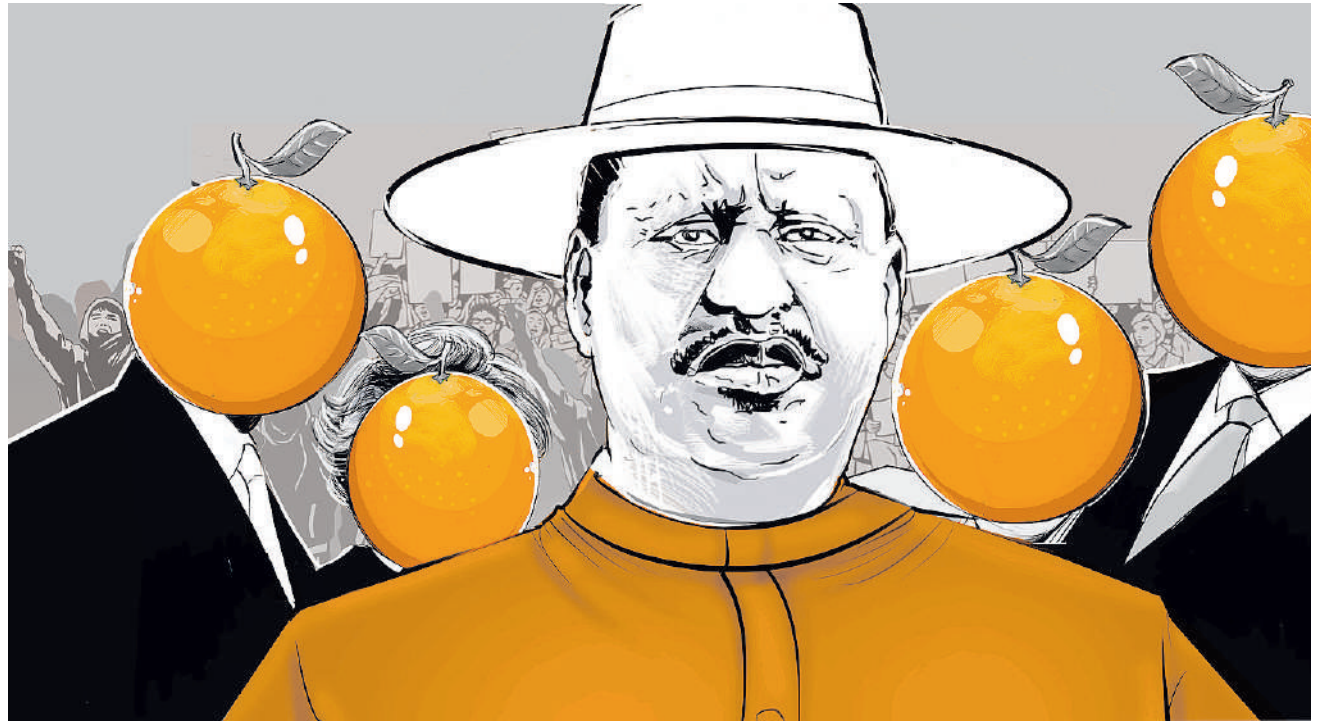
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ODM AT 20: LEGACY OF SACRIFICE, UNWAVERING FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

By Fredrick Okango

ODM's story is not written in boardrooms or campaign rallies alone. It is written in the blood, tears and sacrifices of its supporters.



THE Orange Democratic Movement did not just emerge as another political party. It was born out of struggle, sacrifice and the indomitable will of the people to resist dictatorship and claim their democratic space. From its inception in the 2005 constitutional referendum, where the orange became a fiery emblem of defiance, ODM has carried the weight of Kenya's yearning for justice. For two decades, it has stood as the heartbeat of Kenya's democracy – challenging authoritarianism, giving voice to the voiceless and paying the price for daring to dream of a freer nation.

ODM's story is not written in boardrooms or campaign rallies alone. It is written in the blood, tears and sacrifices of its supporters. From the fiery days of the 2005 referendum through the harrowing post-election violence of 2007–2008, to the cost-of-living maandamano of 2023 and last year's Gen Z anti-tax protests, ODM's faithful have borne the brutal hand of state repression. Their courage transformed ODM from a political vehicle into a living symbol of hope, dignity and defiance.

At the centre of this resistance has been Raila Odinga, the man whose personal journey embodies Kenya's democratic struggle. Seven years of detention, torture and solitary confinement never broke his spirit. Instead, they forged a leader who became more than a politician – he became a

symbol of resilience and hope. For ODM supporters, Raila is not simply a leader; he is the custodian of their collective pain and the carrier of their aspirations.

One thread runs through the former premier's story and that of ODM: an unshakable commitment to victims of political violence. Raila has said it again and again – "Compensation is not charity, it is justice."

This creed has defined ODM's political mission. From the calls for justice after 2007–08, to the renewed cries during the 2017 election protests, to the fiery maandamano of 2023, ODM never abandoned the victims.

That struggle has finally borne fruit. In August, President William Ruto announced a national framework for victim compensation, backdated to 2017. This breakthrough did not fall from the sky. It is a direct result of ODM's unrelenting pressure. It is the culmination of years of sacrifice and persistence by ODM and its supporters. For once, the cries of the wounded, the widows and the orphans have been heard. Justice is no longer a slogan – it is becoming a reality.

This victory must be seen for what it is: a triumph of people's power. It is ODM's ability to push from the streets, from Parliament and

now from within government that forced recognition of the pain inflicted on its people. It is a historic acknowledgement that the majority of victims of political violence have been ODM supporters, punished not for crimes, but for daring to demand justice.

Yet ODM's journey is not just about the past. As the party celebrates 20 years, its vision now stretches into the future. From the veterans who carried the orange in 2005 to the youth who braved bullets and teargas in the Gen Z protests, the party's struggle has evolved, but its essence remains unchanged: standing on the side of justice, no matter the cost.

The compensation victory is not an end. It is a new beginning. It affirms that ODM is more than a party. It is a movement of conscience that dares to wrestle with power, not for privilege, but for the people. Freedom is never given – it is fought for, and it is won.

As ODM marks two decades, we must remember: the price of freedom has been heavy, borne disproportionately by those who dared to resist. But through their sacrifice, Kenya has edged closer to justice. And through ODM's persistence, their pain is finally being recognised.

The orange revolution continues. The flame still burns. And the struggle for justice remains the soul of ODM.

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VOICES

GEN Z MUST HAVE LEADERS TO SUCCEED

In the vibrant chaos of Kenya's 2024 Finance Bill protests, the nation's Gen Z showcased their raw power. United under hashtags like #RejectFinance-Bill2024, they forced President William Ruto administration's to withdraw a deeply unpopular tax proposal and reshuffle his cabinet. Gen Z's "leaderless, tribeless, partyless" mantra, amplified through platforms like X and TikTok, proved effective for a singular cause.

Fast forward to 2025, and the streets were alive again, sparked by the custodial death of teacher Albert Ojwang' and fuelled by broader grievances: soaring living costs, endemic corruption, shrinking job opportunities, police brutality, abductions and the brazen opulence of politicians.

Yet, as the Saba Saba protests gained momentum, a critical flaw persisted; the leaderless approach, while revolutionary, risked stalling Gen Z's aspirations.

To achieve systemic change, Kenya's youth must embrace structured leadership to harness their collective power and navigate the constitutional pathways to reform. Last year's protests were a masterclass in decentralised activism. Without formal leaders, Gen Z mobilised swiftly, evading government crackdowns by lacking a single target. Social media became their megaphone, uniting urban and rural youth across tribal divides to reject the Finance Bill. The result was undeniable; a rare

By Lawi Sultan

History underscores the necessity of leadership. The Mau Mau revolt and the 2002 Narc coalition, which removed Kanu, succeeded through organised leadership, not spontaneous outrage



victory against an entrenched political class. However, the ensuing wave of protests revealed the limits of this approach.

The issues at hand, namely: corruption, unemployment and police brutality, are complex and interconnected, requiring sustained strategies beyond street demonstrations. Fragmentation is already evident: Gen Z have started making their political preferences known from the myriad of prospective aspirants and political parties.

Without leadership to bridge these divides, consensus remains elusive and momentum risks dissipating. Gen Z's skepticism of leadership is rooted in Kenya's history of betrayal. Politicians, religious figures and union leaders have often softened their stances when offered bribes or power.

This distrust fuels the "leaderless" mantra, bolstered by Article 1 of the 2010 Constitution, which states that sovereign power can be exercised directly by the people.

Yet, this clause remains a theoretical ideal, untested since its promulgation.

Invoking direct sovereignty demands massive mobilisation, legal expertise and public awareness – tasks that a leaderless movement struggles to coordinate. There is a growing recognition that structure is needed to sustain the fight.

History underscores the necessity of leadership. Kenya's Mau Mau rebellion and the 2002 Narc coalition, which removed the Kanu regime, succeeded through organised leadership, not spontaneous outrage. Globally, leaderless movements like Occupy Wall Street or the early Arab Spring fizzled due to lack of structure, while South Africa's #FeesMustFall transitioned from protests to policy wins through organised advocacy.

This year's protests, while powerful, have yet to yield systemic change. Parliament's temporary adjournment in response to unrest is a fleeting concession, not a struc-

tural victory. As one analyst notes, "The absence of revolutionary leadership is the decisive obstacle." Without it, Gen Z risk being outmanoeuvred by seasoned politicians, who are already attempting to co-opt the movement.

Critics of leadership argue that a leaderless approach fosters inclusivity and resilience. By avoiding centralised figures, Gen Z prevents co-optation and ensures diverse voices are heard. This is valid but overlooks pragmatism.

The myriad of grievances – economic hardship, corruption, police violence – require engagement with formal institutions like Parliament, the Judiciary, or county governments. Petitions, referenda, or legal challenges demand coordinated representation, which a leaderless movement struggles to deliver. Moreover, the absence of structure leaves Gen Z vulnerable to state repression, with protesters labelled "terrorists" and met with lethal force.

Social media, while powerful for mobilisation, cannot replace the strategic planning needed to draft legislation, negotiate with policymakers, or educate the pub-

AS THE STREETS PULSE WITH DEFIANCE, GEN Z MUST ORGANISE TO CLAIM SEATS AT THE TABLE. THEIR FUTURE, AND KENYA'S, DEPENDS ON IT

lic on constitutional mechanisms like Article 1. Engaging Kenya's constitutional framework requires leadership. Direct sovereignty, while empowering, is logistically daunting without organised efforts to rally millions or navigate legal processes.

The path forward is clear. Gen Z must evolve from a leaderless uprising to a structured movement. Leaders can spearhead awareness campaigns, file legal challenges, or mobilise voters to recall unaccountable officials. They can also counter opportunists who exploit divisions, as seen in X and TikTok debates urging youth to reject polarising politicians.

The 2024 victory was a spark; 2025 demands a sustained flame. Kenya's Gen Z leaderless mantra ignited a revolution, but systemic change requires more than hashtags and marches. Transparent, youthful and accountable leaders can channel their energy into constitutional victories, ensuring their grievances – corruption, joblessness, brutality – are not just heard but addressed. As the streets pulse with defiance, Gen Z must organise to claim seats at the table. Their future, and Kenya's, depends on it.

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Kenyan firms should invest in cultural learning to make inroads in the Gulf

By Farah Kalmey

In Saudi Arabia, the day is punctuated by prayer times and businesses that ignore prayer times, schedule meetings during Ramadan afternoons, or rush negotiations risk being seen as disrespectful. Equally important... is [about learning] the language of the host country.

INTERNATIONAL trade is the key to unlocking a country's economy. Kenya is the largest economy in East and Central Africa, and this economic muscle is borne out of the entrepreneurial nature of Kenyans.

Recently, there has been a sharp focus in not only exporting migrant labour to the Gulf but also increasing trade volumes between Kenya and the countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council. Thus, Kenya's trade with Saudi Arabia is expanding fast.

However, one important issue that Kenyan businesses may not be paying attention to is the key role cultural intelligence plays in

doing business in other cultures, especially countries with closed and conservative culture.

Learning the culture

Looking at the trade between Kenyan and Saudi Arabia, the numbers show why this matters. For example, in 2024, according to figures from UN Comtrade and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, Saudi Arabia imported about \$171 million (about Sh22 billion) worth of Kenyan goods, while Kenya imported more than \$1 billion (Sh129 trillion) from Saudi Arabia. That trade imbalance indicates that Kenya is buying much more than it sells.

If Kenyan companies with the support of the government want to increase export to the Gulf and Saudi Arabia in particular, they must invest not only in products and strategies, but in learning the culture.

Building relationships

Doing business in the Arab countries is not just about paperwork and contracts, but more importantly, it is about building relationships. Unsurprisingly, a deal may often begin with building trust over a cup of coffee before it ever gets to the boardroom table.

In this part of the world, respect for traditions, patience in negotiations, cultural intelligence and awareness of hierarchy are not just small details but are a means of building credibility.

For instance, in Saudi Arabia, the day is punctuated by prayer times and businesses that ignore prayer times, schedule meetings during Ramadan afternoons, or rush negotiations risk being seen as disrespectful.

Equally important within the cultural context is the language of the host country. Speaking the

Arabic language or even trying to speak it by mastering a few words can, for example, open doors. In addition, observing modest etiquette by demonstrating respect for Islamic practices can send a powerful signal of goodwill.

In that token, for the Kenyan businesses that are used to community-driven interactions, this cultural bridge may not be so strange, but simply needs to be extended to a new setting.

Vision 2030

Built on its Vision 2030, what is at stake is not just etiquette but access, too. Among other sectors, from construction and health to ICT and renewable energy, Saudi Arabia's market is growing and expanding across sectors. For Kenyan businesses that are ready to invest, there are extensive opportu-

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nities. However, firms that adapt – that understand decision-making in Saudi Arabia is hierarchical, that flexibility is valued, may achieve success and that partnership grows out of respect.

Financial planning

Last year there was a Kenyan trade mission in Riyadh where 16 agreements were signed, worth hundreds of millions of dollars. This is an indicator that there is an appetite for doing business in Saudi Arabia's business ecosystem. But if those agreements are to turn into long-term businesses, cultural learning must be treated as seriously as financial planning.

In the world of international business, cultural intelligence is not a soft skill but a key ingredient for success.

For Kenyan businesses, it is the difference between being tolerated as a visitor and trusted as an important partner. Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries are open for trade and business for those who take the time to learn.

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Putting school meals at the centre of the global agenda

EVERY day in the world, millions of children go to school on an empty stomach. In addition to undermining their health, hunger and malnutrition erode their ability to learn, stay focused and thrive.

To tackle this injustice, the Global School Meals Coalition was launched in 2021 at the United Nations Food Systems Summit during the UN General Assembly with one clear goal: a healthy school meal for every child by 2030 to transform education and food systems while contributing to economic development. This important coalition comprises 108 states—including Kenya as a founding member—alongside six international organisations and more than 140 economic partners.

This month, the coalition convened its second Global Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, co-chaired by France, Brazil and Finland. The meeting took stock of progress since the inaugural summit in Paris in 2023, which garnered 73 countries, mobilised national commitments and created the largest international platform dedicated to advancing school meal programmes worldwide.

Since the coalition's launch in 2021, France has consistently matched words with concrete action, channelling more than \$150 million (about Sh19 billion) into school feeding programmes. Most recently, in March this year, it convened the Nutrition for Growth

Summit in Paris, which brought together the international community yielding close to \$28 billion (about Sh3 trillion) in nutrition funding and more than 400 commitments. Together, these two milestones aim to keep nutrition at the top of the global agenda, because we believe that feeding children is the most strategic investment in our shared future. Beyond feeding pupils, these meals improve attendance, strengthen learning outcomes and create local jobs, especially for women who play a key role in food production.

Kenya has taken the challenge of school nutrition firmly in hand. The country hosted a ministerial meeting of the School Meals Coalition Global Task Force in October 2024 and launched a programme to scale-up school meals programmes, with several counties running supportive initiatives.

Locally driven solutions demonstrate what is possible. Food4Education, for example, provides affordable, nutritious meals to children in 13 counties, reaching over half a million children every school day. Schools with this programme have reported an average increase of 23 per cent in primary school enrolment and 11 per cent in early child development centres.

Co-authored by Arnaud Suquet, Ambassador of France to Kenya and Wawira Njiru, founder and CEO of Food4Education



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PICTURE OF THE DAY



Rachuonyo deputy county commissioner Denis Kieti presents a sewing machine from the National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya to Emily Akinyi yesterday. Looking on is Prof Julia Ojiambo, the chairperson of NFDK programmes committee. People with disabilities in Rachuonyo received equipment worth Sh750,000 distributed to 24 individuals for business start-ups /KNA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Future of copyright protection in AI age

Picture this: a visual artist sits at her computer crafting an original script that tells a vivid story. To bring it to life, she turns to an artificial intelligence (AI) platform to generate illustrations that complement her work. Within minutes, the software produces images that might once have taken days of manual work. When she uploads the completed work, a seamless blend of her original words and AI-generated visuals, and seeks copyright protection, a pressing question arises: who is the true author: the human creator, the AI system or both?

This is not a hypothetical concern. In *Aryeh Movement Limited v Cynthia Beldina Akoth Okello (COPTA/E001/2025)*, the Copyright Tribunal

was recently confronted with this very dilemma. The case arose from a directive of the Kenya Copyright Board (Kecobo), which ordered the parties to enter into a publishing agreement and warned that failure to do so could lead to deregistration of the already registered literary works. Aryeh Movement Limited challenged the directive, arguing that Kecobo had exceeded its statutory mandate. The tribunal agreed, holding that Kecobo lacked the authority to decide disputes over authorship or ownership and accordingly set aside the decision.

While the central dispute concerned Kecobo's jurisdiction, the case also brought to light an emerging issue. The contested literary works

were said to be co-created: written by a human but illustrated with AI. This claim prompted the tribunal to clarify Kenya's position under the Copyright Act (Cap 130) in relation to the use of AI. The tribunal affirmed that authorship and copyright protection are inseparable from human creativity. AI, it ruled, is a tool and not an author. Only when a person demonstrates sufficient creative effort, whether through shaping prompts or transformation of the AI's output, can copyright subsist.

This position reflects a growing global consensus. Purely AI-generated works are not protectable under copyright law. Copyright protection only arises where there is sufficient human intervention to demonstrate creative authorship.

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No. Counties should not pay SHA premiums for vulnerable Kenyans because the Social Health Authority has been tainted by corruption allegations and misuse of funds. The scheme, while well-intentioned, appears poorly managed. If counties start channelling money into SHA, they may unknowingly widen graft loopholes.

Felix Goblis
Resident, Kisumu



Yes. Counties should pay because it aligns with the national government's push for universal health coverage. The government has committed to sponsoring 2.2 million citizens, proving its intent to shield the needy from catastrophic health costs. Counties can complement this effort by sponsoring additional households.

Brian Onyango
Resident, Kisumu

Should counties pay SHA premiums for vulnerable Kenyans?

★ **new voices**

★ **STAR COMMENT** No. The responsibility of paying SHA premiums for vulnerable Kenyans should remain with the national government to enhance transparency and accountability. If devolved, there is a real danger that funds meant for the poor could be diverted by individuals for personal gain. Centralised payment under the national programme makes it easier to monitor, audit and safeguard resources.



Dorcus Nanyami
Resident, Kisumu



Yes. They pledged to support the state's universal health coverage agenda. During elections, most counties aligned themselves with this promise and covering the poor would demonstrate accountability. By paying, they would reduce out-of-pocket expenses for vulnerable groups.

Godfrey Lander
Resident, Kisumu



No. They do not have the financial capacity to pay SHA premiums for poor Kenyans unless the state channels resources through them for this purpose. Many counties are struggling with delayed salaries and underfunded health facilities. Expecting them to shoulder this burden without additional support would be unrealistic.

Faith Ajakaa
Resident, Kisumu

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★ society...

Who's in and who's out
In the local hotspots

BUYI COMMUNITY WELCOMES KENYAN DELEGATES IN CHINA



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DRESSED in colourful attires, the Buyi community welcomed Kenyan delegates into their village as they chanted melodious songs in Huishui county, China on September 9.

The guests were treated to a spectacular meal as they also shared their cultural experiences and aspects.

In attendance were training director **Qu Ting** as well as host and guide **Hou Meichen**.



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1. Radio Africa Group digital head Francis Mureithi and Star head of finance James Miranga enjoy a drink 2. Guests during the communal eating 3. Host Hou Meichen explains the exhibitions 4. Buyi community performs a dance 5. Training assistant Zheng Haoze teaches Capital Group Limited online editor Henry Wakaya how to use chopsticks 6. PJK treasurer and Radio Africa Group political reporter Luke Awich (C) sips a welcome drink from a Buyi community member 7. Radio Africa Group video editor Tracy Muthoni (C) poses for a photo with Buyi community members /LEAH MUKANGAI

NYASHINSKI DEBUTS HIS 'YARIASU' ALBUM

RAPPER and singer **Nyashinski** hosted an exclusive listening party at the Microbrewery to premiere his much-anticipated new album, 'Yariasu'.

The intimate event drew Nairobi's top creatives, media, influencers, cultural curators, EABL executives, DJs, podcasters and superfans, creating a rare gathering of the city's creative heartbeat.

In attendance were EABL spirits GM **Alvin Mbugua**, commercial director **Edward Kimathi**, corporate relations director **Eric Kiniti** and Belva head of strategy **Melvin Mwakugu**.



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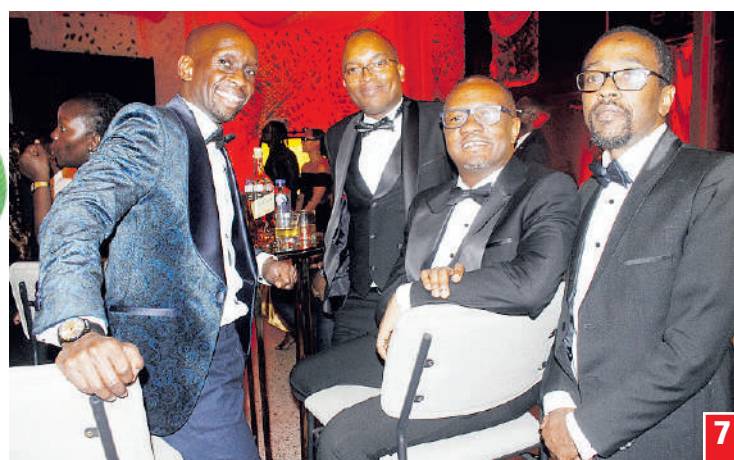
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1. Nyashinski's manager Faki Liwali and Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja 2. Guests enjoy themselves at the album listening party 3. Nyashinski entertains fans 4. Creative director and comedian Abel Mutua and his wife Judy Nyawira 5. Kiss FM's DJ Xclusive and Classic FM's Brenda Obath 6. Nameless and Madtraxx 7. Alvin Mbugua, Edward Kimathi, Eric Kiniti and Melvin Mwakugu /MOSES MWANGI

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SUICIDE

Tragedy as woman dies after inhaling carbon monoxide gas

CYRUS OMBATI

DETECTIVES are probing the death of a 34-year-old woman who was found dead in her house in Mihango, Nairobi.

The woman, identified as Aisha Kajuju, is believed to have died by suicide on September 21.

Police said she had sealed her home using clothes, nylon papers and sellotape before lighting a charcoal jiko.

Her family, worried after repeated unanswered calls, used a spare key to access the house and found her body on the bed.

Investigators said she appeared to have taken elaborate steps to block all ventilation, leading to death from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The family disclosed she had previously attempted suicide

twice. The body was taken to the mortuary pending postmortem.

According to experts, carbon monoxide — an odourless and invisible gas released from burning charcoal or wood — deprives the body of oxygen, often killing silently, especially during sleep.

Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, confusion and chest pain.

Kenya, like many countries, is grappling with a rise in suicide cases, with health officials linking the trend to joblessness, depression, family history, substance abuse and other social pressures.

Authorities have urged residents to avoid using charcoal stoves in poorly ventilated rooms and to seek help when struggling with mental health.

INSECURITY

Man found dead in latrine after he was stabbed by unknown attackers

CYRUS OMBATI

A man was stabbed to death during a confrontation in Nairobi's California estate on Sunday.

His body was later discovered in a pit latrine.

Police said the victim, who is yet to be identified, was attacked during an argument with unknown men. The motive of the dispute remains unclear.

Witnesses reported that after being stabbed in the chest, the man fled across a bridge and sought refuge in a nearby public latrine, where he collapsed and died from heavy internal bleeding.

His body was later moved to the mortuary for identification and postmortem as police launched a manhunt for the

assailants. Meanwhile, in Waswa village, Rachuonyo, Homa Bay county, police rescued a murder suspect from a mob that had surrounded a house where he was hiding.

The irate crowd had threatened to burn down the home unless the man surrendered.

Officers from Oyugis backed up local police, eventually arresting the suspect and recovering a knife believed to have been the murder weapon.

Authorities say incidents of mob justice remain alarmingly high, with up to three cases reported daily across the country, a trend they link to frustrations over delayed justice. While freedom of assembly exists under the constitution, it does not extend to unlawful acts like lynching and mob justice.



Residents help a motorist to cross a flooded road in Mwiki, Nairobi, on April 24

/LEAH MUKANGAI

ANTIDOTE

Bill to reform Nairobi disaster management

It creates an autonomous body to oversee disaster response

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DISASTER response in Nairobi county is set to have a significant shift following a proposal to create a fully fledged powerful authority.

The Disaster and Emergency Management Bill sponsored by the executive is currently undergoing public participation.

It creates various structures, including the disaster and emergency management authority that is proposed to be an autonomous body corporate that will not only foresee and oversee disaster response, but

also do research and retain requisite talents to improve the city's disaster management.

The Bill also creates a disaster management committee which will be chaired by the governor.

It also seeks to fill the vacuum that has seen random and guesswork-like disaster response.

The devolved unit has been lousy in responding to emergencies such as fires, especially in market places, as fire engines are never ready and in some instances, are driven to disaster sites with no water.

This year alone, lives and businesses have been gutted by fires, with

informal settlements and industrial zones bearing the brunt.

In February, the city witnessed multiple outbreaks. On February 7, a night fire swept through Soweto Highrise in Lang'ata, leaving more than 200 families homeless, though no injuries were reported.

Barely three weeks later, on February 23, flames engulfed sections of Kariobangi Light Industries, destroying workshops and nearby residential units while injuring at least 10 people.

Just days later, on February 28, another blaze hit Kibera's Lindi area, razing about 40 houses and leaving several residents nursing minor inju-

ries. The crisis deepened in May, when a fire tore through the Makina area of Kibera on May 24.

This was among the deadliest incidents of the year, killing six people, injuring 20 and displacing dozens of households.

By mid-year, the cycle of destruction had not eased. On June 12, another inferno struck Kibera's Kichinjio area, wiping out houses and small businesses and forcing more than 200 families into homelessness.

These incidents highlight the persistent vulnerability of Nairobi's informal settlements to disasters creating the perfect conditions for recurring tragedies.

(+) **INSTANT ANALYSIS**

Nairobi's proposed disaster authority signals long-overdue reform, but its success will hinge on funding, political will, and whether it can overcome the city's history of failed emergency systems.

ON FEBRUARY 7, A NIGHT FIRE SWEEPED THROUGH SOWETO HIGHRISE IN LANG'ATA



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ECDE learners receive porridge through the Uji programme implemented by Embu county in partnership with Food 4 Education /ALICE WAITHERA

UJI BRAINFOOD

Embu's ECDE learners in 205 centres to be fed from next month

The popular Uji programme was launched in May this year in a pilot programme and is supported by 11 new modern central kitchens

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THE Embu government will expand its free fortified porridge programme for Early Childhood Development Education to benefit thousands of learners.

The popular Uji programme was launched in May this year in a pilot programme for 99 ECDE centres. It is supported by 11 new modern central kitchens where the porridge is prepared before being distributed to schools.

The programme benefits more than 5,000 learners out of 9,000. With the new rollout, the programme will cover 205 centres. The county plans to expand to another 106 centres.

To facilitate preparation, transportation and serving, the county has hired 18 cooks, 99 Uji champions and 29 boda boda riders.

The champions come from the local community and serve food when it is delivered to schools.

The county has already begun recruiting 106 new Uji champions, seven cooks and 24 riders for the second phase of the programme.

Governor Cecily Mbarire said on Monday the programme was being expanded because many children were missing school due to hunger, while others were attending on empty stomachs. Hungry children cannot

learn, she said. "This is more than just a feeding programme," Mbarire said. "It is an investment in our children's health, education and future. No child in Embu should ever sit in class on an empty stomach."

BOOST NUMBERS

"By ensuring they have a daily cup of Uji, we are boosting school attendance, improving learners' concentration and laying a strong foundation for life-long success."

The governor said clusters of neighbouring schools are supplied by one kitchen, making the programme cheaper and more efficient through economies of scale.

"The success of the pilot phase has prompted us to expand," she said, adding the ultimate plan is to reach all 398 ECDE centres by 2026.

In the second phase, recruits start training next month by the Department of Education in partnership with Food 4 Education.

Training will focus on safety, efficiency and consistency in the delivery of fortified porridge.

Education executive Monica Munyasia emphasised that training was crucial to ensure the programme's sustainability.

"This programme requires precision, commitment and teamwork to succeed," she said.

"Our Uji champions and riders are

the backbone, ensuring food is delivered on time and handled safely for the wellbeing of our children."

Parents and teachers have welcomed the expansion, saying it not only keeps children in school but also empowers families through jobs created by the programme.

Public health experts emphasise the importance of adhering to strict food safety protocols and maintaining high nutritional standards.

They warn that lapses could undermine children's health and development.

The governor said her administration was committed to continue investing in ECDE, saying the Uji programme is central to her vision of improving learning outcomes.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Embu's Uji programme links nutrition, education and community empowerment under one initiative. By targeting ECDE learners, the county reduces absenteeism and poor concentration linked to hunger while investing in long-term education outcomes. Expansion will test county's ability to sustain logistics, funding and food safety across 398 centres.

HEED WEATHERMAN

Kitui maize crops fail in poor long rains but hardy varieties thrive

MUSEMBI NZENGU

A farmer in Ndaluni village, Mwingi West subcounty is counting losses after his entire maize crop failed due to the poor March-April-May (MAM) long rains.

Shedrack Muli, who had planted in anticipation of a good harvest, now has nothing in his food store. Instead, he is forced to walk to Ndaluni trading centre whenever he craves githeri, a boiled mixture of maize and legumes.

"My entire maize crop wilted and eventually dried up before reaching maturity. I can only take consolation in the few bags of pigeon peas I managed to harvest," Muli told the Star on Monday.

In Ikanga, in southern Kitui, farmer Redemptor Mwendé faced similar misfortune.

She said the maize she planted in the MAM season withered, leaving her with only dry stalks fit for feeding her cows.

"When I planted maize, I expected a good harvest, but fate dictated otherwise. The depressed rains led to total crop failure. I realised zero harvest," Mwendé said.

She has harvested and stored the stalks for her cows during the dry spell ahead of the October-November-December (OND) rains.

Muli and Mwendé's experience reflect the wider situation in Kitui, where farmers ignored official advisories against planting maize during the depressed MAM season.

Kitui director of meteorological services Daniel Mbithi had warned in advance the rainfall would be below normal in most areas, insufficient to grow maize and other water-demanding crops such as beans.

Only high-altitude areas were

deemed suitable for maize. Farmers who ignored the advisory suffered huge losses as their maize dried up.

Kitui agriculture executive Stephen Kimwele said the crop failure was largely confined to farmers who disregarded the forecast.

"The adverse effects of climate change mean rainfall in Kitui has become increasingly erratic and unreliable," he said.

"That's why my ministry has been running an 'Operation No Maize' campaign."

He said an encouraging number of farmers are now abandoning water-thirsty maize in favour of drought-tolerant crops, such as cowpeas, green grams and sorghum.

County figures show areas under maize cultivation declined from 97,903 acres (39,620ha) to 882,693 acres (357,213ha) in the last MAM season. Coupled with poor rainfall, maize production plummeted from the long-term average of 80,440 bags to 47,491 bags.

In contrast, acreage under cowpeas increased from 84,558 acres (34,219ha), yielding 79,720 bags, to 95,610 acres (38,962ha), which produced 103,432 bags.

Despite the poor rains, green gram production also rose significantly, from an average of 92,724 bags to 146,522 bags.

"Farmers are heeding advice and embracing drought-tolerant crops. Nutrition experts are also promoting cowpeas because of their high nutritional value," Kimwele said.

"Even in the market, the price of cowpeas now rivals that of green grams."

The CEC attributed the shift to sustained farmer training and widespread dissemination of climate-smart agriculture messages.



Kitui agriculture executive Stephen Kimwele /MUSEMBI NZENGU

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EXPERTS SOUND ALARM

More young Kenyans suffering heart attack

Country is ill-prepared, with too few cardiologists to handle growing burden



Nicholas Kisara, a heart attack survivor and author, is attended to by Dr Vinesh Vaghela at the Coast Cardiac Centre at Pandya Memorial Hospital, Mombasa on Monday /CHARLES MGHENYI

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THE younger generation in Kenya is increasingly suffering from heart attacks, with experts raising concern that lifestyle changes, stress and non-communicable diseases are fueling an unprecedented rise in cases.

Dr Vinesh Vaghela, a consulting cardiologist at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital, said patients as young as 30 years old are being admitted across the country, a trend he describes as alarming.

“Previously, we rarely used to see heart attack or myocardial infarction in the indigenous Kenyan population and during my more than 20 years of training, it would be very rare [to find] a patient with heart attack, but today our hospitals are quite busy with this condition and we ask ourselves what is causing that to happen,” Vaghela said.

The doctor, who practices at the Coast Cardiac Centre located within Pandya Memorial Hospital part-time, pointed to stress, hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol and lifestyle

changes as key risk factors. He emphasised the importance of routine check-ups to avoid the devastating consequences of heart disease.

With the country’s shortage of specialists, the burden is becoming unmanageable, the cardiologist added.

“We are a total of five cardiologists in Mombasa against a population of over one million people, we are too few and we cannot cope with this population and we need many more cardiologists because the disease burden is growing,” he said.

Mombasa has only two cath labs (cardiac catheterisation laboratories—where minimally invasive heart procedures are performed); one at the CGTRH and another at the Aga Khan hospital, he said.

Among those battling the condition is Nicholas Kisara, who survived a heart attack and whose case was handled by Vaghela. He said swift intervention saved Kisara life.

“I performed an ECG on Nicholas and it confirmed it was a heart attack and he was started on all the relevant medication including being taken to the cath lab and we identified where

exactly the problem was in the heart and it was a specific artery that was blocked and we managed to implant a stent,” he said, adding they successfully reversed the problem.

A stent is a wire mesh tube that keeps an artery propped open to increase blood flow to the heart and relieve chest pain.

Kisara recalled the terrifying moment that nearly claimed his life.

“I was only 32 years old and that evening, I had rested in bed but I experienced some sharp chest pains abruptly disrupting my sleep. I was rushed to hospital by my wife and luckily the doctors diagnosed me right and that is what increased my survival chances,” Kisara said.

Doctors at Pandya Hospital conducted an electrocardiogram (ECG) test, which revealed one of his arteries was blocked, straining blood and oxygen supply to the heart, a condition that could have led to death within minutes.

Six years after the procedure, Kisara has turned his survival into advocacy through his book, ‘Heart of resilience and transformation’.

“The condition is a very expensive affair and through my book, I call on Kenyans to always conduct regular medical checkups and I sell hope since prevention is better than cure because this disease is very costly when it comes to treatment and management and it runs into millions of shillings,” he said.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Rising cases of heart disease among Kenyans as young as 30 point to a worrying health crisis linked to lifestyle changes, stress and non-communicable diseases. Experts like Dr Vinesh Vaghela warn that the country is ill-prepared, with far too few cardiologists to handle the growing burden.



Lecturers at the Technical University of Mombasa on strike /BRIAN OTIENO

SOLIDARITY

Pay lecturers else we join strike, TUM students tell state

BRIAN OTIENO

STUDENTS at the Technical University of Mombasa have threatened to join the ongoing lecturers’ strike if the government does not release all pending dues owed to the dons.

On Monday, TUM students association president Joseph Oloo said the strike, which has paralysed learning, has left students and their parents frustrated.

“First years just reported last week, but there are no classes. Parents are paying rent and fees for nothing,” Oloo said.

“If the government does not pay lecturers, students will join the strike. We cannot continue like this.”

Lecturers, who have been milling around campus singing solidarity songs, are demanding over Sh7.9 billion in arrears from two Collective Bargaining Agreements covering 2017–2021 and 2021–2025.

The government insists it has already paid Sh2.5 billion, but the dons say they will not resume teaching until the full amount reflects in their accounts.

Students also questioned the government’s decision to increase university fees while failing to meet its obligations to lecturers.

“Parents are selling land and livestock to keep us in school, yet we are idle because of broken promises. Let government and Uasu agree and stick to their word,” Oloo said.

The disruption is a bitter repeat for many students. Third-year electrical engineering student Sean Omwami said every year of his studies has been interrupted by strikes.

“Since I joined, there’s been a strike every academic year. Exams are pushed, holidays and attachments ruined. For three years, I’ve spent Christmas studying for January exams instead of being with family,” he said.

Mercy Machogu, a first-year student whose education was already derailed by Covid-19 and the 2022 elections, said she feels her future is being wasted.

“We are the Corona people. Then elections, now strikes,” Machogu said.

“We’ve been in school too long without progress. Government, please pay lecturers,” she pleaded.

RELYING ON QUACKS

End of suffering as Tana River deploys nurses to closed Boka dispensary

BRIAN OTIENO

RESIDENTS of Boka in Bangale, Bura subcounty in Tana River are relieved after the county agreed to reopen a dispensary.

The Boka dispensary—the only one within a 70km radius, was closed following a violent altercation that led to three months of suffering for the locals.

This was after the nurse-in-charge and the dispensary management committee chair clashed. The nurse suffered a broken collar bone after being attacked with a rungu, forcing him and a colleague to

withdraw. Health executive Joshua Jarha confirmed the dispensary will soon reopen but urged locals to guarantee safety for health workers.

“I will give them nurses, but they have to re-examine themselves and be disciplined. Nurses cannot work under threats,” Jarha said.

Police are investigating the incident, which Jarha said carried political undertones. Residents said they had raised concerns over the facility’s management, regretting that their actions led to the closure and left more than 300 households without medical services.

They cited two recent deaths,

including a pregnant woman who lost her baby while travelling 70km to Bangale town for treatment.

Elder and former councillor Maulid Abdi said residents ended up relying on quacks for basic services.

“We regret reporting the embezzlement of funds that led to the chaos. We will never again raise such issues if it means losing health services,” he lamented.

MCA Jibril Farah admitted there were irregularities in the management, but assured that replacement nurses will be deployed by the end of the month.



The abandoned Boka dispensary in Bangale ward, Bura subcounty, Tana River county /BRIAN OTIENO

NEWS COUNTIES

CHARITY EVENT

Over 2,000 learners to benefit from Chepsaita Cross Country race

MATHEWS NDANYI

MORE than 2,000 learners from poor families are set to benefit from scholarships through an education support programme championed by President William Ruto's aide Farouk Kibet.

The funds will be raised during the Great Chepsaita Cross Country race, which enters its third edition on December 3.

Preparations are already underway, with headteachers from 21 schools meeting at the race venue in Turbo constituency to plan for the scholarships.

Under the theme 'Running for Education', the race has grown to international standards and is now rated Gold Level by World Athletics. Farouk, the race's founder and patron, has used the proceeds from the event for education, talent development and community projects such as roads and electrification.

Last year, 16 schools and 1,600 students benefited from the scholarships. This year, the number has risen to 21 schools, each receiving Sh1 million, with 100

students per school expected to benefit. "We have briefed the headteachers on the purpose of the Run for Education theme, which is a great idea and vision by our patron who values education," said Local Organising Committee chairman Stephen Kimaiyo.

He said schools will help identify the most needy learners.

Principals from Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Kakamega counties praised Farouk for using the race to transform communities.

Chepterwai Girls High School principal Sylvia Koech said the programme has kept many learners in school.

"We are happy with the initiative because it has already changed lives. As we prepare for the third edition, we are committed to uplifting more disadvantaged students," she said.

Chepsaita Secondary School has also been a major beneficiary of Farouk's initiatives.

In partnership with the Mpesa Foundation, the school is getting a new administration block, laboratory and a girls' dormitory.



President William Ruto's aide Farouk Kibet during a meeting at PAG Tuiyogaa Church in Turbo constituency on Saturday /MATHEWS NDANYI

NEW DAWN

Markets shut down over banditry to be reopened

Governor Rotich says security agencies have made strides and secured Kerio Valley



Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich during a meeting in Eldoret City /MATHEWS NDANYI

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ELGEYO Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich has announced the reopening of all markets in the Kerio Valley, more than two years after they were shut down over insecurity.

He said agencies have made strides to secure the region courtesy of ongoing security operations and voluntary surrender of illegal firearms.

"Our people are now sleeping safely in their homes because there are no bandits to cause mayhem," he said.

Rotich said county officials have

been directed to facilitate the reopening of the markets.

Once known as the valley of death, Rotich said the region has transformed into a valley of opportunity.

"All Kenyans will be able to live peacefully here and help tap the hidden potential of this agriculturally rich region," he said.

The governor said the county is courting investors, particularly in fruit processing.

The move comes as the government prepares to launch a major youth empowerment programme in Kerio Valley.

Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen said the initiative will target young people who have reformed and abandoned cattle rustling.

President William Ruto is expected to visit the region to launch the programme once the disarmament exercise is completed.

Murkomen said more than 100 illegal guns have been surrendered in recent days—50 on Saturday, 45 on Friday and 20 on Thursday—signalling what he called "a near end to banditry".

"We know where all the illegal guns are and we ask those still holding

them to surrender before we come for them," he said. "President Ruto pledged that his regime will be the one to wipe out banditry and that promise is now being achieved."

The government has set aside more than Sh1 billion to open up the entire region, particularly previously inaccessible areas such as Tiaty.

Murkomen said additional infrastructure would ensure bandits have "no place to hide."

The CS spoke in Cherangany, Trans Nzoia county, where he was accompanied by governors Jonathan Bii (Uasin Gishu) and Wisley Rotich (Elgeyo Marakwet), MPs Joseph Wainaina and Oscar Sudi and Woman Representative Caroline Ngelechei.

The leaders praised progress made in restoring peace.

Sudi urged those still in possession of illegal firearms to surrender them voluntarily before the state resorts to force.

Rotich praised the government's resolve, saying: "Our people in Kerio Valley can now live peacefully like other Kenyans."

DESERVING CASES

Governor Sang calls for support of needy learners

MATHEWS NDANYI

NANDI Governor Stephen Sang has defended county bursary programmes, saying devolved units are best placed to identify and support needy students.

He said counties have the capacity to target the most deserving cases, noting that limited funding means many students are often left out.

Sang spoke in Kapsabet town during the launch of bursaries for 7,911 learners in secondary schools and special needs institutions.

"Counties are the institutions with better capacity to identify the most needy students and ensure they access bursaries to support their education," he said.

Under the first cohort, Nandi has disbursed Sh74 million, giving thousands of learners a lifeline to continue their studies.

The governor said education should never be disrupted by financial barriers.

"As a county, we have done our part to support learners, but this is a shared responsibility. We urge the national government to strengthen and expand bursary support so that no child is denied the right to education because of fees," he said.

He said bursaries are more than just school fees: they were about protecting dreams, leveling the playing field and ensuring every child, regardless of background, has the chance to thrive. Sang said the number of learners seeking bursaries keeps rising, underscoring the need for increased resources.



Nandi Deputy Governor Yunita Mitei and Governor Stephen Sang on Sunday /MATHEWS NDANYI

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The reopening of markets in Kerio Valley marks a symbolic turning point in Kenya's long fight against banditry. For years, insecurity strangled trade and turned the valley into a no-go zone, deepening poverty and fueling cycles of violence. Now, with hundreds of illegal guns surrendered and security operations showing results, leaders are betting on economic revival as the ultimate antidote to conflict.

NEWS COUNTIES



Laisamis residents during an indigenous communal land rights training on Monday / STEPHEN ASTARIKO

PROJECTS THREATENED

Marsabit pastoralists say no to green energy without consent

Communities in Laisamis to reject wind farms and mines if residents not involved

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PASTORALISTS in Laisamis, Marsabit county, are demanding investors seeking to exploit the region's vast resources respect their right to free, prior and informed consent, warning they will oppose projects that exploit them.

Their demand was clear in Laisamis town on Monday during an Indigenous Customary Communal Land Rights workshop convened by the

Rebuilding Pastoralists Livelihoods Organisation (Repal).

Elder Rev Joseph Lesioloi said lessons of non-consent from communities are fresh and painful. He cited the whirling blades of Marsabit's wind farms, vast carbon projects and mineral ventures that promised much but delivered little to the people.

"Lack of proper consultation opened the door for exploitation when our land was taken for the wind power project in 2017. Hundreds of families lost grazing land, yet their

voices were ignored," he said. "Climate justice cannot be imported. It must start with the people who live on the land. If they are ignored, the transition is neither green nor just."

Local leaders agreed. Laisamis MCA Daniel Burcha said while county land and wind potential have been turned into commodities, ordinary residents remain excluded from real decision-making.

"Companies rarely engage residents on benefit-sharing. Investors meet a few elites in Nairobi boardrooms and

call that consent, while ordinary people get nothing," he said.

"Projects are signed without community involvement. If there were genuine consultation, these deals could be fair and sustainable," Burcha said.

"From now on, all projects must follow due procedures—from site identification to monitoring—with full community involvement. FPIC is not optional, it is our safeguard."

For Repal, the push for awareness is urgent. Programmes manager

James Orre said most residents know nothing of FPIC, which is based on international human rights law.

"FPIC demands that affected communities are properly consulted and give their approval before any project begins," Orre said.

OIL BOOM

"Yet in practice, it has often been ignored here." He said every project must incorporate it, or no deal.

The workshop brought together leaders, administrators, civil society and residents.

In Turkana, Kenya's oil boom sparked protests when residents were locked out of most jobs and denied realities. In Kitui, the Mui coal project collapsed amidst fierce community resistance.

In Mau Forest, the Ogiek community secured a landmark 2017 ruling from the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights, affirming their land rights and setting one of the continent's clearest precedents on FPIC.

A 2024 displacement study Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre underscored the stakes, revealing that more than one million Kenyans were uprooted by projects linked to climate stress and large-scale infrastructure.

For the people of Marsabit, the message is clear: development without consent is no longer acceptable.

(+ INSTANT ANALYSIS

Marsabit pastoralists' demand for informed consent underlines a growing fault line between government and the people. Kenya's green and extractive projects expand faster than frameworks for consent and equity. Free, prior and informed consent is not an abstract human rights principle but a political demand determining whether communities adopt or resist investment. Residents say demands without transparency and real dialogue mean climate-friendly and resource-rich projects risk backfiring. Investors may win short-term contracts, but without consent, they may fail.

'UNFORTUNATE AND REGRETTABLE'

Garissa leaders, residents seek to end inter-communal land conflict

STEPHEN ASTARIKO

LEADERS and residents of Garissa have raised the alarm over a surge in inter-communal land conflicts that have left several people dead and others injured in recent months.

Religious leaders, youth representatives, peace committees and government officials said the clashes, which have intensified over the past three months, were tearing the community apart. The latest incident erupted at Quba Islamic Centre in Garissa Township when rival groups violently confronted each other.

At a security meeting in Garissa town, Supkem secretary general Sheikh Hassan Abdi condemned the bloodshed, calling it "unfortunate and regrettable".

"It is shameful that, as a community,

we continue to fight each other over land. Many times we have seen people killed and others left with serious injuries. Surely what has become of us? Is this how low we have sunk?" he asked.

Abdi urged residents to end what he described as "madness", pointing out that Garissa still has vast stretches of unoccupied and unutilised land.

"Why would it get to the level of shedding blood over parcels of land when acres remain idle?" he posed.

He urged both levels of government and political leaders to take a stronger role in calming tensions, saying religious leaders would continue using their platforms to preach peace.

"We can only do so much, which is to keep reminding our people to resolve disputes amicably when they arise," Abdi said.

Garissa Central assistant county commissioner Kennedy ole Ledama also condemned the violence, warning the government would no longer tolerate insecurity tied to land skirmishes.

"We have swathes of land that can accommodate the entire population in Garissa. Why kill one another?" he asked, adding that security teams were drawing up measures to eliminate such conflicts in the town.

Ledama praised peace actors in Garissa for fostering dialogue, supporting youth projects, and countering radicalisation, but insisted that peace was a shared responsibility.

"Peace begins with us. It is not imposed; it is cultivated, and it is everyone's responsibility," he said.

Youth leader Nasteh Farah urged young people to resist manipulation



Peace actors from Garissa during the marking of International Peace Day on Sunday /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

by selfish individuals who exploit them to fuel chaos.

He also pressed security agencies to deal firmly with rising teen violence in Garissa, cautioning against relying on alternative justice systems to resolve such cases.

Nep Technical Training Institute

principal Abdirahman Shakul said instability in Garissa would worsen unemployment, disrupt education and erode the local economy.

As calls for peace mounted, one message rang clear: Garissa cannot afford to let land disputes keep spilling blood.

NEWS COUNTIES

SAFEGUARD LIVELIHOODS

Matungu chiefs trained on seed banking and climate change

Participants sensitised on conservation, seed preservation, healthy eating habits

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ADMINISTRATORS in Matungu, Kakamega county, have received training on seed banking and climate change in an effort to strengthen sustainable food systems and safeguard community livelihoods.

The sensitisation drive, held during Green Action Week 2025 at Matungu market and organised by the Youth Education Network, brought together chiefs, assistant chiefs and village elders.

Participants were taken through practical lessons on environmental conservation, seed preservation and healthy eating habits aimed at boosting productivity while tackling lifestyle diseases.

For Ejinja assistant chief Redemta Wameyo, the training was a revelation. She said farmers are often stranded at the onset of planting seasons after consuming or selling all their produce.



“Our people will now understand that it’s not a must to buy seeds every time they want to plant. By saving their seeds, they can avoid delays that affect production,” she said.

Namamali chief Edward Rapando welcomed the initiative, noting that traditional methods of seed preservation once guaranteed food security. “The seed banking technique is not

new. Older generations preserved their own seeds and there was sufficient food,” he said.

Youth Education Network director Michael Mung’oma said the cam-

paign is designed to help communities understand both their contribution to climate change and the solutions within their reach. He emphasised the importance of quality seeds in securing reliable harvests.

“The harvest of what farmers plant is not guaranteed because of the effects of climate change, and the situation is made worse when they use low-quality seeds. But when they plant their own preserved seeds, they can be sure of their returns,” Mung’oma said.

He added that chiefs and elders were deliberately targeted because of their wide reach through barazas and their knowledge of community practices. “Most stakeholders in climate change action should come from the grassroots. We are happy with the government’s allocation for climate change and hope the funds will trickle down where they are most needed,” he said.

Youth Education Network programmes officer Jacqueline Odari, programmes manager Michael Mung’oma and volunteer Nick Luchendo during the Green Action Week 2025 celebrations at Matungu market on Saturday /HILTON OTENYO

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Matungu seed banking and climate change sensitisation effort highlights a smart grassroots approach to food security. By targeting chiefs, assistant chiefs, and elders—who hold influence in communities—the Youth Education Network ensures the knowledge spreads widely and practically.

PROVIDE STABILITY

Government rolls out foster care training in Kakamega

HILTON OTENYO

THE government has begun training prospective foster care trainers in Kakamega county as part of a nationwide push to transition children from institutional care to family-based environments.

The initiative is anchored in the National Care Reform Strategy, which seeks to move thousands of children from Charitable Children’s Institutions (CCIs) and statutory facilities into family setups that provide nurturing and stability.

Speaking during a Training of Trainers workshop at the ACK Mumias Guest House, programme head Aston Maungu said the trainers will be responsible for recruiting and preparing foster parents across the county. “The prospective parents will lawfully and procedurally take up children in a family-based environment that has been proved

to provide loving and nurturing care for children,” Maungu said.


The workshop brought together national government administration officers, police officers, journalists, child care volunteers and representatives from CCIs.


The programme, a partnership between the State Department for Children Services and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, has already been piloted in Murang’a, Kiambu, Meru, Kilifi, Kisumu and Machakos counties.

By 2032, the government hopes to transition an estimated 45,000 children from CCIs and another 3,000 from statutory institutions into family care. Maungu said the reform strategy provides a clear roadmap and options for alternative care, including foster care, guardianship, adoption, Kafaala (for Muslims), supported independent living, child-headed households and kinship care.



Stakeholders during a Training of Trainers workshop on foster care at ACK Guest House in Mumias on Friday /HILTON OTENYO





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DAVID KIBUI
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CONDITION OF SALE

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	REG NO	MAKE & MODEL	RATING	YOM
FRANKLIN KARIUKI NJENGA VS NELSON MUGAI MUGO	KDE 999L	AUDI S5	2990	2014
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CONDITION OF SALE

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Duly instructed by our principals, The Financers, we shall sell the undermentioned Motor Vehicles Through Public Auction on **1st October 2025 starting at 11.00 a.m.** viewing can be done at various yards during working hours.

	REG NO	MAKE & MODEL	RAT- ING	YOM	VENUE
FINANCIER VS FELIX OTIENO	KCZ 585W	NISSAN MARCH	1190	2013	MILLIAN MOTOR DEAL- ER-NAKURU
FINANCIER VS CALEB AITTO	KCP 974H	TOYOTA AXIO	1490	2010	JOYLAND STORAGE YARD- ELDOROT
FINANCIER VS DAVID NIURORGE	KBU 033K	TOYOTA	4000	2010	STARTRUCK-MERU
FINANCIER VS DAN KARIUKI	KDB 905U	TOYOTA PASSO	990	2013	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS DENNIS WEKHUYI	KDR 5493	NISSAN XTRAIL DBA-NB2	1190	2016	JOYLAND STORAGE YARD-ELDOROT
FINANCIER VS DORIS MERCIA	KCX 972L	TOYOTA FOR- TUNER	2604	2012	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS KENNEDY IVECCO	KCQ 590Y	HONDA INSIGHT	1330	2011	JOYLAND STORAGE YARD-ELDOROT
FINANCIER VS JULIUS PANDE	KDJ 703D	TOYOTA FIELDER	1490	2015	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS KENNEDY NGUGI	KDM 517A	SUZUKI WAG- ON-R	650	2016	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS NICHOLAS WAKAMBA	KDQ 9830	BMW X3F25- SAIXDRIVE N47WY132	1190	2017	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS PAUL ODUOR	KCT 753L	TOYOTA VITZ	1320	2011	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS REWEL MBUGUA	KCS 264W	NISSAN SKYLINE	2490	2011	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS DANIEL KIMANI	KCX 007E	SURABU FORESTER	1990	2013	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS BRIAN KIPTOO	KDJ 842N	NISSAN NOTE	1190	2015	JOYLAND STORAGE YARD-ELDOROT
FINANCIER VS EDWARD OTIENO	KDR 409G	NISSAN MARCH/ MICRA	1190	2017	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS JACOB WEKESA	KDL 2918	MITSUBISHI MIRAGE	1190	2015	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS JOB POPE	KDD 863P	NISSAN NOTE	1190	2014	MILLIAN MOTOR DEAL- ER-NAKURU
FINANCIER VS PIUS JUMA	KCS 294T	NISSAN SERENA	1190	2011	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
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FINANCIER VS FREDRICK OMONDI	KDT 4520	MAZDA CAROL	650	2018	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI
FINANCIER VS JACOB MUKONYI	KDC 873X	MITSUBISHI MIRAGE	990	2014	ADONAI STORAGE YARD- ADONAI

CONDITION OF SALE

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Allimex plaza, 3rd floor suite 301 off Mombasa road P. O. Box 22091-00100, Nairobi Kenya

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals the financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2025 at 10.30 AM** at our offices at **Allimex plaza, 3rd floor suite 301 off Mombasa road**.

REG NO	MAKE	YEAR	RATING	FUEL	YARD
KCX 412R	NISSAN MARCH K13	2012	1198cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCX 491W	TOYOTA HARRIER ACU30W	2012	2362cc	PETROL	NYALLOJOYO - KISUMU
KBU 635Y	TOYOTA BELTA NCP96	2006	1296cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCN 347S	TOYOTA HIACE KDH206V	2011	2982cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KCC 374H	TOYOTA HIACE KDH201V	2008	2982cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KCQ 765R	TOYOTA HILUX KUN15R	2011	2494cc	DISESEL	LEGACY CONNec- TIONS - NAKURU
KBW 203E	TOYOTA PREMIO ZRT260	2007	1797cc	PETROL	LEGACY CONNec- TIONS - NAKURU
KBR 745C	TOYOTA COROLLA NZE121	2004	1496cc	PETROL	JOYLAND - ELDOROT
KCN 470P	NISSAN TEANA J32	2010	2495cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCL 954E	TOYOTA SIENTA MCP81G	2010	1496cc	PETROL	STARTRUCK - NYERI
KCP 657W	NISSAN TIDA C11	2011	1490cc	PETROL	MOCO - KISII
KCG 213H	TOYOTA HIACE KDH201V	2008	2982cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KCF 376X	TOYOTA RACTIS SCP100	2008	1490cc	PETROL	MOCO - KISII
KCL 578R	MAZDA DEMIO DE3FS	2010	1340cc	PETROL	MOCO - KISII
KBP 549R	VOLKSWAGEN POLO	2008	1380cc	PETROL	MOCO - KISII
KBX 118B	TOYOTA HIACE KDH200V	2007	2490cc	DISESEL	MOCO - KISII
KCL 494N	TOYOTA HIACE TRH200K	2010	1998cc	DISESEL	NYALLOJOYO - KISUMU
KCG 579M	MITSUBISHI FUSO FIGHTER FM657N	2008	7545cc	DISESEL	NYALLOJOYO - KISUMU
KBN 300G	LEXUS MCU35R	2003	2995cc	PETROL	WACHENYA STORAGE YARD - KITALE
KWZ 356	TOYOTA HILUX YN55	1985	1812cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCF 315J	NISSAN CARAVAN VRE25	2008	1998cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KDB 384M	TOYOTA PROBOX NSP160V	2015	1320cc	PETROL	MOCO - KISII
KCQ 075V	MITSUBISHI FUSO FXJ3	2016	6370cc	DISESEL	FEMFA YARD - KITALE
KAY 288G	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF	2000	1780cc	PETROL	MATRIZ - MOMBASA
KBN 800U	NISSAN X-TRAIL NT30	2004	1990cc	PETROL	STARTRUCK - MOM- BASA
KCF 590W	TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PRADO GRJ120W	2008	3955cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KDN 600N	TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PRADO TRJ150W	2018	2693cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCH 453V	TOYOTA COROLLA AXIO NZE141	2009	1496cc	PETROL	LEGACY CONNec- TIONS - NAKURU
KDN 974Z	ISUZU D-MAX TFS5WF	2016	2499cc	DISESEL	SHENYWE STORAGE YARD - KAKAMEGA
KCD 005E	PORCHE CAYERN TURBO	2008	4806cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KTCB 919K	JOHN DEERE S503	2013	2908cc	DISESEL	CISMARA - NAROK
KCJ 112B	TOYOTA HILUX KUN26R	2008	2982cc	DISESEL	CISMARA - NAROK
KCR 433P	TOYOTA COROLLA AXIO NZE141	2011	1496cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCB 783W	TOYOTA WISH ZNE14G	2007	1798cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCC 449R	MAZDA CX - 7 ER3P	2008	2260cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCQ 444Y	KBZ 335P	2011	2993cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KDN 013Z	MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER GF7W	2016	1990cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KBD 335P	VOLKSWAGEN JETTA 1KKBXL	2007	1980cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KDH 119B	TOYOTA TOWNACE S412M	2014	1495cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KBA 454S	TOYOTA VITZ SCP10	2000	997cc	PETROL	STARTRUCK - MOM- BASA
KBJ 109F	TOYOTA HIACE LH172V	2002	2985cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KCT 812V	TOYOTA AURIS ZRE152H	2012	1797cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCB 428Q	TOYOTA PLATZ NCP12	2000	1496cc	PETROL	STARTRUCK - NYA- HIRURU
KCT 863H	HONDA FIT GE6	2011	1330cc	PETROL	LEGACY CONNec- TIONS - NAKURU
KBR 020Z	TOYOTA ISIS ANM15W	2005	1998cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KBZ 135N	TOYOTA MARK X GRX120	2007	2499cc	PETROL	STARTRUCK - NYERI
KCR 921U	NISSAN AD VY12	2011	1498cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCU 045S	TOYOTA MARK-X ZIO ANA 10	2011	2362cc	PETROL	SHENYWE STORAGE YARD - KAKAMEGA
KDE 746W	MAZDA BONGO SPK2M	2014	1508cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KCS 277X	TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PRADO GRJ150W	2013	3955cc	PETROL	RIVERLONG
KUR 580	ISUZU TXD55	1983	5785cc	DISESEL	RIVERLONG
KBX 106R	TOYOTA HIACE TRH200V	2006	1998cc	PETROL	SHENYWE STORAGE YARD - KAKAMEGA

TERMS OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price.
- Vehicles are sold on "AS IS BASIS".

Offers should be submitted on <https://autobid.riverlong.com> not later than **Tuesday, 30th September 2025**. For any assistance, please contact **0701869319** or **0701856557** alternatively send an email to autobid@riverlong.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WORK - NO - WORDS AUCTIONEERS

Public Auctioneers, Bailiffs, Court Brokers Process Servers
Re - Possessors & Commission Agents

Mombasa Office: Kwa Shibu Road, Kadir Corner, 1st Floor, Door No. 2, Opp. Regency Park Hotel, Mombasa
Malindi Office: Kiziwani Building, Lamu Road, Behind Barclays Bank, Malindi
P.O. Box 42579-80100
Tel: (041) 2495817
Mobile No.: 0 722-76 624 7
Email address: summy_mutua@yahoo.com
summymutua65@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION CATALOGUE

DULY INSTRUCTED BY THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MALINDI CIVIL CASE NO. E14 OF 2023, I SHALL SELL THE UNDERMENTIONED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PLOT NO. 154 TOGETHER WITH A PERMANENT BUILDING BEING A SHOP STANDING THEREON SITUATED AT SEA BREEZE AREA IN MALINDI, MALINDI SUB-COUNTY, KILIFI COUNTY ON SATURDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER, 2025 OUTSIDE MALINDI POST OFFICE STARTING AT 11.00AM.

BONIFACE NGUMBAU KIMANTHI =VERSUS= GEORGE MAIYALU

DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL OF LAND

All that plot of land Known as **Plot No. 154** measuring **55 feet by 42 feet length and 35 feet by 33 feet width** together with a permanent building being a shop standing thereon situated at Sea Breeze Area in Malindi.

AMENITIES

Access of the said Portion of land is by Tamac Road, Electricity is connected to commercial house therein, drainage is by septic tank, water is available by way of MAWASCO.

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
2. Viewing to be done during normal working hours with prior arrangements from our offices.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USE

The Registered Owner of **DAGORETTI/MUTUINI/1608** located in **Mutuini, Kiambu County** wishes to Change the Use from **Agricultural to Multi-Dwelling Residential** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions and organizations with comments/ objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** from the date of publication of this notice to: -

CECM LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O BOX 2344-00100, KIAMBU.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USER

The owner of plot **JUJA KALIMONI BLOCK 12/77** Located at juja farm, Juja Sub-County is proposing to change its use from **Agricultural to Residential (flats)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institution and any other interested parties with any material objection to the proposed development are requested to forward them in Writing within **Fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

CECM-LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.

R.P.P DANIEL KABIRU -0321

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of **Kiambu/Gatunyaga/9639** located in thika gatunyaga wishes to **change the use from Agricultural to Residential (flats)** subject to approval by kiambu county. Individuals, Institution and any other interested parties with any material objection to the proposed development are requested to forward them in Writing within **Fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

CECM-LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.

R. P. P Daniel kabiru-0321

PAYMENTS STRICTLY VIA MPESA PAYBILL NUMBER 793601

NOTTINGHAM EDGE AUCTIONEERS CLASS B AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Repossessors, Court Bailiffs, Process Servers & Commission Agents
2nd Floor Yusuf Ali Mansion Building, Suite No. 12 B, Moi Avenue (Next to Safaricom Shop)
P.O. Box 83679-80100, Mombasa. | Tel: 0733 525034 | 0720 525 034 | Email: nottinghamedge@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell by way of public auction the items listed below on the respective listed dates & time.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 OF THE LAWS OF KENYA

LANDORD - VS- TREVOR MUENDO KYALO

On **4th October 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** at **Jeneby's Auction Yard** in Majengo Guaraya within Mombasa Island, we shall sell 1 seven seater grey sofa set, one 40 inches Plasma TV, one white TV stand, one wooden coffee table, one single door Haier fridge, one small shoe rack, one 5x6 mattress one Mika laundry/washing machine, 1 Lenovo laptop model 82C2, one two door Hitachi Fridge, one Mika four burner gas cooker plus cylinder, one dog carving brown colour, one small music system with small speakers, 1 small Coffee maker "Sokany", 1 coffee table.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The items are to be sold on as where is basis and.
2. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
3. Items once sold will not be accepted back and no refund will be made. Viewing to be by prior arrangement, during working hours call **0791422566** to arrange the viewing.
4. Sold items to be removed by the purchaser immediately after the auction.

LEGACY AUCTIONEERING SERVICES

Auctioneers, Repossessors, Private Investigators, Process Servers, Official Brokers, Bailiffs, Commission Agents

Head Office: NAKURU
Nacha Plaza
3rd Floor Room 19
Along Kijabe Row,
POB 15121 - 20100, Nakuru
Tel. 0799-669967

Branch Office: Nairobi
Windsor House
4th Floor Room 7
Along University Way
POB 2286-00200, Nairobi
Tel. 0722-740612

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned items:

ON FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT LEGACY CONNECTIONS YARD, OFF NAKURU-NAIROBI HIGHWAY AT MEDIHEAL HOSPITAL AND NEAR ROCK HYRAX HOTEL IN NAKURU.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT

1. THE LANDLORD =VERSUS= STEPHEN NGUYO

One (1) Sony 32" Television, One (1) Liteon Subwoofer with Two (2) Speakers, One (1) Epson Printer, One (1) Computer Set.

2. THE LANDLORD =VERSUS= JANE MBURU

One (1) Coffee Table, One (1) Two-burner Cooker, One (1) 13Kg Gas Cylinder, One (1) 6Kg Gas Cylinder, One (1) Flower Stand, One (1) Subwoofer, One (1) Computer Keyboard, One (1) Kitchen Table, One (1) Bruhm Double-door Fridge, One (1) Iitel 43" Television, One (1) Seven Seater Sofa Set, One (1) Wall Unit.

- TERMS:** i. Strictly **CASH** at the fall of the hammer
ii. Viewing can be done during normal working hours with prior arrangement.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT BONDO
CIVIL CASE NO. E 176 OF 2024

SAMSON ODONGO OTIENO PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
=VERSUS=
SMEP MICROFINANCE BANK LTD..... 1ST DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
KEYSIAN AUCTIONEERS..... 2ND DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
ABDULLAHI ADAN HASSAN T/A
GAALANO ENERGY LTD..... 3RD DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

NOTICE

[By way of Substituted Service under Order V rules 17 and 26 of the Civil Procedure Rules]

TO: ABDULLAHI ADAN HASSAN T/A GAALANO ENERGY LTD

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a suit at the Principal Magistrates' Court at Bondo in **CIVIL CASE NO. E 176 OF 2024**, in which you are named as the 3RD Defendant/Respondent. Service of the summons, Plaint and the accompanying documents has been ordered by way of this advertisement.

Copies of the Plaintiff may be obtained at the Principal Magistrates' Court, at Bondo registry or at the offices of Juliet Kokeyo & Co. Advocates Catholic Building 1st Floor, Rm 11 P. O. Box 371-40601, Bondo.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless you enter an appearance within fourteen [14] days from the date of this notice, the case will be heard and determined your absence notwithstanding.

The Matter is coming up for mention on **3rd October, 2025 at 9.00AM** in the forenoon or soon thereafter.

Dated at Bondo this 22nd day of September 2025.

JULIET KOKEYO AND COMPANY
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

DRAWN & FILED BY:
JULIET KOKEYO & CO. ADVOCATES
CATHOLIC BUILDING 1ST FLOOR, RM 11
P. O. Box 371-40601,
BONDO
Mobile: 0792198856/0715834413

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019)

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of **Plot No. NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1763, NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1764, NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1765 & NAIROBI/BLOCK 1766 (AMALGAMATED)** located off Sewer Road, Ruai area within Nairobi City County proposes to change the use of the Land from **Residential to Religious Use (Church & Ancillary Services)**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal should forward them within **14 days** of this Notice to: -

The CECM-Built Environment and Urban Planning
Nairobi City County Government
P.O Box 30075-00100
Nairobi.
Registered Physical Planner Christopher
Nicholas Omare Reg.No.0065

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE

The registered owner of **plot L.R No. 209/197/1/21-(NRBI/BLK 40/601)** Located off Park Road, Ngara East area proposes to **extend lease** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within **14 (fourteen) days** of publication of this notice to:

The CECM-Built Environment and Urban Planning
Nairobi City County Government
P.O Box 30075-00100
Nairobi.
Registered Physical Planner Christopher
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DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY-KENYA

CHUI HOUSE, KUFUGA ROAD, KUFUGA LANE, KAREN, OFF LANGATA ROAD
P.O BOX 10539-00100, NAIROBI.

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2025

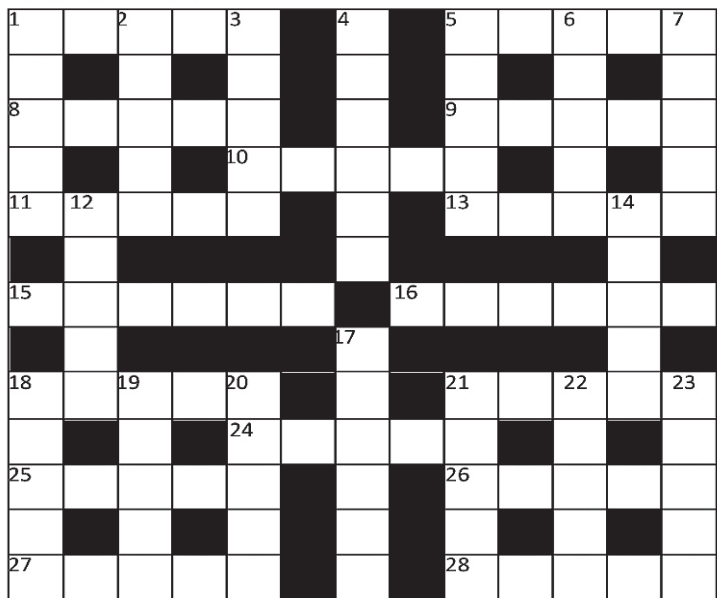
	Notes	Unaudited 2024/2025	Audited 2023/2024
		Kshs	Kshs
Revenue			
Transfers from Political Parties Fund (PPF)	6	30,686,852	16,180,412
Membership Fees	7	-	-
Public contributions and donations	8	1,705,583	1,745,445
Total Revenue		32,392,435	17,925,857
Expenses			
Administrative Expenses	11	32,619,818	18,881,108
Special Interest Groups expenses	12	-	-
Advocacy and Electoral expenses	13	-	-
Finance Costs	14	40,486	30,117
Total expenses		32,809,936	19,116,118
Surplus/Deficit		(417,501)	(1,190,261)

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	Unaudited 2024/2025	Audited 2023/2024
		Kshs	Kshs
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash equivalents	19	216,597	176,898
Receivables and advances	20	4,967,274	6,272,856
Total Current Assets		5,183,871	6,449,754
Non-Current Assets			
Property Plant and Equipment	23	392,770	472,402
Total Non- Current Assets		392,770	472,402
Total Assets (A)		5,576,641	6,922,156
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	26	186,028	1,114,042
Current Portion of Borrowings	31	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total Current Liabilities		2,186,028	3,114,042
Total Liabilities (B)		2,186,028	3,114,042
Net Assets (A-B)		3,390,613	3,808,114
Represented by:			
Accumulated Surplus/deficits		3,390,613	3,808,114
Total Shareholders Fund		3,390,613	3,808,114

COFFEE BREAK

CROSSWORD / PUZZLE



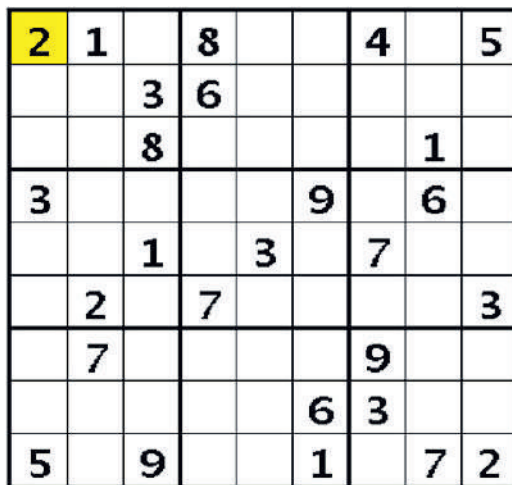
DOWN

- Oxidizing _____ is any substance that can bring about the process of oxidation (5)
- Inter ashes (5)
- Former Member of Parliament for women in Nakuru County (5)
- Member of Parliament for Kilome constituency (6)
- Hot and dry regions like deserts (5)
- Suspension of breathing (5)
- Bedding item (5)
- A group of different types of tissues that together perform a specific function (5)
- The maximum upward displacement of the particles in transverse wave (5)
- It is the capacity of a body to do work (6)
- An ethnolinguistic group in North Central Nigeria, part of the Niger-Congo language family (5)
- Form of oxygen (5)
- Former Member of Parliament for Tongaren constituency (5)
- Member of Parliament for Karachuonyo constituency (5)
- Member of Parliament for Kabondo Kasipul constituency (5)
- Hoist (5)

ACROSS

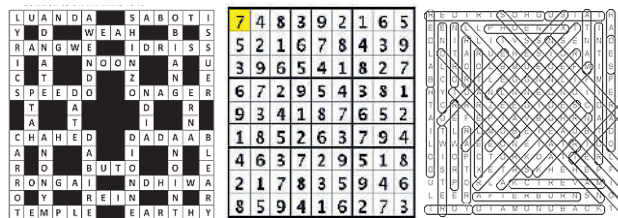
- It is a negatively charged ion (5)
- These are electromagnetic radiations having very short wave length (5)
- Former Member of Parliament for Turkana west constituency (5)
- The maximum horizontal distance of the projectile (5)
- A junior Member of a group in Japanese arts (5)
- Member of Parliament for Kuresoi south constituency (5)
- Act together (2,3)
- A mixture of betel nut, slaked lime, and betel leaves. (6)
- It is a linear polymer of isoprene (6)
- Electrode towards which anions move during the process of electrolysis (5)
- Member of Parliament for Suba North constituency (5)
- The distance traveled by a body in a unit of time (5)
- To love with one's entire heart and soul (5)
- Means 'faith' in Arabic (5)
- Member of Parliament in Vihiga County (5)
- Former member of parliament for Bomachoge Chache constituency (5)

SUDOKU / SIMPLE



Fill the grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the sub-grids that compose the grid all contain all of the numbers from 1 to 9 one time.

Yesterday solutions



WORD SEARCH

Find and mark all the words hidden inside the box. The words may be placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

SERMOUTHPIECELFVALVEEWCE
 OLEVELAESBNNUTRMAUICROBR
 GEBDENNOSEENRUOWNYOUTOE
 AKRINOIROGDOBARESGDRSROH
 SREVEITTYXIIIRUIETSDASET
 COAERSDXRSITRGRDUNILEDIS
 YNTFFPSONSQAHTEDVTDRRNEO
 LSHLOEGEDRXTGSEYTRPUSM
 ISEAERNADDBGURMTHSNERMKT
 NTRGNPSBIERAAAEENEYFISOA
 DHWNMMXWLVGARSBGGAASARTC
 EGTBOOTIHSWEMOUTIMTARO
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 BRLLGSAEVIDECNUOBIOPPEDKD
 OAINARCOSISAIMREHTOPYHNA
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 BUBBLES
 BUDDY SYSTEM
 BUOYANCY
 C CARD
 COMPASS
 COMPRESSOR
 CORAL REEF
 CURRENT
 DECOMPRESSION
 DEPTH GAUGE
 DIVE COMPUTER
 DIVE FLAG
 DIVE MARSHAL
 DRY SUIT
 EDDY
 EMBOLISM
 GAS CYLINDER
 GAS MIXTURE
 GIANT STRIDE
 HELIOX
 HOSE
 HYPOTHERMIA
 LEEWARD
 LUNGS
 MASK
 MEMBRANE
 MOUTHPIECE
 NARCOSIS

NEOPRENE
 NITROGEN
 NITROX
 OCEAN
 OXYGEN
 PANIC
 REBREATHER
 RECOMPRESSION
 REGULATOR
 SCOOTER
 SEA LEVEL
 SHEARS
 SHOAL
 SILICONE
 SNORKEL
 SPEAR GUN
 STROBE
 SWIM FINS
 SWIMMING
 TANK
 THE BENDS
 TIDE
 TOXICITY
 TRIMIX
 UNDERSEA
 UNDERSUIT
 UNDERTOW
 VALVE
 VISION
 VOLUME
 WATER
 WEIGHT BELT
 WEIGHS
 WETSUIT
 WINDWARD

ALL IN THE STARS



LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

You'll be in a curious mood, just right for new encounters. Perhaps this will add a little spice and enjoyment to your love life. You should take advantage of it!

SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

Do you have a daily or weekly exercise program that you follow religiously? If you don't, you should.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

Keep yourself on a strict diet of moderation. This means you can eat anything you like, just do so in moderation.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

It's important to recognize when you are under with heavy pressures so that you can give yourself a TLC when needed.

AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

You will enjoy socializing, if possible, but try not to skip over feelings while in the pursuit of accomplishment.

PISCES

February 20 – March 20

You may or not have been taught to develop your sensitivity and awareness as a child, but it's never too late to start!

ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Decompress with appropriate exercise when you are subjected to a lot of stress, rather than putting it off until afterwards.

TAURUS

April 21 – May 21

The body is a lump of clay, remember? You are the artist who shapes it. As an artist, give yourself plenty of love and encouragement.

GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

Try not to get frustrated if the path you have been on takes a backward turn. Go back and mend any spots you skipped.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

New trends that you have been enjoying lately may not be all that they are cracked up to be. Go back and review.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Things are not progressing as quickly as you had hoped they would have. Don't worry, and don't give up.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 23

Although you would much prefer to charge ahead, you'd rather review the past before embracing the future.

Boy flies from Kabul to Delhi hiding in plane's landing gear

BBC/ A 13-year-old Afghan boy made a dangerous journey from Kabul to Delhi, hiding in the landing gear compartment of a Kam Air passenger plane.

Officials say the teen, who is from Kunduz city in northern Afghanistan, was found wandering around on the runway at Delhi's international airport after the plane landed on Monday. He was detained by Indian security personnel and questioned for several hours before being sent back to Kabul on the same flight.

The boy reportedly told authorities he made the journey out of curiosity. A spokesperson from the Indian Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) said the boy managed to travel undetected on Kam Airlines flight RQ-4401, which landed in Delhi around 11:10 (05:40 GMT) on Sunday. Police found him roaming around by himself and took him aside for questioning.

The boy reportedly told authorities he had hidden himself in the rear central landing gear compartment of the plane.

The airline staff also found a small red-coloured audio speaker after further safety inspections were carried out. The Indian Express newspaper reported that the 13-year-old wanted to travel to Iran and did not know that the flight he entered was bound for Delhi, not Tehran. According to the newspaper, the boy sneaked

into Kabul airport, trailed a group of passengers, and stowed away in the aircraft's rear wheel well - the internal compartment which houses the landing gear. He was carrying only the red coloured speaker.



TELEVISION LINEUP – WEDNESDAY



5:00AM	MORNING DECREE	5:00PM	BEATPLUG
5:30AM	TV47 FITNESS	6:00PM	LA MUJER DE JUDAS
6:00AM	MORNING CAFÉ	7:00PM	UPEO WA TV47
10:00AM	TV47 MATUKIO	7:30PM	DR.OF WENEKE TONIGHT
2:00PM	BAZE 47	9:00PM	THE INSIGHT WITH DEBARL INEA
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RUGBY

OILERS OUT TO DEFEND IMPALA FLOODLIT TITLE

Weru's side won first major 15s title beating Impala in last year's final

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

MENENGAI Oilers target back-to-back titles at the Impala Floodlit Rugby Tournament, set to run from October 18 to November 1 in Nairobi.

Oilers' head coach Gibson Weru said his side is in strong shape following six weeks of pre-season training.

"So far, so good. We've had a solid pre-season and the boys are looking sharp. The Sevens circuit has ended and we expect our Sevens players to join training this week," said Weru.

The Nakuru-based club, who clinched their first major 15s title by dominating Impala 42-3 in last year's final, will use the tournament to test their squad depth and fine-tune ahead of the

Kenya Cup season, which kicks off in November.

"It will be a good tournament to test our depth and assess our preparedness for the start of the season," Weru added.

Tournament organiser Kevin Gisore confirmed on Tuesday that eight clubs will feature in this year's main competition.

Oilers are joined by record 10-time champions KCB, Kenya Harlequins, Nondescripts, Strathmore Leos, Blak Blad, hosts Impala and Mwamba.

The tournament will also feature a universities category, headlined by defending champions Rift Varsity—a combined side drawing players from Nakuru and the greater Rift Valley region.

They'll be joined by university teams from Strathmore, Blak

Blad (Kenyatta University), Mean Machine (University of Nairobi), Kabete Stallions, Zetech Oaks, among others.

The women's category returns, featuring Kenya Cup champions Mwamba, Impala, Quins and Northern Suburbs.

The tournament draw will be conducted on Friday, while sponsorship details will be announced within the next two weeks.

"The organising committee is currently in talks with sponsors, and we expect to make a formal announcement within the next 14 days," said Gisore.

Nondies will hope to reach the final after finishing third last year with a 34-15 win over Blak Blad in the bronze medal match. Rift Varsity edged Kabete Stallions 34-18 to lift the varsity title.



Oilers' centre Samuel Ovwamu in action during a past match /HANDOUT

ATHLETICS

Kenya keen to impress at World Mountain and Trail Running Championships



A section of Kenyan athletes outside their hotel on Tuesday morning/HANDOUT

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

TWO-time world champion Patrick Kipng'eno says he is fully fit and ready to lead Team Kenya's medal charge at the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, which start on Thursday in Canfranc-Pirineos, Spain.

The first group of 14 Kenyan athletes landed in Spain on Monday night, with the second batch expected to travel as soon as their visas are processed.

Among those already on the ground are Philares Kisang, Janet Chepng'etich, Ruth Gitonga, Gloria Chebet, Mirriam Chepkirui, and Joyce Muthoni. The men's side includes Kipng'eno, Richard Atuya, Timothy Kibet, Michael Saoli, Philemon Kiriago, Paul Machoka and Sammy Chelangat.

Kipng'eno, who will captain the Kenyan squad, said: "I have had good preparations. I've been training in Austria, but I went back home to Kenya for two weeks of intensive training. I'm looking forward to the championship."

Having skipped this year's Mountain Running World Cup due to injury, Kipng'eno is now fully recovered and eager to defend his title.

"I had to minimise races due to an injury. I've recovered and I'm ready to defend my title. We want to carry Kenya's flag high once again," he said from Spain.

Reigning Mountain Running World Cup champion Kiriago echoed his captain's optimism, highlighting both the team's safe arrival and their determination to perform.

"I thank God we arrived safely. We've had some training on the course—it's a challenging one, but we are ready to tackle it. We want to emulate the good performance of Team Kenya at the World Championships in Tokyo," said Kiriago.

Kenya begin medal hunt on Thursday with the vertical uphill race, where Atuya and Ken Koross will join Kipng'eno. The women's division has 2023 silver medalist Kisang, Chepkirui and Africa 10,000m champion Janet Chepng'etich.

Kenya aim to improve on their impressive showing at the 2023 edition held in Innsbruck-Stubaital, Austria, where the team bagged nine medals—five gold, two silver, and three bronze—to finish second. France topped the table with six gold, two silver and three bronze medals.

This year's championship has drawn over 1,600 athletes from 73 nations across five continents, all bracing for the unforgiving beauty of the Spanish Pyrenees—a course known for its steep climbs, technical descents, and unpredictable mountain weather.

Kisii University shifts focus to Western Conference Games

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

FRESH off a strong showing at the Federation of East African Universities Sports Championship (FEAUS), Kisii University have turned attention to the Kenya Universities Sports Federation Western Conference (KUSFWE) championships, which begin this Saturday at Kabianga University.

Kisii's women's basketball team made headlines by dethroning USIU-A to lift the regional title, while the men's football side settled for silver after a narrow 4-3 loss to Strathmore in a thrilling final.

Kisii games tutor David Obungu is optimistic about their prospects. "I am happy with the

performance of our teams during FEAUS. We won one title and finished second in men's football. Our teams are now ready for the KUSFWE games this weekend in Kakamega," he said.

The championships will feature rugby Sevens, badminton, frisbee, chess, scrabble and cross country.

At the FEAUS championships, Kisii stunned favourites USIU-A with a tight 31-29 win in the women's basketball final.

They routed hosts MMUST (Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology) 57-7 in the semifinals.

On their way to the football final, Kisii edged Kaimosi Friends University 6-5 on penalties

following a 1-1 draw after extra time. Strathmore overcame defending champions Makerere University 7-6 on penalties, having drawn 2-2 in regular time.

In other FEAUS results, Kenyatta University clinched the women's football title in a round-robin format, ahead of Makerere University and USIU-A.

In men's basketball, Daystar University claimed the title after beating Kenyatta University 57-52 in a fiercely contested final at Kakamega Police Canteen.

Kenyatta had edged Mount Kenya 64-63 in the semis, while Daystar defeated USIU-A 48-39. In the third-place play-off, USIU-A beat Mount Kenya 56-40.



Kisii University women's basketball team poses with the FEAUS trophy /HANDOUT



ATHLETICS

Omanyala plots comeback after tricky 2025 season

BY TEDDY MULEI

Ferdinand Omanyala
/HANDOUT

AFTER a turbulent 2025 campaign, Africa's fastest man, Ferdinand Omanyala, has turned his focus to full physical and mental recovery as he gears up for a revitalised 2026 season.

The 29-year-old Kenyan bowed out in the semi-finals of the World Championships

in Tokyo, clocking 10.09 to finish fifth in his heat and missing out on the final. Jamaica's Oblique Seville stormed to gold in 9.77 seconds, ahead of compatriot Kishane Thompson in 9.82 and American Noah Lyles (9.89).

Omanyala described the season as the most difficult of his career, marked by injuries and unfulfilled potential. The Tokyo disappointment informed the need to hit the reset button and stressed that patience would be the cornerstone of his comeback.

"The 2025 season presented considerable challenges, marking the most difficult one I have experienced," he said. "As this season concludes, my primary focus is to achieve physical and mental recovery. I believe that I am not behind, but rather traversing a path that demands greater patience than others."

The sprint king had hoped to shake off his past World Championships frustrations. In Eugene in 2022, he fell short in the semifinals with a 10.14, while in Budapest in 2023, he reached the final but finished seventh with a time of 10.07, as Lyles claimed gold.

In 2025, Omanyala was also unable to produce a sub-10-second performance — a benchmark he has regularly hit in previous seasons. He opened the year at the ASA Athlet-

ics Grand Prix in South Africa, posting 10.22 in the first leg before improving to 10.08.

He won the third Uganda National Trials in 10.09, ahead of compatriots Meshack Babu and his brother Isaac Omurwa. At the Botswana Golden Grand Prix, he came painfully close to breaking the 10-second barrier, clocking 10.00 to finish second.

His Diamond League campaign reflected similar struggles, with times ranging from 10.13 in Xiamen to 10.49 in Brussels. He placed second in Rabat with a 10.05 and third at the Rome Golden Gala with 10.01. He finished third at the Kip Keino Classic in 10.07, second in Serbia with 10.25, and claimed a win in Andorf, Austria, with 10.03.

Despite the lack of sub-10s, Omanyala drew positives from the season. He pointed to his consistency, several podium finishes, and a standout moment in Atlanta, where he stormed to a new African 150m record of 14.70 at the Adidas Atlanta City Games, outpacing Bahamas' Terrence Jones and American Mathew Boling.

He remains grateful to those who stayed in his corner, saying: "I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support I received from those who truly mattered."

FOOTBALL

SOLDIERS' GAME PLAN

We will focus on defence and building purposeful attacks, says coach Nyau-do

BY TONY MBALLA

ULINZI Stars head coach Danstun Nyau-do has challenged his players to sustain the momentum from their crucial 1-0 away win over Murang'a Seal as they prepare to host Kariobangi Sharks at Ulinzi Sports Complex this evening.

Nyau-do praised his squad's discipline but warned against complacency.

"Our discipline on and off the ball is improving every week. The boys are beginning to understand that small details—tracking runners, keeping shape—win tight games," Nyau-do said.

Ulinzi's game plan will focus on defence and building purposeful attacks.

"We're not just defending; we're learning to attack with purpose. The Murang'a Seal match showed that if we stay patient, the breakthrough will come," he said.

Maintaining focus is vital.

"The league is a marathon, not a sprint. Sharks are dangerous, especially on the counter, so we must keep our focus for the full 90 minutes," he noted.

The Ulinzi boss promised fans an entertaining performance.

"Playing at home means we owe our supporters an entertaining performance and, most importantly, three points," he affirmed.

Kariobangi Sharks coach William Muluya, on the other hand, promised a fearless display, saying his side is ready to exploit any weaknesses and push for a statement win in the KPL clash. Muluya is confident his team has the tools to upset the soldiers.

"We are not intimidated by Ulinzi's form. Respect is there, but fear is not part of our vocabulary," said Muluya. "Sharks football is about courage and creativity. We've been working on finishing in training. It's time to show it," he explained.

Reflecting on their recent goalless draw against Bandari, the Sharks tactician revealed lessons learnt.

"The Bandari game taught us valuable lessons in composure.

If we remain calm in the final third, goals will come," he noted.

He believes Sharks' youthful energy could tilt the game in their favour.

"Ulinzi have experience, but our energy and hunger can tilt the game in our favour. We'll fight for every ball," Muluya declared.

Ulinzi will once again look to their reliable striker, Paul Okoth, who netted the winning goal against Seal at St Sebastian Park on Sunday.

His ability to find space in tight defences could prove decisive. In midfield, Boniface Muchiri's vision and set-piece prowess remain key to unlocking Sharks' backline.

For Sharks, striker Zablon Kutela will carry the team's defensive hopes after being voted man-of-the-match against Bandari on Sunday. Creative midfielder Andreas Odhiambo's distribution will also be critical in breaking Ulinzi's defensive shape.



Ulinzi Stars' Boniface Muchiri vies for the ball with Murang'a Seals Robert Mudenyu/HANDOUT

HIGHLIGHTS

Kenya Esports Series to tour five cities ahead of Nairobi Grand Finale

BY CHARLENE MALWA

KENYA'S gaming community is set for a nationwide spotlight with the launch of the Kenya Esports Series 2025, a competitive tour across five cities culminating in a grand finale on Jamhuri Day, December 12, in Nairobi.

Organised by Esports Kenya, the tour will visit Nakuru, Eldoret, Mombasa, Kisumu and Nairobi, giving players a chance to compete for titles and qualify for the national finals. Winners will earn spots to represent Kenya at international events, including the Global Esports Games.

The series will feature eight titles: eFootball Mobile, eFootball Console, EA FC 26, FC Mobile, Tekken 8, PUBG Mobile, Call of Duty Mobile, and Mobile Legends.

The journey begins with the Flamingo Series in Nakuru on October 4, followed by stops in Eldoret (October 18), Mombasa (November 1), Kisumu (November 15), and Nairobi (November 29) before the grand finale.

"This series is a turning point for grassroots esports. We're bringing the game closer to communities and creating real opportunities for talent," said Esports Kenya chair Samuel Okeyo.



Emily Morang'a and Elizabeth Mideva celebrate a goal against Ethiopia/HANDOUT

Rising Starlets eye home win in crucial U20 World Cup qualifier return leg

BY CHARLENE MALWA

THE Rising Starlets will bank on home advantage as they host Ethiopia in the decisive return leg of their 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup second-round qualifier at Ulinzi Sports Complex on Sunday.

The match kicks off at 3 pm. Kenya carries a slight edge into the clash after forcing a 1-1 draw in Addis Ababa last weekend, thanks to an early strike from Elizabeth Mideva, who pounced on a rebound just 37 seconds into the match.

While Ethiopia found an equaliser in the second half through Daniel Emush, the Starlets' away goal puts them in a favourable position heading into the home tie.

Head coach Jackline Juma believes the team has what it takes to finish the job in Nairobi.

"We thank God for the away goal — that's a plus for us. At home, we have to be more composed, especially at the back. We've identified areas to work on, particularly our defensive line and link-up play in attack," said Juma.

The Starlets dominated the first half in Ethiopia but were undone by a momentary lapse in the second period. With a packed home crowd expected on Sunday, Juma says the focus will be on capitalising early and staying compact throughout.

Defender Halima Imbachi is confident the team will rise to the occasion.

"We started strongly in Addis and matched them well despite the crowd and weather. In Nairobi, we have the advantage. We'll do much better in front of our home fans," she said.

The aggregate winner will advance to the third round in February 2026, where they will face the winner between Tanzania and Angola as the journey to the U-20 World Cup in Colombia continues.

FOOTBALL

Premier League fixture schedule unfair to Manchester City, says Silva

BBC

MANCHESTER City midfielder Bernardo Silva says his side were at a disadvantage against Arsenal because of the Premier League's scheduling.

Gabriel Martinelli scored in stoppage time to earn Arsenal a 1-1 draw at Emirates Stadium on Sunday. City had 66 hours to prepare for the game after their 2-0 home win over Napoli in the Champions League on Thursday.

Arsenal won 2-0 against Athletic Club in Bilbao on Tuesday.

"It is not fair to play one of these games like this. It is just not right," said Silva. "The reality is we cannot come into one of the most important games in the season with such a disadvantage, in terms of rest.

"I wasn't feeling in a perfect condition to play like this, and people who have not played

at the highest level don't know how it feels to play a game like this. You need to be at your best condition."

Manager Pep Guardiola said City were "incredibly tired" against Arsenal.

In January, he said English teams are at a disadvantage in Europe because of Premier League scheduling as they always put "the toughest schedules for the European teams in the important stages".

Silva, who made 62 appearances for City and Portugal last season, said: "I don't think that they are trying to make us lose a game.

"It could happen to Arsenal or Liverpool in a few months. But when you are playing an Arsenal v City, or a City v Liverpool, or a Liverpool v Arsenal, you need to have a bit of common sense, and understanding of these situations."

While Arsenal had a longer turnaround,

three of England's other Champions League teams had a Premier League game three days later, like City.

Newcastle, like Manchester City, were also in Champions League action on Thursday night — at home to Barcelona.

And they faced a Premier League trip to Bournemouth on Sunday in an earlier fixture than City.

Liverpool had an even shorter turnaround.

They hosted Atletico Madrid on Wednesday — and then faced Everton in the Merseyside derby on Saturday — 62.5 hours after full-time. Chelsea were away to Bayern Munich on Wednesday and visited Manchester United on Saturday.

Tottenham had four days in between games, hosting Villarreal on Tuesday and then Brighton on Saturday. The Champions League teams are all in Carabao Cup third-round action this

week. Five of the six teams have their tie three days after their league game, with Tottenham getting an extra day. And between seasons, Chelsea had less preparation time than Manchester City, having won the Club World Cup — with City going out two weeks earlier in the last 16.



Silva / HANDOUT

FOOTBALL

DEMBELE LIVES UP TO POTENTIAL

Midfielder helped PSG win Ligue 1, French Cup and Champions League treble and reach CWC final



PSG's Ousmane Dembele with the 2025 Ballon d'Or France trophy /XINHUA

When used properly, he could become the best player in the world."

This bold statement from former Barcelona boss Xavi back in 2021 contained a sentiment Ousmane Dembele had heard throughout his career.

Some raised their eyebrows and many doubted the mercurial Frenchman would ever be able to reach the heights predicted for him after becoming the second most expensive player in the world when he signed for Barcelona from Borussia Dortmund in a deal worth £135.5m in 2017.

But, after a journey that has had many lows as he battled against injury, inconsistency and questions about his attitude, the 28-year-old has finally seen that prophecy come true after winning the Ballon d'Or - a prize he has long-since dreamt of.

As he thanked his family for their sacrifices in helping him win the top men's award in Paris, Dembele broke down in tears, a sign of the ups and downs he has experienced throughout his career.

Dembele's incredible 2024-25 season helped his club Paris St-Germain win a Ligue 1, Coupe de France and Champions League treble, before also reaching the final of the Club World Cup.

He scored 35 goals and recorded 14 assists in all competitions and, after a quiet start to the season, was Europe's most in-form forward according to the stats from the turn of the year. His achievement can't be underestimated ei-



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ther. He has seen off Liverpool's Mohamed Salah, who recorded more goal involvements than any other player in Europe's top five leagues last season, Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe, who scored more goals, and the brilliance of Barcelona's Lamine Yamal and Raphinha.

Dembele's transformation began at Barcelona a couple of years before he joined PSG, as he started to see things differently. But he loved the idea of being a star and he was invited to be ambitious at PSG.

Mbappe's exit from the French club to join Real Madrid - ironically a move many predicted would cement his place as the world's best player - proved the final piece in the much-puzzled-over jigsaw for Dembele as manager Luis Enrique told him, we now want goals from you and we want you to be egotistical.

The coaching staff just kept saying to him 'Ballon d'Or, Ballon d'Or, Ballon d'Or'.

How Dembele thrived from Mbappe's exit

In August 2023, PSG bought the France international for just £43.5m, and he scored six goals and made 14 assists as PSG won the league and cup double.

He was far from the main man though, with the club's record scorer Mbappe netting 44 in all competitions in the best of his seven seasons for PSG. It turned out to be his last as Real Madrid came calling. A new-look PSG needed a new leader and talisman. Step forward Dembele.

And step forward he certainly did. His 51 goal involvements was more than twice his best in a single campaign in his whole career, while his 35 goals was 21 more than he'd managed before.

Last summer, manager Luis Enrique told Dembele that without Mbappe in the team he needed more goals from him to go with his large number of assists - carte blanche for the player to show a more selfish approach with less passing and a bigger desire to score.

In private, the coaching staff have frequently told him that if he managed to convert a decent percentage of the chances he creates, it could lead to collective success and then individual honours.

Dembele took it all on board and has relished playing in his new tactical role. In 2023-24, he was mostly played on the right. There was no way of dislodging Mbappe from the central role.

Now he mostly operates as a false nine, inside, where he touches the ball more, enjoys a greater freedom to receive passes and participates in the build-up but with more chances to finish. A new role and a new man.

Injuries, attitude and inconsistency — what changed?

To put Dembele's transformation solely down to Mbappe's Real move would be wrong. That was simply the final step.

Despite being largely injury-free at Rennes and Dortmund, he sustained 14 muscle injuries in his time at the Nou Camp, spending 784 days sidelined.

Concerns over discipline and professionalism led the club to assign private chefs to him, while late nights because of gaming affected his training punctuality, making him the club's most-fined player in recent years.

Still, when fit, his explosive pace and dribbling made him a game-changer, as he showed glimpses of the talent Barcelona invested in.

So what changed him?

Those who know Dembele best — and few do — say he changed after marrying his girlfriend Rima in Morocco in December 2021, and soon after he had a child.

The wedding came as a surprise to many of his teammates, not least because they did not even know he had a partner.

So the big changes to his life occurred in his last two seasons at Barcelona when, essentially, he grew up.

Dembele worked at home with a physiotherapist and frequently went to France to receive specialised preventative treatments. With the eyes and mind of a father, he began to see things differently.

He finally took on board the importance of good nutrition and, for the past few seasons, has employed a French nutritionist who has helped him maintain a healthier lifestyle.

For some time many believed that a Champions League triumph for PSG would be dependent on the on-field achievements of one of France's heroes. They also believed that the French hero would go on to become the world's best.

They were right — just not with Mbappe, but a rejuvenated Dembele.

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Champions Oilers ready to defend Floodlit title as big names return

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Kayole Starlets relish delayed top-tier debut against champions Police Bullets

BY CHARLENE MALWA

KAYOLE Starlets attacking midfielder Drailer Sati believes unity and communication will be key when the promoted side make their Football Kenya Federation Women's Premier League debut against champions Kenya Police Bullets on October 4.

The much-anticipated fixture was postponed from the weekend to allow the Rising Starlets to host Ethiopia in the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup return leg. The teams drew 1-1 in Addis Ababa.

"We talk to each other... from the keeper to the attacker. That is what will make it easy," said Sati.

Kayole Starlets earned promotion last season and are bracing for a baptism of fire against a Police side that won the league and featured in the CECAFA tournament.

"We were waiting to play in the Premier League. We worked hard and here we are. We will ensure we do our best and play CAF," she said. "They are girls like us. We've played many of them before. We've also commanded respect."

Despite Police's pedigree, Sati insisted her side is mentally prepared.

"It's not easy or hard. The ball rolls and you never know what happens next. Everything is possible," she said. Sati, who has played for

Olympic Dagoreti, Kangemi, Gaspo, Makolandars, TZ Alliance and Kibera, hopes to be a key in midfield.

"As an attacking mid, I create chances and assist. I see myself as a playmaker who creates, scores and lifts the team," she said.

She welcomed the delay in the fixture, calling it a blessing in disguise.

"This is just our third week. It has helped us prepare. We've worked on speed, fitness and ball control," she said. "I want to perform, be among the top scorers and help the team reach CAF (tournaments). Fans like players who perform well. They've waited for this promotion, and now we're here," she said.



Kayole Starlets warm down after a training session at their Calvary grounds/ CHARLENE MALWA

★ SWIMMING

Barcha targets quadruple at Africa Aquatic Championship

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

UNITED Kingdom-based swimmer Aariana Barcha hopes to win four titles at the 10th Africa Aquatics Zone 3 championship slated for Kasarani Aquatic Centre between October 16 and 19.

Barcha will compete in the 100m butterfly, 200m individual medley, 100m backstroke and 200m backstroke events, where endurance, precision and mental toughness are critical.

"Medium-distance races test every part of you—your lungs, your strength, your technique and even your patience," she explains. "It's where I feel I belong."

Barcha trains at the prestigious City of Southampton Swimming Club, established in 1963 and home to around 250 members.

Under head coach Matt Heathcock, Southampton has produced swimmers who've competed at England nationals, European Aquatics, Commonwealth and the Olympics.

Barcha observed that training in the United Kingdom has exposed her to elite training and a solid performance environment, interacting with top coaches.

"Swimming in that part of the world is top-level. The interactions with the coaches and during competitions have enabled me to improve," she said.

Her weekly routine is gruelling—up to 12 sessions mixing pool time, gym work, strength conditioning and dry-land drills. Locally, she swims at Genesis Sports under Alex Kaindi.

ATHLETICS

GRAND RECEPTION

Song and dance at JKIA as Team Kenya return from Tokyo World Championships

BY TEDDY MULEI

KENYA'S athletics heroes returned to a rousing reception at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) on Tuesday after their dazzling exploits at the Tokyo World Championships.

There was song, dance and ululations at JKIA as fans, uniformed forces, government officials and Athletics Kenya executives thronged the arrival terminal to welcome home the stars who flew the national flag high.

In Tokyo, Kenya locked horns with the world's finest, displaying grit and dominance to finish as the second-best-ranked nation globally and the top-ranked African nation. The country wrapped up its campaign with 11 medals (seven gold, two silver, and two bronze) behind only the USA, who bagged 26 medals.

Kenya's golden cast included Faith Kipyegon (1,500m), Beatrice Chebet (10,000m and 5,000m), Emmanuel Wanyonyi (800m), Lilian Odira (800m), Peres Jephchirchir (marathon) and Faith Cherotich (3,000m steeplechase).

Silver went to Kipyegon (5,000m) and Dorcas Ewoi (1,500m), while bronze was claimed by Edmund Serem (3,000m steeplechase) and Reynold Cheruiyot (1,500m).

For Chebet, it was a homecoming painted in gold. The distance queen, who left Nairobi as a bronze medallist from Budapest 2023, touched down in Nairobi as a double world champion.

"I am grateful to be back home. Going to the World Championships as a bronze medallist and returning with two golds is something I thank God for," Chebet



Beatrice Chebet displays her two gold medals from the Tokyo World Championships / HANDOUT

said.

At the 2023 Budapest edition of the global show, Chebet claimed bronze in the 5,000m after clocking 14:54.33.

In Tokyo, she underlined her class with a masterful display, storming to 10,000m gold in 30:37.61 before adding the 5,000m crown in 14:54.36. History was written in the Japanese capital as Kenya became the first nation ever to sweep all distance events, from 800m to the marathon.

Chebet believes the women's brilliance will inspire their male counterparts to scale even greater heights.

"Making history by sweeping medals from 800m to the marathon is a challenge to the boy child," she added.

Kipyegon, who claimed a record-extending fourth 1,500m world title in Tokyo, revealed the team's target was clear from the onset: to better Budapest 2023's tally of 10 medals (three gold, three silver, and four bronze).

"Our mission in Tokyo was to improve on Budapest, and we delivered," Kipyegon said.

She was pleased to still be performing at her level best on the global front.

"I feel blessed to be consistent at this level. Winning medals at both the World Championships and the Olympics is humbling," said Kipyegon.

She paid tribute to her bond with Chebet, a friendship she insists has been the secret weapon behind their relentless drive.

"She is very special. We have been friends for a long time, and together we push each other to bring more glory to Kenya," she said.

Among the surprise packages in Tokyo was Odira, who stunned pre-race favourites to clinch 800m gold.

"I thank God, my family, and my coach. Becoming a world champion is a dream come true. The reception here shows that Kenyans truly appreciate

our effort," said an emotional Odira.

Odira clocked a championship record of 1:54.62 on the final day of the Championships to clinch gold ahead of Britain's Georgia Bell (1:54.90) and Olympic champion Keely Hodgkinson (1:54.91), who settled for silver and bronze respectively.

Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi led the government delegation in welcoming the team, hailing their historic exploits.

"We are proud to receive our athletes after they made history in Tokyo," Mwangi said.

He reiterated the government's intention to honour the promise it made to the athletes.

"The government remains committed to rewarding them, three million shillings for every gold, two million for silver, and one million for bronze. We are ready to honour that promise," he added.

