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Trump: US President Donald Trump announced sweeping travel restrictions on 26 European countries in a bid to combat the spread of the disease. The EU condemned the measures, terming them "unilaterally and without consultation".



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Kagwe: Kenya's Health minister orders stringent screening at border entry points as Kenya Airways suspends all flights on the Rome and Geneva routes with immediate effect.



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Joyline Jepkosgei: Defending champ to miss this weekend's New York half marathon after AK banned foreign travel for athletes.



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Daniele Rugani: Italian football club Juventus announced on Wednesday that defender Daniele Rugani had tested positive for the coronavirus.



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Schools: Currently, school closures due to the virus outbreak have disrupted the education of at least... 290.5 million students worldwide, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

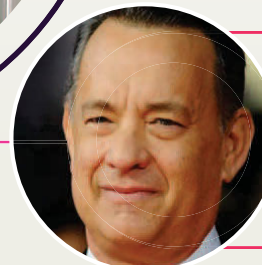


129,854
Confirmed cases globally

4,754
Deaths by March 12

ENTERTAINMENT

Tom Hanks: Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks has revealed that he and wife Rita Wilson have tested positive for the new coronavirus in Australia. Hanks and Wilson, both 63, sought medical advice after experiencing the symptoms of a cold in Queensland.



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Nairobi	27°	Nyeri	25°
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Study engineering, Raila urges girls

Opposition leader Raila Odinga has challenged women to pursue engineering courses which, he said, have been dominated by men. "We have a lot of opportunities which women can fill. It is a high time as a country that we encourage girls who are still in school to pursue engineering related subjects," he said. Engineers Board of Kenya's statistics show Kenya has only 140 female engineers. Raila (*below*), who was speaking during a two-day workshop for training engineers in Nairobi, also called for increased value-addition of African products. "Instead of exporting bioxide, why can't we export iron sheets? This will be of great help to us as Africans. It will link us directly to the buyers in the market," he said.

- Alvin Mwangi



Cohen widow terms her case a mistrial

Sarah Wairimu, the main suspect in the murder of Dutch businessman Tob Cohen wants the court to declare the case a mistrial, citing the manner in which the State is handling it. Through her lawyer Phillip Murgor, Wairimu yesterday told trial judge Stella Mutuku that she will be filling a formal application for the court to declare her case a mistrial, saying the Director of Public Prosecutions had failed to file all the evidence material to be relied on in the trial as earlier ordered by the court. "The delay caused by the prosecution is an abuse of the court process and the accused person rights and the case should be declared a mistrial. The accused persons deserve a fair trial as enshrined in the Constitution," said Murgor.

- Nancy Gitonga

Tuju recalls pain he endured after crash, grateful to be alive

Jubilee SG says he suffered 13 broken ribs during road accident, recovery expected to take two to three months

by Zaddock Angira
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Jubilee Party secretary general Raphael Tuju, who sustained multiple injuries including 13 broken ribs in an accident on February 12, is expected to fully recover in the next two to three months.

While speaking at the Karen hospital yesterday, Tuju said he had a tough experience, adding that the pain of the fractures he suffered was excruciating. He suffered 10 broken right ribs and another three on the left.

"Thirteen ribs broken and there is nothing you can do about it but to wait. I have a few enemies in this country and everywhere around the world but I would not wish them the kind of pain I had," he said. Tuju said yesterday was the third day he managed to walk without support.

"My faith is strong and my mind is strong. I had multiple injuries in the intestines which were bleeding," he said.

Need briefing

Following the rib fractures and lung injuries, the doctors had to make some life and death decisions to remove the life support systems so that he could travel to London. Part of the treatment involved vertebrae operation to protect the spinal cord.

Tuju said though he had a very tough experience with a lot of pain, one of his greatest regrets was that he would not participate in the Heart to Heart run that raises money for children with heart problems.

"I would have loved to be with the children during the run. There is none I have missed for the last 27 years.

The SG, however, said he was not in a position to talk about politics as he needed to be briefed before commenting on any political matter.

"I lost about one week of my life that I have no recollection of what happened. Since I came back on Saturday it is only on



Jubilee Party secretary general Raphael Tuju (right) with his doctor and Karen Hospital founder Dan Gikonyo at the institution in Nairobi, yesterday.

PD/TABITHA MBATIA

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that I have been able to stand on my own and walk. Politics is the last thing I would want to discuss," he said.

Tuju said he was thankful to God every day.

Give him time

"The things we take for granted every morning you wake up and go and take breakfast then all of a sudden you have an experience like this and you need help to go to the bathroom. You have a lot to thank God for," he said.

Tuju said the most wonderful thing was to be back home.

"To come out of that is a miracle from God and I want to thank the many Kenyans who sent words of encouragement. I know some sent messages of condolences to my

I have a few enemies in this country and everywhere around the world but I would not wish them the kind of pain I had

family," he said.

His doctor, Dan Gikonyo, said friends and relatives should give Tuju time to relax and heal.

Tuju was involved in an accident on February 12 while heading to former President Daniel arap Moi's burial in Kabarak, Nakuru county.

His car collided head-on with a matatu at Magina on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway and he was rushed to Kijabe Mission Hospital before being airlifted to Karen Hospital, Nairobi. He was later taken to London for specialised treatment.



Gideon to host delegation from Uhuru's backyard

by Noah Cheploen
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Baringo Senator Gideon Moi will today host more than 1,000 delegates from Central Kenya in what is seen as part of his plan to position himself for the 2022 presidential election.

Although this is not the first time he is hosting a delegation, political pundits

believe today's event carries political significance because the delegates are from President Uhuru Kenyatta's backyard.

Gideon, who is also the Kanu chairman, has been hosting delegations since the burial of his father, former President Daniel arap Moi, who died on February 4.

Yesterday, Gideon's aide Alex Kiprotich said that several similar meetings have been lined up.

"Of course, he is a politician and a leader so *yeye pia anajipanga* (he is preparing himself) because elections are not far away," said Kiprotich.

Gideon (*pictured*) has hinted he will run for presidency in the next election.

This has put him at loggerheads with Deputy President William Ruto, who is seen as the Rift Valley region kingpin and a frontrunner in the 2022 presidential race.

When available cash suddenly falls short, but life must go on...

Although they say money cannot buy happiness (these days it seems it can!) it is an essential commodity which every individual requires to run their lives successfully. But not all have adequate money always...

Slay queen's restaurant bill lands man in court

Next time you want to impress a young pretty damsel you just met on Instagram, ensure your wallet is well replenished. It will save you tears and embarrassment. James Owiti, a city computer technician learnt this the hard way.

Last June, a teary Owiti narrated to a Kibera court how he sneaked from Gibsons Restaurant in Dagoretti after a woman he was entertaining incurred a Sh 8100 bill, which he could not pay.

Owiti said the woman forced him to Gibson's because she liked hotels for "first-class people."

"Madam, she ordered John Walker, wines, grilled pork, high-class chips which she called chips masala, among other foods stuffs," he told the court. He said that he could not deny the woman's request for food as she kissed him many times and showed him love. Owiti was ordered to pay Sh20,000 fine or serve three months in jail.



Swallowing gold bars to duck paying import taxes

You've heard of people described as having hearts of gold. But what about someone with a belly full of the precious metal? That's what doctors in New Delhi found, when a man arrived from overseas last year. When a team of Indian surgeons opened up the stomach of a patient, they had no idea they'd extract a fortune.

The patient, whose name was not released, was hiding 12 gold bars in his belly. He

apparently smuggled them into India to evade import duty. Each bar weighed 33 grams, said C S Ramachandran, who conducted the surgery. The 63-year-old patient, an Indian citizen, visited the hospital a day before with severe stomach pain and nausea. "He told us he had accidentally swallowed the cap of a plastic bottle," Ramachandran said.

Investigations could

not confirm his claim. "We couldn't (either) make out they were gold bars," the doctor said. "But yes, X-rays showed there was intestinal blockage, which required surgery." On the day of surgery, stunned doctors pulled out the yellow metal from his stomach. "It was unexpected," Ramachandran said. The hospital handed over the precious extraction to local police. The bars were sent to customs.

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Man slept in office for 500 nights to escape rent

Who hate paying rents and who wouldn't love a rent-free life! Probably we should emulate this man in New York who slept for 500 nights between 2014 and 2015 in an office after he rented out his Venice Beach apartment to save on rent!

John Roberts, was able to keep his living situation secret from his coworkers until when

he saved enough to pay his utilities and resume normal lifestyle." I'd been working two jobs — 60 hours a week to keep an apartment I rarely had time to enjoy. Then, disaster struck. Company raises and bonuses were frozen. My identity was stolen.

"I got a hefty hospital bill for surgery and I was attending evening classes at a univer-

sity," Roberts defended his actions.

He said having spent over a year rent-free, he realised the value of spending for expenses differently.

"The entire plot went smoothly executed since I pretended, I left work late and came early and I had my own office so no one ever suspected I ever slept in the office.

Passenger faints during flight after wearing dozen clothes to avoid paying baggage fine

For most international airlines, bags over 23 kgs are subjected to additional fees which start from Sh 5,000. This figure is exorbitant, noting the cost of flight ticket itself!

One smart brain, a Scottish singer, James McElvar decided to beat the airline at its own game. The teenager was so desperate to avoid paying excess baggage fee that he put on 12 layers of clothing. His overheated body didn't really like the idea and he ended up passing out at 37,000 ft, on the way from London to Glasgow.

James, a member of a Scottish boyband called Rewind was told by EasyJet staff that he would have to pay £45 (Sh 7,000) or the excess



weight he had packed into his suitcase and rucksack. "The woman told me either one of my bags went in the hold or we weren't getting on," he later told the media.

"The rest of the band had gone through so I couldn't give them any of my clothes."

Unwilling to cough up the cash, James did the first thing that occurred to him — he unpacked his bag and started to put on all his clothes—about 12 layers of clothing on! "I felt it was the only option, to put everything on," the singer explained.

Guest busted boiling eggs in the room to save on cost of dinner

There are a lot of weird things that happen inside a hotel room, but housekeeping staff of a Four-star hotel in Westlands, Nairobi least expected this.

A middle-aged man who had booked two nights in a single room and said he worked for a government parastatal literally turned his room into a mini kitchen to save on costs of dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

The man, booked on bed and breakfast basis, invented an ingenious way of making meals in the room by boiling eggs using the hotel's kettle. He also boiled spaghetti which he probably gobbled together with the eggs and tomato sauce which he requested from the Room Service despite not ordering for any meal.

The mischief was uncovered by housekeeping staff after the guest checked out. "We found dozens of eggshells and spaghetti sachet. They must have been more than eight eggs," said the hotel receptionist. "We offer kettle for tea/coffee making in the room, but it should not be used to boil eggs," he added.



Eating dog food for a week to save money

Dog is man's best friend, but would you eat dog's food? A woman, Anne Kadet spent a week eating dog food to cut on costs.

"I couldn't help notice that my dog's high-end kibble-like my paleo diet—is high in protein, grain-free, and gluten-free," she said.

Kadet ate dog food of all kinds for almost a week. Her meals featured kibble and wet food, with milk-bones for snacks. The results? Two pounds of weight loss and blood sugar on "the ultralow end of the ideal range—even better than when I was eating paleo."

Kadet said the taste was "dry and gritty," with "a nutty, slightly sour taste," and "halfway through the bowl, my jaw gets tired. "One canned meal tasted "metallic and disturbingly bland," while another was "delicious."

CORONA WATCH

Major global disruption as Corona impact hits countries

Trump suspended travel from 26 European countries as pandemic threatens to ground normal activities

by Eric Wainaina
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The world is experiencing a major disruption in almost all spheres of life as the full impact of the coronavirus hits home.

Yesterday, US President Donald Trump suspended travel from 26 European countries for next 30 days as the pandemic threatened to ground normal activities in many across the globe.

"This is the most aggressive and comprehensive effort to confront a foreign virus in modern history," Trump said in a prime-time televised address from the White House.

The impact of the acute viral respiratory disease that has killed more than 4,000 people and affected thousands globally is severe and cuts across all sectors—travel, trade, sports and education—drastically affecting economies as nations fight to prevent infections.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Wednesday declared coronavirus a global pandemic with its chief Dr Tedros Adhanom saying the organisation was "deeply concerned" by "alarming levels of inaction".

As Kenya raises its level of preparedness to confront the virus, disruptions are already being felt especially in sports where a number of key events have either been cancelled or are threatened. Already the government has banned elite athletes from participating in foreign races, key launch pads for major competitions including the upcoming Olympic games in Japan.

"Following a directive from the Government of Kenya and due to the global outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, Athletics Kenya has suspended all clearance and travel to international events for athletes and athlete support personnel until further notice," a statement from Athletics Kenya said.

Earlier, the Kenya Open Golf Championship, the first leg of the European first tour that was scheduled to start yesterday at the Karen Country Club was cancelled as well as a football match between Harambee Stars and Morocco.

Following is a summary of the impact of coronavirus across the globe.

Business operations in Asia, Europe and the US are experiencing a double whammy after being disrupted by factory closures, quarantined workers and shortages of components, crimping the availability of goods and services.

Trade shows

Key conferences, trade shows and events around the world have been cancelled or postponed as attendees and organisers voice concerns about the virus. In Europe, at least 260 conferences have been cancelled.

On education, there are school closures in 22 countries on three continents with hundreds of millions of students around the world facing upheaval, including 13 countries that have shut schools nationwide.

Currently, school closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak have disrupted the education of at least 290.5 million students worldwide, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

In Italy which is hardest hit country outside China, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced the closure of schools, gyms,

SOME OF HISTORY'S WORST PANDEMICS

● **The Spanish flu** was an influenza pandemic that spread around the world between 1918 and 1919, according to the CDC. It was caused by an H1N1 virus, with an avian (bird) origin, though it's unclear exactly where the virus originated. The CDC estimates that about 500 million people (or one-third of the world's population) became infected with the virus. It ultimately caused at least 50 million deaths worldwide.

● **The Black Death**, was one of the most devastating pandemics in human history, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 75 to 200 million people across Europe and Asia, between 1347 to 1351. The Black Death resurfaced in London in 1665 for the Great Plague of London, killed 20 per cent of London's population, in just 18 months, an estimated 100,000 people died.

● **Human immunodeficiency virus, HIV**, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, AIDS, were first discovered in the early 1980s. AIDS was first detected in American gay communities but it's thought to have developed from a chimpanzee virus from Africa in the 1920s. According to World Health Organisation, 75 million people have been infected since it was discovered, resulting in 32 million deaths worldwide.



Employees work at the production line of face masks at Salus Products, a manufacturer of surgical disposable products, on the outskirts of Ahmedabad in India, yesterday. AFP

museums, nightclubs and other venues across the country.

All shops except food stores and pharmacies have closed. "We want to guarantee the health of our citizens. We understand that these measures will impose sacrifices, sometimes small and sometimes very big," Conte said while announcing the closure.

And in Australia renounced actor Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson tested positive for the virus. Hanks and Wilson, both 63, sought medical advice after experiencing the symptoms of a cold in Queensland, the actor wrote on Instagram. They are now isolated in stable condition at an Australian hospital, officials said.

The measures, the most radical taken outside China, and which saw all sporting events including Serie A and Rugby cancelled until April 3.

The suspension of Serie A amounts to the postponement of two rounds of matches, in a league which has already been hit by delays, with four previous matches yet to be played.

Italy has seen the largest number of

coronavirus infections in Europe, with the number of confirmed cases jumping by more than 1,200 to 5,883 on Saturday.

Businesswise, global oil prices have been on a downward trend, hitting their lowest levels in the past five years as giant producer Saudi Arabia slashed its export oil prices last week following the risks posed by the virus.

Brent crude, the international marker, dropped from \$45 a barrel to \$31.02 a barrel on Friday, the biggest single-day plunge recorded since the Gulf War of early 1990s.

In Kenya, supermarkets have hinted at plans to increase prices of commodities later this month, citing disruptions in the supply chain in the wake of the virus.

This came days after four big cargo ships that supply goods from China failed to dock at Mombasa Port for the second consecutive month following the outbreak.

There is therefore an expected surge in the prices of goods, majorly electronics mobile phones, TVs, fridges, furniture, clothing and some fast moving small household items.

BRIEFLY

India limits number of people allowed entry

The Indian government yesterday drastically limited the number of people it allows to enter the country, suspending visas for visitors from all other countries for at least a month in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The measure, one of the most far-reaching responses by any government to the Covid-19 outbreak yet, effectively bans all tourism to India until at least 15 April. It was enforced from yesterday. Elsewhere, Formula One which was to be held in Australia has had one of the races already postponed, while discussions are underway for further action surrounding coronavirus outbreak. This came after the government Down Under imposed a travel ban for anyone coming in from Italy.

—Agency



Schools in Ireland closed over outbreak

Schools, colleges and other public facilities in the Republic of Ireland are to close in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. Taoiseach (Irish prime minister) Leo Varadkar said the measures take effect from Thursday until 29 March. He said Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK would be briefed on developments. Tánaiste (Irish deputy prime minister) Simon Coveney said airports and ports will remain open. Varadkar (pictured) added that indoor mass gatherings of more than 100 people and outdoor gatherings of more than 500 should be cancelled. He said people should work remotely when possible. The first death linked to coronavirus has been recorded in the Republic of Ireland.

—BBC



China eases travel curbs as cases fall

China eased travel restrictions Thursday on two cities at the epicentre of its coronavirus outbreak as the number of fresh infections dropped to a new low. Another 11 people died nationwide, the lowest daily increase since late January, bringing the toll in China to 3,169 deaths, according to National Health Commission. There were only eight new cases in Wuhan where the virus first emerged in December before growing into a national crisis. It is the first time new cases in Wuhan have fallen to single-digits since figures started to be reported in January. "The peak of the epidemic in China has passed," National Health Commission spokesman Mi Feng said at a regular briefing.

—AFP

Cushion economy against virus effects, Uhuru to response team

The growing list of world events cancelled due to virus

Updated March 4, 2020

Fear over the spread of coronavirus has already disrupted schools, cruise ships, and religious congregations. Now, it's coming for your social and professional calendar, too.

1 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Latest James Bond:** The release of *No Time to Die*, which was set for April, has been postponed to November.
- **London Book Fair:** A large gathering of professionals from the book publishing industry set to take place between March 10 and 12 was cancelled.
- **Google events:** The tech company cancelled the in-person component of its Google I/O developers conference and Cloud Next conference. Google said Cloud Next would be held online between April 6 and 8.
- **World Bank and IMF spring meetings**
- **Six Nations Rugby match:** Philip Browne, chief executive of the Irish Rugby Football Union, postponed two Six Nations rugby matches between Ireland and Italy set to take place in Dublin between March 6 and 8.
- **CERAWeek energy conference:** One of the largest gatherings of energy industry professionals, set to take place in Houston from March 9 to 13, has been cancelled.
- **Facebook's Global Marketing Summit:** Facebook cancelled its global marketing summit, scheduled to begin March 9 in San Francisco.
- **ASEAN meeting:** Reuters reports that US president Donald Trump postponed a meeting with leaders of the 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian nations planned for March 14 in Las Vegas.
- **Game Developers Conference:** The largest annual gathering of game industry professionals, set to take place in San Francisco between March 16 and 20, was postponed. Many top gaming companies, including Amazon, Microsoft, Facebook's Oculus, and Sony Interactive Entertainment, had already pulled out.
- **China's National People's Congress:** China announced it would postpone its key annual gathering of lawmakers, scheduled for March.

2 PAST EVENTS

- **Convening of the American Physical Society:** One of the largest physics conferences in the world was cancelled one day before it was set to take place in Colorado from March 21 to 6.
- **Serie A matches:** Six soccer matches set to take place in Italy were postponed.
- **European carnivals:** The mayor of Nice, a city in southern France, cancelled the last day of carnival because of coronavirus.
- **Mobile World Congress:** Mobile World Congress (MWC), the world's biggest mobile phone trade show, was set to take place in Barcelona between February 24 and 27.

President wants necessary budget review made towards prevention, management of corona

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President Uhuru Kenyatta has directed the National Emergency Response Committee on Coronavirus to make necessary review and adjustment of budgets towards prevention and management of the COVID-19 in the event of an outbreak in the country.

"I am also urging you to cushion the economy against the negative effects of the pandemic," the President told the committee while receiving the initial report from team two weeks since it was established as the Ministry of Health plans to carry out the first public simulation exercise of an emergency response.

The team led by Health Cabinet secretary Mutahi Kagwe handed over the report to the president at State House Nairobi indicating that all the preparations to tackle the virus in case of an outbreak, are complete. They also confirmed that so far there is no single case of the COVID-19 that has been detected in the country.

"The Committee informed the President that as of today, Kenya has not registered any case of the coronavirus and remains vigilant in monitoring and screening of all persons entering Kenya by different modes of transport," the report states.

On Wednesday, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared COVID19 a global pandemic. The report is in tandem with the CS' media briefing yesterday at a Nairobi hotel that both the National and County Governments are fully prepared for any eventuality. This is in line with the Executive Order No. 2 issued on 28th February 2020.

Simulation exercise

"On Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 11am we will conduct a simulation exercise, meaning we will imitate an emergency drill to demonstrate our level of preparedness. The exercise is a test case for preparedness," Kagwe said after meeting stakeholders in the health sector in the country who were also joined by a team development partners.

The CS said this kind of exercise will also be extended to all the counties, in order for the public to understand the government's level of preparedness in tackling the threat of the virus.

"All our Level Four and Five health facilities in the country have been prepared for any emergency. We want to ensure that we are ready," he said appealing to Kenyans to be aware that such drills will be conducted from time to time. He, however, cautioned against profiling in a xenophobic manner, persons of Asian origin. Some of Kagwe's sentiments were also contained in the report delivered to the President. The committee briefed the Head-of-State on the measures that have been taken to cushion the country against the viral disease.

"These measures include; the mandatory screening of all persons entering Kenya through airports, sea ports and land crossings; isolation and treatment capacity at Mbagathi Hospital which is now ready for use; and establishment of isolation capac-



President Uhuru Kenyatta when he met the National Emergency Response Committee on coronavirus, at State House, Nairobi, yesterday. PSCU

ity in Level Four and Five hospitals across the country in collaboration with County governments.

Other measures were; the provision of backup capacity for treatment at Kenyatta University Teaching Research and Referral Hospital, Kenyatta National Hospital and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital as well as privately owned health facilities.

"We have also enhanced the training and sensitisation of healthcare workers, service providers in the transport sector including matatu crews, taxis, security personnel, airport and border staff among others," the report states in part.

The committee has also suspended all international conferences, meetings and events scheduled to take place in Kenya for a period of 30 days.

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Meanwhile, games in Spain's La Liga and France's Ligue 1 and the second divisions in each country will have no fans for at least the next two weeks.

The virus has also hit the UEFA Champions League, with Italian side Atalanta qualifying for the quarter-finals at Valencia on Tuesday in an empty stadium, while Paris Saint-Germain's win over Borussia Dortmund was also played without spectators.

New date

The French League Cup final between Paris Saint-Germain and Lyon was called off, with no new date yet fixed, as has the Spanish Copa del Rey final between Real Sociedad and Athletic Bilbao.

The Six Nations rugby match between Italy and England in Rome on March 14 as well as the Ireland v Italy duel in Dublin on March 7 were postponed.

The prestigious ATP and WTA Indian Wells tournament was cancelled as California health officials declared a public health emergency in the Indian Wells-Palm Springs area after there was a confirmed case of the coronavirus, the first major sports event in the US to be shelved because of the outbreak.

KQ cancels flights to Rome, Geneva routes

Kenya Airways has suspended all flights on the Rome and Geneva routes with immediate effect.

In a statement issued last evening, the airline said the move was as a result of the latest developments in the coronavirus around the world.

"In response to the latest developments in the COVID-19 outbreak around the world, Kenya Airways has suspended its flights on the Rome-Geneva route effective Friday, March 13 2020 until April 30, 2020," KQ said in a statement.

The airline assured customers who would be affected by the suspension that they would be rebooked on alternative flights.

-PD reporter

PLUNDER AT POSTA



Post Office building in Nakuru on Moi Road. It houses Sebs Hotel. PD/ROY LUMBE



Shimoni Post Office in Kwale county. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU



Post Office in Kiambu Town. The corporation has sublet space for stalls. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA



Eldoret Post Office, Uasin Gishu county. PD/JIMMY GITAKA

How broke Posta is letting prime land for a song

Post Master General Kagwe accused of mismanagement of the State corporation

by Seth Onyango
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Leasing of prime property belonging to the Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) is at the heart of the controversy over the renewal of the term of office for chief executive Dan Kagwe.

Documents seen by *People Daily* show the corporation has leased some 40 prime buildings and land to individuals in major urban centres across the country.

The bone of contention is the secretive nature of the deals, with most of the terms of lease coming well below the prevailing market rates. The situation is compounded by allegations that some of the money from the leases is not finding its way into Posta coffers.

"We are seeing property leased and we do not know where the money is going... pensioners have not been paid and staff salaries delayed. There is a lot of criminal activity going on at Posta. Managers need to be investigated," said Communication Workers Union of Kenya (COWU) General Secretary Benson Okwaro.

The union leader says the parastatal continues to suffer cash flow problems despite the fact that it had given out a lot of property to third parties.

In his reports, the Auditor General has flagged some of the property suspected to have been leased in deals that are shrouded in secrecy and thought to benefit some senior managers at the State corporation.

A spot-check of these assets show the

tenants have converted most the property into hotels, kiosks and apparel shops, with those in downtown Nairobi being the worst affected.

In some instances, the branding of PCK in these facilities seems almost lost in the background.

At Tom Mboya post office, a new hotel has come up on the second floor of the building while another tenant has leased the ground floor for Sh150,000 a month and erected stalls.

According to audit reports, the tenant is raking in more than Sh1.4 million from the business, while at the City Square the former parcels holding area is now occupied by a hotel.

At the building overlooking Central Bank of Kenya and next to the Technical University of Kenya, a buzzing restaurant is operational on the ground floor occupying almost three quarters of the space.

In the same building, a couple of offices have been leased out to accountants and lawyers while a sizeable chunk houses the Huduma Centre.

Land dispute

The auditor has also pointed out that Posta has leased a prime parcel of property at Yaya Centre in Nairobi Kilimani area for a song.

A tenant, who is said to be a former Postmaster General at the corporation, is reportedly paying a meagre Sh250,000 a month for the property.

The 5.03 acre land located on Argwings Kodhek Road was once the subject of a dispute between Wagon Park Ltd and Posta.

Posta had initially offered to sell the property to Bharti Airtel International for Sh500 million before Wagon moved to court seeking to block the sale.

The report points out a number of concerns including some cases where "occupancy of the assets was done without formalisation of the lease agreement or payment of initial amounts approved".

The audit report also raises concerns of conflict between management and the board "due to leasing of corporations assets without approval of the board."

Post Master General Kagwe has defended himself over accusations of mismanaging the corporation's property saying they were given out well before he joined the parastatal.

He distanced himself from the allegations asserting that contrary to the claims,



Post Office building on Ronald Ngala Street. It hosts a college, a church and shops. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA



A restaurant at the City Square Posta building on Nairobi's Haile Selassie Avenue. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

he grew the revenue from those assets which are worth Sh15 billion from Sh40 million to over Sh250 million annually.

"Some of these things which are being said happened when I wasn't even there... now we are even able to pay salaries from these assets," he said.

By yesterday, however, Posta employees were yet to be paid.

But insiders say though Posta had leased some of its property before he took over, the business accelerated during his tenure.

In a letter to Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in October 2 last year, PCK stakeholders urged the anti-graft agency to investigate Kagwe over the leasing scandal involving the Yaya Centre property.

Other leased properties are in Nairobi West, Tom Mboya, Rumuruti, Kisumu, Mombasa, Karatina, Isiolo, Garissa, Eldoret, Timau, Naromuru, Naivasha

and Maragoli.

People Daily has established that Posta at least 450 offices across the country and some 31 head post offices.

On Kenyatta Avenue and Ronald Ngala in the capital, PCK has rented out to businesses, mainly in hospitality and clothing business.

It is said rates here go for between Sh20,000-Sh200,000 depending on size of lease space.

According to the audit report, in Eldoret, the corporation has leased out an asset measuring 27,000 sq ft to MK Changwany and Associates for Sh9.2 million for five years and are supposed to pay Sh1.4 million per month.

Mayfair Investment leased a property in Kizingo at Sh22 million for 10 years at Sh1.8 per month. Bernard Aguko and William Oswee leased property in Kisumu at Sh17 million and pays Sh1.4 million monthly.

Crater Centre also lease an underdeveloped space measuring 500 sq ft at Nakuru Post Office for Sh33 million and is paying Sh3 million per month.

In Kiambu, Kagwe is accused of settling a land dispute where a property owned by Posta was allegedly grabbed by a senior county official instead of letting the law take its course.

"Kiambu plot grabbed by governor was resolved under a closed-door meeting between the official and the PMG," the report reads.

It further states that most PCK properties are currently leased for over 10 years thus exposing them to risk since land that remains utilised/leased/occupied by a squatter for over 10 years can be repossessed or reallocated.

In the same county, Posta has reportedly leased out another prime plot adjacent to the bus station in the form of stalls that go for Sh10,000 each.

LEASING SCANDAL

● A former Postmaster General is reportedly paying a meagre Sh250,000 a month for a 5.03-acre piece of land opposite Yaya Centre in Nairobi's Kilimani area.

● At the Tom Mboya post office, a tenant pays Sh150,000 a month for a space on which stalls have been erected.

● Other leased properties are in Rumuruti, Kisumu, Mombasa, Karatina, Isiolo, Garissa, Eldoret, Garissa, Timau, Naromuru, Naivasha and Maragoli.

15m Kenyans suffer from hunger pangs

Global Hunger Index report ranks country position 86 out of 115, blames poor policies, climate change

by Benard Gitau
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At least 15.7 million Kenyans are suffering from chronic hunger and poor nutrition annually, the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019 report, reveals.

The report paints a grim picture of a country facing food insecurity crisis with another 13.8 million Kenyans being undernourished.

The report comes hot on the heels of invasion of 26 counties by desert locusts with the second phase of outbreak expected in the next two weeks according to Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya.

"Emergency of this nature where locusts are destroying food crops and pasture must be a cause of the alarm and food insecurity is real," he said.

Kelvin Shingles, Country Director, World Without Hunger said poor policies, climate change and conflict were the catalysts of the food insecurity.

The country according to United Nations losses at least two per cent of the Gross Domestic Product because of climate change. "We have a lot of regulations, policies on food security but need to filter

down to counties and in households to embrace them," he said.

He said the epicentre of the invasion include Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu, Turkana and Garissa.

Shingles said conflict, especially in Arid and Semi Arid Areas because of natural resources, pasture, and water, also impact on food security whereas climate change propel conflict further.

The report concentrated on three indicators; child mortality, child undernutrition and inadequate food security.

Chronic malnutrition

"Kenya is among the hungriest country in the world according to the GHI ranking it is in position 86 out of 117," said Shingles. The report shows that 29.4 per cent of the population is undernourished translating to 13.8 million Kenyans.

On child mortality, 26.2 of children below the age of five are stunted. The anxiety has also been shared by USAid stating the consequences of malnutrition should be a significant concern for policy makers.

USAid says out of a total under-5 population of seven million, 1.82 million children (26 per cent) are suffering from chronic malnutrition (stunting or low height-for-age). The country also records a 4.6 per cent of mortality for children below the age of five annually because of hunger.

Kenya dropped nine positions in ranking from 77 in 2018 to position 86 in 2019.



GRIM PICTURE

● **How they fared:** Chad is ranked position 116, Yemen (115) while Belarus ranked first followed by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

● **What is required:** Mitigation measures include fair financing, preparation and better disaster responses, address climate change, diversification and growing drought-resistant crops.

World Without Hunger Country director Kelvin Shingles during the official launch of the Global Hunger Index in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/ TABITHA MBATIA

"Kenya food security is termed serious because of extreme weather such as floods, drought and the current evasion of locust is worsening the situation," he added. Mitigation measures include fair financing, preparation and better disaster responses, address climate change, diversification and growing drought-resistant crops.

The worst is Central African Republic at position 117 where half of all children below five years are stunted. Sixty per cent of the population in the country is undernourished. Chad is ranked position 116, Yemen (115) while Belarus ranked 1st followed by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Last year, Kenya ranked position 147 out of 189 in the inequalities in human development report.

The United Nation Development Programme report, dubbed Human Development 2019, indicated at least 17 million Kenyans live below the poverty line.

UNDP Kenya Resident Representative Walid Badawi said the inequalities were due to poor policies, politics, expanding gap between poor and the rich and the emergence of new types of inequalities.

"Inequalities are not about wealth alone but access to opportunities, education, and health," said Badawi.

Unemployment, gender inequality, skills mismatch, lack access to education, health has been highlighted as the main cause of inequality in Human Development which starts from birth.

Court saves Babu from arrest in 2015 case

by Bernice Mbugua
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The High Court yesterday barred police and the Director of Public Prosecutions from arresting and charging Embakasi East MP Babu Owino over a robbery with violence complaint made against him by Bernard Omondi Ogoji in 2015.

Justice James Makau ruled that the MP had demonstrated that there is a violation of his fundamental rights and therefore needs protection of the court.

"I am satisfied that the petitioner has demonstrated that he has a prima facie case and that the respondents will not be prejudiced if the orders sought are issued," he ruled, and directed the Inspector General, DPP and Ogoji to file their responses within 14 days.

In the suit papers, Babu claimed that Ogoji lodged two complaints of robbery with violence against him at Kileleshwa and Central police stations in 2015 but later withdrew them in his own volition.

However, the court heard that after the much-publicised arrest in the case where he was charged with attempting to murder DJ Evolve, Ogoji had resorted to extorting him. The case will now be heard on June 23.



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We'll take charge of Nakuru BBI rally, vow Rift leaders

by Mercy Mwai
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Legislators from Rift Valley yesterday ditched their political differences and resolved to take charge of the March 21 Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) forum in Nakuru county.

They also said as region that is the face of Kenya, they will use the rally to celebrate the first-ever handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto in 2013.

Unlike other regional rallies whose theme has been the dividends of the March 9, 2018 handshake between President Uhuru and Opposition

leader Raila Odinga, Rift Valley leaders, most of who are Ruto's allies, said the Nakuru rally will only recognise the 2013 UhuRuto pact.

Their vow to take charge of the event is a pointer that they are not keen on letting Raila run the show like he has so far done in the other region BBI rallies. But last evening, National Assembly Minority Whip Junet Mohammed said they will be in Nakuru to attend a meeting organised by Governor Lee Kinyanjui not by Tanga Tanga leaders.

Addressing a news conference at Parliament Buildings, the leaders, including Senate Majority leader Kip-

chumba Murkomen and Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika (pictured) warned those from outside the region against attempting to control the programme.

The 15 legislators vowed not to allow people from outside the region to distract or disrupt the meeting.

Very inclusive

Kihika said Rift Valley leaders will ensure the meeting will only be used to unite the region.

"All Kenyans are welcome to Nakuru and as we have said, we want the Nakuru rally to be different from others and very inclusive. Nakuru is a small town in Kenya. If you are coming to

bring any insults or abuses we shall not allow you," she said.

On Monday, Uhuru nine Rift Valley governors at State House for a briefing on the preparations of the Nakuru BBI rally. In other rallies - Kisii, Kakamega, Mombasa, Kitui, Garissa and Meru counties - it is Raila who has been meeting the leaders for briefing.

Yesterday's press conference was attended by MPs Cornelly Serem (Aldai), Caleb Kositany (Soi), Nelson Koech (Belgut), Jayne Kihara (Naivasha) and senators Aaron Cheruiyot (Kericho) and Margaret Kamar (Uasin Gishu).

Daunting task of impeaching Deputy President

Experts explain the politics of numbers and procedures that are needed to remove holder of second most powerful position

by Hillary Mageka
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Even as Siaya Senator James Orengo maintains that he will spearhead efforts to impeach Deputy President William Ruto, experts are warning that the task will not be easy because of the high threshold demands in the process.

According to the country's supreme law, a deputy president may be removed from office for gross violation of the Constitution, commits a crime or gross misconduct.

The process of removal of a deputy president is captured in Article 145 of the Constitution, which also guides the impeachment of the president.

To kick start the process, a member of the National Assembly must rally the support of at least one third of the members - in this case collecting signatures from 116 MPs - to table the impeachment motion.

If approved by a two-thirds majority, that is 233 MPs, the matter will be transmitted to the Senate which will serve as the final impeachment trial chamber.

Constitution lawyer Bob Mwangi, a former member of the Committee of Experts, which drafted the 2010 Constitution, and former Mandera Central MP Abdikadir Mohammed, who led a parliamentary team that shepherded the process, yesterday cautioned that any plan to impeach Ruto will not be a walk in the park.

Political process

"Because it is a political process, it will boil down to numbers. Tabling of the impeachment motion might be easier because the number is lower but confirmation of the charges in the National Assembly before the subject is sent to the Senate for the full trial might be difficult as it requires a super majority," said Mwangi.

Mohammed said the threshold will be high for the anti-Ruto politicians in the National Assembly.

"It's more of a political question and contest and this essentially means numbers," said the lawyer who once served as a legal adviser to President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"It will not be a crisis but I think it will be a tall order for the impeachment drivers because the Ruto side seems to have good support in the National Assembly. Things would be different if

it was Senate which seems to be leaning on the other side," he noted.

Mwangi cautioned that if defeated, the impeachment plot could re-energise Ruto by handing him a certain sense of vindication.

"It is a double-edged sword because if it fails it might give the subject traction, some level of acceptability and vindication which can be a blessing in disguise for political purposes. On other hand, it is a label many political players are uncomfortable with because it would remain a stain on their careers," Mwangi told *People Daily* in an interview.

The March 9, 2018 Handshake between President Kenyatta and opposition chief Raila Odinga has divided the Houses of Parliament into two groups: The Kileweke brigade that is allied to Uhuru and Raila, and Tanga Tanga team that supports Ruto's 2022 presidential bid.

Ruto's defence

On Wednesday, the Kileweke called for the DP's resignation over claims that he was "disrespecting the President", pushing Tangatanga group to rush to Ruto's defence.

Orengo, the Senate Minority Leader, has hinted at sponsoring an impeachment motion against Ruto over the fake Sh40 billion arms deal and the subsequent murder of Sergeant Kipyegon Kenei, who was the head of security at the DP's office at the Harambee House Annex.

The Tanga Tanga group views the Handshake as a disguised plot to block Ruto from ascending to the presidency. Politicians allied to Uhuru, Raila's Orange Democratic Movement, Musalia Mudavadi's Amani National Congress, Kalonzo Musyoka's Wiper Party and Gideon Moi's Kanu are pushing for the DP's removal.

The Constitution provides for two ways to remove a deputy president. First through impeachment, and second on grounds of incapacity.

Articles 144 and 145 of the Constitution provide for both.

"The Deputy President may be removed from office on the ground of physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office," article 150 (1) (a) of the Constitution reads.

Article 145 (2) (a) (B) states that if a motion is supported by at least two-thirds of all the members of the National Assembly, the Speaker shall inform the Speaker of the Senate of that resolution within two days; and the DP shall continue to perform the functions of the office pending the outcome of the impeachment proceedings.

Within seven days after receiving notice of a resolution from the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Speaker of the Senate shall convene



Former Presidential adviser Abdikadir Mohammed. PD/FILE



Siaya Senator James Orengo.



Lawyer Bobby Mwangi.



Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria.

a meeting of the Senate to hear charges against the deputy president. However, the Senate, by resolution, may appoint a special committee comprising 11 of its members to investigate the matter.

A special committee appointed shall investigate the matter; and report to the Senate within 10 days whether it finds the particulars of the allegations against the deputy president to have been substantiated.

Members of the special committee should take an oath or affirmation, as the Senate Speaker may prescribe, submitting that they will perform

their duties honestly and with due diligence.

"The deputy president shall have the right to appear and be represented before the special committee during its investigations."

Special committee

It adds: "If the special committee reports that the particulars of any allegation against the deputy president have not been substantiated, further proceedings shall not be taken under this article." But if any of the charges are confirmed, the matter will be put to a vote.

"If at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate vote to uphold any impeachment charge, the Deputy President should cease to hold office." On Wednesday, Uhuru and Raila allies asked the DP to resign or face an impeachment motion for what they termed as public misconduct and grave malpractices. "He has not brought honour to the nation and dignity to the office of Deputy President and has failed to promote public confidence in the integrity of the high office," Kathiani MP Robert Mbui, who read a statement on their behalf, said.

But in a quick rejoinder, Ruto's supporters, led by Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria, laughed off their critics, saying the DP was going nowhere and those planning to impeach him were wasting their time.

IMPEACHING THE DP

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Government to transform blood donor authority

Move is to have a complete shift in the way the ministry collects, stores and manages donations

by George Kebaso
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The Ministry of Health has kicked off a process that will see the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS) transformed into a fully fledged authority to manage the country's blood bank.

By last evening, stakeholders in the health sector and donors were deliberating on a range of proposals, key among them, the need to come up with a regulatory framework in the absence of a clear law on blood management services.

The idea, Health CS Mutahi Kagwe said, is to have a complete paradigm shift in the way the government collects, stores, and manages blood.

"This morning the stakeholders have been called because of the problems that exist in the Blood Transfusion Department of our Ministry. They have made certain proposals going forward. For instance, as the Bill in Parliament awaits enactment, we urgently want to manage blood in this country, not as a department in the ministry but as a standalone authority, as a Semi Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA)," he told journalists at a Nairobi hotel.

Blood cartels

Kagwe took over the Health docket over a week ago and immediately disclosed that cartels were siphoning the country's blood bank, and selling the precious commodity across the borders.

Yesterday, he said the government has not been managing this sector properly despite the vital role it plays in the management of health services.

"It is a fact that clearly we haven't been giving sufficient attention in this area that is so critical. For a long time, as a country, we ignored the importance of blood, and going forward, the National Blood Transfusion Services (NBTS) will be transformed to a Semi Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA)," the CS said, adding that this would help bring in the element of entrenching the whole blood collection, storage and management on an ICT platform to minimise inefficiencies.

The idea, he said, is to address the matter "ho-



Health CS Mutahi Kagwe addresses the media on the situation of blood transfusion in the country. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

listically and have a paradigm shift in the way government thinks about; in the way it seeks for; in the way it stores, and in the way it manages blood transfusion."

"We have not been managing the whole exercise correctly. In the short term as we await the Bill that's on the floor of the National Assembly, we are coming up with a regulatory framework, to start managing the blood sector immediately," he said.

Proper framework

Currently, there is a Bill in Parliament as a private member's bill sponsored by Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege.

The plan to transform the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Services (KNBTS), a department under the MoH into a parastatal, started in 2013, but Kagwe said even as the Bill is enacted into law, there is need to come up with regulations to start managing the blood transfusion services immediately.

"We are coming up with a proper framework of how we are going to manage blood in our country. Even as we wait for Parliament to enact the proposed law that we are going to take to them; we are also going to be taking measures through regulation and create a framework that can immediately embark on the changes that we want to make. This so in order, that when the law is passed, it will simply transit into that framework legally," he added.

However, he said lack of a substantive law is going to stop the planned framework from being executed. "We are going to start making the changes we want immediately. We are, therefore, coming up with a proper framework of how we are going to manage blood in our country," he added.

Kenya acquires three planes for aerial spraying invasive locusts

by Bernard Gitau
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The government has received three specialised aerial planes from Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to enhance the fight against Desert Locusts in 26 counties.

FAO country representative Tobia Takavarasha said the three planes have been secured from South Africa and one from Farmland will be spraying three hours a day.

This brings the number of planes being used to spray the locusts to nine. Three planes are used for surveillance while six will be used for aerial spraying.

He added that so far, FAO has received

Sh10 billion from donors from their target of Sh13 billion to fight the locusts in East African countries - Kenya Somalia Ethiopia and Sudan.

Agriculture PS Hamadi Boga said the three planes would head to the epicenter of the invasion, which includes Turkana, Isiolo and Marsabit.

On Wednesday, swarms of locusts invaded Subukia, Nakuru county, at Haji farm and Comply Forest.

Nakuru County Assembly Committee Members for Agriculture led by Kang'ethe Ndigirigiri and that of Disaster Preparedness chaired by Karanja Mburu, assured of government support.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI ANTI-CORRUPTION & ECONOMIC CRIMES DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO. 13 OF 2016

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WILLIAM RUTO

■ (Some of) the MPs pretending to give me lectures on supporting (President) Uhuru Kenyatta have never voted for him. I have campaigned, voted and supported him in the four elections he ran for president...



MUTAH KAGWE

■ We understand that there are people selling blood immorally. There is an investigation going on and we expect arrests to be made. There has been gaps within this sector and we have asked the DCI to intervene.



DONALD TRUMP

■ We have been in frequent contact with our allies, and we are marshalling the full power of the government and the private sector to protect American people. This is the most aggressive effort to confront a foreign virus in modern history.

World must unite to stop virus pandemic

Crisis. Lockdown. Turmoil. Desperation! This is the state of the world that is now grappling with Coronavirus outbreak that has now been declared pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

What started as localised deadly respiratory flu outbreak in the Chinese City of Wuhan in Hubei province has spread fast across the world after defying all manner of efforts to contain it.

With no known cure, it has now snowballed into a global threat that has disrupted key activities—travelling, sports, trade, conferencing, learning and social interactions.

And with the declaration of the Coronavirus as a global pandemic, which has claimed more than 4,200 lives—and still counting—the world has been thrown into a spin as leaders, keen to protect their populations from the fast-spreading deadly flu, impose bans on any conceivable avenue to keep it at bay. The lockdowns and self-quarantine measures are driving a what was two months ago a sane world into desperation with reports of people scrambling for essential commodities such as food and toiletry to stock up.

The other flu pandemics that have ravaged humanity include the Spanish flu of 1918/19, which infected between 300 million and 500 million people (claiming up to 50 million), the black death (75 million to 200 million lives in the years 1347 to 1351), and the 1968's Hong Kong flu (1.1 million lives).

This is the kind of devastation flu can visit on the world—and as the WHO warned, its declaration is a call to action to stop this deadly virus with apocalyptic effects before it wipes the humanity. US president Donald Trump's latest ban on travel from Europe will further compound matters. Though in order, it will have far-reaching impact given the centrality of Europe and US in global trade and travel.

Here, in Kenya, the government has intensified its preparedness levels; monitoring and testing measures. This is commendable and should be sustained.

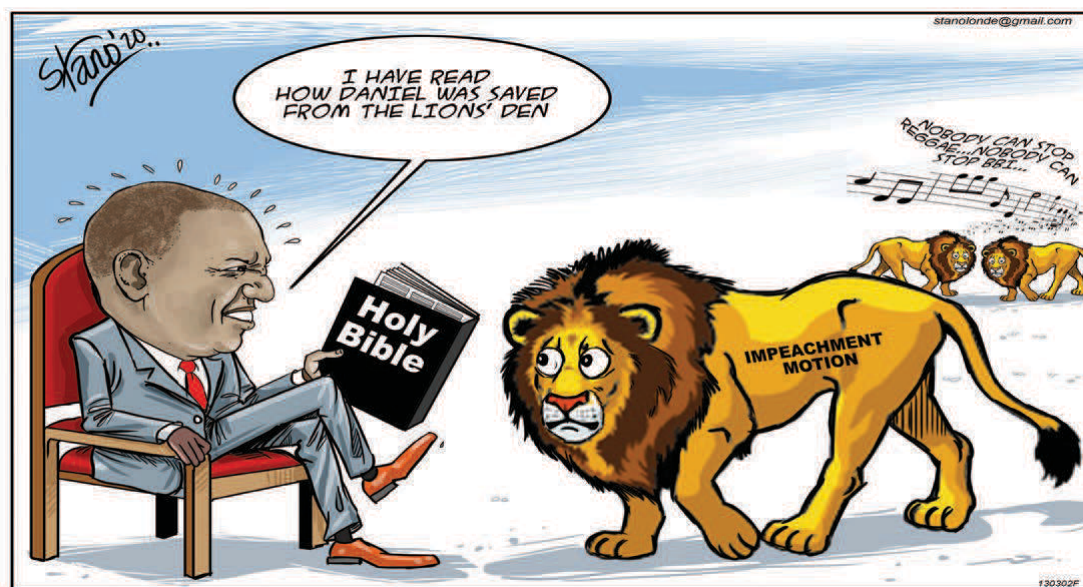
This is also a moment when all look up to science, pharmaceutical world and even divine providence for combat this modern day virus.

In the meantime, for all nations, it is a race against time to stop the pandemic. No one is safe; it respects no race, age or status. It's a matter of survival for humanity—and advise by former US president Benjamin Franklin; we either hang together or hang separately as we try to weather the Coronavirus storm, should be the clarion call.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

BOB MARLEY

■ Don't gain the world and lose your soul; wisdom is better than silver or gold.



Newspapers here to stay but editors can do better

To borrow from the current national "reggae" grammar "nobody can stop newspapers"! This is a medium whose demise has been pronounced times without number, but it soldiers on. Social media, the blue-eyed kid on the block, may be booming, but the old soldier—the newspaper—fights on.

With all the snide remarks of how newspapers are only useful for this or that, the headlines in the newspapers attract intense debate daily. The same people who see no significant use of the newspaper guard their image jealously and nowhere more so than on a newspaper page.

That is why what goes on in a newspaper enterprise matters. Given this importance, it is essential that those tasked with the responsibility of putting out the copy of the paper be alert. They cannot afford a wink on the job. And yet the recklessness with which some of them attend to their responsibility is astounding. The examples taken from some of the issues this last week are telling.

On March 5, a local daily published a headline: "How Tuju gambled his billions". Raphael Tuju, the subject of the headline, is the secretary general of Jubilee Party and a Cabinet Secretary without a portfolio. The past few months have not been kind to Tuju. He has been in court fighting over financial transactions relating to his businesses. From the look of things, the battle has not been going his way.



LEVI OBONYO

■ Some have blamed training of journalists, but that is an easy target

Then it happened that as Tuju was travelling to Nakuru attend the funeral of retired President Moi, he was involved in an accident that left him with multiple injuries. He had to be flown to London for specialised treatment.

Those close to Tuju say he is a gentleman, well-spoken and with no trace of economic mischief in his life. He has been a minister before and served in several ministries. There is hardly anyone who can point an accusing finger at him for misuse of public resources.

A man of humble beginnings who grew up trading wares at the local market, and first wore underwear in high school, Tuju has done well for himself and is the inspiration to many. His Christian values are at the core of his interaction with others. Gambling would thus be anathema to Tuju.

Then at a time when he was fighting for his economic and physical health, the paper suggests that he had "gambled" his fortunes away. Talk of kicking a man while he is down. It was unfathomable.

Then another paper carried an obituary announcing the "certain death" of a woman "wife the late" (sic) etc. Simply put, the obituary was full of errors that a good sub-editor would have picked out effortlessly. Granted, an obituary is commercial speech, but still that does not absolve the editorial department of responsibility.

The currency of trade for editors is words. They have to be precise, get the words correctly. It is in words and facts that the credibility of the newspaper rests. A family in mourning can be distraught and, therefore, prone to making mistakes. But for the mistakes to be immortalised by the failure of those charged with the responsibility of keeping an eye on them amounts to being kicked in the teeth while fallen.

It is likely that the mistakes picked up in these cases were products of negligence. Unfortunately, you do not have to look through a newspaper with a tooth comb to pick up the mistakes and increasingly so these days. But it is this untidiness that is chipping at the credibility of the newspaper.

Some have blamed training of journalists, but that is an easy target. These mistakes are made by seasoned professionals. It would be dereliction of duty for any establishment to put the task of the last pair of eyes on the newspaper in the hands of a rookie. Editors should do better.

—The writer is Dean, School of Communications, Daystar University

Swift action could avert attacks in Northeastern

Mandera county has in the recent past borne the brunt of insecurity. For instance on March 11, 2020, Mandera county suffered several attacks at one spot in Jabir area between Bambo and Rhamu town.

First, a police land cruiser belonging to Takaba Police Station heading to Mandera was attacked with an IED explosive but luckily, no one was hurt but the car was damaged.

Shortly after, a Makkah bus traveling from Nairobi to Mandera was ambushed at the same place and the passengers ordered to disembark from the bus. One of the passengers, a mechanic, was taken hostage and the rest released. He was not from the local communities. Other passengers were physically assaulted.

In another incident, two other vehicles heading to Mandera were attacked but the occupants were unhurt. After a while, a lorry believed to be carrying vegetables was stopped at the same site. The driver and the turn-boy—both non-locals—were abducted. There is no word yet about their whereabouts. It was later reported that the lorry had been burnt to ashes.

These incidences happened within an area where we enough security



ALI ROBA

We remain committed to working with the National government on proposals to end attacks

forces within 20 minutes reach. Yet the militants had a field day executing their heinous acts for over three hours undeterred by security forces.

While the government has provided all the support the county has asked for in terms of security personnel, it seems we are not making any progress. The attackers seem not to care about the presence of security officers. And they are executing every attack with precision undeterred.

Currently, there are foreign troops from Jubaland roaming the streets of Mandera. But one wonders; who can confirm the identity of this large group of armed fighters? What if the al-Shabaab fighters disguised as security officers in uniform?

This is the most exposing way to run a security situation that we have willingly set ourselves into. Sadly the county of Mandera has been turned into a battle field for both

foreign forces and militants as we sit and watch. All concerns have been ignored in the name of foreign interests and diplomacy.

It is unfortunate that the interest of these foreign entities seems to have superseded that of Kenyans in Mandera.

On its part, the county leadership recently held a symposium to discuss homegrown solutions to dealing with radicalisation and counter-violent extremism and proposed several measures to handle the deteriorating situation.

The acts of the militants has negatively impacted the most crucial sectors in our county and entire northeastern, including the economy and education.

Indeed, the Teachers Service Commission is withdrawing teachers from the region because of insecurity. What becomes of the learners, whose right to education is

enshrined in the Constitution?

For the efforts against the militants to bear fruit, we must pay attention to factors that fuel radicalisation and make interventions that would deter recruitment of youth into the illegal groups and decrease indoctrination.

Even as we continue supporting our security officers in this campaign against terror, it is obvious that intelligence is being passed or shared with our agencies, but action comes too little too late or sometimes it does not come at all. This often leads to blame game between leaders, locals and the security teams. Together we can act swiftly and secure our county and country.

The constant attacks witnessed recently could have been avoided and we continue to appeal to our security officers to respond to intelligence shared with them by members of the public to avert such attacks.

We remain committed to working with the National Government on proposals that will help resolve the Al Shabaab attacks. Our homegrown proposals have been shared with Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

—The writer is Governor, Mandera County

STREET TALK

Party officials keep off stingy senior politician

Just why is a senior politician, who has previously declared interest in the presidency, secluded? The man does not seem to get along with his party officials and members and has conspicuously been turning up at BBI rallies alone. A party insider says the politician has fallen out of favour of his party members due his stingy nature. Party officials, therefore, avoiding tagging along him because it ends up being a "dry" day!

Why youthful men want nothing to do with pastor

Youthful men whose wives attend a church founded by a popular pastor are an angry lot. They accuse him of snatching their wives. The pastor, known for his flamboyant lifestyle, is accused of indoctrinating women before creating a wedge between them and their husbands. Some of the women have left their husbands, accusing them of being a devil worshippers. Then the pastor advises them to demand their share of the matrimonial property, which he manages. Well, religion is the opium of the masses, they say.

I'm filthy rich, MP brags to colleagues in House

A legislator, who wields power in Parliament on Wednesday, surprised his colleagues when he started bragging on the floor of the House about his riches. During debate on a bill seeking to eliminate a requirement that loanees have guarantors, the man opposed the motion, and went on to detail how rich he is that were he to approach a bank for a loan, he would not be asked for a guarantor. The utterances shocked fellow members as well as journalists at the gallery, who wondered if laws are made for members or Kenyans.

Politico swaps designer suits with jeans, T-shirt

An embattled senior politician shocked employees in his private office when he turned up dressed in a pair of jeans and T-shirt. The man, known for donning expensive designer suits, went to work the entire day, leaving his workers wondering if everything was okay. Speculation was rife that the politician may have had enough of politics and want to concentrate on business.

It mustn't be business as usual in running Nairobi

In 2018, I travelled to China for a two-week tour of the country to learn more on the country's Targeted Poverty Alleviation programme. My colleagues and I visited eight cities, but it is Jinhua city in Zhejiang that left me in awe.

Jinhua, located 1,500km from Beijing, boasts a vibrant civilian-owned economy. From food processing, manufacturing, clothing and textile industries to heavy manufacture of vehicles, Jinhua has lessons that administrators of our cities can learn from.

As a city in up-country China, you would expect Jinhua to be a sleeping city. Far from it. It is a simple but vibrant modern city—industrial and agriculturally rich. The Jinhua Polytechnic and the Zhejiang Normal University are international institutions where I met people from across the world. The polytechnic actually has a whole stream of Rwandan students.

The drama that we have experienced in Nairobi and the ensuing National government's welcome take-over is a pointer that we need



HESBON OWILLA

As the capital and regional hub, Nairobi deserves better management

to change approach in management of our cities, especially Nairobi, being the capital. You see, we live in a global village and there is a lot that a city should offer beyond garbage collection and business permits and all that. It needs to offer the best environment for doing business, unlimited access to socioeconomic amenities and adequate security to attract investments.

At Jinhua, for instance, the security is top-notch, and one can literally walk in the streets and parks taking pictures in the night. Indeed, one of my friends who I met in Jinhua showed me pictures she had taken pictures of herself at a river bank at 2am! When I asked her how safe it was, she told me she had not had an incident of insecurity in the city.

Back home, walking along Nairobi River banks is risky even in the day,

never mind the massive water pollution. If it is not safe for us, then how do we take this once Green City in the Sun to the next competitive level both regionally and internationally?

Do we even have a picture in mind of the kind of city we want or deserve? Is that city supposed to be a launch pad for politicians with higher ambitions of moving from City Hall to State House? And politics aside, don't we deserve service delivery more than anything else?

Legal issues are litigated in courts and Kenyans should not be duped into believing that the corrupt can get away at the altar of politics. At no point does a court case end because of the politicians' appearance in political rallies. In fact, it is important to disabuse the muddying of water in the fight against corruption and call out stories in the public domain that

are devoid of facts and data. Propaganda is already cheap, but in the recent past we have seen it get cheaper than a sewer rat in the market.

I said it this column a few weeks ago: as Kenyans we must be critical of the people we elect as members Country Assemblies because these are men and women who will protect the resources at the very basic level where meaningful change in our lives can be realised.

Nairobi MCAs have had a moral responsibility to exercise their oversight in the best interest of Nairobi-ans, but they seem to have abdicated the role. Had they exercised their mandate, we would not be where we are. But thanks to the spirit and letter of our Constitution, Nairobi may be great again after the take-over.

There is always a legal escape route and it appears to have been invoked in the interest of the people.

As the capital and regional hub, Nairobi deserves better management. It must not be business as usual.

—The writer is a PhD candidate in political communication

#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



The WHO declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic #KOT are a worried lot.

@KibetBenard : Africa needs to be careful with Covid-19. We may not have the best technology, thus prevention is better than cure. Our borders should be secured and well protected.

@TrottoirRadio: If you did not support the doctors' strike you have no locus standi to tell us about Kenya's preparedness for #CoronavirusPandemic. These were part of what the doctors were jailed for. Ensuring adequate health facilities.

@AwuorOndeng: Dear @MOH_Kenya and @KenyaGovernors, this is the time

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to absorb all those unemployed medical doctors into our public hospitals. #CoronavirusPandemic is going to require all hands-on-deck to contain.

MugiiraJob: CS Mutahi Kagwe should be addressing the Public after every 12 hours on the preparedness/status of the country in countering the virus.



TRUTHIS: Hope for the christian is a certainty, because its basis is Christ.

With click of a button, you can buy restricted drugs on Jumia

Experts say sale of medicines online is not only illegal but poses serious health risks to consumers

by George Kebaso
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It started with a click to confirm a tip about the sale of restricted medicines online and a range of medical products popped up.

And this touched off the alarm: I had to get to the bottom of what is not only clearly a threat to individual health, but the entire pharmaceutical industry after being tipped by a friend and pharmacist Dr Wairimu Mbogo.

"...Jumia is promoting this entire drug spiking... Please go and buy Alzolam and Ritalin online ASAP... yaani, they are causing the *kuwekewa mchele* menace. These are restricted medicines even viagra and all sorts of medicine," she wrote in a WhatsApp chat on February 21.

Dr Mbogo, the founder of Meraky Healthcare Limited, also provided a list of some of the drugs on sale on the Jumia Online shop.

After ascertaining the drugs were available on the online shop, I placed my order through an agent in the guise of an urgent requirement for a client who needed *Ezislim*, which is advertised as a natural slimming tablet costing Sh1,200.

The other was Ritalin, a stimulant used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy—a condition in which a person falls into a deep sleep when they are in a relaxing environment. It was going for Sh2,800 per dozen.

"Hello, I want to buy some drugs. How can I go about it?", the conversation began on the Facebook space hosted by the online company.

Five hours later, the response came: "Medication? Which ones? Tell me the name of what you want."

One of the listed drugs on the Jumia Online shop is Kamagra, which is sold as a treatment for erectile dysfunction (ED). This is a cheaper alternative to performance drugs such as Viagra, Cialis or Levitra. I also enquired about it, but wasn't available.

A quick check online for Kamagra safety and I was struck by a review.

Medical advice

"Kamagra is potentially very dangerous if taken without a prescription, even in the UK, it is not currently licensed for sale, and it is therefore illegal to buy or sell it anywhere in the world, especially when there is no certified medical advice."

Back to my order, the agent inquired: "Do you want to order the ones that are available?"

"Yes," I responded. To complete the transaction, the agent asked for my details: full name, phone number and location—and what followed was a confirmed sale indicating the cost, date and time for delivery!

It was an easy transaction that was conducted from the comfort of my



Some of the drugs People Daily bought at Jumia Online Shop. PD/BERNARD ORWONGO



seat without tests or a doctor's prescription. That day, I, too, was captured as one of the millions of people seeking prescription drugs online.

From male sexual enhancement drugs to slimming tablets and drugs advertised as remedies for non-communicable diseases, thousands of Kenyans are putting their lives at risk by buying the medicines, whose effect they seldom know.

Though ignorant of the harm they are visiting on themselves, they trust Jumia Online shop, which is one of the biggest local commercial internet outlets. It is also convenient for those who don't have either the time or energy to visit supermarkets and other shopping outlets. Why? It delivers the goods to location!

After procuring my drugs, I called Dr Mbogo to confirm that her fears were not unfounded.

"The fact that one can easily ac-

cess such controlled medicine online without a prescription or instruction from a pharmacist is beyond scary. Not only is it unlawful, it shows how dangerously exposed we are to medicines that can be abused or used to pursue criminal activities," she said.

Dr Mbogo (*below*) stressed the need for tightening the regulatory regime and educating the public on the dangers of buying over-the-counter or online drugs for self-medication and abuse.

But the most worrying aspect of the whole transaction is that even after going to the online shop to complain, and notifying the regulator, Jumia has continued to advertise and sell the drugs.

Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK) president Louis Machogu says it is unethical to advertise medicines online.

"Where is the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) when unregulated sale of dangerous drugs is happening on the internet?" he posed during an interview with *People Daily*.

Trade names

He said before a person orders and uses any pharmaceutical drug, they must have a prescription, and even counselling.

In a letter to PPB, Machogu raised concern about Jumia's business practices. "We have come across questionable advertisement of medicines on Jumia Online trading platform. The platform indicates that you can order online and the medicines will be delivered to your location."

"The trade names, international non-proprietary names, marketing authorisation holders, retail prices and promotional discounts of these Part 1 poisons are all clearly visible in these advertisements," Machogu said in the letter titled *Unethical sale and advertising of Part 1 poisons on Jumia Online Platform*.

When contacted, PPB officials said they had notified the Communications Authority of Kenya

(CA) which provides online hosting spaces for companies which wish to advertise their products.

The board's Drugs, Crime and Investigations head, Dennis Otieno confirmed the domains containing such pharmaceutical information and products especially on the restricted ones had been pulled down.

Online chemists

"Immediately we learnt of the existing online pharmacies we contacted CA Acting director, Mercy Wanjau, and most of those entities were pulled down from the Jumia Online platform. However, we are asking those who want to venture into online pharmaceutical trading platform to pass through the PPB for certification," he said.

Some internet findings show a space littered with a myriad of on-line chemists. Some of them, include; *myDAWA, pharmaplus, Pharmashop, e-mart and Lloyds Pharmacy Online Doctor platform* which hosts a number of chemists.

According to Dr Kariuki Gachoki, the board's head of Medicine Information, Jumia does not, however, own those products.

"They belong to someone else. However, we have some investigations going on," he told *People Daily*.

A week after the interview, the board issued a public advisory warning against buying medical products from unauthorised premises.

"It has come to the attention of the board that some e-commerce platforms are trading in medical products including prescription-only medicine, in total disregard of the provisions of the pharmacy and Poisons Act (CAP 244, Laws of Kenya)," the board said a statement signed by the chief executive officer, Dr Fred Siyoi.

He said the board was working closely with CA to pull down the concerned domains.

"We appeal to the members of the public to buy medical products only from authorised premises whose licence status can easily be verified using a health safety code, visibly placed in medicine outlets, by sending an SMS to 21031," he said.

BRIEFLY

Cop charged with murdering rider

The police officer, who allegedly shot and killed a boda boda rider at the Mama Lucy Hospital in Kayole, has been charged with murder. Zadock Ochuka Oyieka, denied the charge before High Court judge Stella Mutuku yesterday. His lawyer accused the prosecution of refusing to obey court orders by failing to release Oyieka after he had paid a police bond of Sh1 million as ordered by a Makadara court on Friday. Justice Stella Mutuku told the lawyer to file a formal application for bail, saying the police bond does not apply to the murder case. The court heard that the prosecution intends to call 22 witnesses in the case. The case will be heard on September 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 before Justice James Wakiaga. Oyieka (*pictured*) has been remanded at Industrial Area prison pending his bail application.

- Bernice Mbugua



Lawyers ask DCI to act in peer's death

Lawyers in Kakamega and Kisumu have called for speedy probe into the death of their colleague Hillary Obino who succumbed to injuries inflicted on him by a gang in Kakamega last week. Law Society of Kenya, Kisumu chapter, led by the chairperson Joan Neto and member David Otieno, the lawyers asked the DCI in Kisumu and Kakamega to fast-track the probe and bring the culprits to book. Obino died at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret while undergoing treatment after he was attacked, injured and robbed of phone and car by an armed gang. "What happened to our brother is unfortunate. It would be very disappointing if it has a link to his job," Otieno said. Neto said it was not the first time lawyers were dying in similar circumstances. In Kakamega, lawyers held a demonstration to demand justice for their colleague.

- Viola Kosome

Woman in dock over threat to kill witness

A 75-year-old woman was yesterday charged before a Nakuru court with conspiracy to commit a murder. Mary Wangui was accused of plotting to kill Isaiah Mutonyi on October 30, last year, at JB estate in Nakuru. She is said to have threatened Mutonyi who was scheduled to testify in a succession case against her. Wangui and other family members are involved in her late husband's multi-million-shilling estate dispute. Appearing before Resident Magistrate Faith Munyi yesterday, Wangui denied the charges and was released on a bond of Sh300,000, surety of the same amount or alternative cash bail of Sh150,000. The case will be mentioned on March 18. - Roy Lumbe

DRUGS SOLD ONLINE

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● Also on sale is Ritalin, which is used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy—a condition in which a person falls into a deep sleep when they are in a relaxing environment.

● Ezislim, which is advertised as a natural slimming tablet, goes for Sh1,200 on Jumia.

DR MBOGO



The fact that one can easily access such medicine without a prescription is beyond scary.



Blind pit latrine digger who sees deep

When he lost his sight to an infection, Khayenje opted to dig latrine pits for a living to fend for his wife, six children

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When we met Francis Wasike Khayenje, he had just arrived home for lunch and was perched on a stool talking to his four-year-old granddaughter.

The first thing that strikes you about Khayenje from Chemiminyi village in Sitikho ward, Bungoma county, is the fact that he is blind. But what will leave you dumbfounded about the 63-year-old well-built man is what he does for a living.

After lunch, Khayenje, who became blind at the age of 26, takes us to where he has been working since 6am.

He digs latrine pits for a living and the pit he has been working on since the crack of dawn is so deep it is difficult to see the bottom. However, he maneuvers his way effortlessly into the hole and start digging some more.

He has done this job for close to four decades, gaining precision and dexterity.

"I am hoping to continue working until my granddaughter is 15 years old so that I can rest," he says, moments after making his way out of the pit to speak to us.

Khayenje, whose parents Emily Nasike and Jafred Osama died when he was still young, says he suffered an eye disease that was not detected early.

"I was referred to Kakamega, Mugumu and Sabatia hospitals for further diagnosis, but because I had no means to



IN SUMMARY

● Francis Wasike Khayenje became blind at 26 years old and digs toilets for a living.

● He says he has married thrice with his first wife having left, the second deceased and now married to his third since the 80s.

● Dr Abraham Kiplimo, an eye specialist at Cherangany Nursing Home, says Khayenje's blindness is irreversible, because it was not treated early.

raise money for more specialised treatment, I lost my sight," recalls the man who dropped out of school in Standard Three and has 10 siblings.

He recalls having left his

home for work in Nzoia Sugar Company between 1976 and 1979 as a weeder before joining Chemosit Estate as a tea picker for five months and left when his eyesight completely failed him.

Refuse to pay

"I couldn't continue working because of the pain. I went to Kakamega, Mugumu and then Sabatia hospitals where eye specialists said they could not do anything apart from giving me a white cane," he says.

He then resorted to digging latrine pits to fend for his wife and six children. His customers include schools, boda boda riders, teachers, sugar cane farmers and bicycle repairers in Sitikho location.

Khayenje, who mostly



TOP: Francis Wasike Khayenje, 63, works on a latrine pit he has been hired to dig. ABOVE: Plays with his granddaughter at his home in Sitikho, Webuye West sub-county. PD/JIMMY GITAKA

charges Sh150 per foot dug, says he faces challenges of non-payment by some clients upon completion of the work.

"Some people do not pay the whole amount after I finish my work. Others refuse to pay and keep tossing me around. Some pay after mounting pressure on them. We are all struggling to live meaningful lives," he says.

After the day's work, Khayenje returns home at 5pm to spend time with his family. He says he has married thrice since 1980s. He separated with the first wife while the second one died.

"I had to pay two cows (in 1977) according to the Bukusu customary law. That is what I could afford but the marriage hit the rocks and we parted ways," he says of his first marriage, from which he had a son.

Khayenje has fond memories of his second marriage to Jane Nafula who he married in 1983.

Treated early

His present wife, Alice Juma, 55, says Khayenje, whom she met at a church service in 1980, before he turned blind is an exemplary man.

"My husband is caring and hardworking, even with his condition he still struggles and fends for us," she says.

One of Khayenje's greatest

wish is to enroll his children in tertiary institutions of learning, which has so far been an uphill task owing to lack of means.

"If my children could have attained better education, they could have helped me but now, at 63 and with my condition, the future looks bleak for me," says Khayenje, whose wife sells second hand clothes.

Dr Abraham Kiplimo, an eye specialist at Cherangany Nursing Home, says Khayenje's condition is irreversible, because it was not treated early.

Kiplimo says the causes of blindness differ according to the socioeconomic condition of where one lives. In third-world countries where 90 per cent of the world's visually impaired population lives, the principal causes are infections, cataracts, glaucoma, injury and inability to obtain glasses. Other causes include Vitamin A deficiency, retinopathy of prematurity, blood vessel disease involving the retina or optic nerve, including stroke.

"The treatment of visual impairment or blindness depends on the cause. In some cases, merely prescribing and giving glasses will alleviate the problem," he says.

He adds that for those who are blind from cataracts, cataract surgery would, in most cases, restore their sight.

Kinoti asked to probe rogue officers

by Eric Wainaina
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The Director of Criminal Investigations George Kinoti has been invited to probe an alleged scam involving some of his officers and land registrars.

There have been numerous complaints from several investors, who claim they were deprived of their land through a 'war' against land fraud.

The scheme, according to the victims, involves accusations of land grabbing through forgery of transaction documents, and the matters end up with them arraigned in court over claims of selling land and later revoking title deeds.

George Kariuki, an investor in real estate and insurance, yesterday said he was in the

process of writing to Kinoti (above) for his intervention after he was paraded in a Kajiado court for allegedly revoking transfer of a 10-acre piece of land his accusers claim to have bought from him.

The charge sheet read in part that on March 31, 2015 at Kajiado North lands office within Kajiado Sub-county Kariuki told the Kajiado North Land Registrar that his land- Kajiado/ Kipeto/1452- has been fraudulently transferred to David Mahugu Thondu while he still has the original title deed.

Kariuki was also

accused of lying that he never offered it for sale, information that was false.

But in a fresh twist, Kariuki wants Kinoti to probe some DCI officers, who he accuses of working in cahoots with the complainant to deprive him of the land, which he claims he bought from the late Sapena ole Lasapeye and was issued with the title deed in 1994, and has never put it on sale.

"I want the DCI boss to do an inquiry on some of the investigations that are happening in Kajiado on land matters because genuine land owners are being deprived of their land and branded criminals," he said yesterday.





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Public Notice

Appointment of KRA as the Nairobi City County Government Principal Tax Agent



Pursuant to the Gazette Notice No.1609 of 25.2.2020 of 2020, and Gazette Notice 1967 of 6th March, 2020, appointing Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) as the principal agent for overall collection of all County revenue, the public is hereby informed that KRA will take over the collection of the revenue with effect from **16th March, 2020**.

For clarification please call the Contact Centre on
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Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegeme!



BBI campaigns split the Rift further ahead of Nakuru rally

Barchok and ex-governor differ over grassroots forums as MPs give Chepkwony's consultative meeting wide berth

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A showdown looms between members of the Jubilee Party and Chama Cha Mashinani (CCM) during the planned Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) consultative forum at the Bomet Green Stadium tomorrow.

CCM party leader Isaac Ruto, who is the convener of the meeting, said the county leaders and residents will meet to draft proposals to be submitted to the BBI team during the Rift Valley region's Nakuru meeting.

But Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok, who presided over a parallel stakeholders' discourse on Tuesday, opposed the planned forum, saying he is the only one mandated to call for such BBI meetings.

Ruto, who skipped the event saying he had not been invited, instead held meetings in the town as he sought to popularise the weekend's meeting.

While Ruto, the first Bomet governor, maintains the meeting will go on at the Bomet stadium, Barchok has dismissed it saying no one else should purport to organise another BBI rally anywhere in the county.

Barchok said he was not in a competition with any leader and that sitting governors across the counties are the only ones mandated to organise such forums.

"Governors are the only ones mandated to organise BBI rallies in counties and no one else apart from them should purport to organise any other meetings," he said.

Ruto said tomorrow's meeting will be used to collect views from residents to be



Ogiek Community Organisation secretary general William Koross (second right) presents the group's written memorandum to Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony at the Kericho Teachers Training College on Wednesday.
PD/PHILIP YEGON

DEMANDS

● During the Kericho consultative forum, Kipsigis Clans Organisation secretary Joel Kimetto said locals should be consulted whenever leases are renewed for the multinational tea companies.

● Resettlement of landless people in the county and conservation of natural resources was also touched on by various groups.

presented during the Nakuru BBI rally scheduled for March 21. He cited issues of representation and land, especially that currently owned by multinationals as key concerns of residents.

Present views

He added that another forum which will bring together Kipsigis community leaders and residents will be held at Kapkatet Stadium in Kericho on Wednesday, next week.

Meanwhile, leaders and residents of Kericho want BBI to address historical injustices on land matters, particularly on the huge chunks of land owned by multinational firms.

These were part of the views that the leaders and residents proposed when they met at Kericho Teachers Training College to

present views on issues they want captured in the BBI final report.

Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony, who convened the session said views collected on Tuesday will be presented during the Nakuru forum.

"I will personally present your views at the Nakuru BBI consultative meeting and ensure that they are captured in final recommendation," said Chepkwony, adding that they want a peaceful Rift Valley region.

Kericho Senator Aaron Cheruiyot and MPs Hillary Koskei (Kipkelion West), Japheth Mutai (Bureti), Kipsengeret Koross (Soin-Sigowet), Sylvanus Maritim (Ainamoi), Nelson Koech (Belgut), Joseph Limo (Kipkelion East) and County MP Florence Bore gave the meeting a wide berth. Only seven Kericho MCAs attended the meeting.

BRIEFLY

Ruiru school to get boarding facilities

Construction of boarding facilities at Ruiru Girls High School has kicked off. Upon completion, the facility will be the first public boarding girls' high school in Ruiru constituency, Kiambu. The Sh10 million project that includes construction of 200-bed capacity dormitories, staff quarters and more ablution blocks aims at easing congestion in the school. The institution's principal Sophia Waihera said the school which has a population of more than 500 students has inadequate facilities including desks, laboratories, water and classrooms. She added that the situation has been worsened by an influx of students following the Education ministry's 100 per cent transition policy. Ruiru MP Simon King'ara (*below*) has urged well wishers to help in decongesting the school.

— Mathew Ndung'u



MCAs unaware of pact, says Waiguru

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru has dismissed as ill-informed MCAs, who are allegedly trying to blackmail her into surrendering the controversial Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) land in the county. She said the MCAs do not understand full details of the agreement between the county government and Kemri. Speaking to the press after visiting Kerugoya Referral Hospital to inspect an ongoing Sh2 billion hospital project accompanied by Public Works Chief Administrative Secretary Wavinya Ndeti, Waiguru said the MCAs have not consulted her office to know the truth before filing a motion on the matter, which was debated and passed yesterday. Waiguru told the MCAs to stop politicising the issue.

— Githinji Mwangi

Nab sexual abuse suspect, police told

Siaya county Bunge la Wananchi chairman Jack Omondi has asked police to pursue a health worker who reportedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl, who was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Ugunja town. Omondi condemned the act and regretted that the suspect was still free since the incident occurred on Monday last week. Speaking in Siaya town, the official vowed to organise demonstrations in the town tomorrow to compel police to act and seize the suspect. His remarks came only two days after the girl's family recorded a statement at Ugunja Police Station. Officers, who are handling the case at Ugunja Police Station, said they are conducting investigations before the suspect can be arrested.

— Eric Juma

Seven sites in Busia to get Internet connection

The ICT ministry has earmarked seven sites to be connected to the internet in Busia county.

Speaking after paying a courtesy call on Busia County Commissioner on Wednesday, the County Connectivity project manager Mark Mureithi said the exercise would take three to four weeks.

Mureithi said the seven sites to be connected are the county commissioner's premises, Busia Police Station, the county referral hospital, Korinda Prison, National Treasury, Probation and Children's Department offices.

He urged stakeholders to cooperate for the project to be completed within the stipulated time.

County commissioner Joseph Kanyiri said the initiative would help enhance service delivery to residents.

Kanyiri urged locals not to vandalise critical infrastructure such as fibre optic laid by the ministry, to protect value for taxpayers' money.

"Once vandalised, it becomes expensive because the fibres are not manufactured locally but are imported hence leading to loss of foreign exchange," he said, adding that once vandalised, the fibre is of little use.

Incur costs

The administrator also said those dealing in road construction should know where the cables are to avoid damaging them during construction.

"It is much easier to consult at the initial stage and agree on removal of such cables and others like power lines so that we do not disrupt services and later incur costs," he said.

— KNA

Officials want KWS penalised over killed rare giraffe species

by Bonface Msangi
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Top officials in the tourism sector are now calling for punitive measures against Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) management following the killing of two rare white giraffes by poachers at Ishaqbin Sanctuary in Garissa county.

Kenya Association of Hotels and Caterers (KAHC) executive officer Sam Ikwake termed the loss of the rare giraffes a setback to the tourism sector and wildlife conservation, saying since they were first spotted in 2017, they placed Kenya on the international map among the top tourist destinations in Africa and the world.

"We want action to be taken to protect world life. We cannot continue losing wild animals in the name of poaching," said Ikwake.

He said KWS is entrusted with protection of wildlife and cannot escape the blame for their failure.

In addition, he said action must be taken on those who slept on their job



KAHC executive officer Sam Ikwake addresses press. PD/BONFACE MSANGI

and failed to protect the animals.

Ikwake asked KWS to conduct awareness campaigns to encourage Kenyans living along national parks to take the lead in protecting wildlife, which is a big asset in generating revenue.

The rare white giraffes owed their appearance to a condition called leucism, which causes partial loss of pigmentation in animals.

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JOSHUA OIGARA



The Kenyan business and subsidiaries delivered strong income growth

KCB rides on loan book to post Sh25b net profit

Despite tough business environment, the lender reported a 17 per cent growth in total income

by Zachary Ochuodho
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Kenya's top lender by assets, KCB Group posted a five per cent increase in after tax profit to Sh25.2 billion for the year ended 2019, despite a tough business environment.

The bank, which had earned Sh23.9 billion in 2018, yesterday said the performance is on account of a strong income growth in the Kenyan business and international subsidiaries.

KCB Group chief executive and managing director Joshua Oigara said the business remained resilient during the period despite the challenging economic conditions witnessed in the various markets and the wider global economy.

Earnings per share at the group, which also operates in neighbouring Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan, increased to Sh8.11 during the period, from Sh7.83 shillings earned last year.

"The East African region continued to face various downside risks that ranged from adverse weather patterns to stress from currency fluctuations and the pressure from oil imports," he said.

Funded income

Oigara said all business lines for the period were strong on both funded and non-funded income as cost control, operational efficiency and driving excellent customer experience remained a top priority.

He said both the Kenya business and the international subsidiaries delivered strong income growth.

Acquisition of National Bank of Kenya (NBK) — a transaction that was finalised in the last quarter of 2019 — solidified the Group's base from a revenue and balance sheet position.

Chief financial officer Lawrence Kimathi said the total income increased 17 per cent to Sh84.3 billion while operating expenses grew much slower by 10 per cent, resulting



KCB Group chief executive Joshua Oigara (left) with KCB Group chairman Andrew Kairu (centre) and KCB Group chief finance officer Lawrence Kimathi during the release of the 2019 Full Year Financial results in Nairobi yesterday. PD/ALICE MBURU

in an improved cost to income ratio of 45.7 per cent, compared to 48.7 per cent the previous year.

Net interest income expanded 15 per cent to Sh56.1 billion from Sh48.8 billion primarily due to a 17 per cent growth in the loan book, digital lending and additional interest income from NBK.

Diversified income

"Fees and commissions surged 39 per cent to Sh19.8 billion on diversified income streams," he added. He said enhanced investments in digital channels pushed non-funded income up 22.6 per cent to Sh28.2 billion from Sh23 billion in 2018.

"Our investments in diversified channels are giving our customers a means to access banking services conveniently, at a

NON-PERFORMING LOANS

● KCB cut its NPL book by 20 per cent during the 2019 financial year ending December, signalling a strong recovery business.

● The stock of NPLs stood at Sh25 billion, down from Sh31 billion in 2018, as a result of an aggressive recovery strategy during the period.

competitive price and in line with our purpose of simplifying their world to enable their progress," said Oigara.

During the year under review, the number of non-bank transactions increased to 97 per cent with a majority of them conducted via mobile devices. Mobile loans advanced increased to Sh212 billion from Sh54 billion in 2018.

Cumulative disbursement via mobile over the past five years totalled Sh319 billion with the ratio of non-performing loans (NPLs) to total loan book increasing to 10.9 per cent (7.4 per cent excluding NBK), well below the industry average of 12 per cent.

As a result, provisions for impairment increased to Sh8.9 billion from Sh2.9 billion. The key sectors driving this deterioration in asset quality were trade, tourism and manufacturing sectors within the corporate banking book and on the mobile loan portfolio.

The stock of NPLs increased to Sh63.4 billion (Sh38.2 billion excluding NBK) up from Sh32.7 billion in 2018, following consolidation with NBK. Meanwhile, NBK operating income increased by five per cent to Sh8.4 billion, as balance sheet hits Sh111.9 billion.

BRIEFLY

China lockdown affects Safaricom product sales

Safaricom will experience a decrease in product sales following the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

This was revealed by the company acting chief executive Michael Joseph during the Lipa Na M-Pesa promotion grand finale ceremony yesterday where 16 customers and businesses were awarded with eight trucks and eight tractors.

Joseph said the company, which has direct exposure to

China, is unable to import some of its products, some which were supposed to be released to the market, and have been forced to wait until the epidemic is controlled.

"For the past few weeks we have not been able to import most of our products following the closings and slowdowns in different countries and this has really affected our stocks," he said.

— Milliam Muriu



Ports authority to set up a track yard at Embakassi ICD

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) is setting up a track marshaling yard and an appointment system to manage flow of traffic into the Nairobi Inland Container Depot (NICD).

Head of NICD Patrick Masinde said the process of procuring the system is ongoing, with expectations that it will go live by June.

The NICD has a capacity to handle 15,000 TEUs (20 feet equivalent units) while on average, Masinde said, the depot receives 450 trucks every day.

Lack of an effective track management system has not only resulted in congestion at the facility, but also led to creation of a grid lock along Mombasa road at Mlolongo area and Embakassi, with trucks waiting in turns to pick their cargo at the NICD.

Currently, NICD experiences extreme cycles in its business activities. At one moment there is heavy congestion only to be replaced with a period of inactivity.

— Noel Wandera

Insurance firms say they will not cover Covid-19 treatment

Insurance companies will not settle medical bills related to Coronavirus, the Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI) has confirmed.

This is after the World Health Organisation officially declared Covid-19 a pandemic on Wednesday.

Ordinarily, insurance companies do not cover pandemics and epidemics due to the enormous amounts of money required to treat the high number of patients affected.

Without insurance cover, many Kenyans will face



challenges footing own bills considering that the pandemic has already resulted in reduced economic activity, hence reduced incomes.

"Existing covers exclude pandemics and epidemics," said AKI chief executive Tom Gichuhi.

— Lewis Njoka

State to spend Sh500m on tourism recovery

by Noel Wandera
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The Ministry of Tourism has set aside a rescue package of Sh500 million for its post Coronavirus (Covid-19) recovery plan as hotels start to feel the heat of the scourge.

During a tourism stakeholders meeting yesterday in Nairobi, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet secretary Najib Balala said part of the money

will be used to restore destination confidence.

Preferred destination

"This will ensure that Kenya remains a preferred travel destination globally while the rest will be used for the post-Coronavirus recovery strategy in all our key source market," said Balala.

This comes at a time when the World Health Organisation (WHO)

has declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.

At the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, hoteliers are a worried with more than 70 per cent of bookings having been cancelled.

Keekorok Lodge manager John Pere has decried massive cancellations of more than 114 rooms in February following international travel ban because of the outbreak.

Additional reporting by agencies.

70pc

Percentage of bookings that have been cancelled at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve following the Covid-19 outbreak

Keroche to appeal Sh9 billion tax ruling

Brewery terms tribunal's decision retrogressive, anti-entrepreneurship and one that stifles innovation

by Zachary Ochuodho
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Keroche Breweries is set to move to the High Court to contest the Tax Appeals Tribunal's (TAT) ruling on Monday allowing the Kenya Revenue Authority to collect over Sh9 billion from the firm.

Keroche management said in a statement the company is dissatisfied with the decisions arrived at by the Tax Dispute Tribunal, and will seek a "fair hearing" in court.

"The decision by the TAT refusing to recognise that our innovation to dilute our vodka with distilled water for moderate drinking should not be subjected to punitive taxation," the statement read in part.

The company termed the tribunal's decision retrogressive, anti-entrepreneurship, adding that it stifles innovations without which the cause of Kenyan industrialisation would not suffice.

"This means that all water added to our vodka to make a ready-to-drink vodka and consumed to date — backdated for last eight years — now attracts Sh243.00 per litre."

Keroche said the ruling to tax the water added to its vodka at that rate "makes it the most expensive water in the world."

The breweries said it had two cases at the TAT, which were rendered on the same day. The first ruling in regards to the tax rate for its Viena Ice Ready to Drink Vodka started in 2014, while in the second case emerged after TAT reversed a High Court ruling

delivered in 2006 (14 years ago) which quashed a Sh1.2 billion tax claim by KRA against it.

However, it said although the court asked the two parties to first resolve the matter using the tribunal and only go to court if this failed, the action KRA has taken to issue misleading information necessitates them to move to court.

"It is a disgrace for an important public body such as KRA to mislead, actually lie to the media and the public, with an erroneous press statement titled 'KRA wins case to collect more than Sh9 billion from Keroche Breweries,' the statement reads in part.

Since 2014, Keroche Breweries has contested KRA's tax valuation arguing that the taxman has been receiving its remittances since the inception of the product and took seven years to claim there was a confusion in the taxation rate.

Distilled water

"We have religiously remitted taxes on a monthly basis for the last nine years on the 188ml Crescent Vodka, which is what is in the 500ml Viena Ice Ready-to-Drink Vodka. We have never charged nor collected any tax on the 312ml naturally distilled water added in the 500ml Viena ready to drink Vodka because this is not applicable," the statement said.

It said mixing vodka and water does not result in the creation of a new product, the excise duty is, therefore, only payable when a new good is manufactured in Kenya.

The company said due to the ruling, "Our already existing vodka with water is now considered to be the manufacture of a new distinct excisable good. Keroche Breweries' product starts and ends with vodka and water. After these two components have been mixed, it still ends up with the

TRIBUNAL'S DECISION

● The Tax Appeal Tribunal on March 9 gave green light to the Kenya Revenue Authority to collect Sh9.12 billion from Keroche Breweries in taxes

exact same ingredients."

It said the tribunal's second decision was an attempt to reverse a 14-year-old High Court judgment without adhering to the directions that were provided in the avenue for appeal "which is simply malicious and borders on a smear campaign."

New information

"The High Court in allowing KRA to appeal the 2006 ruling that dismissed their

Sh1.2 billion tax claim against Keroche Breweries asked the two parties to first try and resolve the matter through a tribunal on condition that KRA presents new information to advance their case," the management said.

According to Keroche, no new information was provided and the management was shocked that the TAT accepted the same case and narrative that was dismissed by the High Court 14 years ago.



A happy customer

Tractor winner from Eastern Region Beatrice Katambu celebrates with Safaricom acting chief executive Michael Joseph during the Lipa na M-Pesa promotion grand finale handover ceremony, yesterday. Safaricom awarded eight merchants with Fuso trucks and eight customers with tractors. COURTESY



Traders incur huge losses over Kongowea closure

by Harrison Kivisu
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Businesses at Kongowea market are in a shambles after traders were locked out of the market to pave way for its month-long refurbishment.

Mombasa county government had issued a notice, effective yesterday, that the wholesale market will remain closed until April 12.

As a result, daily undertakings were marred by confusion with traders resisting

the move by the county to shut it without first setting aside an alternative space for them to display their merchandise.

Wholesale traders, who ferry goods there from upcountry are the most affected by the directive.

Kongowea market security chairman Peter Nyaga said the situation has compromised the security of traders since most were forced to operate outside the premises, and the area is not well lit, especially, at dawn.

Jamii Bora's large depositors welcome acquisition by Co-op

by Lewis Njoka
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The announcement by Co-operative Bank that it intends to acquire 100 per cent of Jamii Bora Bank has come as a relief to large depositors in the third tier bank who were beginning to get worried about its liquidity.

Prior to the announcement, large depositors such as Amana Capital, who have Sh185 million in a fixed deposit account at Jamii Bora, were getting anxious due to the bank's liquidity challenges.

Analysts say the acquisition by Co-op, a more liquid institution, will probably result in easier withdrawals for large depositors.

"Anyone who is holding deposits in Jamii Bora Bank will support the takeover. With the new liquidity, transactions can start flowing again," said Zamara project head Reginald Kadzutu.



He said large deposits in Jamii Bora would not be a problem during the acquisition but rather it is bad loans that are usually a challenge.

"It is normally the loan book which is the sticking point but since they are buying 100 per cent, they will take everything, including the loans. Why would you buy a bank and leave out deposits?" he posed.

However, an acquiring entity could buy only performing loans leaving out non-performing ones if so wished.

BRIEFLY

Little partners with Truecaller to enhance user identification

Little has partnered with Truecaller to enhance customer efficiency and safety through a faster user registration and verification process.

The integration aims to further bolster Little's customer identity verification process which in turn helps to minimise risks of unverified users and maximising trust in the platform.

"This partnership is an affirmation of the company's commitment to offer value, enhance user experience and safety. The new service will enable an identification process, block unverified users from accessing the App, thereby minimising risk and enhancing safety," said Little chief executive Kamal Budhabhatti yesterday.

- Barry Silah

StarTimes set to launch new Brazilian Telenovela channel

Pay Television, StarTimes Media will start airing the first Afro-Brazilian channel - Nina Novelas to boost its Telenovela offering.

StarTimes regional marketing director Aldrine Nsubuga said the new channel has unique family-oriented plots leveraging on the strong African heritage by the African cast.

"Telenovelas have been

enjoying constant success among our subscribers. Nina Novelas will, therefore, complement our similar content genre offering such as ST Novela E and ST Novela E Plus. Furthermore, Nina Novelas will offer numerous African series, which is consistent with our strategy of promoting local productions," said Nsubuga.

- by Noel Wandera

Kenya's big oil hopes to delay over Tullow loss

British explorer said Turkana project is commercially viable with substantial underlying reserves

by John Otini
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Oil explorer Tullow yesterday said Kenya's hopes of exporting oil in large quantities will be delayed further after announcing a full-year loss of \$1.7 billion (Sh174.1 billion) down from profit of \$85 million (Sh8.7 billion) in 2018.

The key issues in Kenya, Tullow said, was getting access rights to land and water and the long-form commercial agreements with the government.

"This slow progress means that the target of reaching Final Investment Decision (FID) by year-end 2020 becomes more challenging," said Tullow in a statement.

The company last year fired 35 per cent of her workforce including Kenyans and sent home its former chief executive for overstating its outlook and ramping up debt as its stock plunged to a 16-year low.

Tullow Kenya is in the process of selling some of its assets in Kenya before FID. It said that reducing equity is a portfolio management activity and that it does not plan to exit Kenya.

New budget

The explorer, however, said that it remains fully committed to Kenya, and the board has approved the requisite 2020 budget targeting FID at the end of 2020.

Tullow's debt, however, dropped to Sh200 billion from Sh300 billion the previous year after the company sold assets to keep off lenders.

Tullow Kenya will focus its capital expenditure (Capex) on those critical path items necessary to get the project to FID.

Some of the critical path activities will include submission of the Field Development Plan (FDP), securing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) licences for upstream and midstream, work with the government to secure access rights to land and water, and project financing among others.

Tullow reiterated that Project Oil Kenya (POK) is commercially viable and is underpinned

by substantial underlying reserves.

In May 2019, the Early Oil Pilot Scheme (EOPS) production reached 2,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd). Production performance tested during EOPS demonstrates that the reservoir remains consistent with expectations, and no further reservoir data is expected to be required to de-risk the project.

The first export of oil from East Africa, a cargo of 240,000 barrels, was flagged off from the port of Mombasa by President Uhuru Kenyatta in August 2019.

Following adverse weather in the fourth quarter of 2019, which caused severe damage to roads used by the crude export tankers, EOPS was suspended. Trucking operations remain suspended until all roads are repaired to a safe standard.

Reserves audit

"There is enough Oil in Kenya, and the business fundamentals remain intact: recent independent reserves audits demonstrate that we have substantial underlying reserves and resources base in East Africa," said Tullow.

Throughout 2019, more than 95 per cent of Tullow's reserves and resources have been independently audited, and the results underpin the quality of the asset base.

COMPENSATION BILL

● The British oil explorer, meanwhile, is demanding for Sh204 billion from Kenya as compensation for its six-year works in the Turkana oilfields. The government says the bill is not justified.

● The bill, it says, is for recovering their exploration costs over the years once production and sale of the commodity start, which in Kenya's case is planned for 2022.



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VPAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL
		AGRICULTURAL	PRICES		SHARES
17.60	9.90	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25	10.95	10.95	100
460.00	290.00	Kakusi Pk Ord 5.00	31975	319.00	1,200
100.00	57.00	Kapcharua Tea Kenya Pk Ord		75.00	
605.00	405.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Pk Ord 20.00		440.00	
22.70	14.00	Sasini Pk Ord 1.00	15.30	15.70	700
178.00	116.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Pk Ord 5.00	119.00	119.00	900
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
27.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	24.00	24.00	200
BANKING					
13.85	9.54	ABSA Bank Kenya Pk Ord 0.50	12.45	12.80	297,200
31.00	22.40	BK Group Pk Ord 0.80		22.40	
166.00	94.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	99.00	101.00	14,800
55.50	32.50	Equity Group Holdings Pk Ord 0.50	45.10	47.10	7,387,100
7.90	3.38	IE Group Pk Ord 5.00	4.45	4.37	112,900
126.00	42.50	ISM Holdings Pk Ord 1.00		50.00	
55.50	34.50	KCB Group Pk Ord 1.00	45.85	48.45	7,887,200
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		4.12	
41.00	25.05	NCBA Group Pk Ord 0.50	32.20	33.15	423,700
117.75	83.00	Stanbic Holdings Pk Ord 5.00	102.00	102.00	200
225.00	168.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	195.00	197.50	5,800
17.00	10.05	The co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	14.25	14.60	1,273,400
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Pk Ord 1.00	0.45	0.45	
1.30	0.82	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.93	0.94	3,500
8.50	5.00	Express Kenya Pk Ord 5.00		6.00	
9.50	1.76	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	1.83	1.88	41,700
8.80	4.60	Longhorn Publishers Pk Ord 1.00	5.00	5.04	31,700
1.20	0.69	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00	0.60	0.66	6,400
71.00	27.00	Nation Media Group Pk Ord 2.50	28.15	28.20	11,800
4.20	1.72	Samuel Africa Pk Ord 5.00	2.75	2.75	200
33.00	19.50	Standard Group Pk Ord 5.00	22.50	21.00	400
25.15	13.50	IPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	13.60	13.60	214,600
0.95	0.23	Uchumi Supermarket Pk Ord 5.00	0.28	0.30	750,000
22.00	9.90	WPP Scangroup Pk Ord 1.00	15.50	16.45	1,100
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Pk Ord 1.00		5.55	
145.75	50.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	51.50	51.50	300
92.00	58.00	Crown Paints Kenya Pk Ord 5.00		58.00	
3.98	1.72	E.A. Cable Ltd Ord 0.50	1.90	1.89	500
20.50	12.95	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		14.25	
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
7.40	4.97	KenGen Co. Pk Ord 2.50	5.22	5.30	268,700
5.50	2.84	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Pk Ord 2.50	2.11	2.13	187,900
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Pk 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Pk 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	
33.00	24.75	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	25.20	26.00	70,700
8.70	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50		6.40	
INSURANCE					
10.50	6.50	British Holdings Pk Ord 0.10	7.24	7.26	174,900
4.85	2.30	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.42	2.40	43,300
462.00	315.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00		335.00	
16.30	2.45	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.49	2.72	5,011,100
13.00	6.80	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	7.02	6.28	10,200
26.00	15.40	Sanlomo Kenya Pk Ord 5.00	15.50	17.00	3,700
INVESTMENT					
37.40	22.00	Centum Investment Co Pk Ord 0.50	23.15	24.40	224,500
0.77	0.34	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.38	0.40	443,300
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurumu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	
3.39	2.00	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.30	2.40	200
4.50	1.89	Trans-Century Pk Ord 0.50		2.00	
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
16.00	9.50	Nairobi Securities Exchange Pk Ord 4.00	10.00	10.60	8,500
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
87.00	52.25	B.O.C Kenya Pk Ord 5.00		63.00	
700.00	435.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Pk Ord 10.00	439.25	446.00	5,600
10.80	7.10	Carlsberg Investments Pk Ord 1.00	7.90	8.00	35,700
230.00	142.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	192.25	198.50	733,600
3.15	1.29	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.37	1.42	14,100
14.00	12.50	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00		12.50	
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	
42.00	28.75	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	31.90	30.00	500
TELECOMMUNICATION					
33.50	20.10	Safaricom Pk Ord 0.05	25.75	27.85	38,181,100
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
11.00	6.88	STANBIC FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	8.40	8.02	13,200
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
1650.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1650	1650.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 7.71 points to close at 141.16

NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 79.77 points to close at 2236.81

NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 163.01 points to close at 3548.51

MARKET WATCH

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (12/3/2020)

COMMODITY	Weight	Nairobi	Kajiado	Busia	Kisii	Nakuru
Dry Maize	90	2800	3500	3240	3400	2800
Green Maize	115	2100				2000
Finger Millet	90	8600		5850	8000	5400
Sorghum	90	5300		3600		2700
Wheat	90					
Beans Canadian	90	8400	8500			8000
Beans Rosecoco	90	8800	7800	11250	8000	8000
Beans Mwittemania	90	7200	6800			5400
Mwezi Moja	90	5400				5000
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	13200	13000			14000
Green Gram	90	11100	8000	11250		7200
Cowpeas	90	7200	6200			8100
Fresh Peas	51	3000	2000	3570		2500
Groundnuts	110	13600	14500	18700	10400	15000
Red Irish Potatoes	50	2500	2600	4500	3600	
White Irish Potatoes	50		2600			2800
Cassava - Fresh	99	2950				
Sweet Potatoes	98	4200	5000	2800	4000	3000
Cabbages	126	1400	1800	1890	2500	
Cooking Bananas	22	600	600	700	250	350
Ripe Bananas	14	600		800		750
Carrots	138	4200		5570	4000	2800
Tomatoes	64	6800	4400	5000	7200	4500
Onions Dry	13	1000	1000	1040	1700	850
Spring Onions	142	2900	2800		4500	3000
Chillies	38	2850				3000
Cucumber	50	2750	3500			
Capsicums	50	2500	2500	4000		3000
Brinjals	44	1540				2500
Cauliflower	39	2950				
Lettuce	51	1400				
Passion Fruits	57	4300				4500
Oranges	93	4100	4000	2500	3500	3400
Lemons	95	3000	5800	2500	3600	2400
Mangoes Local	126	1600		4000		3200
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1100				
Limes	13	2600				
Pineapples	13	960		960	800	600
Pawpaw	54	2000				2000
Avocado	90	3200	2200		1600	3000
Kales	50	1200	1500		1000	500
Eggs	320	300			330	280

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 12/3/2020

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	102.4735	102.3735	102.5735
SW KRONER	10.8518	10.8395	10.8641
STG POUND	132.7244	132.5759	132.8729
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	73.8043	73.7243	73.8843
SAUDI RIAL	27.3008	27.2727	27.3289
SA RAND	6.3892	6.3813	6.3971
S FRANC	109.8323	109.7016	109.9630
NOR KRONER	10.6867	10.6729	10.7005
KES / USHS	36.2241	36.1399	36.3082
KES / TSHS	22.4742	22.4034	22.5449
KES / RWF	9.2885	9.1996	9.3774
KES / BIF	18.4175	18.3195	18.5155
JPY (100)	98.0045	97.8902	98.1189
IND RUPEE	1.3908	1.3894	1.3922
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.1906	13.1777	13.2034
EURO	116.3068	116.1747	116.4388
DAN KRONER	15.5650	15.5486	15.5813
CHINESE YUAN	14.7377	14.7211	14.7543
CAN \$	74.6130	74.5294	74.6967
AUSTRALIAN \$	66.9152	66.8397	66.9908
AE DIRHAM	27.8980	27.8681	27.9279

Manufacturers call out excise duty on sales

by John Otini
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Manufacturers of alcoholic drinks want Treasury to stop annual increase of taxes on products saying it is hence counterproductive and hurtful.

They claim the tax hikes have reached a tipping point and will likely decimate value chains for farmers and small and medium enterprises serving big manufacturers.

"Our industry is facing near collapse on the back of persistent increase in excise tax. The government will have to think very hard about broadening

the tax band, rather than ruining gains made in our industry over the years," said the Alcoholic Beverages Association of Kenya (ABAK) chairman Gordon Mutugi in a statement.

He said there is likelihood of the return of illicit brews because consumers can no

longer afford their products and are resorting to alcohol from the informal sector.

Less returns

"I think we're getting ever closer into the economic terms of diminishing returns where the government will start getting less returns from some of our categories such as bottled beer. In the last five years alone, we have had four excise tax increases," said Kenya Breweries Limited managing director Jane Karuku.

Karuku said with wages declining annually, this impacts on consumers who depend on our production and tens

of thousands of suppliers and farmers.

Kwame Owino chief executive at Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) says increasing excise duty rates on products whose consumption is falling is detrimental to the economy.

"Retail sales have been weak in the last year and this is the case because of reduced consumer spending," he said.

Since incomes did not grow in 2019 and having been flat over the last five years, hikes in excise rate will be detrimental to economic growth. Treasury increases excise duty annually in line with inflation based on the Excise Duty Act.

We're getting ever closer into the economic terms of diminishing returns



World News

MIKE POMPEO



Silencing political opposition and civil society is unacceptable.

BRIEFLY



Over 1,000 Tanzanian tutors to teach Kiswahili abroad

DAR ES SALAAM,

THURSDAY: Tanzanian authorities said on Thursday at least 1,224 Kiswahili teachers have been registered to teach the language abroad, including southern African countries.

Harrison Mwakyembe, the Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, said a number of foreign countries have started requesting Tanzania to provide them with teachers for the language.

"The list of Kiswahili teach-

ers that have registered for teaching the language overseas will be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation," Mwakyembe told 21 Kiswahili lecturers from the University of Dodoma. The 21 lecturers were undergoing training on the teaching of Kiswahili in foreign countries. Consolata Mushi, the executive secretary of the National Kiswahili Council said the training will sharpen the lecturers' Kiswahili skills. **-Xinhua**

Sanders shrugs off primary losses, remains in Dems race

BURLINGTON, THURSDAY:

Bernie Sanders has shrugged off a string of primary defeats and pressure to drop out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, saying he remains in the fight against centrist frontrunner Joe Biden.

In his first remarks since losing to Biden in Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi and Idaho on Tuesday, the leftist senator from Vermont said his main priority was defeating "dangerous" President Donald Trump.

He acknowledged, however, in a brief, passionate speech that many Democrats see him



as less electable than Biden—perhaps preparing the ground for his eventual exit.

Speculation had been growing that he might respond to pleas from Democratic activists to step aside for party unity. But Sanders, 78, broke his silence to say he was preparing for his first one-on-one televised debate Sunday "with my friend Joe Biden." **-AFP**

US slaps sanctions on top Zimbabwean politicians

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY:

The US has imposed sanctions on two senior Zimbabwean politicians over human rights abuses.

The US treasury department accuses Security Minister Owen Ncube of ordering the abduction and mistreatment of opposition supporters.

The former commander of an elite army unit, Anselem Sanyatwe, is accused of ordering troops to shoot protesters including an incident in 2018 when six supporters of the opposition MDC were shot dead. Neither have commented

on the allegations.

The two men are already barred from entering the US and will now have any US-based assets frozen.

"Today's sanctions make clear the US will not tolerate the use (of) our financial system by human rights abusers in Zimbabwe," US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tweeted on Wednesday. "Silencing political opposition and civil society is unacceptable."

The treasury department said the Trump administration would hold accountable corrupt Zimbabwean elites. **-BBC**

US Congress votes to restrain Trump on Iran

President, however, expected to veto resolution that bars military action against Tehran without lawmakers' nod

■ Washington, Thursday

The US Congress on Wednesday gave its final approval to a bid to restrain President Donald Trump from attacking Iran, a sign of lawmakers' alarm after soaring tensions.

A month after the resolution cleared the key hurdle of the Senate, which is controlled by Trump's Republican Party, the Democratic-led House of Representatives voted 227-186 to approve the measure that bars any military action against Iran without an explicit vote from Congress.

But the resolution is virtually certain to be vetoed by Trump, and the coalition of most Democrats and a handful of war-skeptic Republicans lacks the votes to override him.

"If President Trump is serious about his promise to stop endless wars, he will sign this resolution into law," said Senator Tim

Kaine, the Democrat who spearheaded the move.

The House voted moments after a rocket fired on a military base north of Baghdad killed an American soldier, a British soldier and a US contractor, in the deadliest such attack on foreign forces in Iraq in several years.

A similar attack in December that killed a US contractor set off a chain of escalation after the United States blamed it on Iranian-aligned Iraqi Shiite militias.

TALIBAN DEAL

● **Trump has vowed to pull troops around the world and recently sealed a deal with Taliban insurgents.**

In Iraq, there are about 5,200 US forces as part of an international coalition formed in 2014 to confront the Islamic State group.



US President Donald Trump has vowed to pull troops around the world. COURTESY

Girl's murder inspires Pakistan child abuse law

■ Islamabad, Thursday

Pakistan's parliament has passed a new bill against child abuse, two years after the murder of a seven-year-old sparked deadly riots and public debate.

The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Bill is named after Zainab Ansari (pictured), whose raped body was found in 2018. The legislation provides for a dedicated agency to respond more quickly when children go missing.

Zainab's murder was one of a string of such

attacks in Kasur city, and sparked outrage and protests in the country.

At least two people were killed in the rioting which broke out at the time. The man convicted of her murder—who had also been found guilty of similar crimes against six more girls—was executed later that year.

The bill has already been passed by the upper house of parliament and will become law after formal assent is granted by the president.

The legislation has been widely welcomed by human rights activists.

-BBC



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Musician Lady Wanja entertains her fans.



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DJ Dibul bullies the wheels of steel.



Mugithi heavyweights Mike Rua belts out the tunes.



Hello yellow! Tusker brand ambassadors Victoria Mbithe and Anne Wambui.



Kameme FM presenter Brian Gathuba.



Artiste Joy Macharia does her thing.

MUGITHI INVADES THIKA

by Timothy Njenga

Kenya Breweries Ltd flagship brand Tusker, in partnership with Kameme TV and radio, hosted a Mugithi street party on Uhuru Street in Thika, last weekend. It was the second edition of the Tusker Grill Masters series of events following a successful first edition held at K1 Klubhouse in February. Revellers enjoyed discounted beer rates and *nyama* parings following the launch of the 12-week 'I Love Beer' campaign. "Tusker has excelled in bringing out togetherness through music and now wants to take over the food pairing occasions with *nyama*, hence the introduction of regional 'Tusker na Nyama' activations," said Tusker senior brand manager Kennedy Mutula. Singers Lady Wanja, Kioi Junior and Mugithi maestro Mike Rua entertained the fun lovers.

PD/TIMOTHY NJENGA

Style for all seasons

by John Ochieng

Fashion lovers converged at the Lord Erroll Restaurant in Nairobi recently for the Carole Kinoti Fashion High Tea. The event was promoting the new Carole Kinoti collection; the Dhahabu nudes, as well as featured pieces from the Dhahabu, Hariri and Safari Chic collections, among others. Author, art enthusiast and interior designer Lisa Christoffersen was also officially announced as the Carole Kinoti brand ambassador. In attendance were Industrialisation CS Betty Maina and Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania Dan Kazungu.

PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania Dan Kazungu looks the part.



Industrialisation, Trade and Enterprise Development CS Betty Maina.



Guests Sarah Koki and Irene Nandan.



Fashion designer Carole Kinoti with Carole Kinoti brand ambassador Lisa Christoffersen.



Nadine Hosny admires some of the designs on showcase.



Rosenkrantz Jewellery CEO Iver Rosenkrantz with John Jakobsson of AgDevo.



Msingi East Africa's Diana Mulili with The Social House chief executive officer Juliet Njogu.

Spice

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Betting has been around for centuries, but it is the adverse effects that come with its addiction that have become a huge concern. HARRIET JAMES talks to people in the casino business to find out exactly what goes on in there

INSIDE GAMBLING DENS

On the evening of January 6, this year, a 40-year-old man committed suicide by jumping off a balcony at AdLife Plaza in Kilimani, Nairobi, allegedly after losing Sh15 million at a casino. The police identified him as Richard Wangai and said he had made his way into the building at around 4pm and remained at the premises until 5pm when he plunged four floors to an instant death. Although his reason to take his own life was not immediately identified, earlier reports indicated he took the decision following his big losses at the casino.

Frank Otieno has been a security officer in one of the casinos in Nairobi city centre for six years now. As much as this is a job for him, he has watched people come in and walk out devastated, dreams shattered, with some committing suicide after losing their money in gambling.

"Every time I see someone getting in I feel sad. I've seen people kill themselves because they've lost. Recently, a young man placed a bet of Sh50 million lost it all and he committed suicide because of the depression and shame," he tells *Spice*.

The rise of sports betting and casino gambling has gained popularity in recent years and not just in Kenya, but all over Africa. Research by a Dublin-based, world-leading market research store, Research and Markets, indicates by 2022 the global gambling market could go up to \$635 billion (Sh65 trillion). A rapid survey by a GeoPoll in 2019 found out that Nairobi is the biggest gambling destination in Kenya and houses 18 gambling facilities, 908 video poker as well as 128 table games. There are 30 licensed casinos in Kenya, most of which are located in major cities.

Reality check

While casino gambling and sports betting are all seen as one and the same, the two are quite different. In casino gambling, one must visit the location in order to access the service. This, in most instances, gives the player a chance to identify the service the casino is offering based on spending power and personality. However, some companies have recently ventured into online or digital casino services.

"Casino gambling is more regulated in that one is able to check whether the player is underage or not. The legal age of a player is 18 years and one will not be permitted to enter in and play if they

BELOW: Gambling business at top gear inside the newly-opened Millionaires Casino at the Two Rivers Mall. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG



are below the age," explains Millionaires Casino regional operations manager Atilla Torok, who has been in the industry for the past 27 years. The casino reopened at the Two Rivers Mall in Nairobi in August last year, after six years of closure following the September 2013 terror attack at the Westgate Mall.

Online gambling is also easily accessible as opposed to casino gambling, since majority of the population has a mobile phone and can download the applications or betting sites. Because of this, it's impossible to regulate underage participants in online gambling or betting, and people with less income can play too. For outfits such as Millionaires Casino, which is keen on checking their client's state, it has a guest relation's desk that checks out the

age as well as the spending power of the client.

"We check also whether the guest has spent a lot of time gambling and the amount of money they have spent. If it's beyond their spending power, we take the client aside and counsel them to find the reasons to why they have exceeded their limit. In addition, as a casino, we not only focus on gambling, but entertainment as well as great cuisines where the client can spend their time enjoying other activities," notes Atilla.

Risk taking

For him, the fact that the player is able to come to the casino makes them able to monitor the level of risk-taking that a gambler is exposed to.

"The time too that you can spend in a location is limited because you have other things, which you can take care of in life. That's quite a handy way of creating adrenalin, but that's the difference between the two," he adds.

There is also a difference when it comes to who participates in both. While online gamblers tend to be young, low income and mostly male participants, casino gamblers are usually well-to-do people with liquid cash to splurge. Online gamblers bet mostly on sports, especially football, which is their favourite sport according to the Geopoll survey findings. In addition, the research indicated that majority of the gamblers spend around \$50 (Sh5,000) monthly on betting with the formal gambling industry generating \$28.3 million (Sh2.8 billion) in taxes in 2015. This made it the third-highest earner in the continent after Nigeria and South Africa.

Kenyan gambling laws were created in 1966 when the Betting Lotteries and Gaming Act was introduced. The laws further established the Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB), which is charged with issuing licenses, enforcing gambling regulations in all sectors and auditing gambling agencies. In 2019, however, tensions were high between the sports betting operators and the Kenyan government.

The government accused the gambling operators of failing to comply with the increase in taxes since it was recorded that they had high returns. It is said that they had only applied the tax to gamblers winning and this is why the government officials accused the operators of avoiding taxes.

ATILLA TOROK
Being new, we want to ensure we are transparent and we want the regulators to come here any time they want to ask any questions.



Sh15m

The amount a young man in Nairobi allegedly lost in a gambling spree before committing suicide last January.

Sh65tr

The amount global gambling market will be worth by 2022.

908

According to a 2019 survey, Nairobi is the wager hub of East Africa, with 18 gambling facilities, 908 video poker games and 128 table games.

Atilla says: "The government is not expert in gambling, but they are looking at the interests of the country. Gambling is just one sector that they need to regulate. The BCLB monitors what is happening and am sure they create good reports for which is probably the base of their decisions. What has happened recently has been carried out after research and with a good understanding on what requires to be done in the gambling industry. Although I believe

that the overtaxing bit was done with a wrong understanding."

He says overtaxing is not a way of creating a good environment for the business. "Being new, we want to ensure we are transparent and we want the regulators to come here any time they want to ask any questions and look at any figures they wish to do, so that they have a good understanding of what's happening in the industry and what is the right level of taxation and also allow the industry to grow," adds Atilla.

The addiction

Like in many other countries, the most popular table games are roulette and blackjack in Kenya. Players also play Texas hold'em poker and other types of casino poker variations such as slots. Gambling, if not regulated, can be dangerously addictive. According to Vincent Ashimolowa, a security officer in one of casinos in Nairobi, he has been around for long enough to watch many people put their earthly fortunes on the line and losing them in a flash; the consequences of their addiction.

"Ni kama ina kashetani; ukianza hutawacha [It's

like there is a demon behind it; when you are hooked up it's hard to quit]. Most of the times people don't gain, but lose. You find people working in big companies addicted to this game.

Some who don't even have jobs camp over here and just beg for cash to gamble. Many have lost their jobs and families because of this addiction. There are people who sleep in Uhuru Park because they've lost possessions such as houses and cars," he says.

Since the games are computerised, there are theories that most casino owners control the amount of cash that the players earn.

The rent of most of the buildings in the city centre costs an arm and a leg, adding to the salaries, water and electricity bills, among other expenditures, allegedly pushes the owners to look for a way to gain this cash fast.

Some casinos accept cash-only while in others, one can give title deeds or log books as down payment for them to play. This has resulted in the rise of shylocks in casinos, who assist players pawn their stuff in exchange for cash to gamble.

"No counselling is given and once you choose to do this, you are on your own. There are those who go to the BCLB to ban them from gambling because they want to quit and a no-

notice is sent to all the gambling dens to ban them. Gambling is never set for them to win," says Vincent.



Millionaires Casino regional operations manager Atilla Torok. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



SWEETNSOUR

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Singer Miggy Champ inks rewarding deal



Award-winning Kenyan dancehall artiste Miggy Champ has penned a lucrative deal with giant electronics brand Amtec. On Tuesday, the *One Day Morning* singer put pen to pa-

per to officially embark on his role as the company's brand ambassador. "My clips and images will be used for promo. I was picked because of my endurance and hardwork in music," he told *Spice* without divulging how much money he would be pocketing from the deal. Miggy is currently warming up to what is expected to be a mega 'thanksgiving' concert on April 11 at Kenyatta Stadium in Kisumu county.

Indian poet, Kenyan artiste in 'Mars Anthem' project

As the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) plans to launch Mars 2020, a Mars rover mission on July 17, Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K has teamed up with Kenyan artiste Kapnea in a song dubbed *Mars Anthem*. Abhay

told *Spice* that the song intends to inspire the younger generation to pay attention to the wonders waiting to be explored on the red planet and nudge them to take to spacefaring. Mishree Yadav from Nepal directed the music video.

Toni Braxton hails rapper Muthoni DQ for new hit

American singer-songwriter Toni Braxton (pictured below) has praised Kenyan artiste Muthoni Drummer Queen (MDQ) for her conquering music projects. The *Spanish Guitar* hitmaker took to twitter to applaud MDQ for her recently released hit *Power*.

"This one for the women who came before us, who built the world for us, who make it work for us. Congrats to @muthoniDQ,"

wrote the seven-time Grammy winner.

Talking about *Power*, MDQ said: "I feel stories that involve women are not told as much. We have heroines who we will never hear about. My new jam is all about celebrating these women and every other girl out there." Recently, MDQ won the Best Artiste in French Switzerland award at the just-concluded Swiss Music Awards in Switzerland.



You

► It's all about Life & Style

Cross-dress: Fashion craze or disorder?

The idea of a man taking pleasure in putting on a tight dress or even stockings seems laughable, pitiful and plainly sinister, but today, men are concealing masculine traits so well, turning an ordinary Brian into an extraordinary Brianna

by Sandra Wekesa
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The subject of cross-dressing took centre stage in Kenya in 2018 when Peter Ngong'o, the son of Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o, showed up at the 10th anniversary of Blankets and Wines clad in a dress. Other publicly known cross-dressers in the country include fashion choreographer Jaffer Jackson, fashion model Letoya Johnstone, singer Joji Baro and digital content creator and lifestyle vlogger Jayson Mbogo aka jaytakeapic. Perhaps, many more have not come out in public yet.

A growing number of men are embracing cross-dressing either as a form of self-expression, art, culture, a way of entertaining or for sexual reasons.

Brantone Fidel Castro aka Brandy Sugar, a Kenyan proud cross-dresser, wonders why it is generally acceptable for women to dress in masculine clothes, but at best, cross-dressing men are still viewed as attention-seeking, eccentric or mildly amusing, while all they are doing is being themselves.

"Why are certain clothes tied down to a specific gender? Why would it be okay for a woman to put on a trouser and not the opposite for a man? I think time is ripe for us to rethink this. It needs to be balanced," he poses.

Masculine clothes

Although he raises eyebrows whenever he goes out dressed in feminine clothes, Brandy says all that matters to him is the fact that he is comfortable. "I feel more comfortable, natural, joyful and beautiful when I am dressed as a woman," says Brandy.

He, however, clarifies that he doesn't always cross-dress, there are days he dresses in normal masculine clothes and still feel okay.

She recalls how it all began. "I had just joined secondary school in 2010 when my love for women's clothes and make-up struck. I would occasionally dress up like a woman and behave like one, and it caused a stir among my schoolmates. My mother panicked over the sudden change in my dressing and tried to talk me out of it, though it was in vain," he says, adding, "I have not always felt or attached to being male, but always felt female," he narrates. In school, Brandy, as he likes to be called, felt boxed.



Brantone Fidel Castro aka Brandy Sugar, a Kenyan cross-dresser. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

one time while walking in Nairobi's downtown with my two female friends, I was almost attacked by a hostile group of men who kept shouting at me telling me to go get dressed like a 'normal man'. I was so scared for my life. If I stayed there a little longer, I would have been lynched. I promised myself never to walk along that road again," he narrates.

Schools of thought

Eric Murunga another Kenyan cross-dresser says he started experimenting with make-up when he was in primary school. "I was eight years old when I first tried putting on my aunty's baby powder and eyeliner to make my eyes pop," he chuckles.

But he started seriously cross-dressing when he turned 22 in 2012. "During the day, I would stay indoors dressed as a woman and get out at night usually to nightclubs and I would have so much fun," he says.

As a cross-dresser, Erika as he calls himself tries to find clothes that work for his body that will still make him look as feminine as possible. Sometimes he does a mix of male and female attires depending on the look that he wants to rock on that particular night or event.

Cross-dressing is a practice where a person wears clothes that are traditionally thought to be worn only by a person of the opposite sex.

Steven Asatsa, a consultant psychologist says various psychological schools of thought conceptualise this phenomenon differently. Veteran Psychologist Carl Jung believes that all human beings are psychologically bisexual. This implies that every man has a feminine side and every woman has a masculine side. "For a long time, society has been discouraging people from expressing or accessing their opposite side. The denial of similarities between men and women still shapes thinking in the modern society," he explains.

Also other schools of thought look at it as gender dysphoria where those concerned feel as if they are 'trapped' in the wrong body. "It makes a person dissatisfied with their biological sex and strives to align with behaviour associated with the opposite sex.

In his opinion, wearing make-up and dressing feminine for men could mean that they are emulating those who hold power in society. "It is a way of coming to terms with the 'lost' glory of the man by associating with the lifestyle of women who now hold substantial amount of power in society today," he says.

He adds that the changing society could be responsible for this phenomenon of men

cross-dressing, which means the changing family structure where power continues to shift to the mother due to absent fathers is a concern for the boy child. He strongly believes that the success of feminism has produced an empowered woman who continues to inspire and command respect from children of both gender. "This could be deeper than just seeking to find themselves. The desire for men to adopt feminine traits is evidence for the desire to be like the empowered woman," he offers.

Although it might sound peculiar, Asatsa says we should not be too quick to judge cross-dressers because that is where society is headed. "A male cross-dresser wants to put on a tight cocktail dress, do make up and stare at himself on the mirror before he leaves the house and judging this people will be wrong because that is his way of expressing himself," he says.

According to *Psychology Today*, cross-dressing in and of itself is not a disorder. Cross-dressing is most common in men, but occurs in both males and females, and often starts in childhood or adolescence. Cross-dressing may include wearing only a single article of clothing typically associated with the opposite gender or a complete outfit, along with hair and make-up. Most people who cross-dress are heterosexual. However, it becomes a disorder known as transvestic disorder if a person experiences persistent and intense sexual arousal from fantasising about, or acting on, urges to wear one or more pieces of clothing normally worn by the opposite gender.

Transvestism is a paraphilia in which an individual experiences recurrent, intense sexual arousal from cross-dressing, or dressing as the opposite gender, and in which that person's urge to do so causes significant distress or impairment in his or her daily life.

An individual with transvestic disorder suffers anxiety, depression, guilt, or shame because of their urge toward cross-dressing. These feelings are usually a result of partner disapproval or their own concern about negative social or professional ramifications.

Gender identity is a big part of this area of dressing as there are those who dress because they feel that call of a feminine side inside and feel more comfortable in female clothing and identifying as a woman as often as they can. Cross-dressing can be as public or as private as you would like. Some rather stay behind closed doors and keep their crossdressing to themselves as that is what makes them comfortable. Others will dress and go out into the world so they can blend in and feel what it is like to walk around as a female essentially trying to pass as a woman without being noticed.

Also on the other side of the coin are those who fall under the term "drag queens."

While cross-dressing is more personal and often very private, a lifestyle choice if you will, drag queen is more for the person dressing for an audience to admire.

Drag is an over the top appearance of a man dressing as a woman with heavy, crazy make-up and glitzy eye catching outfits. The wigs and jewellery are also over the top. Drag is often linked to performance and the gay community.

However, whilst many performers may identify as such, that is not always the case as some of our customers who perform in drag are heterosexuals who enjoy the artistic aspect of the drag queen.

Examples of drag queens in Kenya include Mercedes Iman Diamond, the first ever Kenyan man to ever compete on RuPaul's Drag Race, a wildly-popular American reality television series. The Mombasa-born and Minneapolis-raised drag queen was last year announced as a contestant on the 11th season of the Drag Race.

Willis Austin Chimano, a member of Sauti Sol has previously been spotted in nail polish, high waist flared pants, chokers, nose rings, eyebrow piercing and make-up.

Comedians Eric Omondi, Kevin Mwangi aka Shaniqwa, Lawrence Macharia aka Kamami, George Kimani and George Kagwe who act as an M-Pesa lady can be placed under this category.

BRANDY SUGAR

I had joined secondary school in 2010 when my love for women's clothes and make-up struck. It caused a stir among my school mates

THE LOUNGE

ISAAC MAIKWEK shines the light on the importance of getting the lower surface of a room right

by Milliam Murigi
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Why should one make the right decision when it comes to purchase and installation of flooring materials?

Flooring is a crucial element in the housing industry and this cannot be overstated. Flooring influences many factors that ultimately have an impact on whether space is well used or not. Many beautiful floors don't function as they should, simply because the flooring finish was wrong or impractical. It is important to realise that although our first interaction with space is a visual one, the actual physical contact a person will have with space will be the floor.

What are the common flooring mistakes homeowners make?

The biggest goof many customers make is pursuit of low prices at the expense of quality. Few know that usually, the cheaper the price, the lower the quality. Another blunder is that many buyers aren't after well-known brands in flooring materials, yet brand is key. Never go for unknown brands because the quality of the product might be compromised.

Also, some customers go for the right flooring, but install it in the wrong places and they are often disappointed. Others

Sub-standard goods threaten floor products



Isaac Maikwek, Sales Director, Floor Décor Kenya at their business premises in Nairobi.
PD/JOHN OCHIENG

use inexperienced workers. Most people don't even know that different flooring works best for different lifestyles.

What should one consider before settling for any flooring product?

The weather pattern should guide you on the kind of flooring to install. Floor traffic is another consideration because for residential flooring, the wear layer is different from that for commercial flooring.

In commercial flooring, the wear layer is always higher since the thicker the wear layer, the more durable the floor. For slippery surfaces, you need to

look for slip-resistant products. Be keen to examine the ratings, which are always marked by symbol R from R 9 to R 12. The higher the number, the better.

Tell us more about a floor product dubbed Mkeka wa Mbao.

This is one of the products we sell. Others are Forbo Marmoleum Linoleum, Flo-tex and Pergo. In total, we have 20 designs of flooring products and Beau Flor, popularly known as Mkeka Wa Mbao has become so popular because of its affordability, it is 100 per cent waterproof, easy to install and comes in different textures. Moreover, it is soft for the feet and warm. Most clients are bracing for climate change impact

by buying products that keep buildings warm. Conventional floorings are cold, slippery and tedious to install.

What environmentally friendly solutions is industry inventing?

Of late we have seen a reinvention of environmentally friendly flooring with beautiful designs. The products are made from natural products with zero or little impact on our environment. These include Forbo Marmoleum Linoleum, bamboo and cork, among others. Most of them have anti-microbial properties that reduce allergens in the home, an added advantage.

What are the new trends?

PVC and Epoxy flooring have been reinvented, with new and beautiful designs. Ceramic tiles with digital prints and new washable carpets are also coming up. We are also seeing a reinvention of environmentally friendly products. Definitely the internet has had a positive impact on the sector. People are now aware of alternatives to convention flooring, something which would have taken ages before. We are also quickly learn about new products introduced to the market.

What challenges do you face?

The increase of substandard products is the biggest challenge. For our business, inspection and transportation delays are a headache. Initially, I used to import the products and within 40 days they used to be ready for collection at the Inland Container Depot. But ever since the introduction of overseas inspection and re-inspection at inland container by Kenya Bureau of Standards, the process takes more than 60 days. Delays to collect a container attracts a storage fee of Sh6,000 daily per container.

PROPERTY NEWS



Harrakchand Devchand Shah (left) CEO Metro Plastics Kenya and David Owino (right), Partner, Ascent Capital Partners LLP after signing of the deal.
COURTESY

Fund invests in building materials factories

by Noel Wandera
@PeopleDailyKe

Ascent Rift Valley Fund (ARVF), a private equity fund that invests in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) has increased its stake in Kenya's construction and real estate sector after acquiring Metro Plastics Kenya Limited.

Metro Plastics manufactures construction materials with 36 years' of experience in fittings and pipes manufacturing in Kenya. The fund is positioning itself for increased activity in real estate and construction sectors.

Ascent already has a stake in Kisumu Concrete Products, a Western Kenya-based concrete products maker

of construction aggregates, concrete blocks, tiles and other precast items. The investment was done via an asset carve-out (the partial divestiture of a business unit) into a new entity called Metro Concepts East Africa Ltd.

These sectors are expected to pick up again, buoyed by the government's push for affordable housing as part of President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda and following the repeal of the law on interest rates cap.

In operation since 1983, Metro Plastics Kenya has been a market leader in the fittings space and pipes segment. It is based in Nairobi's Industrial Area and employs more than 300 people.

Speaking during the signing of the deal, David Owino, Partner at Ascent Capital Advisory Services said their

investment would focus on increasing the range of products manufactured by Metro Concepts as well as expanding its presence in the region.

Previously, the firm has mainly operated in Kenya, with sales offices in Uganda and Rwanda. "This is a leading player in the Kenyan market with over 30 years' experience. The factory has a strong brand name that is recognised by customers in the region because of its quality products," said Owino.

He said the investment will have a huge impact on not only the real estate and construction sectors, but the economy as whole. The company plans to expand its product offering thus reducing import needs and increasing employment opportunities.

The fund has also invested in Auto

Springs EA Ltd, a motor assembly and vehicle spare parts maker, in addition to having a presence in Uganda and Ethiopia.

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UNDER DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT

Landlord Vs Aadi Salem Mohamed
1pc sofa, cooker 2 burners, 13kg gas cylinder, meko, 2 units cpu, dressing table, iron box, coffee table, office desk, dining table with 4 chairs, sub woofer, bed & mattress, carpet.

Conditions of sale
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c. Buyer must pay cash at the fall of the hammer.



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Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned goods at Pangani Auction Centre, Mwangi Road opposite Guru Nanak Hospital Nairobi on **Saturday 21st March, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA

LANDLORDS -VS- (A) TYC (B) EDWARD MUTHUI

(A) 7 office desks, Executive desk, Wooden drawer, 2 computers, plastic table, metallic file cabinet, computer desk, wooden shelf, 10 office chairs, ramtons water dispenser, photocopier machine, file drawer, 4 drawers, 4 aluminium doors, assorted aluminium frames, 3 routers, (B) 43" mooka TV set, 5 seater sofa set, wooden coffee table, water dispenser, carpet, 2 burner cooker, 13kg gas cylinder, Go TV decoder.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
2. Viewing can be done during working hours with prior arrangement with the auctioneer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING

ACT NO.13 OF 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of the property known as Plot No. Dagoretti/Riruta/554 situated off Naivasha road in Dagoretti Area within Nairobi City County, proposes to change its use from Single dwelling to Multi-dwelling (Flats), subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individuals/Organizations etc with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this publication to:

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Motor Reg NO. KCE 526X Nissan Serena, body Station Wagon.

CONDITION FOR SALE

Cash at the fall of hammer.

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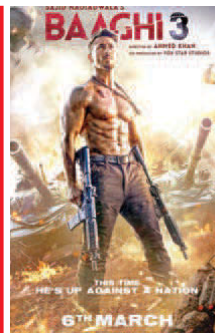
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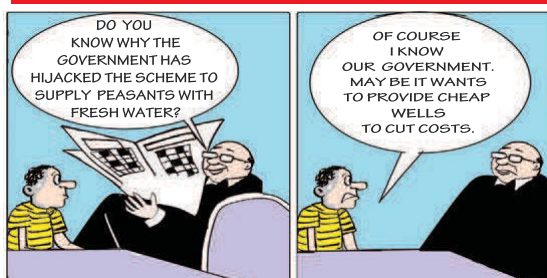


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LIFE'S LIKE THAT! | BY TUM



The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

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6. Pond-dwelling amphibians (5)
7. Astound (11)

HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Concentrate on spending quality time with children and friends. Heed the advice given by family or old reliable friends.

TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

You may be in an extremely passionate mood today. However, you should be concerned about what they want in return.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Direct your energy wisely. Calm down and take a step back. You can't lose today unless you get involved in gossip or overwork to the point of exhaustion.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You will have additional discipline that will aid you in your objectives. Family outings will make you feel secure and happy. You can't always have your own way.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

Changes in your home environment may cause friction. Don't get involved in other people's private doings.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Deal with the needs of children and get into groups that deal with self awareness. You will have the discipline to make changes you feel are necessary. Secret affairs may be tempting.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. Help elders with their concerns. Trips will be more than adventurous.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)

Education may be the answer. Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

Opportunities for romance will flourish through travel. Your mate may be distressed if you refuse to make a commitment.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)

Be sure to get involved in self improvement programs that will bring you in contact with interesting people. Obstacles may stand in your way where career and success are concerned.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You will have no trouble getting things to fall into place. You may have difficulties with someone close to you.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

You'll meet new friends if you try new activities. Be careful not to confuse issues when discussing the matters at hand.

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| 14. Stacked | 11. Treasured |
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Caf to maintain schedule amidst coronavirus pandemic

Sport

The one-stop Sport shop...

Cancelling Tokyo Olympics is 'unthinkable', says governor

Los Angeles, Thursday
@PeopleDailyKe

Cancelling the 2020 Olympics is "unthinkable" although the classification of the coronavirus as a pandemic will likely have some impact on the Games, the Tokyo city governor said on Thursday.

"It can't be said that the announcement of a pandemic

would have no impact... But I think cancellation is unthinkable," Yuriko Koike told reporters.

Doubts are increasingly being raised over whether the Olympics can be held as scheduled from July 24 to August 9.

Organisers have insisted the Games will go ahead as planned and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), with whom the final decision rests, has said there has not yet been any talk of cancellation or postponement.

The IOC has said it will coordinate closely with the World Health Organization, which has now officially classified the outbreak as a pandemic.

Koike vowed to work with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 organisers on what she described as a "global issue", promising to devote her "utmost efforts" to holding the Games.

But coronavirus has already taken a huge toll on sport across the globe with a long list of competitions affected. -AFP



Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike speaks to reporters after a meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the prime minister's office in Tokyo yesterday. AFP

'Don't worry, I'm fine,' insists Juventus virus victim Rugani

MILAN: Juventus and Italy defender Daniele Rugani told fans 'don't worry, I'm fine' on Wednesday after becoming the first Serie A footballer to test positive for the new coronavirus. The 25-year-old "is currently asymptomatic," the Italian champions said, but the Turin-based club are "currently activating all the isolation procedures required by law, including those who have had contact with him." "I want to reassure all those who are worried about me, I'm fine," Rugani later said on

Instagram. "At this moment, however, I feel even more duty to thank all the doctors and nurses who are struggling in hospitals to cope with this crisis. I invite everyone to respect the rules, because this virus makes no distinctions! Let's do it for ourselves, for our loved ones and for those around us."

-AFP



S. America asks FIFA to delay World Cup qualifiers

ASUNCION: South America's football federations asked FIFA on Wednesday to delay their qualifying matches for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar because of the global new coronavirus pandemic. "The South American teams risk not being able to count on players they have picked and who play in Europe because they, arriving from countries with a high level of contagion, could be placed in quarantine," said a letter from CONMEBOL, South American football's governing body, to FIFA Secretary General Fatma

Samoura. Qualifying matches are due to begin on March 26. The letter said it expressed the position of its 10 members: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The letter said they "have asked CONMEBOL to place for consideration by FIFA the request to postpone the start of the World Cup qualifiers."

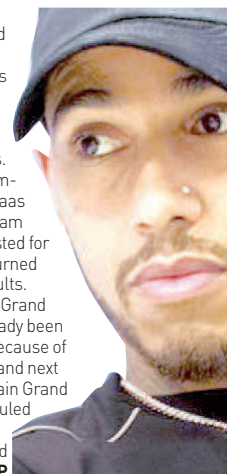
Many of the South American players selected for their national sides play in Europe, where the deadly new coronavirus is rapidly spreading.

-AFP

Australian Grand Prix called off over rising coronavirus threat

MELBOURNE: This weekend's season-opening Australian Grand Prix has been called off over coronavirus concerns, two senior F1 sources have told BBC Sport. There has been no official confirmation as yet from F1 or governing body the FIA but the news follows a McLaren team member testing positive for the virus. McLaren said the infected team member was now self-isolating in Australia. The coronavirus outbreak, now declared a pandemic, has led to widespread disruption of sport-

ing fixtures. McLaren said its choice to withdraw was "based on a duty of care" to F1 stakeholders. The four members of the Haas Formula 1 team who were tested for the virus returned negative results. The Chinese Grand Prix has already been postponed because of coronavirus and next week's Bahrain Grand Prix is scheduled to take place behind closed doors. -AFP



Season suspended after Jazz player tests positive for coronavirus

Los Angeles, Thursday
@PeopleDailyKe

The NBA has suspended play after a Utah Jazz player preliminarily tested positive for the new coronavirus, the league said Wednesday.

The test result was reported shortly before Utah's game against the Thunder in Oklahoma City was to begin, and that game was abruptly postponed.

The league said the affected player was not at the arena and was being treated by health officials.

"The NBA is suspending game play following the conclusion of tonight's schedule of games until further notice," the league said. "The NBA will use this hiatus to determine next steps for moving forward in regard to the coronavirus pandemic."

The Jazz issued a statement saying that the affected player had flu-like symptoms but initially tested negative for influenza and a respiratory infection.

The decision was made to test again for COVID-19. The player tested positive and is being treated by health officials in Oklahoma City.

"A preliminary positive result came back right before tip-off of the Utah Jazz-Oklahoma City game," the Jazz statement said. "The decision was correctly made by the NBA to postpone the game."

They declined to name the player in the statement, but Denver Nuggets coach Mike Malone told reporters he believed it was French defensive standout Rudy Gobert (pictured). Gobert was listed first as questionable for the game and then as out with illness.

"Rudy Gobert. You think it is not going to affect us, we are NBA," said Malone. "One of our players has the coronavirus. Who knows what that means for their team and the other teams that have been with them."

Team owners had been discussing Wednesday how the league should respond to the coronavirus outbreak.

Dallas owner Mark Cuban was sitting courtside at the Mavericks' game against the visiting Nuggets when he got the news on his phone.

"I thought this is crazy. It can't be true," Cuban said. "It is like out of a movie. Unreal."

Upon learning the season was being suspended, Cuban immediately walked over to the bench to let the team officials know.

-AFP

Caf to maintain fixture schedule amidst coronavirus pandemic

Cairo, Thursday
@PeopleDailyKe

The Confederation of African Football (Caf) has chosen to maintain the schedule of all its competitions, amidst the outbreak of coronavirus, which was labelled a pandemic on Wednesday. Some 48 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers are set to take place in nearly 50 countries across the continent at the end of March.

Meanwhile, the African Nations Championship (CHAN) is scheduled to take place in Cameroon between 4-25 April.

"According to (the) World Health Organisation, no African country till date has been declared a high risk," Caf said in a statement.

"Consequently, Caf has decided to maintain the schedule of all competitions."



CAF president Ahmad Ahmad during a past congress meeting. PD/FILE

Shortly after Caf released its statement on Wednesday, the World Health Organisation described the outbreak as a pandemic, meaning it is spreading in multiple countries around the world at the same time.

Kenya's government has already stated that no sporting competitors can leave the country to travel abroad until early April, meaning the Harambee Stars' Nations Cup tie in Comoros on 29 March is uncertain.

Coronavirus cases have currently been declared in twelve African nations, with Egypt the worst affected.

On Tuesday, Algeria's government announced that the remainder of the football season would be played behind closed doors because of the outbreak while others, such as Rwanda among others, have insisted on no handshaking prior to games.

-BBC



Sofapaka striker John Avire celebrates after scoring in a league match last year. SPORTPICHA

Sofapaka now plans to escalate Avire case to CAS

by Lynette Matheka
@PeopleDailyKe

Former Kenyan Premier League (KPL) champions Sofapaka is protesting a decision made by world football governing body FIFA to have their player John Avire given a provisional International Transfer Certificate (ITC) to enable him to feature for Egyptian side, Tanta Club, as a contractual battle between the two sides continue to be investigated.

Avire is said to have signed for the Egyptian side in 2019 while still on contract with Sofapaka. After his return from the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), he is said to have written a letter terminating his contract with Sofapaka alleging non-payment for three months, claims which were refuted by Football Kenya Federation (FKF) after investigating the matter. FIFA through a single judge sitting in the Players' Status Committee, on February 14, decided

to authorise the Egyptian FA (EFA) to provisionally register Avire for its affiliated club. FKF, however, on February 17, wrote to FIFA raising concerns on the decision.

Franck Ogolla, FKF Transfers Management Systems (TMS) Manager said Avire is duly registered with FKF in line with Article Five of the regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. The player has a valid contract that runs until December 2020.



Olympic champion and men's marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge (in white) with pace setters during the sub-two hours race in Vienna, Austria last year. PD/FILE

Athletes travel ban

AK suspends international participation of Kenyan runners until further notice due to coronavirus

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleDailyKe

Athletics Kenya (AK) senior vice president Paul Mutwii has urged Kenyan athletes

to strictly adhere to travel advisories due to the growing fears related to the global spread of coronavirus.

His remarks come a day after AK banned all local athletes from participating

in foreign races until further notice. The athletics body halted the clearance of athletes and their supporting staff seeking to feature at international events.

"In a bid to safeguard the athletes and consequently the country from the virus, we urge all athletes to cancel their travel arrangements for the next one month pending further communication," read the statement from AK.

Mutwii's remarks are in line with Cabinet Secretary of Health Mutahi Kagwe who last week banned all international conference and events in the country for 30 days.

The sentiments were echoed by the Sports ministry who banned sports teams from travelling for assignments during the said duration.

The move is a blow to the athletes and race organisers given that New York Half Marathon set for Sunday was to be graced by at least 10 Kenyan runners including

defending champions Joyciline Jepkosgei. It will also affect Boston Marathon which is set for April 20 where defending champion Lawrence Cherono and two-time champion Edna Kiplagat were supposed to feature.

London Marathon set for April 26 where Olympic Champion and world men marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge and his female counterpart Brigid Chepkosgei had confirmed participation.

Mutwii urged athletes to accept the situation since the precautions are for their own good.

"Rome Marathon which was set for March 29 has been postponed. Paris marathon which was due for April 5 has been postponed as well. With the pandemic not going away at the moment, sporting events are weighing whether to take immediate action or wait-and-see approaches," said Mutwii.

UPCOMING KEY RACES

March 15: New York Half Marathon

April 20: Boston Marathon

March 20: World Athletics Continental Tour

April 5: Rotterdam marathon

April 16-17: Diamond League in Doha, Qatar

April 26: London Marathon

May 2-3: World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships

Sironga begin Nyamira county title defence in style

Rugby sevens match between Enkinda and Gekano before it kicked off at Nyansongo Boys on Wednesday. PD/GIBO ZACHARY



by Gibo Zachary
@PeopleDailyKe

Sironga Girls began their girls' basketball title defence in convincing fashion as the 2020 Nyamira County Secondary School Term One Games kicked off at Nyansongo Boys on Wednesday.

In a tough but well-executed game plan, Sironga sailed past Nyairang'a 24-13 to announce their intentions to retain their gong.

In other matches, Manga edged Ekenyoro 16-11 while Manga Model were modest as they thrashed Kiabonyoru Mixed 32-14. In the boy's category, Nyakwerema

upstaged former national soccer champions Mokomoni 33-14. Biticha needed half a basket to pip Ekenyoro 27-26 in an end-to-end match as hosts Nyansongo lifted home fans with a convincing 31-23 victory over Gesiaga.

In boys' handball, hosts Nyansongo beat Nyambaria 16-11 in Pool B's opening match with Ikonge drawing 12-12 with Gonzaga. Gonzaga's hopes of bouncing back were dashed after losing to Riabe 10-8 in Pool A. In Pool C, Nyamiranga lost to Matutu 18-16 while Masosa were too hot to handle as they hammered Nyachichi 29-9. Nyachichi, however, made amends in their second match,

forcing Nyamiranga to a 12-12 draw to revive their hopes of progressing from the group. In the girl's category, Masosa breezed past debutants Gietai 14-3 in their Pool A opening match, Nyachichi saw off Gonzaga 5-3 in a tightly-contested while Ikonge beat Geta 14-9. Geta, recovered in their second match, beating Miriri 11-4. Miriri bounced back to edge Biticha 5-4 in their second match.

In Migori, Dede and Mabera will represent the county in girls' hockey while Rapogi and Koderobara will fly the county's flag in the boys category during this year's Nyanza region games slated for next week at Rapogi High School.

National slots up for grabs

Hospital Hill, Dagoretti and Buru Buru among giants keen to assert their authority as Nairobi region school games commence

by Lynette Matheka
@PeopleDailyKe

Kenya Secondary School Sports Association (KSSSA) Nairobi region competitions in handball and basketball commence today at various venues across the county as schools fight for chances to represent the region at the national games set for Kapsabet next month.

Handball regional defending champions Hospital Hill, who made their debut at the national stage, are looking to make a return. Coach Derrick Kwenha has set his sights at, not just the Nairobi title, but making a debut in the East Africa games.

Kwenha's charges are in Pool A that has Utawala, Highway and Olympic. They begin their title defence against Olympic in the morning before taking on Highway in the afternoon. Handball games are being staged at Langata High School. As part of their preparations for this year's school competitions, Hospital Hill participated in the 25-team Kenya Handball Federation

(KHF) men's Premier League where they managed 10 wins and one draw in 22 matches.

"We joined the league to improve our tactics and techniques and gain much-needed experience especially while up against more established teams. The players gained more confidence in the league and I expect the same to go a long way in helping us win our matches in the school competition," said Kwenha.

Pool B has Aquinas, Our Lady of Fatima, Nairobi School and Dandora. Hosts Langata are in a Pool D that also has Dagoretti and Ruaraka.

In the girls' category, holders Dagoretti Mixed are in Pool A that has St Aloysius, High Ridge and Kamukunji. Just like their male counterparts, Dagore-

'DAGO' COACH

Ofafa are a good and experienced side. They have good and quick players who are disciplined and we have to be ready for that match

tti made their debut at the national games last year but faltered as they got eliminated at the preliminary stage. They, too, play in the KHF women's Premier League and coach Mumo Mbeva is hopeful the experience will help in their

campaign.

In girls' basketball, national champions Buru Buru battle it out with Starehe, Dandora, Maina Wanjigi, Tumaini and State House in Pool A.

Dagoretti, national and East Africa silver medallists, are in Pool A in the boys' category against Muhuri Muchiri, Highway, Strathmore and Eastleigh.

In rugby 15s national and East Africa silver medallists Dagoretti take on Ofafa High in one of the two semi-finals after beating Sunshine, Mutuini and Ruthimitu in the preliminary stages played earlier on before seeing off Lenana 48-0 in the quarter-final.

"Ofafa are a good and experienced side. They have good and quick players who are disciplined and we have to be ready for that match," said Dagoretti coach Victor Walgwe.



Sylvia Angango of Buru Buru and Michel Awuor of Parklands fight for the ball during a past match at Nairobi region secondary school games event. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

Champs Aga Khan show title credential at Mombasa games

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Reigning coast region boys' basketball champions Aga Khan Academy became the first team to qualify for the quarter-finals after winning two of their opening matches as the Mombasa County Secondary School games kicked off at the Shimo La Tewa School yesterday.

Aga Khan humiliated debutants Mtopanga 37-01 to register their first gigantic win before hitting underdogs Mt Sinai from Likoni 50-13 in their second Pool A match to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Aga Khan coach Kimani Jimna, who steered the team last year, expressed confidence in his side advancing to the regional games in Kwale later this month because of the extensive training they have undergone.

Aga Khan represented the country at the East Africa games in Mwanza, Tanzania last year and Jimna says they are going for nothing short of the regional trophy this time around.

"We have the best facilities in the region and that has enabled us train well so we are seeing ourselves through to the regional games. We have the best team in the tournament because I have four players who helped us shine in 2019 school competitions," Jimna told *People Sport* after yesterday's matches.

However, their title credentials will come under scrutiny when they take on St Charles Lwanga of Changamwe who also experienced an easy ride by humbling

debutants Mt Sinai 20-0 points in their first Pool A encounter.

Hosts Shimo La Tewa took advantage of their home support to dismantle perennial rivals Mombasa Baptist 28-26 in another nail-biting encounter played at the same venue.

Mombasa Baptist, from Tudor, were seen as the favourites but luck was not on their side as their opponents capitalised on the defensive mistakes they committed.

In other boys' basketball matches played yesterday, Moi Forces Academy hammered Kajembe High School 21-08 in their first match of Group B. In the girls' category, Mama Ngina won by 20-0 against Moi Forces Academy in their first match while Aga Khan Academy beat Mt Sinai 37-02. The event continues today with several matches lined up.



A past rugby 15s match during the coast region games. Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi counties are holding their county games this week. FILE



Outgoing Cecafa General Secretary Nicholas Musonye (left) hands over to his successor Auka Gacheo in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. COURTESY

Have a thick skin, Musonye's advice to Gacheo

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Outgoing Council for East and Central Football Associations (Cecafa) Secretary General Nicholas Musonye says the new office holder, countryman and former SuperSport East Africa General Manager Auka Gacheo will need to lead with an iron fist if he is to successfully steer the diverse region's football to greater heights.

Musonye handed over to Gacheo in a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday

after serving for 21 years.

"A lot awaits him (Gacheo) but I have no doubt in his capabilities. This is a very diverse, highly-political and demanding region with 12 countries and one needs to know how to deal with the different cultures and bring them together for a common goal," said Musonye.

He added: "I have left the council in a stable condition, with a good working relationship with FIFA and young leadership that I have no doubt will steer the region's football to greatness. Gacheo will, however face challenges working with federations whose leadership

has poor culture of reading thus poor communication. To get people to respond to issues, even on email was a problem. I had to be tough and have everyone toe the line."

The former scribe brought in several sponsors among them Serengeti Breweries, Orange, SuperSport, Azam TV and says Gacheo will have to be smart to attract funding.

"Kenyan corporate sponsors are very biased. Gacheo will need a magic wand to bring them on board. However, his background in broadcast marketing is an advantage," said Musonye.

'Prodigal son' Maloba returns to City Stars

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After weeks without a trace, Nairobi City Stars offensive midfielder Oliver Maloba is back at the club.

Maloba, who had gone missing since the second week of February, met the club management on Monday and after lengthy discussions was allowed back in training.

Speaking on the matter, club CEO Patrick Korir said: "We chose to take a pragmatic view of the matter. After productive talks, we have accepted his apology and he is now back in training."

The former Gor Mahia player was at pains to explain his whereabouts to his team-mates.

"I apologise to the club and my fellow players for staying out without communicating. Let's leave what happened behind. I am back and fully committed to give my all," said Maloba at Tuesday's training.

Maloba has now been challenged by head coach Sanjin Alagic to work his way back into the team as his position has already been taken. "Staying out for a month means all work done since July last year is lost. He has another few weeks to work on basics then work his way up to the team," said Alagic.

However, a section of fans feel City Stars have been lenient on the player, whom they believe should have received punishment.

"A club without rules is at danger of not being respected even by its own employees," said one fan.



Oliver Maloba of Nairobi City Stars during a past match against Northern Wanderers. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA



At 56, Leopards still have little to celebrate about

Not a happy birthday for Ingwe as problems on and off the pitch have left them hanging on memories of past glory with present full of pain and suffering

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On March 12, 1964, a group of men converged at Nairobi's Kaloleni Social Hall and by the end of the day, Abaluhya United Football Club (now AFC Leopards) was born.

Leopards was born out of amalgamation of several Nairobi-based clubs with roots from the Luhya community and then began a journey that saw them dominate Kenyan football in the 70s, 80s and early 90s.

Along the way, the club changed names twice, to Abaluhya FC in 1973 and to AFC Leopards in 1980 after former President Daniel arap Moi banned tribal teams.

However, there was nothing to celebrate yesterday as the 12-time Kenyan Premier League champions reel from a number of problems on and off the pitch.

"There will be no celebrations. We are instead focusing on trying to see where we are and where we want to go," Leopards' chairman Dan Shikanda told *People Sport* yesterday.

They are sixth place on the table with 40 points, 14 behind arch-rivals Gor Mahia who beat them 1-0 on Sunday.

For a team that prides itself as the second most successful in Kenya, having produced the likes of Joe Kadenge, Mahmoud Abbas, Joseph (JJ) Masiga, Noah Wanyama, David Asibwa among many others, Leopards' last title was 22 years ago.

To rub salt on the wound, Gor have

won six of the last seven and are on course to claim this season's crown.

"Our focus is on building a team step by step. We are slightly below the mark. We have to target the 70-point mark if we are to win the league," added Shikanda.

Most of Leopards' problems are, however, self-inflicted as in the 56 years since their formation, they struggle to attract sponsorship, leadership wrangles have bedeviled the club, they have no stadium and their recruitment has been poor.

They have been struggling to attract top talent and the few who have come in have left either for non-payment of salaries or to win trophies elsewhere.

They are also the team with the highest turnover of coaches, having hired over 20 in the last 10 years alone.

"Politics has damaged us, we should not run the club as a closed shop but instead make it all-inclusive," said Steve Ogalle, who served as Leopards Secretary General in the 70s.

He added: "Recruitment has let us down especially that of strikers. A team like Leopards should be going for established strikers with experience not school leavers."

The silver lining for Leopards' fans is that their club own the most modern bus in Kenya's sporting history.

However, of what value will it be if it will not be fully optimised?

Club enthusiast, John Agunda said: "They should use it to make money,



1. AFC Leopards supporters during last week's Mashemeji derby against Gor Mahia.
2. Leopards new bus.
3. Austin Odhiambo of Leopards dribbles past gor players at last week's match.
4. Ingwe legend Joseph (JJ) Masiga during the club's glory days. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

INGWE AT 56

AFC LEOPARDS FACT FILE

Formed: March 12, 1964
KPL titles: 12
FKF Cups: 10
Cecafa Club Cups: 5

a key sponsor.

"How much money will it generate to ease the club's financial issues, and are they also accountable?" poses Cynthia Mumbo, a sports marketing expert, adding: "This is a tiny solution to a very big problem."

Shikanda is, however, optimistic of getting a sponsor, saying: "We are negotiating with four companies, all international but based in Nairobi."

For Ogalle, Leopards' approach could be the reason they are struggling to attract funding.

"They need better thinkers, people who understand how sports and corporate world work. No sponsor will put their money where there is no returns," said Ogalle.

for instance hire it out to teams that stop over to play international tournaments."

According to Shikanda, the slick 51-seater machine will be available for hire to Kenya's national teams as well as visiting international sides.

"We also intend to use it as a moving billboard for advertisement and see what revenues it can generate," says Shikanda.

However, sports marketing experts feel the amount generated will be insignificant to stabilise the club's finances, emphasising the need to find

Champions League and Europa League 'set to be suspended' by UEFA due to coronavirus

PARIS: UEFA are set to announced that both the Champions League and Europa League are suspended with immediate effect. The coronavirus outbreak paralysing the continent is to bring a halt to both premier club competitions. Confirmation of the news is expected imminently and the suspension of fixtures, according to Marca, includes tonight's encounters involving the likes of LASK vs Manchester United and Rangers vs Bayer Leverkusen. Every top league in Europe except the Premier League



have suspended matches in a bid to prevent the spread of the illness sweeping the world. And now UEFA are following suit with the situation becoming untenable. **-AFP**



'Bad loser' Klopp takes swipe at Atletico tactics after Liverpool's loss, Neymar leads PSG past Dortmund

Liverpool, Thursday
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Jurgen Klopp hit out at Atletico Madrid's defensive approach after holders Liverpool were knocked out of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Klopp's side were on course for the quarter-finals after taking a 2-0 lead in extra time in the last-16 second leg.

Goals from Georginio Wijnaldum and Roberto Firmino left Liverpool 2-1 up on aggregate at Anfield.

But a howler from Liverpool goalkeeper Adrian opened the floodgates as Marcos Llorente struck twice before Alvaro Morata completed Atletico's 4-2 aggregate triumph.

It was a bitter blow for Reds boss Klopp, who had seen his team dominate the first 90 minutes without taking enough chances to win the tie.

Klopp couldn't hide his frustration at the way Atletico manager Diego Simeone (pictured) set up his side in a cautious counter-attacking style for long periods.

"It's so difficult to play a side like this. I don't understand with the quality they have the football they play," Klopp told BT Sport.

"They could play proper football but they stand deep and have counter-attacks."

"I realise I am a really bad loser, especially when the boys put such an effort in against world-class players on the other side who defend with two rows of four."

The defeat ended Liverpool's bid for a third successive Champions League final appearance.

Meanwhile, Paris Saint-Germain players celebrated with supporters gathered outside the ground after Neymar set them on their way to a 2-0 win over Borussia Dortmund behind closed doors on Wednesday, taking them through to the Champions League quarter-finals 3-2 on aggregate.

PSG needed to overturn a 2-1 defeat in the first leg of their last-16 tie in Germany, but Neymar's 28th-minute header put them ahead on the night in the second leg amid a surreal atmosphere, as banned supporters congregated outside the Parc des Princes instead.

-AFP

WEDNESDAY CHAMPS LEAGUE RESULTS:

Liverpool 2-3 Atletico Madrid
(2-4 aggregate)
PSG 2-0 B. Dortmund
(3-2 aggregate)



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