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Ole Kina hatred case ruling rescheduled

A ruling on whether to terminate ethnic contempt charges against Narok Senator Ledama ole Kina was yesterday deferred until next Monday.

Milimani Chief magistrate Martha Mutuku who was scheduled to deliver the ruling was said to be attending a court users meeting bringing together all magistrates and judges.

Ole Kina has refused to take a plea in the case, citing a defective charge sheet. Through lawyers George Wajackoya and Omwanza Ombati, Kina asked the court not to allow the plea-taking.

But the Directorate of Public Prosecutions urged the court to dismiss the application by the defence, saying it has been brought in bad faith.

On February 19 Kina (*below*) is said to have made remarks on a TV interview to incite feelings of discrimination against non-Maasai communities living in Narok county.



MPs accuse police of laxity in north Kenya

Members of Parliament from North Eastern have accused the security team in Marsabit of failing to prevent killings in the area.

The remarks come a day after two students from in Saku Constituency were shot dead while riding on a motorbike. Another youth sustained serious injuries and is fighting for his life at the Marsabit County Referral Hospital after he was shot.

In a statement read by Saku legislator, Dido Raso, the MPs said slow response by police has led to avoidable deaths.

"Whereas there are many causal factors sustaining the conflicts in the Marsabit, we believe that the security team has terribly failed to maintain law and order, protect lives and properties," said Raso.

— Bernard Gitau

MPs move to cut price of unga, wheat flour and cooking gas

Cost of the commodities to decrease if President assents to the Finance Bill passed by Parliament

by Anthony Mwangi
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The cost of cooking gas, maize and wheat flour could drop after Parliament passed the Finance Bill 2020, removing the items from the Value Added Tax (VAT) pool.

The shelf price of maize and wheat flour will decrease if President Uhuru Kenyatta assents to the bill.

If he does not agree with the MPs' decision, he will constitutionally be required to refer the bill back to the House with a memorandum.

Parliament will then be required to raise the requisite two thirds majority to overturn it.

"Enacting the Finance Bill as proposed by Treasury would increase Kenyans' burden through increased prices of basic commodities by the end of this month," said Finance Committee chairman Joseph Limo yesterday.

The National Assembly's Finance and National Planning Committee had recommended that the Finance Bill, 2018, be amended to change the status of maize (corn) flour, cassava flour, wheat or Meslin flour and maize flour containing cassava from exempt to zero rate.

Treasury had in the Finance Bill 2020, moved to sneak in proposals rejected by Parliament in the Tax Laws Bill.

Zero rate allows manufacturers to claim VAT from raw materials used in making their products while exempt allows tax refund, which normally leads to a rise in commodity prices.

However, the move by the National Assembly will be a big blow to the National Treasury's bid to raise revenue. Treasury had projected to raise Sh38.5 billion in new tax measures stipulated in the Finance Bill.

From the Bill, the National Treasury planned to raise Sh1.5 billion from spir-



Shoppers pick a pack of wheat flour at a shelf in one of the local supermarkets. Wheat and maize flour prices are some of the items earmarked for VAT removal.

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its and alcoholic beverages after MPs increased Excise Duty by 2 per cent for drinks with alcoholic content of above 6 per cent.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ikur Yatani was also seeking to raise additional Sh3 billion with the removal of seven allowable deductions from the income tax law.

MPs also removed from the VAT exemption list, tractors, some helicopters and aeroplanes not exceeding 2,000kg, items for clean cooking stoves, stoves, cookers, and barbecues. Others are one motor vehicle imported by returning public officers from foreign postings and services such as hiring helicopters.

The removal of the said items from VAT exemption to standard is expected to yield close to Sh8 billion to the Treasury.

The National Assembly had pushed back the attempt to lift the exemptions by rejecting proposals submitted through the 2020 Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill citing higher

costs and reduced incomes on Kenyans.

MPs felt that the proposed VAT charge on Liquefied Petroleum Gas would have increased the price of cooking gas which contradicts government efforts to shift consumers from the use of wood fuel.

The Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2018 which was rejected by Parliament last year had changed the status of maize, cassava, wheat and maize flour from taxable status (zero rate) to exempt.

The move by Parliament is, however, expected to set a protracted battle between the Legislature and the Executive should the President return the Bill to the lawmakers.

The MPs threw their first salvo over the matter with Kimani Ichung'wa (Kikuyu) warning that Parliament will not be used to rubber stamp proposals from the Executive which will affect the common Kenyan.

"We are not puppets to be used as rubber stamps to pass legislation pushed by the Executive which will be detrimental to our people," cautioned Ichung'wa who was recently dropped as Budget and Appropriation Committee chairman.

But Ainabkoi MP William Chepkut said members need to ensure that the President's agenda is supported by all.

"As members of Parliament our role is to support the President's agenda. Period!" said Chepkut amid protest from some of the members.

Bomet Woman Representative Joyce Korir, while on a point of order, sought to know whether Chepkut was suggesting that Parliament should pass proposals from the Executive without ventilating.

"Is the Hon. Member trying to imply that we are puppets whose work is to rubber stamp whatever comes from the Executive?" asked Korir.

Treasury CS Yatani was expecting to raise Sh1.5 billion from the removal of tax incentives on mortgages, NSSF income as well as bonus, overtime, and retirement benefits.

Treasury also wanted to net Sh4 billion in taxes earned from items which are set to be removed from the VAT exemption list.

He has also sought to lift exemptions on key products and services including levying tax on LPG and bonuses paid to low income earners.

Wiper moves to discipline Muthama for allegedly working with Ruto

by Bernard Gitau
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The Wiper Democratic Movement has initiated disciplinary proceedings against former Machakos Senator Johnstone Muthama over claims of misconduct and insubordination.

Wiper chairman Chirau Ali Mwakwere yesterday said Muthama has 14

days to respond failure to which he would face expulsion.

"Muthama has assumed Wiper Party spokesman-ship and is dining and wining with people and coalition we have no contact and shared ideologies," said Mwakwere during a press conference yesterday.

Wiper deputy party leader Farah Maalim who hinted at Muthama's predicaments have been fuelled

by his association with Deputy President William Ruto said the party would not condone members with divided loyalties.

"We cannot put this country in the hands of a person we feel has integrity issues. The party also cannot work with DP and his team because we do not share his ideologies," said Maalim.

In a letter to Muthama, Wiper

has accused him of contempt and disregard of the party leadership by spreading malicious propaganda and actively spreading hate among the rank of party membership.

"You have openly been associating yourself with other political parties and politicians who are adversaries of our movement in total disregard of Political Parties Act and the movement rules and regulations," it read.

The letter added that Muthama being a NEC member has never attended any meeting since the party moved from Lavinton to Karen, hence a show of abandoning his duties. "He must show reason for things he has done and said in the last six months, he must also withdraw them as they are not Wiper stand. We are disappointed in his behaviours," said Mwakwere.



When choice of pets goes overboard

Is there a standard over which animals should be kept as pets?

with WhackyGuy254
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Thai man keeps 4500 scorpions for years

Scorpions are known for their venomous and painful stings. For Suang Puangri from Thailand, scorpions are pets he has managed to co-habit with for years. Suang keeps an estimated 4500 scorpions, feeding and tending them. The dreaded arachnids reside in an enclosure at his home and Suang says he purchases about 1 kilogram of insects daily to feed them. He used to sell them for food but when he began to practice Buddhism, he had to 'make peace' with the scorpions to 'attain holiness', prompting him to keep them as pets. But that's not all. To round out his atonement, Suang spends about an hour a day in the scorpion enclosure meditating. He often makes it a practice to place scorpions in his mouth while he meditates

Ex-warder lives with pet crocodile

Forget their ferocious jaws, forget their deadly-sharp teeth, a UK man actually shares his apartment with a six-foot long crocodile! Chris Weller, a retired prison officer decided to age gracefully in his retirement with the deadly reptile which he has apparently tamed and cohabits with since he left the workforce.



Brazilian family at peace with seven tigers and two lions

It is scary enough when households put posters to warn neighbours of savage dogs. What of one Brazilian family that keeps seven tigers and two lions! Aryas Borges rescued two abused tigers from a circus in 2005 and he got very close to his new pets. He started an improvised exotic animal sanctuary at his home in Maringa, Brazil, where he has now raised the number of tigers to seven tigers and topped it up with two lions. The normally fierce carnivores hang around his home, playing and swimming with his children! Borges says his family feels safe and secure around the animals as no one has been hurt yet. Well, it's one thing to have exotic pets...but a whole lot another things to have tigers and lions hanging around your home!

Hyenas can make good pets too

Well, the bizarre nature of people owning unordinary pets knows no bounds. In Nigeria, a group of men hunts hyenas, tames and trains them, then get them to perform paid performances! What's eccentric is how these infamous 'Hyena boys' trap and tame the scavengers in the first place!



Japanese woman feeds pet-leech on own blood

Perhaps the most bizarre pet-option a person can settle on. A Japanese woman cohabits with her pet leech and not lives with the creature in her house, but also lets it suck her blood too. The unusual pet-owner records videos of her pet attached to her arm feeding until it's full and lets go. Such devoted master who subjects herself to pain to have her pet happily fed!



Couple living with 27 rats

Most people see rats as filthy pests that inspire disgust and fear. Actually, the fear of rats has led many to keep pet cats. For Kevin and Kate Rattray of London, rats are their world. The couple loves the rodents so fondly that they have a collection of 27 rats, with the number set to grow. The couple claims they have never had the parental instinct for kids, a gap successfully filled by the 27 rats they have to take care of, every day. Well, Kevin and Kate Rattray decided to live true to their name!



MCAs: Waiguru used proxies to steal Sh145m

Cronies planted by governor part of wider scheme to loot county coffers, accusers claim before Senate panel

by Hillary Mageka
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Governor Anne Waiguru used proxies and fictitious companies to award herself and her cronies Sh145 million worth of tenders and allowances from the Kirinyaga County government, a Senate committee was told yesterday.

Laying their impeachment case against Waiguru, members of the Kirinyaga County Assembly claimed that she used her office to improperly and irregularly confer a benefit to herself by drawing allowances even when she did not travel.

According to Mutira Ward MCA David Wangui, who is the mover of the impeachment motion, the governor was paid Sh10.6 as impost but there was no evidence that she travelled.

"The amount was paid to the governor's personal account in the name of Anne Mumbi Waiguru Account No. 180290174860 held at Equity Bank," Wangui said in his submission to the select committee chaired by Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malala.

However, Waiguru has rubbished the claims, labelling them as false entries to make and malign her name. The governor claimed she travelled to Italy and the US and was even photographed together with Majority Leader Kamau Murango.

Incidentally, the Majority Leader, a fierce critic of the governor, is one of her accusers.

"There can be no higher abuse of the process of impeachment, and indeed no higher abuse of the power of the assembly than this process," the governor said in her defence.

The MCAs want Waiguru impeached for alleged abuse of office, violation of procurement laws, failure to deliver the annual State of the County address to the assembly, gross misconduct and violation of the Constitution.

They told the Senate that the governor established an irregular tender evaluation

committee comprising Pauline Kamau and Gichira Wayne, who they said were her close associates.

The two, according to the MCAs, directly take instructions from the governor and conveniently alternate as chairpersons of all major tender evaluation committees contrary to Article 73 of the Constitution.

Wayne doubles up as the governor's senior adviser, the ward reps claimed.

Pauline was a former personal assistant to Waiguru who was later promoted to county director of administration under what they described as dubious circumstances.

"She is unqualified to hold the position because the holder of such an office must have at least a first university degree which when challenged to produce, she brought a diploma certificate from Nyeri Polytechnic which was also questionable," said Wangui, while being cross-examined by the Kirinyaga assembly lawyer Njiru Ndegwa.

"These appointments are strategic so as to act as a conduit to award tenders to the governor's preferred bidders," said Wangui.

"The governor's said actions of interfering with the constitution of the tender evaluation committees is meant to compromise the integrity of the tendering process and the same is driven by nepotism, favouritism, improper and ulterior motives, and for corrupt purposes in complete disregard of the provisions of Article 73(2) (b) and Article 73(2) (c)," further noted the charge sheet signed by County Assembly Speaker Anthony Gathumbi.

The ward reps cited tenders awarded to Eva Trading Agencies Limited for the proposed works for Riagicheru Irrigation Water Project and another for Mwea Makima water project, both in March 2018.

Eva Trading Agencies Limited is associated with Edwin Gicobi Ndathi, a brother of Kirinyaga County Chief Officer Finance Mugo Ndathi, the MCAs said.

The Malala team was told that Gicobi holds 300 shares in the company.

"This is in total disregard of conflict of interest and in furtherance of a corrupt and joint criminal enterprise overseen by the governor," Wangui charged.

He added: "The tender committee chaired by the governor's staff Pauline Kamau recommended the award of tender to



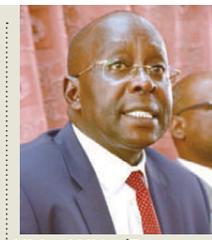
Cleophas Malala (Kakamega) - Chair



Beth Mugo (Nominated) - Member



Mwangi Githiomi (Nyandarua) - Member



Michael Mbiti (Trans Nzoia) - Member



Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru (right), her husband Kamotho Waiganjo (left), and her lawyer Paul Nyamodi (centre) confer when they appeared before the Senate committee hearing her impeachment motion at the Senate Chambers in Nairobi yesterday. PD/GERALD ITHANA

be given to Eva Trading Agencies Limited at a cost of Sh9.9 million whereas Value House Limited posted the lowest responsive bid of Sh9.6 million."

Wangui sought to illustrate that Pauline also influenced the award of the South Ngariama water project to Eva Trading Agencies for Sh11.9 million, side-stepping Tornjim Investment Limited which offered the lowest bid of Sh11.7 million.

Another company was given a tender for the supply and delivery of assorted pipes for Kenera Water though the tender was classified under the women and youth category.

Besides, the company had not been in operation for at least three years as demanded in the tender offer documents.

"Humfel Limited was incorporated on the December 28, 2017 and was awarded the tender on March 26, 2018."

"Whereas, the company did not possess the National Construction Authority certification for water works category, at the same time it did not provide a performance bond neither did it produce the financial audited accounts for the previous (3) years endorsed, signed and stamped by a registered external auditor.

"However, the tender evaluation committee under the auspices of the governor's partisan staff one Pauline Kamau

recommended that the award of the tender be given to Humfel Limited."

In another incident, two Rays General Supplies Limited was paid Sh8 for the supply of non-pharmaceutical equipment which it did not.

The tender for the design, development, installation and commissioning of an integrated hospital management information system was awarded to Velocity Partners Limited, which the MCAs claimed did not exist by the time of tendering. Verocity was paid Sh50 million for no work done, they said.

The contract agreement indicated the company was owed Sh27 million but it was paid Sh50 million in unclear circumstances.

But Waiguru has refuted the claims, saying no payment was made.

"Surely, these kind of false allegations are not only malicious but should not be tolerated at the Senate," the governor protested. But according to MCAs, the firm was on some occasions paid the same day it invoiced the county.

"The manner in which the amounts were invoiced and paid out to Velocity Partners Limited is evidence of the criminal enterprise headed by the governor intended to defraud the county through a skewed tendering process."

Ward Reps dismiss Ngilu claims linking Kalonzo to ouster bid

by Mutuku Mwangangi
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Kitui Members of County Assembly (MCAs) yesterday refuted claims that Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka sponsored their motion of impeachment against Governor Charity Ngilu.

Their dismissal comes amidst claims by the county chief that the former vice-president was behind the campaign to have her removed.

Yesterday, Majority Leader Peter Kilonzo who is the mover of the motion warned Ngilu against invoking Kalonzo's name in 'self-inflicted woes.'

Ngilu has accused Musyoka and Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua of sponsoring the impeachment motion.

"That is fake propaganda. Neither Kalonzo Musyoka nor Senator Wambua have told Ngilu not to provide water and drugs to Kitui residents," said Kilonzo.

Wiper Party enjoys a majority of 28 out of the 54 members in the assembly.

An impeachment motion requires two thirds of the house to sail through. Forty ward representatives signed the Ngilu motion.

According to the Majority Leader, the motion enjoys the support of MCAs from other parties.

"Ask yourself if I need two thirds of the 54 members how many do I need from other parties. I only need eight more. If it was Wiper with only 28 members they would defeat it," said Kilonzo in an interview with *People Daily*.

He further revealed that he had met a group of religious leaders led by retired Anglican of Church of Kenya (ACK) Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi who were keen to mediate the conflict. He claimed Ngilu had misled the clergy.

"They had been given a different story from what I told them. I advised them to get the correct information before we agree to meet Ngilu," said

Kilonzo.

"I don't mind meeting Ngilu and I don't hate her in any way. But I hate what she does," said Kilonzo.

Ngilu is said to have reached out to her close ally, Deputy Speaker Kasee Musya to persuade some MCAs to shoot down the motion on a technicality.

Musya, a Wiper Party rebel, did not sign in support of the motion. He did not even attend a weekend meeting in Mwingi to firm up the ouster bid. Yesterday, members of the public were notified through a gazette notice of the impeachment motion that is set for Monday next week.



Kitui Governor Charity Ngilu who faces an impeachment motion. PD/MUTUKU MWANGANGI



Anwar Oloitiptip (Lamu) - Member



Beatrice Kwamboka (Nominated) - Member



Judith Pareno (Nominated) - Member



Moses Kajwang (Homa Bay) - Member



Stewart Mwadzayo (Taita Taveta) - Member



Philip Mpaayei (Kajiado) - Member



Abshiro Halake (Nominated) - vice chair

Hearty 17-minute rebuttal to motion

Kirinyaga governor rebuffs move by MCAs behind the impeachment process, terms it 'false, salacious'

by Hillary Mageka
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Embattled Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru has termed accusations levelled against her by Members of County Assembly (MCAs) as "false, unfounded and salacious allegations", which have no place in an impeachment motion.

Appearing before an 11-member Senate Special Committee established to probe her impeachment, Waiguru said the grounds that formed the basis of her impeachment are an affront to the "serious process" that the Constitution and the Law have prescribed for the removal of a governor from office.

"The grounds contain allegations that are obvious falsities, unfounded and malicious. They relate to minor administrative issues that would easily have been clarified by a routine inquiry," Waiguru said in her 17-minute preliminary submission to the committee yesterday.

"How can anyone justify summoning the entire County Assembly and now the Senate where the allegation asserting gross violation of the Constitution is failing to deliver a State of the County speech at the County Assembly?" she asked, noting the requirement that does not exist in the Constitution.

"How does the Senate of the Republic of Kenya be called to sit in inquiries into allowances to board members, whose approval was made way back in 2014 by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) for all boards?" she further asked as he tore into the evidence adduced against her by the MCAs.

"How can this Senate be called upon to sit in review of tenders which were never appealed by the participating bidders, where there is no allegation of non-performance or overpricing, and no single allegation that the governor was conferred any personal benefit or that loss was occasioned on the county?" the governor

surged on the MCAs.

She noted the much talked about Sh50 million tender awarded to Velocity Partners Limited, which MCAs says was paid for despite no work being done, does not exist.

"Yet, MCAs included it in the motion and passed it in the assembly," the governor said, noting that the allegations of Sh30 million for the same tender was a deliberate and false allegation.

"There was no such payment. Surely, these kind of false allegations are not only malicious but should not be tolerated at the Senate," she held.

Among the other allegations facing Waiguru is the tender to procure the governor's vehicle at a cost of Sh15 million, which, according to the ward reps, was irregularly awarded despite the same having been procured during the previous regime of Joseph Ndathi.

The purchase, the MCAs claim, was made using funds meant for the Contractors Retention Account, an action which amounts to misappropriation of funds and imprudent use of public resources, and "in furtherance of the corrupt practices".

Government vehicles

"The assembly's attempt to oversight this matter through inquiry has not yielded any results as letters to the executive have gone unanswered," Ndegwa Njiru, the advocate for the Kirinyaga County Assembly told the committee.

But Waiguru has dismissed the claims, saying the same assembly duly approved the budget for purchase of the governor's vehicle.

"The purchase was not from a dealer, but from the manufacturers of the vehicle - Toyota Kenya - that supplies government vehicles under a framework contract," she said in her defence.

On claims that the governor used her office to improperly confer herself a benefit by irregularly drawing travel allowances amounting to Sh10 million yet she did not travel, Waiguru termed the accusation as falsities and malice. She said that the drivers of the impeachment motion knowingly added three non-existent entries to the imprest list amounting to Sh4.6 million.

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WAIGURU COMES OUT FIGHTING

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governor, and they have no evidence to show that. They were false entries to make and malign the name of the governor," she said, adding that the assembly could not ascertain the claim.

"In their enthusiasm to prosecute the governor, they even allege, I did not travel on trips where the Leader of the Majority, the chief accuser in this process, was present and is photographed with me in the US and Italy," she further noted.

"There can be no higher abuse of the process of impeachment, and indeed no higher abuse of the power of the assembly, than this process."

The Kirinyaga county chief has, however, asked the committee chaired by Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malala to ignore what she has labelled as "media tit-bits and sensationalising tales" but look into the allegations dispassionately with an eye solely on evidence.

"Listen only to the evidence that will be presented in support of the accusa-

tions and review the documents we have presented in support of our rebuttal and establish the truth," Waiguru said in her submission before the committee.

"You will agree that this was an unfortunate process that must never be repeated," a confident-looking governor added.

But if the committee finds the allegations are malicious, unfounded and were calculated for the mischievous purpose of harassing the Governor of Kirinyaga, she has recommended that the MCAs actions amount to abuse of office.

According to her, the committee deputised by Nominated Senator Abshiro Halakhe, would be within its powers to apply appropriate sanctions, in line with standing orders and the Constitution.

"I say this because the Kirinyaga MCAs have made several statements that this is just one of nine impeachments they have lined up to ensure they destabilise the county totally," the governor alleged.



Kirinyaga County Assembly lawyer Ndegwa Njiru during Waiguru's impeachment motion hearing yesterday. PD/GERALD ITHANA

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Change of guard as Kimunya succeeds Duale in House seat

Kipipiri lawmaker takes over mantle from outspoken Garissa Township MP after ruling Jubilee effects changes

by Anthony Mwangi
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Garissa Township MP Aden Duale, who was on Monday removed from the influential position of Leader of Majority in the National Assembly, yesterday handed the baton to his successor Kipipiri MP Amos Kimunya and defended his record saying he was leaving the Front Bench with his head held high.

A highly spirited defender of President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto for the past seven years, Duale who was the first occupier of the seat under the 2010 Constitution, attracted rare consensus from both sides of the House about his exemplary record.

His farewell speech was the subject of warm banter on the floor of the House earning him praise even from members of the Opposition whom he has been engaging in often vicious fights.

The MPs including Minority Whip Junet Mohamed and Minority Leader John Mbadi were quick to point out that Duale, an unrepentant defender of Ruto, may have fallen on the sword because of his political leaning.

In what would be a reversal of roles, Duale who has been spearheading government business in the House said that he had now retreated to the Back Bench to oversight the Executive.

The Garissa Township MP stated that he does not harbour any grudges or ill-feelings towards anyone following his ouster on Monday.

The outspoken politician said he was able to push through the agenda of Jubilee Party effectively during his tenure.

"I was not removed due to inefficiency or lack of delivery, but it is simply the cycle of the career of politics," Duale told an attentive House as he made his exit speech.

He asked for forgiveness from those he might have offended in the course of executing his duties, in and outside the Assembly.

"I was simply doing my job; and such is the nature of the job as Kimunya will come



New Leader of Majority Amos Kimunya (left) fistbumps with President Uhuru Kenyatta after the Jubilee Party Parliamentary Group Meeting at KICC, on Monday.
PD/GERALD ITHANA

to appreciate," Duale said adding that Kimunya was free to consult him on the operations of his new office.

He added: "I indeed, look forward to being of assistance to him as he settles into his new position. It is not my wish to let him grapple in darkness."

Duale is the latest Ruto ally to be kicked out of key House seats in a purge spearheaded by President Kenyatta. The others are former Majority Whip Benjamin Washali, deputy Cecily Mbarire. The others were former Senate Majority Leader Kipchumba Murkomen, Majority Whip Susan Kihika and Deputy Speaker Kithure Kindiki.

Leadership positions

Minority Whip Junet Mohamed said Duale was a victim of what was seen as divided loyalty.

"You now understand why we follow Baba (Raila Odinga) like cows. It is because of loyalty. You don't oppose the people who run this country and have authority in political parties. I have learnt a lesson. I will be more loyal to Baba."

Duale thanked Uhuru, Ruto and the entire Jubilee Party fraternity for giving him the opportunity to serve Kenyans as a Leader of Majority Party for the past seven years.

He praised Kimunya's wealth of experience having served as Minister of Finance and held various leadership positions in

Parliament adding that he was content that he would deliver.

"My experience as the Majority Leader taught me that as one pushes the agenda of the Majority Party, it is almost inevitable that one will make new friends and new enemies and opponents, particularly within the party, depending on where their interests are," he said.

Duale also took the opportunity to thank his colleagues for the "invaluable" support they gave him during his tenure.

"There is no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. Trust God and never give up. Amen!" he concluded.

Reacting to the speech, Kimunya, said he has been following with appreciation the commitment Duale has been putting in his work as the leader of government business in the House.

"I have been watching him and I have seen the amount of time he has put in his work. I have also been learning from him. Seven years as Leader of Majority is remarkable," Kimunya said. Leader of Minority John Mbadi hailed Duale's performance during his rein terming him a team player and a person who could balance well between friends and foes.

"He weathered a lot of storms. He had the zeal and determination to deliver for his party," said Mbadi.



Muturi slaps down move to impeach CS Macharia

by Anthony Mwangi
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A bid by Nyalii Member of Parliament Mohammed Ali (pictured) to have Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia impeached flopped after Speaker Justin Muturi ruled that the motion was inadmissible.

In his ruling, Muturi said the motion by the first-time MP did not meet the threshold and could not be approved for debate. Muturi said the Nyalii MP did not provide evidence to support the allegations against Macharia.

"It is therefore my determination that the proposed motion is not admissible. The Clerk is thereby directed to communicate to the Honourable Member," Muturi directed.

In the motion, Ali wanted Macharia removed from office over allegedly gross misconduct and violating the Constitution following his order to make it mandatory for transporters to use the SGR to transport cargo from Mombasa to Naivasha Inland Container Depot (ICD).

The legislator, in the notice dated June 6, said that the CS violated Article 10(1) (c) of the Constitution by not undertaking public participation with leaders and stakeholders.

Macharia had directed that it would be mandatory for all cargo imported through the Port of Mombasa to be transported through SGR.

He said the CS's action has caused a public outcry and has affected the transportation sector negatively, forcing some companies to shut down.

In the petition signed by over 90 MPs, Ali accused the CS of overseeing stalled government projects worth Sh100 billion and being part of the Afya House scandal that saw taxpayers lose Sh 5.2 billion in 2016.

Volunteer information on Shabaab, locals told

by Derek Otieno
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North Eastern regional commissioner Nicodemus Ndalana has urged area residents to remain vigilant and volunteer information on suspected Al-Shabaab operatives within their midst.

Ndalana promised that such information will be promptly acted upon as the government steps its efforts to rid the region of the Somali-based terror group.

The regional commissioner assured those volunteering the information to the rele-

vant security agents that their identity and information will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

"It's true we have had in the past informants complaining that the information they volunteer are leaked to the enemy putting the lives and those of their families in danger," Ndalana said.

"Leaking of information is unacceptable. I have been preaching this message to my chiefs, security officers whenever I get the chance to meet them. Its remain so and I really don't expect such complains," he added.



Anti-graft body investigates cases of nepotism at police commission

by Zadock Angira
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The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has launched investigations into allegations of nepotism at the National Police Service Commission.

The anti-graft body has summoned the Director of Human Capital Management at the National Police Service Commission to appear before the detectives tomorrow to record a statement and also furnish them with documents about recruitment and deployment.

The investigations were launched after a whistle-blower wrote to the EACC on May 28 calling for his investigations over the manner he is running the commission.

In the letter, the author alleged that the Chairman had pushed for the employment of about

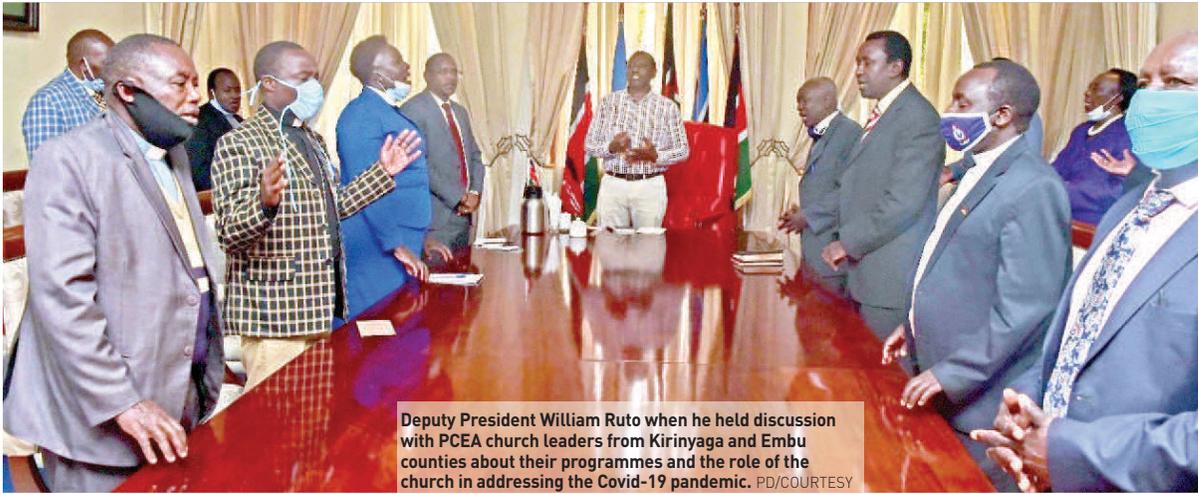
18 people from his Lamu County after sacking others from other regions.

The letter further claims Kinuthia had pushed for employment of people from Lamu including his son, and both his brother and brother-in-law.

The Commission chairman, however, said he was ready to be investigated, adding that he had been on the forefront of pushing for police reforms for the last 12 years.

The EACC letter addressed to the Commission CEO Joseph Onyango directed the HR director to furnish the detectives with the commission's Human Resource Manual, the Nominal Roll of all staff, and the list of all employees who have been employed since January 2019.

"You are requested to inform the Director, Human Capital Management - National Police Service Commission to appear at the EACC Headquarters at Integrity House on June 25 at 10am.



Deputy President William Ruto when he held discussion with PCEA church leaders from Kirinyaga and Embu counties about their programmes and the role of the church in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic. PD/COURTESY

IN OWN WORDS...

● "The government appreciates the partnership and friendship of the Church with the State in the provision of healthcare and education to the community. Towards this end, we will support the Church in coming up with various income-generating activities to help them run their social programmes,"

- Deputy President William Ruto

explain his position when things are not going his way.

During the burial of former Cabinet minister Soita Shitanda in 2016, Ruto caused laughter when he dismissed his ally-turned foe, former MP Cyrus Jirongo, for being "jealous" of his meteoric rise in the country's leadership.

"Unajua Jirongo anakasirika na mimi kwa sababu hapo zamani nilikuwa mtu wake wa mkono (Jirongo gets annoyed with me because I used to be his errand boy some years ago..." Ruto said amidst laughter.

"He is wondering how an errand boy rose to this level but what he doesn't know is that siasa ni kujipanga na kwenda pole pole na ndio maana najipanga pole pole nyuma ya huyu jamaa (Uhuru) (politics is about planning and patience)," he said.

Citing Moi's example, Ruto said the late President couldn't have risen to State House if he had retaliated when GEMA politicians and other senior government officials harassed him.

"There is a lot to learn from history, Moi quietly walked his way to Presidency and the other guy fought President Mwai Kibaki but where is he today? He is in the bush!" Ruto said in reference to Raila Odinga.

"If I start making noise today, do you think I will get anywhere?" he asked.

Could that statement four years ago perhaps give a clue to Ruto's stand today?

Besieged Ruto now courts church leaders, the youth

It was the second time the DP was holding a meeting with religious leaders in just under a week

by Peter Leftie and Noah Cheploen
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Pushed to the wall by President Uhuru Kenyatta and his lieutenants, Deputy President William Ruto seems to have retreated to the Church as he weighs his political options.

Yesterday, Ruto held meetings with delegations of church leaders from Kirinyaga and Embu counties, with sources in attendance saying the discussions centred on various development projects the DP had initiated in the two counties.

It was the second time Ruto was holding a meeting with religious leaders in just under a week.

Last week, the DP held talks with leaders of the East Africa Pentecostal Church from Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Nairobi and Isiolo counties at his Karen residence.

"The government appreciates the partnership and friendship of the Church with the State in the provision of healthcare and education to the community. Towards this end, we will support the Church in coming up with various income-generating activities to help them run their social programmes," Ruto said yesterday.

The DP has been in the middle and appeared helpless in the face of a ruthless purge by President Kenyatta that has seen Ruto's key allies removed from crucial leadership positions in the Senate and National Assembly.

Political observers have been pondering the DP's next move after he hosted a group of Jubilee rebel MPs at Jubilee Asililo Centre, the home of a new political outfit, signalling that he could be exploring a fall-back vehicle in case he is denied the ruling party ticket for the 2022 election.

Besides church leaders, the DP has also been hosting youths in business to whom he has been making donations.

Having fallen out dramatically with his boss, political pundits have been debating how long the DP will remain restrained in an increasingly polarised political partnership.

Ruto's pointman in the Luhya community, former Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale, warned that the DP's support-

ers will not relent in their push to have him succeed Uhuru in 2022, despite the tribulations he was facing at the hands of the State.

Khalwale vowed to soldier on with his quest to campaign for Ruto in the face of a recent push by Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa, Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya and Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) boss Francis Atwoli to sell government projects in the region.

Last week, a section of leaders from the region allied to the Atwoli-Oparanya-Wamalwa axis reportedly held a meeting with Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i with a view to identifying and prioritising development projects in the region.

The move was seen as calculated to steal the thunder from Ruto who has in the last two years criss-crossed the region launching development projects with a view to endearing himself to the local population ahead of the 2022 election.

Abandoned by allies

Two weeks ago, Dr Khalwale was briefly arrested for engaging in a meet the people tour at Malinya trading centre, Ikolomani constituency, to campaign for Ruto.

"Until they jail us, we will continue campaigning for Ruto across the country; for every rally they hold, I will hold two. What gives us comfort is the confirmation that ours is the candidate to beat," he added.

But according to Dr Michael Mugo of the Dialogue Foundation, Ruto has been living a lie and more of his allies are likely to abandon him in coming days.

"The President in the first term ceded some space for the DP which made him to act as co-president. The DP used the delegated power to recruit troops in places such as Western Kenya, Mt Kenya and Rift Valley. He also used some cash to rent some ethnic leaders. With the power gone, the DP has nothing to offer them," Mugo told the *People Daily*.

"He used some politicians to push the narrative that the President had neglected Central Kenya while he launched national government projects. He is now relying on religious leaders who politicians have been using to sanitise dirty money."

While some observers have hinted the DP may opt to resign and hit the ground to energise his base, others offer that he could stay in the government as he weighs his options ahead of the next election.

Those advising him to stay point to the case of the late President Daniel arap Moi

who worked under the shadow of founding President Jomo Kenyatta despite resistance from some powerful politicians who did not want him to succeed the Burning Spear.

And although Ruto did not see eye-to-eye with the late President, particularly after his retirement, the DP could draw inspiration from him. Indeed Ruto has on several occasions pointed at the humiliation Moi was subjected to by close allies of Jomo to

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CORONA CRISIS

Infections on upward trend as ministry reports 155 more



Health officials say situation would have been worse were it not for timely control

by Noah Cheploen
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The Ministry of Health has attributed the relatively low coronavirus infections in the country to the containment measures put in place to halt its spread even as it emerged that a vaccine is still far from being found.

Health Chief Administrative Secretary Mercy Mwangangi (pictured) and acting Director General of Health Patrick Amoth said whereas there is a positive change of behaviour among Kenyans, a lot still needs to be done if the disease is to be defeated.

Speaking during yesterday's daily briefing, Amoth said local researchers have joined their global counterparts in search of a vaccine, adding that more than 90 of them were being tested if it meets safety standards.

"Some of them have fallen along the way while others are in various stages," he said. "But instead of waiting for a vaccine which will take between 18 and 24 months, let hand washing and social distancing be your vaccine for now."

Yesterday, the Ministry of Health lauded Kenyans for obeying the set of regulations and protocols that the government has put in place, saying this has gone a long way in minimising the threats posed by the disease.

"The coronavirus pandemic has seen many countries coming up with different kinds of interventions, responses and guidelines to limit its spread..." she said. "The interventions brought about advantages and disadvantages drawing diverse reactions from citizens," she stated.

Low infection

In Kenya, compared to other countries, the containment measures have resulted in low infection rate during the same stage of pandemic, said Mwangangi. She said the counties are on track towards fulfilling President Kenyatta's directive on 300-bed isolation facilities.

The issue of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) also came up during the briefing with Mwangangi assuring front line workers that the government is prioritising their safety by ensuring that all PPEs are of the right quality and standard.

"We have witnessed change in our behaviour which has also contributed to a decline in

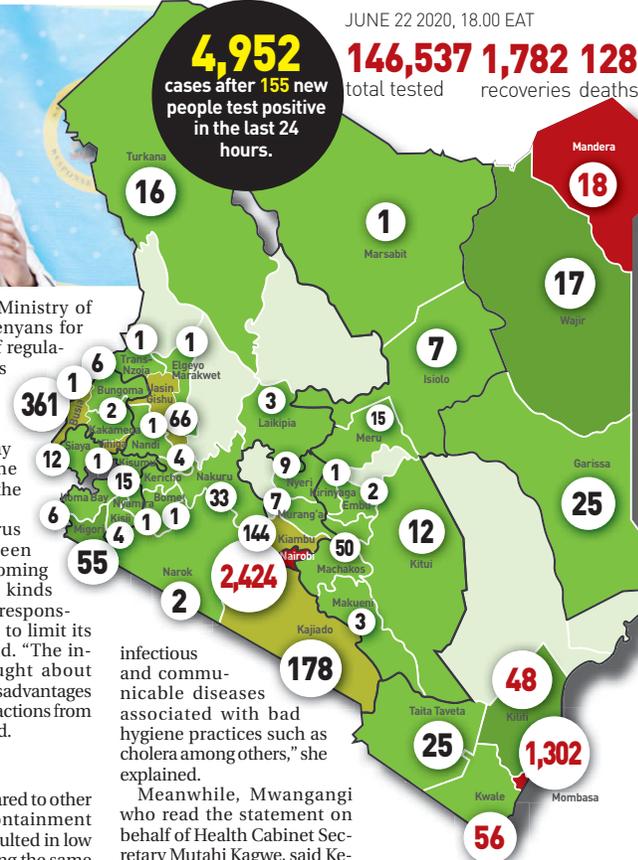
infectious and communicable diseases associated with bad hygiene practices such as cholera among others," she explained.

Meanwhile, Mwangangi who read the statement on behalf of Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe, said Kenyans being evacuated from other countries must secure a Covid-19 free certificate before leaving for home.

She expressed concern that some passengers were not adhering to the protocols put in place therefore creating confusion and putting the lives of other persons at risk.

"Let me clarify that anybody coming back home must have a Covid-19 free certificate from the country they are originating from..." she said. She said that the number of Covid-19

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From our disaggregation of Nairobi county each and every border is affected and we need to escalate our containment measures individually.
 —HEALTH CABINET MINISTER MERCY MWANGANGI ON STATUS OF CORONAVIRUS



The only time the park was nearly as deserted was during the 2007/08 post-election skirmishes when tourist numbers fell drastically.
 NAROK GOVERNOR SAMUEL TUNAI ON MASAI MARA ACTIVITIES



I believe Malawians' quest for justice is being answered today... that rights will be respected. This is our date with destiny and this is (the) time for the start of a new Malawi.
 —LAZARUS CHAKWERA, MALAWI POLLS CONTESTANT

Governors impeachment frenzy has to be checked

A Senate select committee will be sitting for the second day today to hear a case filed by Kirinyaga Members of County Assembly (MCAs) after impeaching Governor Anne Mumbi Waiguru two weeks ago.

Waiguru's case has attracted a lot of interest across the country because of her high profile office and the controversy she has stoked since she was introduced to Kenyans as Devolution minister in 2013.

She is the sixth county chief to go through the agonising impeachment process since the advent of devolution through the 2010 Constitution. Others are the late Nderitu Gachagua of Nyeri, Murang'a's Mwangi Wa Iria, Paul Chepkwony of Kericho, Embu's Martin Wambora (twice), Granton Samboja of Taita Taveta and Kiambu's Ferdinand Waititu.

In all the cases, only Waititu's successfully went through the Senate. Others fell by the wayside owing to a variety of reasons, ranging from questionable decisions by lawmakers to technical inadequacies in the petitions.

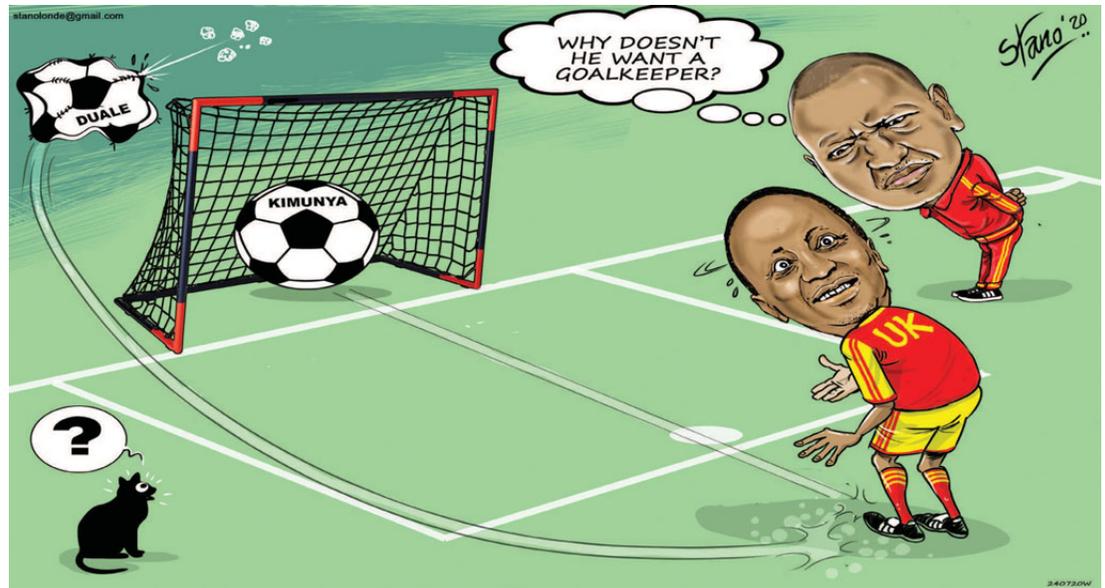
Kirinyaga ward reps voted overwhelmingly to eject Waiguru from office on account of multiple accusations of impropriety, incompetence and abuse of office. She has denied all the charges.

When senators complete the hearing of her case as argued by her attorneys and those of her accusers, they will retreat for two days to compile a report which is expected to be ready by June 26.

But as the public eagerly awaits the outcome of her case, considering the political whirlwind that has defined the matter in and out of the chambers, one wonders what has suddenly elicited a frenzy of impeachment threats across the country. Already, governors Patrick Khaemba (Trans Nzoia), Salim Mvurya (Kwale), Charity Ngilu (Kitui) and Nairobi's Mike Sonko face similar threats.

While we encourage MCAs to live to their constitutional call, we hasten to caution the impeachment route must be taken through a thorough and evidence-backed process that benefits the taxpayer.

And although it's a fact that most of the 47 governors are rogue spend-thrifts who have little regard for accountability—indeed many have turned counties into family fiefdoms where they dish out contracts irregularly and scoop public resources with abandon—let the cases that come to Senate be strong to warrant the intended sacking and not mere hunting expeditions.



Appropriate policies key to realising SDGs

Critical goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 have stalled following the outbreak of Covid-19.

The UN secretary-general, through a 2020 report on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notes that the world was making progress on attaining SDGs before the pandemic struck. Progress included a decline in global poverty though at a slower pace than desired. Additionally, countries were developing national policies and signing international environmental protection agreements to support sustainable development.

The pandemic has, however, reversed these gains. The report notes that the effects and measures to mitigate the spread and exposure to the virus have overwhelmed health systems globally and disrupted value chains and supply products. Furthermore, the pandemic has caused businesses and factories to close, impacting severely on the livelihoods of half of the global workforce. This is expected to push tens of millions of people back into extreme poverty and hunger.

Kenya's efforts to meet the SDGs have indeed slowed down due to the virus. While measures to mitigate spread of the virus have had a positive effect on public health, they have also put a brake on crucial drivers of economic growth.

The last four months have demonstrated how failure to accelerate the pace towards



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The world was making progress before outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic

attaining the 17 goals can have a devastating impact on the economy and society. Additionally, this period has provided a practical lesson on how interconnected the goals are. One crucial lesson that Kenya must take into account is that 16 SDGs rely heavily on one goal - SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Accelerating the pace of fulfilling Kenya's commitment on global goals depends on how fast our economy grows. This requires an environment that promotes investments, job creation and wealth accumulation.

A good starting point would be to understand the role of each stakeholder and how their innovations contribute towards realising the SDGs. For instance, supporting Small and Medium Enterprises through incentives will accelerate their growth, and in turn create jobs and wealth. Consequently, we shall have a cascading effect on all other SDGs, including alleviating poverty, reducing inequality and building sustainable cities, among others.

Critical to this is robust institutional frameworks with distinct, yet complementary roles,

responsibilities and accountability measures. Kenya has undertaken several initiatives to ensure that the SDGs are achieved, mainly through development and review of relevant laws and policies. However, according to a 2020 SDGs readiness report by the Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Global Compact Network Kenya and the office of the Deputy President, several gaps in the SDGs legal framework continue to hinder their optimal attainment.

Lack of an enabling legislative environment for implementation and monitoring was largely attributed to the failure to attain Millennium Development Goals (predecessor to SDGs, which aimed at tackling poverty).

Therefore, there is a need to create a sustainable legal, institutional, policy and regulatory framework for implementation and monitoring. The report calls for the enactment of new laws where none currently exists, amendment of existing laws in tandem with the SDGs and implementation of legislation to deal with concerns and specific goals.

Even as we grapple with the current challenges brought by the pandemic, we must not lose the long-term focus and mission to achieve the SDGs. This will translate to increased employment, inclusivity, and efficient use of resources by all sectors and citizens.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

NOAM CHOMSKY

The more you can increase fear of drugs, crime, immigrants and aliens, the more you control all of the people

The case of 41 judges JSC recruited, rejected by State

There's been discussions on the issue of 41 judges recruited by the JSC and not yet sworn in.

The nominee Judges are 20 for the Environment & Land Court (ELC), 10 for the Employment & Labour Relations Court (ELRC) and 11 for the Court of Appeal (COA).

Advocate James Mamboleo talking on this issue on NTV asked why 41 judges? He also went on to say that the Judiciary didn't know the number of judges it requires. While people are entitled to an opinion, ignorant opinions cannot be tolerated in this age of information. There are currently 33 ELC Judges, 15 COA Judges and 12 ELRC Judges. As at March 31, the caseloads/pending cases were 16,457, 7,315 and 13,197 for these respective courts and these exclude those filed after scaling down of Judiciary operations as part of Covid-19 containment measures.

The Judiciary may have failed in communicating how the number 41 was arrived at but suffice it to say, following its establishment of a daily data collection practice from all Courts from October, 2015 the Judiciary now has objective evidence to inform its decisions - from recruitment to budgeting. This data is captured in various reports produced by the Judiciary, including the State of the Judiciary Annual Report (SOJAR).

So, why did the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) recruit 41 Judges and for the specific courts

NANCY KANYAGO

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of Environment and Land, Court of Appeal and Employment & Labour Relations? To understand why more judges are required, Judiciary analyzed the caseload burden in these courts vis a vis the capacity of the courts.

According to a 2014 internal study by the Judiciary on delays in the magistrates court cases, a case took an average of 667 days to be finalised. Following these findings, the Judiciary put in place breakthrough performance management measures to enhance overall service delivery including expeditious disposal of cases. Timelines for expeditious disposal of all cases were established.

In regard to the COA, it was recommended that each bench handles a minimum of 12 cases a week or a total of 2,500 cases a year. For the High Court, ELC and ELRC courts, the recommended timeframe was 360 days for hearing and determination of a case, including a limit of 60 days to deliver ruling or judgement from the date of the final hearing.

While these recommended timeframes would optimally be met within the context of several parameters (e.g. greater use of ICT e.g. for court

recording, adequate courtrooms, avoiding unwarranted adjournments etc), they were nonetheless adopted by the Judiciary with the understanding that there would be incremental efforts to ensure an optimal environment for the adopted timeframes to be met.

In essence therefore, a Judge handling a criminal case or a civil case (including Environment and Land or Employment & Labour relations) should dispose of a case within 360 days from start to conclusion.

The Judiciary also came up with the expected productivity of a Judge - that is, how many cases is a Judge reasonably expected to resolve per month so as to ensure they are working optimally? For the High Court, ELC and ELC a judge is expected to conclude at least 10 cases per month translating to 110 cases per year (less one month of leave).

Therefore, back to the question of determining how many Judges are required per Court, to effectively handle cases filed everyday, those pending (unresolved) and backlog (unresolved for over 360 days)? According to the latest annual report of the Judiciary by June 2019, there

were 569,859 pending cases of which 341,056 were backlog.

In order to determine the time required to resolve all the pending cases in a court given its current capacity (disposition time) the numbers would play out as follows. With 15 judges in the Court of Appeal and given its bench productivity of 206, the court will require 5.71 years to clear all the pending cases without handling the year burden of filed cases. Based on an average of cases filed in the past three years, of 1977 cases, at an average of 5.71 years, there will be about 11,289 filed cases in the 5.71 years period. Therefore, the burden of the Court of Appeal will continue to increase. With the expected bench productivity of 88 cases per year, the 1977 cases require 22 benches to dispense off cases in a year. This translates to 66 Judges. The number of COA Judges is however capped at 30 in the Constitution. The 11 recruited Judges would result in an extra 3 benches and 2 judges that would fill in for special benches, making it eight benches.

Lastly, Environment and Land Court has a capacity of 33 judges and 16,457 pending cases. Given its current capacity and the number of cases it resolved last year, the court requires 2.33 years to resolve all the pending cases.

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STREET TALK

Not very rosy affair for media personality

A media personality who has been sending herself flowers and gifts to the office was recently embarrassed when her colleagues learnt the truth. The personality who broke up with boyfriend a long-time has been getting a difficult time from her friends and relatives. To silence them she made an arrangement with a flower shop to send her chocolate and flowers twice a week with a love note. Overnight, she became the envy of the newsroom as everyone tried to find out who her mysterious man was.

Screen siren troubled by sponsor's demand

Another married media 'celeb' has found herself between a rock and a hard place after her 'sponsor' started making unreasonable demands. Before Covid-19 pandemic, the celeb would leave home for days to spend time with her lover under the pretense that she had an international assignment. However, with the ban on international travel, she is finding it difficult to spend time with her sponsor without raising her husband's suspicions. The sponsor has given her an ultimatum to find time for him or he will cut her out completely.

Tenderpreneur outs conning legislator

A businessman has exposed a politician who allegedly conned him millions of shillings. The politician, known for his deep pockets, asked the businessman to supply goods to him for a hotel he is constructing but to date the politician has not coughed up a cent. The businessman recently took to social media to air his grievances after failed attempts to force the politician to pay up. Friends and colleagues have tried to intervene as the bad blood between the two ferments.

Politician's trip abroad lights up social media

A senior politician was reportedly flown out of the country recently on a chartered plane to seek treatment abroad for an undisclosed illness. Despite the travel ban on international flights, the politician used his government connections to be exempted from the ban because the illness is advancing fast. The social media was awash with news about the politician's health and welfare, forcing his party to release a recorded audio of an old speech he made at a continental meeting.

Politicians weak link in fighting novel coronavirus

The media has done work in sensitising the public on Covid-19 safety guideline in Kenya. They have ensured the public gets correct information in addition to constant messages.

However, our leaders still have a long way to go in supporting the efforts of the government of Kenya and World Health Organisation (WHO) in fighting the novel coronavirus.

A day after the President Uhuru Kenyatta's address to the nation on Covid-19 status in Kenya, one of the political leaders allegedly called for a political rally. This politician did this in broad daylight. The police did a good job in dispersing the crowd.

How could a leader be so careless, knowing clearly that his actions could put people at risk of contracting the novel coronavirus? A week before that, a group of political leaders had met to discuss western Kenya politics. Judging from the videos shared online, these leaders did not care so much about Covid-19 guide-



VICTOR ODHIAMBO

We may never flatten the curve if our leaders continue behaving like coronavirus does not exist

lines. They hugged, shook hands, most of them did not wear masks and social distancing was not kept.

I asked a couple of friends later to share their thoughts on this situation. It was evident that they were hoping that the government could take more strict measures on people who breach Covid-19 guidelines starting with their own. A colleague was recently fined Sh2,000 because he had forgotten his face mask.

Charles Mwenda could not give his wife a decent burial because police forced his family and friends to turn back a few kilometres from his home despite them having the burial certificate and being declared Covid-19 negative. We have witnessed several cases of leaders breaching

Covid-19 guidelines during burials and political functions even after warning by Ministry of Health and the police.

On May 5, The New York Times reported of a top scientist in the UK who resigned after breaching social distancing rules: "I accept I made an error of judgment and took the wrong course of action." "I deeply regret any undermining of the clear messages around the continued need for social distancing."

Domnic Cummings (Boris Johnson key adviser) has been under pressure to resign after allegedly breaching the Covid-19 rules.

Kenyan leaders need to understand their role in fighting Covid-19. We may never flatten the curve if

some of our leaders continue behaving like corona virus does not exist. The daily press briefing by the Ministry of Health should not just include the numbers. It would be great if the public health act is taken seriously and those breaching the Covid-19 guidelines are punished. This should happen to all leaders. Perhaps the behavior of the ordinary citizen in fighting the pandemic is informed by the behavior of its leaders.

From my observation, most of our leaders lack the qualities of moral leaderships. As a leader your actions should not only be about your personal interests, learning to put the interests of others before yours is a key leadership quality. There is need to realise that leadership is a responsibility and at the same time power that should never be taken for granted. It is therefore the responsibility of all leaders to ensure that they lead the fight against Covid-19.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



#waiguruimpeachment. Day's top trending hashtag on Gov Waiguru impeachment

@VictorMochere: Why is Anne Waiguru smiling at her own impeachment hearing? Or she's already assured of an acquittal.

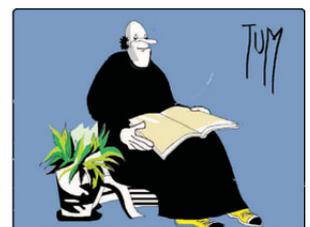
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lence, I see bitterness, I see hatred and I'll will and bad blood in those eyes of that MCA

mxy_chrisy: Kirinyaga MCAs seem to be disorganized to the core, the senate seems to be comprised and Waiguru seems to be winning. whatever that is.



TRUTHIS: True wisdom begins and ends with God's Word.

Kenyan don shines in the US

Recently appointed to serve on the Commission of Research and Publication of the International Council of Traditional Sports and Games at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, **PROF JERONO ROTICH** has been making waves in America with her scholarly work

by Harriet James
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Prof Jerono Rotich, a Kenyan scholar in the US, was busy consulting with the faculty to complete the schedule for the Fall class after the Covid-19 pandemic pushed some courses online when she saw an email confirming her appointment at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco). The appointment meant she was to serve on the Commission of Research and Publication of the International Council of Traditional Sports and Games (ICTSG).

"I could not believe it! I was speechless and overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation to the Executive Board of ICTSG for appointing me to serve on this commission. I am grateful for the opportunity and delighted to be a part of this esteemed organisation. I went on my knees to give thanks to God," says the department chair of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration at North Carolina Central University. Kinesiology is the study of mechanics of body movement to provide the state of body systems and organs.

The ICTSG is the international platform for the preservation, promotion, and development of traditional sport and games (TSG) at the global level. Prof Rotich will be part of five commissioners mandated to formulate proposals and recommendations on TSG to contribute to the world heritage of sports culture and ensure preservation, research, and promotion of sports and games are the central focus of a global policy on culture and sport.

Sports enthusiast

Prof Rotich's passion for sports began at a young age. Growing up in Kapkoi village, Keiyo North, Elgeyo Marakwet county, she often joined her brothers and neighbours in games and sports during non-school hours. When the sports enthusiast began working on the passion, she saw it as a fun pastime and an opportunity to tour the world.

In school, she participated in gymnastics, netball, handball, field hockey, and track and field. Her passion for sports peaked when she was admitted to Kenyatta University to pursue a degree in Education. She was thrilled to discover they offered a degree in Physical Education and Health.

"I immediately signed up to study Physical Education with the intent to pursue sports medicine after my undergraduate.

Although there was resistance and skepticism about this new degree programme, I did not care about other peoples' opinions. My passion and desire to pursue sports medicine were invigorated by experiences and opportunities, mentorship, support, and guidance I received from my lecturers and professors at Kenyatta University. Although, I enrolled in several prerequisite courses for sports medicine and immersed myself in internship opportunities under the guidance of Professor Moni Wekesa, I was unable to go to medical school for sports medicine due to myriad financial challenges encountered upon arrival in the USA," recalls Prof Rotich.

After graduating from Kenyatta University in 1994, she travelled to the US in 1995.

Rising in ranks

"I graduated with a Master's of Science degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at

Brockport, New York, and immediately began my PhD in Kinesiology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1999. I graduated in 2004 and started my teaching career as an assistant professor of Kinesiology at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in North Carolina. While at NCAT State University, I rose through the ranks from assistant to full professor and won numerous university-wide awards including the most prestigious lifetime University of North Carolina State System Board of Governors Excellence for Teaching Award (2015)," she says.

Prof Rotich's work in the academe and community has not gone unnoticed. Her exemplary work has earned her 30 recognitions and awards, including the Greensboro Community Partnerships Chamber of Commerce Other Voices Change Agent Award 2016; School of Education Senior faculty teaching excellence award, 2015; University North Carolina A&T State University Faculty Community Engagement scholarship Award, 2014, among others. She was recently recognised as one of the Top 40 Kenyan women who inspire and motivate fellow Kenyans within the Kenyan America Diaspora and many others.

Among the organisations she formed includes the Kenya Students in Diaspora (KESID), a forum that brings together Kenyan Students in Diaspora and provides support, mentorship, and a roadmap to academic-related resources and opportunities to enhance their academic success and career advancement.

"I encountered so many

PROF ROTICH

If a rural girl from a small village in Keiyo North, Elgeyo Marakwet Kenya can do it, then you can do it.

MAIN: Prof Jerono Rotich. BELOW: Prof Rotich displays her UNC Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching, flanked by Provost Joe B Whitehead (Left) and Chancellor Dr Harold Lee Martin of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (right). PD/COURTESY

challenges related to culture, environment and finances that I almost gave up. It was challenging to navigate the system, and I promised to create an organisation or support group for other students when I get the opportunity. I completed my Masters and PhD, have risen through the ranks to full tenured professor and now serving as an administrator, so there was no better time to pay back and pay forward than now," she explains.

Change agents

Prof Rotich, a proud mother of two girls, believes empowered women, youth, and individuals who are culturally, global, and peace competent are synergised to leverage their skills and knowledge to provide effective leadership and innovative approaches to societal problems in their homes, communities, and beyond. For this reason, she founded the Women and Youth (WOYO) and Global Diversity Consulting LLC (USA) and Women and Youth Limited (registered in Kenya) to empower, mentor, and inspire cultural, global, and peace competent women and youth leaders who will make a difference in today's interconnected world.

She is exhilarated that the opportunity to pursue her passion in sports and kinesiology took her to places she never thought she would reach. She presented her research and served as keynote speaker at numerous conferences.

Prof Rotich, who is currently working with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the University of The Gambia to establish the Institute of Sports and Kinesiology, points out that, sports and Kinesiology have been embraced now than before because it is both a STEM and Social science field. For now, she is glad of her recent appointment as it will advance the relevance of traditional sports as well as promoting different cultures. She urges young people to "use their education and mind to become change agents."

"If a rural girl from a small village in Keiyo North, Elgeyo Marakwet Kenya can do it, then you can do it. Just try harder today than you did yesterday, be braver today than you were yesterday," she says.



BRIEFLY

State to reclaim Ngong Hills Forest

The government has announced plans to reclaim Ngong Hills Forest. Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriaako Tobiko yesterday said the government will repossess the facility and link it with Nairobi National Park. Speaking after leading a delegation of various government officials in marking Public Service Day at the forest yesterday, Tobiko said an underpass would be built to create an expanded dispersal area for wildlife. "All parcels of this forest, whether people have titles or not, whether they have built structures for business or residential houses, will be reclaimed," he said. Tobiko intimated that a modern fence is being designed and fencing of the entire Ngong Road Forest will commence soon.

— Alvin Mwangi



Faulty charger costs man life

A flower worker in Karagita estate in Naivasha was electrocuted while trying to charge his mobile phone using a faulty charger. The middle-aged man was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby health centre as neighbours and friends tried to come to terms with the incident. It is alleged that the deceased, who was drunk, tried to connect the faulty charger leading to the incident that also left neighbours in darkness. A friend, John Omondi, said that the victim arrived in the house at around 8pm on Monday evening and said that he was going to charge his phone before falling asleep. "We were attracted to the house by a sharp scream only to find out that the deceased who was living alone had been electrocuted," he said.

— Kirera Mwiti

Suspected bandits kill two in Marsabit

Two youths were on Monday shot dead by suspected armed bandits at Bank Quarters area in the outskirts of Marsabit town, Marsabit county. Another youth sustained serious injuries and is fighting for his life at the County Referral Hospital after he was shot in the stomach and hand during the 10am incident, Marsabit Central sub-county DCC Patrick Muriira said. The three, aged between 16 and 12, were travelling on a motorbike from Badassa to Marsabit town when they were ambushed by an unknown number of bandits armed with guns. Muriira warned that the government will take stern action against the perpetrators. He also noted that his office has initiated investigations to establish the motive of the attack.

— KNA

KDF bans use of facilities to stem Covid-19

The ever strict force has since instituted changes in its routine operations to contain spread

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The Kenya Defence Force (KDF) has so far tested 7,000 soldiers for Covid-19.

KDF Spokesperson Zipporah Kioko yesterday revealed that at least one soldier has succumbed to the disease.

The military has, however, declined to give the number of soldiers who have so far confirmed positive, saying it would amount to discrimination.

"As we test a situation update on KDF Covid-19 data is submitted and included in the national statistics issued daily through the Ministry of Health. These KDF figures are captured within the national figures. We discourage discussion on Covid-19 which aims to segregate the data and refocus it on institutions," Kioko said.

Now, the highly organised KDF, known for its adherence to procedures and processes has instituted changes in its routine training, feeding and parades to contain the spread of coronavirus.

"Commanders at every level have adjusted spaces for conferencing, office work space, classroom set up and also adjusted routine activities on camp training, feeding, parades, and training in order to enforce social distancing," Kioko said.

Following the spread, entry and exit to military establishments is now highly restricted, but exceptions are made for essential services only.

"KDF has also established and equipped two specialised corona treatment centres in Kabete Barracks and at the Kenya Navy Mtongwe Base. The specialised hospitals augment treatment centres already set up in all barracks," Spokesperson said.

All the medical personnel are being trained and provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to enable them to manage those who turn positive or are suspected Covid-19 patients.

"Every military camp has designated quarantine and isolation centres to process those from leave, those with a history of contact, those on deployment transit, those reporting for courses or those with history of travel," she said.

The KDF has also made available options and protocols for tele-medicine services, and broadcast of chaplaincy teaching through KDF online platforms to avoid congregating for worship.

"Testing and repeat testing takes place in all military camps in line with this, appropriate measures have been taken to ensure personnel who have turned positive receive medical care," Kioko said.

Pandemic protocols

Kioko said the KDF continues to work closely with the civil authorities especially the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Interior in the fight against the virus.

KDF is also a member of the National Covid-19 task force under National Multi-Agency Command Centre on Covid-19, which is the lead agency tasked with coordinating Kenya's counter Covid-19 strategy and development of protocols to address the pandemic.

Kioko said they were also providing additional health care workers, surveillance, contact tracing, and fumigation of major population areas and sensitization programs. This is done through the professional guidance of the KDF Directorate of Medical Services (DMS), which is the KDF agent for health security in liaison with the Ministry of Health.

Meanwhile, The Nakuru County government is set to formulate policies on how to safely recall employees back to work after months of strict stay-at-home orders trig-



Lab technician Juma (left) tests Festus Makau during Covid-19 mass testing at Eastleigh's St Mery's Boys in Nairobi, last month. PD/GERALD ITHANA

gered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Governor Lee Kinyanjui said the move was occasioned by the uncertainty on when the pandemic would end saying gradual recalls will be effected.

Kinyanjui said they will have to institute more safety measures at the county headquarters and its satellite offices to ensure there is enough manpower to handle the public.

Speaking while assenting to law four key bills passed by the Assembly, he noted that he had instructed the County Secretary Benjamin Njoroge to work with the county public health and health departments respectively to facilitate the same.

"We want to ensure that we do not lose track of what we have been doing especially in food security and other crucial matters that affects service delivery of our people," said Kinyanjui.

The County had in March directed a number of its staff to work from home as one way to ensure total adherence of the Ministry of Health's directive of social distancing to reduce further spread of the virus.

With this new development, the county boss called on hospitality and tourism players to also gradually reopen in line with the government's directive with reduced personal activities to prevent further spread.

ECONOMY RECOVERY

● **Nakuru County yesterday signed four Bills into law, among them being the Trade Bill 2019, Marketing and Tourism Bill 2019, Co-operative Revolving Fund Bill 2019, and Nakuru Enterprise Fund Bill 2019 with the governor noting that the same will boost post-Covid-19 economy recovery.**

Mombasa coronavirus cases under home-based care

■ by **Reuben Mwambu**
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Mombasa county has confirmed that at least 60 active Covid-19 cases are being monitored from the comfort of their homes.

County Health Executive Hazel Koitaba said the patients were cleared for home-based care after they met the criteria stipulated by the Ministry of Health's guidelines for patients with Covid-19.

During his daily briefing on Sunday, Health CS Mutahi Kagwe launched the home-based care system and announced that the government has started discharging "a substantial number of patients to recover at home."

Kagwe said as of Sunday, about 600 patients had been discharged from various hospitals around the country for home-based care with some 338 having been discharged

from Kenyatta University and another 212 persons from Coast Provincial General Hospital.

In an interview with *People Daily* on yesterday, Koitaba said the 60 active patients were part of the Covid-19 patients initially admitted at the Technical University of Mombasa (TUM) treatment and isolation facility.

Special team

She said patients released for home-based care are either asymptomatic or those who have completed 14 days isolation but are still negative.

"We have been sent the home-based care guidelines by the national government. Part of the guidelines is that we must ensure that the home or house where the patient will stay while being monitored is conducive as per the guidelines. It is not easy. Especially when

a patient has a family; it might not be possible," Koitaba explained.

She said that patients who have been given a nod for home-based care have had their houses assessed by a special team comprised of public health officers, clinical officers community health volunteer (CHV) who must be satisfied by the conditions and give it a clean bill of health before the patient is cleared for the option.

"For a home to be declared conducive for home based-care, it means that while the patient is there, there are no chances of transmission of the virus to other household members. So we do release some of the positives who have stayed for more than 14 days and are still turning positive because the WHO has also declared that after 14 days the patients are not infectious," Koitaba stated.

Currently, she said the home-



Health CS Mutahi Kagwe. PD/FILE

based care cases are in Nyali, Mvita, Kisau and Likoni sub-counties. She however said she cannot disclose the exact homes where the patients are because "confidentiality of patients is key."

Patients considered eligible must first have to be assessed by a health care worker and meet all the criteria.

12 face fraud charges over Sh198m theft at law school

In an elaborate scheme, six firms are said to have siphoned off millions from KSL through payments for goods never delivered

by Zaddock Angira
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The Kenya School of Law (KSL) may have lost more than Sh198 million through irregular payments for goods and services not delivered by companies associated with its employees.

Twelve suspects, including a former deputy director at KSL but now a senior official at the Office of the Deputy President, were yesterday arrested after the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) said there is sufficient evidence to charge them for contravening the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act.

"I have independently reviewed the investigation report and the inquiry file and established that the KSL lost Sh198, 441,030 to business entities registered in the names of senior employees at the school," DPP Noordin Haji said.

The companies are Ademwa Enterprises, Firmline Company, Deskench Investments, Ngoya Cosmetics, Frigoya

Investments and Alfranc Investments.

The suspects include Prof Morris Liwinda Mbonenyi, Policy and Coordination Secretary at DP William Ruto's office who served as the Deputy Director at the School, Amos Kabue Mwangi (assistant director, Finance and Administration), Frank Kackson Were (Finance Manager), Hudson Amwai Lwigado (Accountant and also proprietor of Ademwa Enterprises), Achiro Nobert Gondi Assistant Accountant and also the proprietor of Firmline Company) and Ephrain Thuku Ngumi (Assistant Accountant).

Others suspects who are not employees of the KSL are Paul Lovi Andenga (Proprietor Ademwa Enterprise), Frida Ngoya Wanda (Ngoya Cosmetics and Frigoya Investments), Alfred Murange Lwigado and Francis Mwaki Lwigado (both proprietors Alfranc Investments), and Dennis Sam Achiro and Keneth Ochieng both of Deskench Investments.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) launched investigation into the allegations and forwarded the file to the ODPP.

"The file was submitted to the DPP who upon review granted consent to charge the 12 individuals and six entities," EACC chief executive Twalib Mbarak said.

The charges include fraudulently making payments from public revenue



DPP Noordin Haji.
PD/FILE

KSL SCAM

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for goods not supplied, abuse of office, unlawful acquisition of public property, failure to disclose a private interest and conspiracy to commit an offence of corruption. The DPP said the business entities were not prequalified to supply any goods or services.

"This therefore means that they were fraudulently paid the said monies," Haji said.

The ODPP has approved the arrest and subsequent charging of at least 35 suspects in the last three weeks.

Among the recently charged are three Samburu County officials who were arrested for corruption and violation of procurement laws in the award of a tender for purchase of two tractors worth Sh8, 418, 964.

Earlier, the DPP also ordered for the arrest of 12 Kenya Maritime Authority officials and contractors in a multi-million tendering scandal that would have cost the tax payers Sh205 million.

Also arrested during the same period was a roads inspector with Kericho County who colluded with her six colleagues and awarded her company a tender to construct the Bae-Kapsimotwet-Kibaraa road in Kericho County.

"The firm was neither prequalified by the County Government nor registered with the National Construction Authority," Mbarak said.



Orthopaedic facility ready next month, says Wa Iria

by Wangari Njuguna
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Residents in Murang'a county will start getting specialised orthopaedic treatment next month from a facility funded by the county government.

The health facility, located in Gatanga, lower Murang'a region, is projected to be complete by end of next month.

Speaking during an inspection tour of the facility, Governor Mwangi Wa Iria said the hospital will become the first public orthopaedic centre in the Central region.

Once operational, the hospital will reduce distances people travel to seek bone and muscle correctional services in hospitals outside Murang'a. "We want our people to get specialized care at an affordable price without having to travel for long distances."

Improve healthcare

The governor said the county has commenced procuring equipment required at the hospital adding the area has a high prevalence of arthritis.

"The biggest challenge facing the people living in the upper highlands is arthritis. Most of them have been living with this condition for years," he remarked.

The governor also said he has planned to set up other specialty hospitals in the region in a bid to improve healthcare.

The county government, in collaboration with the International Cancer Health Providers, has plans to set up a cancer centre in the region by December this year, the governor said.



Prayer facility

Mvita M.P Abdullswamad Shariff Nassir [middle] inspects an ongoing construction of a prayer facility at Sheikh Abdalla Al-farsy Girls Secondary School in Mombasa County courtesy of the Shariff Nassir Foundation. The MP had previously commissioned a modern kitchen facility for the school under Mvita NG-CDF. PD/NDE-GWA GATHUNGU

4,000km of tarmac road under construction, say KeRRA

by Barry Sila
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The National government is working on an estimated 4,100 kilometres as part of the 10,000km of Low Volume Seal Roads (LVSRR) programme implemented by the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA).

The roads serve 43 counties and are expected to be complete before 2022 to bring the total number of kilometres done under the programme to 7,000.

"We have completed 2,900km of LVSRR. By 2022, we expected

to have done 7,000km which is the first phase of the project," KeRRA said in a statement signed by director general Eng Luka Kimeli.

Yesterday, a lobby group dubbed Mt Kenya Youth Caucus, led by Linford Mutembei, cited the figures in defence of Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia, who was facing an impeachment motion over accusations of incompetence until yesterday when the National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi dismissed it. Nyalii MP Mohammed Ali had filed the motion.

"The projects which have been undertaken by KeRRA, Kenya National Highway Authority (KeNHA), Kenya Urban and Rural Roads (KURA) serve to show that President Uhuru Kenyatta is delivering his promise.

Economy transformation

"Macharia should be supported by all leaders because the projects he is spearheading are critical in the transformation of the economy," Mutembei said in a statement.

Completed projects by KeRRA include the 45km Mariakani-

Bamba road in Ganze, Kilifi county, constructed at a cost of Sh2.1 billion. The road was launched by President Uhuru Kenyatta in 2016.

KeRRA has also completed construction of the Sh4.1 billion Malindi-Salagate road in Kilifi that links Malindi town and Tsavo East National Park.

Other roads are Imaroro-Mashru-Isara road in Kajiado, Kisima-Kibirichia road in Meru, Kachibora-Moiben in Elgeyo Marakwet, Sirisia-Lwakhakha in Bungoma, Karima-Ndimaini-Karatina in Kirinyaga and Embu ring road.



Road construction works under KeRRA. PD/FILE

Bid to save Lake Naivasha from illegal fishing activities

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The Nakuru County Government has formed a taskforce to address the rising challenges faced in Lake Naivasha.

Already, the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) has warned that the fisheries

sector could collapse due to illegal fishing and use of undersize nets.

According to the institute, besides over fishing, the high number of boats in the lake posed a major threat to the sector and needed to be reduced by over 60 percent.

Speaking after visiting Karagita Landing Beach in Naivasha, County executive in-charge of Agriculture,

Dr Immaculate Maina, acknowledged that the lake is facing serious pressure from various quarters.

Myriad of challenges

She said that Governor Lee Kinyanjui would, in two weeks time, launch the independent taskforce that would present its report within a month. "Currently the lake has re-

corded myriad of challenges including over-fishing. We are considering fishing ban but we shall allow the taskforce to present its report," she said.

Maina noted that currently there was unsustainable utilization of the lake resources with fears the water body would not sustain fishing in the coming months.

BRIEFLY

Locals decry biting water shortage

Residents of Nyacaba in Juja, Kiambu County have called on relevant government agencies to intervene and end an acute water shortage that hit their village six months ago. The over 4,000 residents, who have been drawing water from Kinyathena, a community water project in the area lamented that their taps have remained dry for months. Having fallen short of alternative sources, the residents have resorted to drawing untreated water from streams and a section of quarries, sparking fear of an outbreak of diseases. They said that cases of stomach complications, typhoid among other water borne diseases that have continued to be recorded in the area are as a result of scarcity of clean water.

— Mathew Ndung'u



PPEs donation

Israeli Ambassador to Kenya, Oded Joseph (left) hands over frontline medical equipment in form of face masks, thermo guns and medical gowns, donated by the Embassy through Israeli's Agency for International Development Co-operation, to Kenyatta National Hospital CEO Evanson Kamuri (center) and Board member Dr. Stanley Kamau (right) at the hospital administration block yesterday. PD/ALEX MBURU



Duale urged to support Uhuru legacy drive

Political leaders across the country continue to express varied opinions following reorganization of Jubilee Party leadership in Parliament. In Baringo, the party's County Assembly Chief Whip Reuben Chepsongol has called on the axed leaders to support the President as he gears up to leave a legacy as he winds up his term in office. "The dropping of Aden Duale as National Assembly Majority Leader has caught us by surprise, but all in all we tell him to be strong," said Chepsongol. The Bartabwa MCA, however, criticized the move saying it has eroded the gains made of allowing the minority communities to serve in the government. The whip also called on President Uhuru Kenyatta to ensure the reorganization does not divide Kenyans but foster unity among the different communities and their leaders.

— KNA

EAC could lose Sh900 billion to locusts, says FAO

FAO has asserted the need to maintain surveillance and control operations in affected countries

by Mwangi Mumbo
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Kenya and other regional nations may lose over \$8.5 billion (Sh900 billion) from the locust infestation if the current surge is not controlled, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has warned.

According to its latest update on the 2020 locust invasion, FAO has projected that breeding of locusts will continue in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia in coming

months, asserting that there is need to maintain surveillance and control operations in countries affected by desert locusts in the coming months, warning that the current upsurge could develop into a plague.

Infestations will likely spread to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan.

Already, the Rome-based organisation is warning that new swarms from the Arabian Peninsula including Yemen, where conflict and Covid-19 restrictions have hampered locust surveillance and control efforts- may invade Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya after crossing the Red Sea.

In Kenya, at least 26 counties have been affected by the locust in the last eight months. While Northern Kenya formed the bulk of the counties affected, the pests

RESPONSE PLAN

● The Food and Agriculture Organisation Director-General Dr Dongyu has said the agency is seeking more funds to enable it purchase additional pesticides and extend contracts for aircraft and flight crews conducting response activities.

● In addition, the funds will support FAO to provide livelihoods assistance for up to one million people in locust-affected communities.

were also spotted in Kisumu, Kirinyaga and Narok counties.

Recent locust surveys in the country indicate that the counties of Isiolo, Wajir, Marsabit and Turkana are seriously threatened by the current upsurge- worsening the food situation in these counties reliant on livestock keeping through pastoralism.

FAO has in recent months received millions of dollars for the fight against locusts from donor organisations, governments and other well-wishers.

A Global Report on Food Crises on the broader East Africa region indicates that more than 25 million people will face acute food insecurity in the second half of 2020.

"We can and must protect vulnerable people from the impact of multiple crises- conflicts, climate extremes, desert locusts and COVID-19, which threaten to cause a further dramatic deterioration in their food security," FAO Director-General Dr Dongyu said. FAO is seeking \$350 million to scale up hunger-fighting and livelihoods-boosting activities in food crisis contexts where COVID-19's impact could be devastating

Further in anticipation of increased breeding and additional invasions in East Africa, FAO has issued a revised desert locust response plan, requesting an additional \$98.4 million to sustain surveillance and control interventions in ten countries up to December 2020.



Sabina Chege. PD/FILE

Woman Rep wants child sex offenders castrated

by Wangari Njuguna and Reuben Mwangingu
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Murang'a Woman Representative Sabina Chege has proposed the need for a new law that would make it mandatory to castrate sexual offenders.

Consequently, the MP, who is also the Parliamentary Health Committee chair, has proposed a review of the Sexual Offences Act 2006, saying it is lenient to offenders.

Speaking in Murang'a, Chege

noted that the recent shocking statistics on teenage pregnancies is cause for alarm and reiterated that there is a need to tame the trend by introducing punitive measures such as castration. "We need to be more firm in dealing with sexual offenders especially where minors are involved," she said.

She expressed concern that many girls risk losing an opportunity to continue with their education due to early pregnancies.

Chege, however, pointed an accusing finger to parents for failing

to take charge of their children while at home. She said most parents see their children as a burden and they like it more when they are in school rather than being at home.

Strict upbringing

Elsewhere in Mombasa Island, officials of Coast Education Centre (COEC), a Mombasa based organization has initiated innovative programs to empower young women.

The organisation facilitates young women to bond by prepar-

ing and eating meals together, during which, they engage in extensive discussions on various challenges facing them in their daily lives.

Sanaa Hussein, who considers herself lucky to have escaped the wrath of early pregnancies and attributed it to her strict upbringing was among 14 girls in a recent cookery event at Swalihina Centre in Kisauni where the girls prepared Chapatis, beef stew and *Viazi vya rojo*, (potatoes in tomato sauce) a staple in the Arab Swahili community.



Businesshub

DR JAMES MWANGI

“We will now be focused on accelerating the push to digital channels and growing various non-funded income franchises

Equity cancels proposed acquisition of four banks

Says move part of strategy that also led to suspension of its annual Sh9.5b shareholder pay-out

by Steve Umidha
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The highly anticipated deal between Equity Group Holdings (EGH) and Atlas Mara (ATMA) in which the Kenyan lender was to acquire four banks in Rwanda, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique from the London-listed firm has flopped.

This move which has been triggered by uncertainties on the back of Covid-19 Pandemic further delays the ambitious plans to transform the lender into a Sh1 trillion banking giant in the region.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed bank announced yesterday it had failed to agree with Atlas Mara on a binding agreement, in what now appears to close the case in the complex cross-border banking transaction.

Covid-19 shocks

“The Board has considered the events that have taken place since January when the two parties agreed to extend transaction discussions and particularly the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to the world and the economies in which EGH operates – and after careful consideration, EGH and ATMA have mutually agreed to discontinue discussions on the transaction for the foreseeable future,” said Equity Group’s Chief executive James Mwangi in a statement.

“This decision is consistent with the Board’s view of uncertainty of risk which precipitated the proposed withdrawal of Sh9.5 billion dividend pay-out to shareholders,” he said, adding that the bank will now focus on other available digital channels to improve revenues.

The lender plans to push on with its business continuity plans which are focused on safeguarding its available cash and liquidity to cushion customers from the devastating effects of the pandemic.

In January this year, the bank’s board had announced an extension to the dis-



Equity Group’s chief executive Dr James Mwangi at a past function. The flopped deal was triggered by uncertainty on the back of Covid-19 pandemic. PD/Alice Mburu

cussions with ATMA following an expiry of the transaction period, in the hope that the two parties would sign a transaction agreement.

Equity Group entered into the binding agreement in April 2019 to exchange certain banking assets of Atlas Mara Ltd in the above mentioned four African countries for shares in EGH.

However, the proposed transaction was subject to completion of confirmatory due diligence, detailed transaction agreements as well as regulatory and shareholders’ approval.

Stalemate

While the parties did not disclose other concerns thought to be beyond Covid-19 for failing to reach an agreement, the push and pull and the pressure to renegotiate the deal was seen as among the main reasons for the stalemate.

Atlas Mara was to be paid in the form of Equity shares amounting to a 6.72 per cent stake with a market value of Sh13.6 billion as of January 2020 which also included a preliminary agreement signed in April – that would’ve given Atlas Mara a 6.3 per cent stake in Equity Group in exchange for

the units.

The transaction would have also seen Kenya’s second largest bank by assets after KCB bank, help its bid to expand its footprints into 15 African nations by 2026, from six markets, to benefit from rising regional trade and the increased use of digital banking services.

Capital injection

“We will now be focused on accelerating the push to digital channels and growing various non-funded income franchises while re-evaluating the acquisition of new businesses where significant capital injection and managerial attention is required,” said Dr Mwangi.

The bank further announced that it had deployed a defensive and offensive mechanism through loan accommodations and restructuring of up to 25 per cent of the total loan book for periods of up to 36 months.

This, the lender said, will enable customers go through the prevailing turbulence, while at the same time preserving cash to shore up the financial revival and growth of their businesses post the Covid-19 crisis.

BRIEFLY

Safaricom taps People Daily, Star in e-paper access deal

STRATEGY: Safaricom has partnered with Mediamax Network Limited and Radio Africa Group and to enable customers purchase People Daily and Star e-Papers for Sh10 per issue.

The move follows a digital deal that allows customers to use their airtime to purchase and access newspapers on the go. “Kenyans like to be in the know, and we are using technology to provide them access to news at their fingertips through the digital newspapers,” said Peter Ndegwa, CEO, Safaricom.

Mediamax Network’s acting CEO Ken Ngaruiya said: “We are proud to be the pioneers in the provision of a free daily newspaper



in Kenya. Even though our free distribution is reaching to over 3.5 million Kenyans daily, we are excited to be part of this platform that will significantly increase the reach of our newspaper. Indeed, more Kenyans will get more informed and entertained at the comfort of their mobile phones.”

- Barry Sila

Jumia props sellers in anniversary campaign



RETAIL: Jumia is marking her 8th Anniversary with consumers and communities through tailored campaigns in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The e-Commerce platform says it is celebrating the anniversary themed “Jumia na Jamii - Stronger Together” as one of the biggest annual commercial events running until July 5th.

“Jumia Anniversary is a celebration of solidarity. Throughout this year’s campaign we hope to help customers save shillings, to give a much-needed revenue

boost to vendors and delivery agents, and to donate many Okoa Jamii food packages to families in need,” said Jumia Kenya chief executive Sam Chappatte.

The constraint enforced on the global economy by Covid-19 has made e-Commerce an essential service to consumers in urban, remote and rural areas. Companies across the country are also turning to e-commerce as a channel to improve their sales and compensate for disruption to traditional offline channels.

-Barry Sila

Mergers and acquisitions to headline post-pandemic deals, says BCG

by Lewis Njoka
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Expect to see a surge in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) as businesses seek to strengthen their positions during the fight phase Covid-19 pandemic.

A report by Boston Consulting Group says businesses are likely to consider mergers and acquisitions driven by the desire to save, grow or

extend their core businesses.

“For businesses that retain financial flexibility and have cash on hand, the disruptions caused by Covid-19 create a compelling landscape for greater M&A activity. We expect different types of M&A strategies to emerge as a result, in order to save, grow, or extend core business operations,” reads the report in part.

“To save the core, deals will focus on divesting non-core assets or pro-

tecting less profitable companies that are important for the country through privatisation or nationalisation,” it adds.

Favourable conditions

Boston Consulting Group head of Africa, Patrick Dupoux called on the government to create favourable conditions to enable mergers and other measures businesses can put in place to take spur growth on the back of the pandemic.

“While the challenges ahead cannot be understated, we firmly believe that East African businesses can take decisive actions to ensure immediate continuity, while exploring potential opportunities to rebound ever stronger,” he said.

Mills Schenck, a partner at Boston Consulting warns that managing the pandemic would take a while saying Covid-19’s true prevalence in East Africa is unknown unclear yet its effect on economy was severe.



Covid-19

Business leaders will need to tailor strategies for uncertain disease progression scenarios, global market dislocations, and shifting consumer behaviour.

State told to arrest sugar illicit importers at frontier

CANE: Farmers from Kenya's sugar belt want illegal sugar importers nabbed at the points of entry.

They saw an elaborate scheme which imports illicit sweeteners through the porous border points have consigned farmers to poverty as cheap imports from non-Comeca member states find their way into Kenya.

Michael Arum of the Kenya National Alliance of Sugarcane Farmers Organisation (KNASFO)

says despite ratifying a continental free trade area agreement for free movement of goods between African States, illegal import of sugar abounds.

Speaking at Awasi yesterday, Arum warned that after years of neglect, the sector which is struggling to remain afloat, is harangued by these imports to the detriment of the sector, which employs thousands of peasant farmers.

"Millers remain stranded with

bags of sugar in their warehouses as cheap imports from as far as Brazil, Australia and Indonesia find their way into country disguised as sugar from Comeca States," he said.

He urged Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya to deepen regulations to safeguard Kenyans from exploitation during the Covid-19 period.

While lauding Munya for gazetting the Crops (Sugar) (General) Regulations 2020, KNASFO chair Saulo

Busolo warned guidelines had "given imports a wide berth." He said "import remains the elephant in the room" which must be nipped at the bud to invigorate the sector.

His call comes three months after stakeholders raised alarm over illegal importation of sugar allegedly packaged in Kakira and Lugazi sugar company bags nabbed in various stores located in Bungoma, Misikhu, Kitale and Cherengany.

- Appollo Ambrham



BRIEFLY



China-Africa trade week to go virtual

TRADE: This year's China-Africa trade week will be held virtually from June 29 to July 5 to help showcase the resilience of commercial ties despite COVID-19 related disruptions, the event organizer said on Monday. MIE Events said government officials, investors and exhibitors from China and Africa will participate in the week-long event through digital platforms. "With more than 1,000 exhibitors in attendance the entire exhibition will be based on the online platform "Global Trade Week" (GTW) empowered by MIE Events," said the organizer in a statement issued in Nairobi.

- Xinhua



SMEs get revolving fund budget boost

MONEY: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Co-operative societies got a major boost yesterday after Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui signed into law the Cooperative Revolving Development Fund Bill. The move will inject more funds to boost business and trade societies within the county amid the financial crisis which has seen most cooperatives and SMEs fold due to lack of funds. The law seeks to provide low-interest loans to micro, small and medium enterprises, cooperative societies in the 55 wards that are struggling to raise funds to lend their members as loans. The county will now set aside money for the Revolving Development fund in its 2020/21 financial estimates.

- Roy Lumbe

Safaricom mulls SIM card to cloud move in growth puzzle

... amid plans to make M-Pesa an intelligent, cloud-based platform for the smartphone age

by Lewis Njoka
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Safaricom seems to be in a quandary over a planned move to shift its globally acclaimed mobile money transfer service, M-Pesa, to a cloud based platform away from the current SIM card based system.

This move will make M-Pesa, now owned by a joint venture between Safaricom and Vodacom, a standalone application (app) available to anyone regardless of the mobile service provider subscribed to.

However, separating M-Pesa from the SIM card will leave Safaricom's other GSM based services, such as call and short messaging service (SMS), badly exposed since they depend heavily on M-Pesa to lock in subscribers and ward off competition.

On the other hand, running M-Pesa on a SIM-based platform might no longer be tenable considering increased competition from other cloud-based money transfer services such as WhatsApp Pay and M-Pesa's ambitious global pursuits.

As the telco plans to conquer the world with the M-Pesa, experts privy to the conundrum say the telco's top management has been contemplating the move, but concerns abound that switching to the cloud could hurt the telco's other GSM based services.

New platform

In April, Vodacom's Chief Executive Officer had hinted that the Safaricom-Vodacom joint venture intended to move the money transfer service to a cloud based platform.

"Our joint venture will allow Vodacom and Safaricom to drive the next generation of the M-PESA platform - an intelligent, cloud-based platform for the smartphone age. It will also help us to promote greater financial inclusion and help bridge the digital divide within the communities in which we operate," said Vodacom Group CEO Shameel Joosub commenting on the acquisition of M-Pesa from UK's Vodafone.

Safaricom has gone ahead to appoint the head of its financial services division, Sitoyo Lopokoiyit, to head the newly created joint venture with South Africa's Vodacom Group that will run the lucrative M-Pesa platform.

Head of research at Genghis Capital

M-Pesa app

CLOUD
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CONCERNS
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DEAL
Following the completion of the acquisition of the M-Pesa Brand, Safaricom appointed Sitoyo Lopokoiyit to head this financial services division. This is expected to accelerate M-pesa's growth in Africa

JOOSUB

Vodacom and Safaricom to drive next generation of the M-PESA platform

Churchill Ogutu notes M-Pesa needs to move to a cloud-based platform to compete effectively with competitors such as WhatsApp Pay.

"A cloud-based rather than a SIM card-based M-Pesa can stand against WhatsApp Pay and other kinds of mobile/internet money. These cloud-based monies eliminate majority of restrictions to access customers unbound by geography or telephony network offering an almost immediate scalability of the service to millions of users," said Ogutu.

Weakness

However, detaching M-Pesa from the SIM card will make it harder for Safaricom to retain its subscribers and a weakness that could easily be exploited by its main rivals Airtel and Telkom.

Between 2015 and 2018, several industry stakeholders led by Airtel pushed to have M-Pesa service detached from Safaricom's core services, a move that would have made it easier for them to snatch away Safaricom subscribers.

Punishing innovation

However, Members of Parliament refused to okay the move saying so doing would amount to punishing innovation.

As of September 2019, Safaricom controlled 64.9 per cent of the mobile subscriptions market share in the country followed by Airtel at 24.6 per cent, according to a Communications Authority report.

Telkom Kenya, Equitel and Mobile Pay Ltd control 6.7, 3.6 and 0.2 per cent market share respectively of the total 53.2 active SIM cards.



Fighting Covid-19

Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi (right) receives donations of Covid-19 protective gear for health workers worth Sh3 million from Safaricom Head of Sales and Operations, Mt Kenya, Nairobi West and North Eastern, Jackson Mutua at the Meru County offices. Healthcare workers in Meru will receive N95 masks, hazardous material suits, face shields, surgical gowns and masks as well as hand sanitizers. PD/COURTESY

Kenya told to revise current joint tax deals

Expert says move will give the country a better chance of recovering money stashed abroad

by Steve Umidha @UmidhaSteve

Kenya has been urged to relook at some of the existing bilateral tax treaties it signed with foreign countries to stand a better chance of repatriating some of the black money believed to be stashed abroad.

The country has also been challenged to enter into Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA) with tax havens in order to crack down on tax evaders, curb money laundering as well as other tax-related offences.

"In order to adjust the level of taxation, there has to be a basis or reference to national law and treaties are about relieving, not imposing tax," said Maarten Hietland, a researcher and lecturer on corporate tax avoidance by multinational corporations.

Virtual forum

Hietland was speaking during the ongoing virtual forum for tax justice advocates in Africa, themed, *Tax Justice Advocacy: Increasing Participation of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Journalists through Capacity Building* whose aim is to empower the target groups with skills to identify, track, and report illicit outflows from the continent.

A double tax avoidance agreement is a tax treaty signed between two or more countries to help taxpayers avoid paying double taxes on the same income. A DTAA becomes applicable in cases where an individual is a resident of one nation, but earns income in another.

The intent behind the agreement is ordinarily to make a country appear as an attractive investment destination by providing relief on dual taxation.

This form of relief is provided by exempting income earned in a foreign country from tax in the resident nation or offering credit to the extent taxes have been paid abroad.

Over the years, tax cheats and high level individuals with government protection involved in illegal trade have used this means to launder money in many countries.

Such tax haven countries include Mauritius, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland that have 'soft' tax policies and do not levy with holding taxes on some passive income, based on domestic law or tax treaties.

TAX EVASION

● **Black money is money earned through any illegal activity controlled by country regulations. ... Recipients of black money must hide it, spend it only in the underground economy, or attempt to give it the appearance of legitimacy through money laundering.**

● **Proceeds are usually received in cash from underground economic activity and, as such, are not taxed.**

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VMAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL
		AGRICULTURAL	PRICES		SHARES
17.40	8.20	Esagods Ltd Ord 1.25	moo	9.90	200
448.00	290.00	Kakui Plc Ord 5.00		340.00	
100.00	57.00	Kapchurua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		79.00	
605.00	385.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00		385.00	
22.70	1400	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	17.65	16.50	500
178.00	92.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		121.00	
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
27.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	22.70	22.70	100
BANKING					
18.85	9.30	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	10.00	9.94	9,822,600
31.00	18.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80		19.60	
166.00	67.75	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	70.75	70.00	6,600
55.50	32.15	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	34.95	35.65	2,025,800
7.90	3.38	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	4.09	4.06	11,300
126.00	42.50	IDM Holdings Plc Ord 1.00	49.80	48.25	26,800
55.50	33.75	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	36.50	36.10	1,013,400
4.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.12	4.12	
41.00	24.90	NCSA Group Plc Ord 5.00	27.85	27.00	516,000
117.75	77.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00	80.00	79.75	1,000
225.00	162.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	166.25	166.25	5,100
17.00	10.05	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.45	12.50	195,700
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50	0.45	0.45	
1.30	0.75	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.05	1.08	1,600
8.50	4.95	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 mini	6.00	6.00	
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	2.00	2.74	193,200
8.80	4.26	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	4.62	4.50	1,300
1.20	0.49	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00	0.60	0.60	18,700
71.00	15.00	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	15.65	15.35	7,900
4.70	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00		3.28	
33.00	18.00	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	20.80	22.00	2,400
25.15	11.50	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.00	16.00	4,000
0.95	0.23	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.31	0.30	80,700
22.00	9.90	WPP Scovigroup Plc Ord 1.00	16.80	16.85	1,400
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	5.55	5.55	
145.75	27.95	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	28.95	31.00	24,000
92.00	45.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	48.00	48.95	300
3.98	1.44	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.96	1.96	2,800
20.50	12.95	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		14.00	
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
7.40	4.00	KenGen Co. Plc Ord 2.50	5.10	5.02	10,583,900
5.50	1.43	Kenya Power d Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	2.04	1.89	2,182,100
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power d Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00	5.00	5.00	
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power d Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	6.00	
33.00	22.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	25.05	24.95	27,200
8.70	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.78	8.56	11,300
INSURANCE					
10.50	5.70	Britain Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.04	8.14	139,800
4.85	2.00	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.30	2.30	20,400
442.00	200.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	250.00	250.00	200
16.30	2.10	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.22	2.25	105,400
13.00	4.80	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	7.22	7.52	100
26.00	13.50	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	13.65	13.55	12,800
INVESTMENT					
37.40	19.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	25.70	26.00	18,100
0.77	0.30	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.45	0.44	86,300
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
3.39	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.46	2.45	600
4.50	1.48	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	1.51	1.53	10,400
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
16.00	7.04	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	7.54	7.84	69,900
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
87.00	52.25	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	57.75	57.75	45,900
700.00	310.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	315.00	315.00	45,900
10.80	7.10	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	9.00	9.00	
230.00	135.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	175.00	175.00	129,400
3.15	0.77	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825sey	1.45	1.54	184,900
14.00	12.25	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 an	12.25	12.25	
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	0.27	
42.00	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	28.75	28.75	
TELECOMMUNICATION					
33.50	20.10	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.45	30.20	2,414,400
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
11.00	5.50	STANLIB FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	5.62	5.70	28,000
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
1795.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1785	1750.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.07 points to close at 140.47
 NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 7.72 points to close at 1949.82
 NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 28.83 points to close at 3289.51

MARKET WATCH

TREASURY BONDS CLOSURE OF REGISTERS

ISSUE NO.	PAYMENT DATE	PERIOD OF CLOSURE	PAYMENT TYPE	APPLICABLE INTEREST RATE (%)	REFERENCE INTEREST RATE (%)
PXD3/2007/015	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
PXD2/2019/005	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	10.872	Fixed
PXD2/2019/015	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	12.734	Fixed
PXD1/2011/030	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	10	Fixed
PXD1/2012/020	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	12	Fixed
IFB1/2016/009	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
IFB1/2018/020	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	11.95	Fixed
IFB2/2009/012	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12	Fixed
PXD2/2015/005	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	13.92	Fixed
IFB1/2017/007	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
PXD1/2018/015	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.65	Fixed
PXD4/2019/010	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.28	Fixed
PXD2/2007/015	08-06-2020	04-06-2020 to 08-06-2020	Interest	13.5	Fixed
IFB2/2015/009	08-06-2020	04-06-2020 to 08-06-2020	Interest	11	Fixed
PXD2/2010/015	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	9	Fixed
PXD1/2010/025	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	11.25	Fixed
PXD1/2008/020	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	13.75	Fixed
PXD1/2012/010	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	12.705	Fixed
PXD2/2018/010	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	12.502	Fixed
PXD2/2019/005	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	11.492	Fixed
PXD1/2013/010	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	12.371	Fixed
PXD1/2015/005	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	13.193	Fixed
PXD1/2018/025	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	13.4	Fixed

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CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	7.00%	27/05/2020
Inter-Bank Rate	4.53%	22/06/2020
CBK Discount Window	13.00%	27/06/2020
91-Day T-Bill	7.089%	22/06/2020
REPO	0.00%	15/05/2020
Inflation Rate	5.47%	May 2020
Lending Rate	11.92%	April 2020
Savings Rate	4.21%	April 2020
Deposit Rate	7.01%	April 2020
KBRR	8.9%	27/07/2016

KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 23/6/2020

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	106.4194	106.3194	106.5194
SW KRONER	11.3515	11.3390	11.3640
STG POUND	132.2053	132.0624	132.3482
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	76.3767	76.2912	76.4621
SAUDI RIAL	28.3709	28.3405	28.4014
SARAND	6.1444	6.1376	6.1512
S FRANC	112.0568	112.0567	112.3149
NOR KRONER	11.0962	11.0740	11.0983
KES / USHS	35.0501	34.9702	35.1300
KES / TSHS	21.7630	21.6956	21.8304
KES / RWF	8.8243	8.7394	8.9091
KES / BIF	17.9575	17.7057	18.2093
JPY (100)	99.6250	99.5221	99.7279
IND RUPEE	1.4025	1.4007	1.4042
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.7317	13.7188	13.7446
EURO	119.5079	119.3776	119.6382
DAN KRONER	16.0520	16.0366	16.0675
CHINESE YUAN	15.0507	15.0349	15.0664
CAN \$	78.5847	78.4993	78.6702
AUSTRALIAN \$	73.4028	73.3179	73.4877
AE DIRHAM	28.9734	28.9431	29.0038

Guidelines: Aviation sector gears up for take off

by Peter Leshan @PeopleDailyKe

International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Council has adopted a new report and recommendations aimed at restarting the international air transport system and aligning its global recovery.

The Covid-19 report and guidelines have been produced by the Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force.

Salvatore Sciacchitano, president of the council said the world looked to the ICAO body to provide the high-level guidance which governments and industry needed to begin restarting international air

transport and recovering from Covid-19 pandemic "We have answered this call today with the delivery of this report, and with its recommendations and Take Off guidelines which will now align public and private sector actions and mitigations as

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we get the world flying again," he said. Sciacchitano said the recommendations and guidelines were done in full accordance with the latest and most prudent medical and traveller health advice available to us.

Important advice

They were developed through broad-based consultations with countries and regional organisations, and with important advice from the World Health Organisation and key aviation industry groups.

The group included the International Air Transport Association, Airports Coun-

cil International, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation, and the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations.

Chairman of the council's taskforce Philippe Bertoux said the guidelines were intended to inform, align and progress the national, regional, and industry-specific Covid19 recovery roadmaps now being implemented, but not to replace them.

"These guidelines will facilitate convergence, mutual recognition and harmonisation of aviation Covid-19-related measures across the globe," he emphasised.

World News

As the economy rebounds, American businesses will need assurances that they can meet all their workforce needs

Trump blocks foreign workers

Tech workers, non-agricultural seasonal helpers, executives to be most affected by Visa suspension

US President Donald Trump has extended a pause on some green cards and suspended visas for other foreign workers until the end of 2020.

High-skilled tech workers, non-agricultural seasonal helpers, au pairs and top executives will be affected.

The White House said the move will create jobs for Americans hurting economically due to the pandemic. But critics say the White House is exploiting the coronavirus pandemic to tighten up immigration laws.

In a briefing for reporters, the administration said the freeze, in place through the end of the year, would impact about 525,000 people.

That includes an estimated 170,000 people blocked by the decision to extend a ban on some new green cards - which grants permanent residence to foreigners. The White House first announced it was halting



Trump has signed an executive order suspending the issuance of a number of visas PD/COURTESY

WHITE HOUSE

The move will create jobs for Americans hurting economically due to the pandemic.

those visas in April, an order that had been set to expire on Monday. Existing visa holders are not expected to be affected under the new restrictions announced on Monday.

Silicon Valley

The order also applies to H-1B visas, many of which are granted to Indian tech workers. Critics say these visas have allowed Silicon Valley companies to outsource American jobs to lower-paid foreign employees. Last year,

there were about 225,000 applications competing for 85,000 spots available through the H-1-B visa programme.

The order will suspend most H-2B visas for seasonal workers, including those in the hospitality industry, except those in agriculture, the food processing industry and healthcare professionals.

The order will restrict J-1 short-term exchange visas, a category that includes university students and foreign au pairs who provide childcare.

Professors and scholars are not included in the order. There will be a provision to request exemptions. Visas for managers and other key employees of multinational corporations will also be suspended.

The aim is to get "the best and the brightest" and "the most value for our economy," a senior official said on the back-ground call.

But the American Civil Liberties Union said: "It's the exploitation of a pandemic to reshape immigration law, while suspending Congress."

The new policy is also opposed by many businesses, which rely on foreign workers.

"As the economy rebounds, American businesses will need assurances that they can meet all their workforce needs," the Chamber of Commerce wrote in a letter this month warning against new restrictions.

"To that end, it is crucial that they have access to talent both domestically and from around the world."

The Monday order is the latest effort by the Trump administration to cater for immigration hardliners and groups, a key constituency of the president's political base that argue American workers should be prioritized, especially amid the economic downturn due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The new restrictions, which will take effect on June 24, expand a temporary immigration ban the Trump administration introduced in April that blocked some family members of US citizens and reduced the number of high-skilled workers from immigrating to the country for the time being.

-Agencies

Twitter apologises for business data breach

Twitter has emailed its business clients to tell them that personal information may have been compromised.

Unbeknownst to users, billing information of some clients was stored in the browser's cache, it said. In an email to its clients, Twitter said it was "possible" others could have accessed personal information.

The personal data includes email addresses, phone numbers and the last four digits of clients' credit card numbers.

The tech company says that there is no evidence that clients' billing information was compromised. The breach affects businesses which use Twitter's advertising and analytics platforms. It's not yet clear how many businesses have been affected.

The company said it became aware of the issue on May 20, and has since fixed the problem. In an email to affected users, it said: "We're very sorry this happened."

-BBC



Some of the soldiers under the UN mission in Somalia. PD/FILE

UN extends mandate of mission in Somalia

The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution to renew the mandate of United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) until August 31.

Under Resolution 2527 adopted on Monday, UNSOM will continue to implement the mandate as set out in paragraph 1 of Resolution 2158 (2014), and further decides that UNSOM should continue to implement that mandate in accordance with Resolution 2461 (2019). The resolution requested the secretary-general

to continue to keep the Security Council regularly informed on the implementation of this resolution, including through oral updates and written reports every 90 days as set out in Resolution 2461 (2019), with the next report due by Aug 13, on the situation on the ground and progress towards achieving key political benchmarks.

UNSOM was established on June 3, 2013 by Security Council Resolution 2102, following a comprehensive assessment of the United Nations. -Xinhua

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Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned goods on 2nd July 2020 at 10:30am or soon thereafter at PANGANI AUCTION CENTER.

LANDLORD -VS- SECRET TO AFRICA
Conference table +6 chairs, television set (Sky worth), 3 side cabinet, executive table, 5 office tables, 9 office chairs, reception seat, water dispenser, secretarial chairs, office filing cabinet, ramptons small fridge, Ramptons microwaves, printer-cum-photocopier, Skyworth television.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT

(NO.13 OF 2019)

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel No. Aguthi/Gathu4819 proposes to change use from Agriculture to Residential (Multi-dwelling), subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institutions and organization with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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LANDLORD -VS- CLEARSKIES LTD VIA THE HATCH
12 wooden tables, 8 metallic framed tables, 23 50kg gas cylinders, 16 12kg gas cylinders, 18 12kg gas cylinders, 31 woven seats (low back), 12 pcs woven wooden frame high back, 3pcs wooden top metallic frame tables, 1pc woven corner seat, 7pcs woven metallic frame seats, 40pcs speakers, 20pcs low back chairs, 3pcs high back seats, 18pcs high table metallic frame, 5pcs high back metallic seats, 58 warmers, 1pc crates of beer (assorted), 1pc Eurco machine, 1pc trancia coffee machine, 3pcs food warmer, 1pc metallic shelves, 1pc i-kitchen cooler, 17pcs 50 inch television (Von Pomi), 2pcs keg containers (assorted), 4pcs oxygen cylinders, 1pc point of sale machines (Adler), 1pc public address (dbox), 1pc sink and dish washer, 1pc fan electric (Von Pomi), 1pc safe yosep, 1pc fire extinguisher, 1pc keg dispensing machine, 1pc speaker, 2pcs Samsung fridge, 1pc h-kitchen fridge, 1pc Berjaya chiller (not tested), 5pcs kitchen tables (metallic), 1pc electric grill (not tested), 1pc 4 burner, 4 fans & grill, 2pcs freezers (Arno), 1pc Berjaya cooler (not tested), 1pc Adler kitchen scale, 3pcs plastic dust bins, 1pc metallic sink, 1pc kitchen shelf, 1pc Samsung washing machine, 1pc wooden top metallic sink, 1pc kitchen shelf, 1pc Samsung washing machine, 1pc wooden top metallic frame, 2pcs rolling top seats, 3pcs chairs (broken), 13 pcs crates of drinking water, 12pcs crates of soda, 1pc carton (red bull) 7pc empty beer crates, 30pcs wire & assorted spirits, 2 pcs cartons savannah, 3pcs cartons batelover bar, 3pcs cartons desperados, 11pcs crates of beer (empty), 11pcs crates of soda (empty), 1pc microwave Ramtons, 1pc water dispenser, 1pc hp printer, 2pc wooden table, 1pc metallic cabinet (4 drawer), 1pc metallic safe (4 drawer), 3 pcs work station, 1pc side cabinet, 1pc conference table, 15pcs rolling chairs, 1pc hp printers, 4pcs shelves, 1pc Sony TV 50 inch (not tested), 3no crate of beers, 1pc small fridge Hotpoint, 1pc microwave 1kg, 1pc 1kg honey, 2 pcs computer screen and many more items.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION OF THE CIVIC RENEWAL PARTY

Notice is hereby given that the political party known as THE CIVIC RENEWAL PARTY has changed its Constitution.

Any member who may wish to familiarize themselves with the said changes may contact the Party's Secretariat using the address hereinbelow.

Dated this 22nd day of June 2020

Civic Renewal Party,
Usawa House,
Amboseli Lane, Off Amboseli Road,
Lavington Estate,
P.O. Box 2642-00100
NAIROBI

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Notice is hereby given that the Postal Address of the Political Party known as the CIVIC RENEWAL PARTY was on 1st day of January 2020 changed from P.O. BOX10642-00400 NAIROBI to P.O. BOX 2642-00100 NAIROBI

Dated this 22nd day of June 2020

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LOOK LIKE IT

DAVID AVIDO aka Looks Like Avido is a Kenyan street fashion designer who recently gained traction for sewing and distributing free face masks to residents of Kibra in Nairobi. He talks with Chebet Korir on his love for fashion

Tell us a bit about yourself.

David Avido is a self-taught street fashion designer who is pushing to bring change in the community through my designs. You were recently recognised by the Office of the President as an Outstanding Professional in Kenya's response to the coronavirus pandemic. How did that make you feel?

I actually got the news from a friend's WhatsApp status and I was surprised, but grateful for the recognition.

How has been your fashion journey thus far?

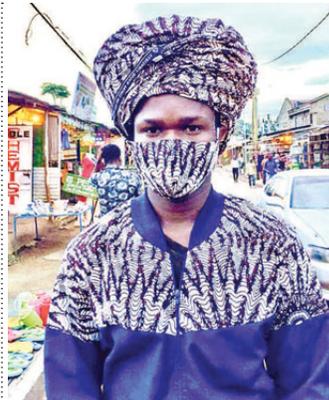
Well, after completing my primary education at Mbagathi Primary School, I dropped out of school in Form Two because of financial struggles and lack of school fees. I did a bit of odd jobs in construction sites, then I later joined a dance crew called Choppers Dance. We were all futuristic, but I wanted to choose a career that would bring change not only to me, but also my family, and fashion was it. I saved a bit from dancing and with help from a family friend and my mum, we raised Sh15,000, which helped me go back to school to clear my secondary school education and sit exams.

You designed outfits for your dance crew before setting your own fashion line, right?

Yes, I did. Back in 2015, I used to design dance costumes because the tailors we depended on were an absolute fail. Through a non-governmental organisation that supports the community, I was able to join the Buruburu Institute of Fine Arts where I graduated a year later with a certificate in fashion and design. I got an internship through a friend and later landed a job at SandStorm Kenya. I worked hard and through the grace of God, I managed to set up my own fashion line, Looks Like Avido.

Why did you decide to make free face masks for residents of Kibra?

Coming from a humble background, we faced challenges such as lack of food, among other necessities. If I got some cash, my priority then would be to get food for my family, which is the case with most residents around my community now. I



thought of a way of using my resources to help and making of free masks was ideal. I used left over materials to start it up and I am glad that more than 10,000 residents of Kibra can own a mask without digging deep into their pockets.

You are working in collaboration with non-profit organisation Umoja Foundation, how did that begin?

The organisation reached out to me and assisted in buying materials and elastics to make the masks. They have been of great help and my joy is to help the residents of Kibra the best way I can.

In your recent interview with *Vogue Italia*, you said, "Things of beauty come from places least expected." Tell us about that.

Well, I am a living testimony and by those words I meant that my background should not define who I am because the greatest people come from places least expected.

How has it been for you designing outfits for many celebrities both locally and internationally?

I have been selling myself quite well, I believe. I have worked with the likes of Bruno Mars, Chronnix, Christopher Martin, Don Carlos, Ty Dolla Sign, Cecile and Alaine, among many others.

What are your most-sought after fashion items?

People really love the printed bomber jackets.

How has the Covid-19 affected your craft?

Since the pandemic broke out, much of my work was put on hold. It's been quite a challenge, but I decided to make the free face masks to keep me busy most of the time, something I have found a lot of satisfaction in.

One piece of advice for up and coming fashion designers...

Do it willingly and be good at it. Also, be patient because not everything comes easily.

GET THE LOOK WITH FAITH KYOUMUKAMA



With this cold weather sweat suit is a must have. You can throw in a trench coat for the staycation dinner.

Joy Kendi's staycation looks

Social media personality, actress and YouTuber Joy Kendi is known for her trendy fashion looks. Her effortless yet unique style hits 10/10 in the fashion track. Recently while on a 'staycation', she inspired many with her simple warm looks even in this cold weather. Here is our traction inspiration from her.



Wide legged pants and a crop top offer a perfect and effortless look for a game drive. Keep it simple with a spark of fashion for those gram shots.



Biker shorts are the best invention yet. You can practically wear them even for a game drive. Keep warm by throwing in a sweater then pair it with your kicks.

Clique & Clicks

► Get Spotted

BEYOND GIVING

By Alex Mburu

As families struggle to put food on the table due to the effects of the novel coronavirus disease, real estate firm Heri Homes recently spread good cheer to hundreds of Mwimuto residents in Kiambu county. Led by its chief executive officer Kimotho Kimani, the company donated assorted foodstuff. Kimotho said many

families faced many challenges including lack of enough or nutritious food, which could lead to malnutrition, especially among children. He reiterated the growing need for other corporates to support Kenyans. Also present were Kabete Ward MCA Gerishon Wanyiri, Heri Homes operations and marketing directors Jorum Mwangi and Paul Mugo.

PD/ ALEX MBURU

Kabete Ward MCA Gerishon Wanyiri.



Heri Homes CEO Kimotho Kimani addresses residents during the event.



Pastor Joyce Wanjiru ministers to the gathering residents as the process kicked off.



Solomon Kitivo of Heri Homes gives his speech.



Kabete Ward MCA Gerishon Wanyiri with Heri Homes' Jackie Wanyoike, Newton Maina and Jorum Mwangi.



Heri Homes CEO Kimotho Kimani with Paul Mugo, MCA Gerishon Wanyiri, Jackie Wanyoike and Jorum Mwangi.



Mwimuto residents patiently wait for the donations.



Some of the foodstuff donated to the residents by Heri Homes.

Show love and care

By Faith Kyoumukama

Shofco Kenya recently partnered with Mama to the Rescue Initiative to provide more than 1,200 meals to the most vulnerable families in Mathare slums in Nairobi. In collaboration with other

partners, they have so far served more than nine tonnes of hot meals in different parts of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area since the beginning of the coronavirus disease outbreak in Kenya.

PD/FAITH KYOUMUKAMA



Shofco Kenya's Anthony Kazungu and Calvince Otieno of the gender department.



Mathare residents queue to receive a hot plate.



Mathare School for Girls deputy headteacher Lucy Muema.



Mama to the Rescue volunteer Bali Shah distributes food.



Volunteer Rose Verdum-Ashton, serves a meal to a young Mathare resident.

A Mama to the Rescue worker helps pack the food.



Ten...

Odd things stolen from retail shops

Shoplifting has evolved from parents stealing baby formula to a well-orchestrated art form that seeks to steal more lucrative things. It is a thriving activity across the world despite the emergence of new technologies such as face recognition cameras and radio frequency tags. NAILANTEI NORARI lists some of the peculiar items to ever have been shoplifted

08

Cotton sheets
Cotton sheets are commonly stolen from retail stores in most European and American countries. This is mainly due to the fact that they are expensive, easy to resell as well as the fact that they are small and, therefore easy to grab. Most shoplifters prefer high thread cotton sheets, as these are top of the range and easier to pawn off to hotels and other discerning customers. The sheets can also be returned to the retail store for a refund or gift card.



09

Barbie dollhouse
In 2013, two men in Florida managed to steal a horde of toys worth \$h40,000 among them a Barbie Power Heels, a Barbie Vacation House and a tablet. One man distracted the retail staff by faking a heart attack while the accomplice took off with the loot. They were eventually caught and charged in court.

01

Christmas tree

One self-confessed shoplifter told hundreds of Reddit users about his merry heist. Due to how cumbersome Christmas trees are, one store was allowing customers to remove tags and instead use them to ring the purchase then come back, pick their tree and leave. The shoplifter simply removed the tag and left with the Christmas tree without paying. It was a Christmas miracle that he was not apprehended.



02

Chainsaw

A man in Florida tried to walk out with a chainsaw in his pants. He was apprehended even before leaving the store in part due to the fact that a chainsaw is a pretty large thing to successfully conceal with pants. He should not have been charged though. I think he should have been given a medal for either extreme valour or extreme stupidity. I cannot decide which.

03

Condom dispenser

While stealing condoms is quite common, making away with an entire condom dispenser is not. A man made headlines in 1994 for shoplifting a condom dispenser from a retail store. He was later apprehended at his house where he had 48 condom packers and loose change from the condom machine.



04

Television set

A TV set while quite valuable, can be quite big and cumbersome as to be carried surreptitiously out of a shop. But some people have more guts than others, as there are recorded cases across the world, where some audacious shoplifters walked out of stores with television sets. In 2015, CCTV footage of an old woman successfully walking out of a store with a 40-inch screen between her legs in Costa Rica, shocked many.

05

Medicine

While most people may think of medicine as a product that might be hard to resell, most shoplifters favour it as most medicines are in small enough packages that make pilfering easier. Moreover, there is always demand for good quality medicine with the right connections. In 2018, a gang of three women was apprehended at Village Market mall in Nairobi, as they tried to walk out with their loot of assorted medical items.



06

Pregnancy kits

You would think that pregnancy test kits are so niche as to not be such a favourite among shoplifters. Turns out that there is a ready market for pregnancy kits such that they can be resold at market value or close to it unlike with most of the other goods. Moreover, pregnancy test kits are small and hence one can shoplift many at a go. That buying a pregnancy test kit also comes with its cultural taboos, and stigma makes it more desirable to procure one online or from the black market where anonymity thrives.

07

Meat and cheese

Shoplifters don't discriminate, with many walking away with either cooked or uncooked meat and at times with both. Cooked turkey is a favourite among American shoplifters, especially during holidays. Sausage packs are pilfered all over the world, as the product is expensive and therefore, considered to be worth the risk. Cheese, while equally expensive is shoplifted, but not as much as sausages and slabs of meat mainly because it is not loved by many and hence is harder to resell.



10

Pairs of pants

While stealing clothing items from stores is common, especially in Kenya, one man made shoplifting history for not only stealing and wearing three pairs of pants and walking out of a store without paying for them, but also stuffing razors and moisturizers down the three pants and walking out of the store with all of the stolen items. Talk of a grand heist!

Relatively Speaking ▶ From the horse's mouth

Former nominated MCA Nyeri County, ELIZABETH WANGUI got vitiligo in her teenage years. Though she struggled to accept her condition, she now champions for the rights of people with vitiligo as her brother ANTHONY NJEE reveals

Helping our family flower bloom

by Harriet James
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Elizabeth Wangui was born a healthy baby 30 years ago. However, when she was 14, something strange happened — a white spot appeared on one of her eyelids. Her first thought was that it was chalk dust, but several attempts by her classmates to clean it, it bore no fruit and she had to go to the school nurse to seek assistance.

The nurse referred her to a doctor and after several trips to the doctor and a skin specialist, they confirmed that she had vitiligo. Vitiligo is a condition in which the skin loses its pigment cells (melanocytes), leading to discoloured patches in different areas of the body, including the skin, hair and mucous membranes. Wangui was given a cream to apply and after a few days, the spot disappeared.

When she turned 19, the spots reappeared, but this time on her fingertips and toes. Being self-conscious, she spent days trying to find treatment. According to her brother Antony Njee, this pushed her into depression. It was difficult for her to accept the new person and she became anti-social. She used to lock herself in the house when not attending classes at Kenya Methodist University (Kemu) where she was pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

"She had to go through counselling to help her accept the new her. As our little sister, we walked with her," Njee says. However, she started her research to know more about this condition, which was not only new to her, but also to her family.

Turning point

By the time she turned 21 years old, the condition had affected three-quarters of her body.

"This was her breaking point and it also broke us back at home. But we had to be her pillar of strength," Njee recalls. Wangui has always been a stubborn girl and after a year, she refused to take her medication. To them, this was not the best solution, but to her, she had opened a new chapter in her life. She had accepted herself and she wanted to create awareness about vitiligo.

"On that day, she told our mother she won't take medication anymore because she had accepted her fate," he explains.

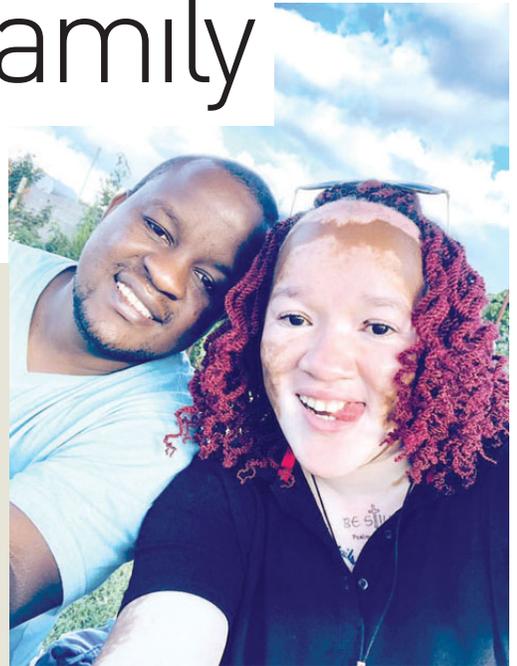
After graduation, she 'tarmacked' for a job, but Njee alleges that due to her condition, she was always denied a chance. When, finally, she secured a job with a bank as a teller, she breathed a sigh of relief. However, this was short-lived. Njee claims that at her workplace, she experienced discrimination not only from her colleagues, but from her customers as well. Few people wanted to be served by her, something that saw her sink into depression again.

"She endured discrimination for about four months and when she could no longer take it, she decided to quit. After a few months, she joined The National Alliance Party (TNA) as a youth leader then ventured into photography and eventually became the main photographer of the party for Mount Kenya region. In 2013, she was nominated as a Member of County Assembly (MCA) Nyeri county, representing



AT A GLANCE

- Elizabeth Wangui is a last born in a family of five.
- During the better part of her university years, she used to wear hoods and gloves to hide her skin.
- Though she is in a relationship currently, her ex-boyfriend dumped her because of the condition.
- She was elected secretary for the Kenya Methodist University Students Organisation (Kemuso) 2009-2010.



Sibling love: Anthony Njee and his sister Elizabeth Wangui. The family has supported her through her journey of self-acceptance since she was diagnosed with vitiligo. MAIN: WANGUI has become confident of herself. PD/MILLIAM MURIGI

people with disabilities," Njee recalls. He says Wangui has always been interested in helping the community and a political platform was a welcome opportunity for her.

Creating awareness

As an MCA, she supported different motions, but one that stood out was the one that required the county government to constantly supply sunscreen to people with vitiligo and albinism in case the national government delayed. This ensured there was enough sunscreen for the beneficiaries, to date.

She also visited different schools to create awareness about vitiligo. She started with Nyeri, before going countrywide and regionally. She is currently the vitiligo ambassador in the country. "Many people with vitiligo look up to her as a source of hope and encouragement," he adds.

Wangui has formed two organisations; Vitiligo Society of East Africa and Vitiligo is Beautiful, aimed at creating awareness about vitiligo and reaching more people living with vitiligo. She also distributes sunscreen for free, which she gets from the national government.

"Though she wasn't nominated in 2017 when she was contesting the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) position to represent youth and persons with disability, she has a passion to lead and her future, according to me, is bright," Njee says. Wangui's role model is the late Prof Wangari Mathai for her resilience and strong will in a patriarchal society. She also admires judge Mumbi Ngugi for her strength as a woman and how far she has risen despite living with albinism.

And what keeps her going? Njee says that his sister believes she can make a difference and that her life has more meaning now more than ever. "She is a flower to us, we always ensure we water her so that she doesn't wither," says Njee in conclusion.

ANTHONY NJEE

One day, Wangui woke up and told our mother she won't take medication anymore because she had accepted the new her

Family Fusion

▶ All about kin and kith

by Sandra Wekesa
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As soon as the government came up with e-learning as a measure to flatten the Covid-19 curve, Linda Atsieno automatically became a worried parent. Having heard so many things regarding children being exposed to sex via technology, her worry couldn't have been settled by just a simple "It's going to be okay" encouragement from her husband.

Although she had held several conversations about sex with her 14-year-old daughter, she still feels like she hasn't looked enough age-appropriate information.

"Maybe she doesn't know enough or maybe she has been fed so much information, which puts me in an awkward position as a parent because I wouldn't know how to drive the conversation," she says.

To her, this conversation tends to be more awkward because she never got the opportunity to have a 'sex talk' with her parents.

However, on some days she tries to bring up the conversation of healthy relationships, something that makes her daughter uncomfortable. "I can tell that she doesn't look forward to it, but this qualifies to be the only safe way to go about it, since we are at the introductory stage," she says.

Linda is among one of the many parents who are struggling to have the sex talk with their children. Modern day children live in a highly sexualised society where they are exposed to sexual language, images, and behaviours before they are developmentally prepared to handle them.

However, research shows that having a 'sex talk' with your child helps in preventing teenage pregnancies and drug and substance abuse.

Primary role

But can't someone else do it? Sex education in schools may provide children with information about sex, but parents' opinions are sometimes at odds with what teachers present; some advocate for abstinence-only education, while others might prefer comprehensive sex education. On the other hand, children often receive contradictory information between secular and religious educations, leaving them to question what to believe about sex and sometimes confusing them even more. Open and honest communication about sex in families can help kids make sense of the mixed messages.

This evidently shows that parents also have an important role to play in ensuring that they educate their children on sex and substance abuse.

Makena Masyuki, a counselling psychologist at Ultimate Care Links says, the process of talking about sex should begin early as soon as the child begins talking.

"The process of talking about sex should start before they're verbal. This means incorporating proper names for genitals into everyday activities such as bath time," she advises.

She adds that it gets easier if you become open to your child. This way, your child will be more comfortable talking to you and asking questions. But if you have never had an opportunity to openly discuss various issues with your children it should be safer taking them through sex-talk at a gradual pace.

One of the things that Makena encourages is finding out what your child already knows about sex. This will make it easier for you as a parent to limit sexual content intake because again, a child shouldn't be exposed to so many things.

She adds that it is important to note sexual education shouldn't be all exclusive about sex and teenage pregnancy. Instead

Having 'that talk' with your child

Talking about sex with your child can be daunting, but with the increased cases of teenage pregnancies lately, it is without doubt a discussion parents need to have



BIRDS AND BEES GUIDE

● **Talk early and often.** The goal is to normalise sexual education when children are young, so talking about it is less intense when they are older and there's more at stake

● **Set positive expectations.** Let your children know they deserve to have great sex. Discussing what's good about sex will help them to have positive standards by which to judge sexual experiences.

● **Don't ask too many questions, or you won't get any information at all.** Provide a respectful place for sharing what your teen is willing to share: excitement of first love, feeling valued, wanted, desired by someone else in an intensely intimate way.

parents should teach their children the importance of healthy friendships and let them understand that it is important to protect themselves.

Don't focus on the don'ts

Be real. Dispel myths and rumours. Provide accurate information. Use simple language, but respect their intelligence and curiosity. Above all, don't discredit love. Don't make sex a taboo, otherwise you would ruin their future relationships and marriage. Understand the importance of romantic attachments in a teenager's life and the intensely strong feelings they generate, even if your definition and perspective of love differ from your child's.

Makena says it is also important to discuss consent in sexual relationships. "Just derive a way of educating them about protecting themselves against sexual pressure and dating violence, this will enlighten them more on the consequences of drugs and sexual activities," she advises.

Avoid sexuality conversations that are all "don'ts." Parents often recount that they speak to their teens often about sex. Yet generally those conversations are all about the "don'ts." Don't have sex. Don't get pregnant. Don't get a sexually transmitted disease and so on.

"Remember for a child, it's monkey see,

MAKENA MASYUKI

You wouldn't want your children to learn about sex from other sources. Therefore start having the conversation as early as possible



Makena Masyuki, counselling psychologist. PD/COURTESY

monkey do. So, what you do as a parent does reflect to your child in so many ways," she says.

Her parting shot to parents is to make sure they are present in their children's life, especially when it comes to sex education. "You wouldn't want your children to learn about sex from other sources. Therefore, start having this conversation as early as possible so that they feel comfortable around you. But if this also fails, it is okay to seek an expert's helping hand," she says.



DADDY'S DIARY
WITH JUSTUS NJOROGE

The forgotten man

Last weekend was Father's Day and it went largely unnoticed. Even the corporates, who have many offers during Mother's Day, went conspicuously silent or were only offering booze as a gift to appreciate fathers.

Many men feel disconnected with their fathers and to date, still struggle to have any relationship with them. Some even blame the failures in their lives on their dads.

You see, when we were growing up, our fathers knew their sole responsibility was providing. That meant they were away from family most of the time as they worked hard to eke a living. Unfortunately for some, due to this distance, they got into alcohol, probably lost their jobs or their businesses went under and they came back home with a paper-bag containing their few earthly belongings. In a nutshell, it meant that the mothers were the only relational parent in that family. She is the one we would all run to cry to, make jokes, get spanked and still love her. As a result, in our adulthood, many of us, especially men find it difficult to relate with their dads. We then have adult children who call their mothers and talk not only longer, but also frequently. The conversations with the dads are purely transactional.

Well, I called my dad to wish him a happy Father's Day and reminded him of the Lawman shoes he bought me that made me the envy of the whole village. And one day when he came from Nairobi, he brought some sausages that mum prepared – something many families were not even aware existed. I reminded him how that made me feel loved and appreciated. He was surprised that I could remember that and confessed he couldn't even remember anything like that. We spoke at length and he was happy to talk to me. I sent mum something small to make dad a special meal in addition to a cake celebrating him as father.

The societal and family expectations are humongous, yet a man can achieve only a fraction of it. So, go ahead and appreciate any man in your life, for the small wins whether it's Father's Day or not. It makes a whole world of difference.

PARENTING 101 WITH BETTY MUINDI

The clueless single mum

When she was a teenager, Rachel Nyaga wanted to become a journalist. But at the age of 20, in her first year of campus at Egerton University, Nakuru, she unexpectedly got pregnant. Rachel and her then boyfriend, also a freshman, were dating for a few months when she discovered the news that would change her life forever. For a first year student on campus, the news came at the worst time, as she was essentially figuring out the next point of her life. With the surprising news, however, plans changed.

"My boyfriend was a funny and humble guy and I got drawn to him. Things happened fast and before I knew it, I was pregnant. It was hard to accept that life as I had pictured it had been altered," she narrates.

While Rachel quickly accepted her new reality, not everyone around her did. "I told my family starting with our first born sister and she was outrightly disappointed. Later on, I told my mother through a text message and I went offline. I later learnt she was really disturbed by the news though she didn't show it directly to me. That crushed me. I hoped to be scolded, but she went numb for days," Rachel recalls painfully, adding, "My mother's silence killed me. Though I understand it was her way of dealing with the reality."

Disappointed, but supportive

Much to her relief, weeks later her mother called to ask if she was okay. "She called to ask whether I was eating well and if I was attending prenatal check-ups. I cried because I didn't expect that from her. Bless her soul. My family was super supportive onwards. My close friends knew, but they didn't know how to react to the news whether to congratulate me, pity me or go with the flow," she chuckles.

Her pregnancy was tough and complicated. Being in school and far away from home did not

During her freshman year of campus in 2014, RACHEL NYAGA had to take on a lot more than just lectures and exams. She discovered she was pregnant barely before the first semester ended. The popular blogger tells us her story



AT A GLANCE

- Being a young single mum and a college drop-out isn't Rachel Nyaga's ideal bio. She is fighting her way out of that horrible tale.
- She is aware of her poor choices that led her to this path and wants to steer her daughter away from that.
- She hopes to instill principles such as confidence, honesty and

Rachel Nyaga and her daughter Njeri Leilani. She documents her parenting journey in her YouTube channel.
PD/JOHN OCHIENG

make things any easier. "I was constantly sick and in hospital every week and at one point I was diagnosed with malaria in my first trimester. I could barely take care of myself and friends stepped in. They ensured I had food and company at all times, I am still grateful to them. The rest of the pregnancy was better because I had gone home for the April long holidays. My mother took great care of me," she recounts.

Rachel welcomed her daughter, Njeri Leilani who she named after her mother on August 30, 2014, after labouring for 19 hours. "Taking care of my child was made bearable by my mother's presence. I was inwardly happy, but I couldn't show it because I feared being scolded for celebrating

'failure'. So conflicted," she poses.

She hoped to go back to school after a year, but she didn't, first because her daughter was still young and she felt that she was the only one that could take care of her the 'right' way. Secondly, she was struggling with mental health issues—the drastic change that had happened to her had taken a toll on her health. "My sister says I was a zombie, lifeless and I barely spoke to anyone. It took me a while to realise I was depressed," she recounts.

Back on path

Three years later, she went back to school, but this time at Kenya Methodist University pursuing a degree in Communication and Journalism and will be graduating in two years. "I have wanted to be on TV ever since I was in secondary school," she confidently says.

To get closer to her dream, Rachel started a YouTube channel early last year to document her journey. "I had a phone with a good camera, access to free WiFi and I thought why not tell my story?" she recalls. And *Life of Ray, The Clueless Single Mom* was born. The name of her channel was inspired by her clueless parenting. "I had no ideas what taking care of a child was all about. I didn't even know what to name her, but my mum guided me through. So my channel is all about my life as a single mum, the joys, the lows, the conflicts and everything in between and my life as an individual away from being a mother," she explains. She says the channel is a way of making lasting memories to be seen decades to come. It's her way of healing as well. "It's my little project, which I have big hopes for. I'm slowly gaining traction and trusting the process," she puts.

But one major challenge is the balance of what to share and what not to share, especially in regards to her daughter's father. "We are in good terms, but we have separate lives and I like it that way. We are trying to co-parent, but I'm still learning to let him in. I don't have to have everything figured out, I believe," the 26-year-old says.

On challenges she faces as a single mother in her early 20's, Rachel says she has to work really hard to gain her self-esteem after giving birth.

"You know with pregnancy comes many body changes and as a young 21-year-old, it was a bummer. Societal pressures are real on single mums. We are harshly judged and blamed. And the double standards are everywhere including social media. Society should be more accepting," she says.



MOMINTHEMIX WITH FANNE MWAMBI

In the name of saving friendship...

A couple of months ago, I was stuck between supporting my best friend and staying home nursing my baby. She had an introduction event in Kisii county and asked if I would support her by travelling and helping with the cooking and washing. My jaw dropped, not because she was finally getting married, but because of the request to cook and clean. My youngest daughter had just turned six months, and travelling meant going with her or

messing her milk flow. I needed to decide and do so quickly!

Mum's advice

I asked my mum to help me decide. "Why don't you send Sue some cash that can help her hire out help, then plan to attend her next function? Your baby will be older then anyway," she advised.

She was right, and without hesitating, I sent Sue some cash and apologised for not being able to help as she needed me to. One of our other mutual friends (let's

call her Meg) travelled with her, and from this point, this story takes a turn that only she (Meg) could have made possible.

Best friend against me?

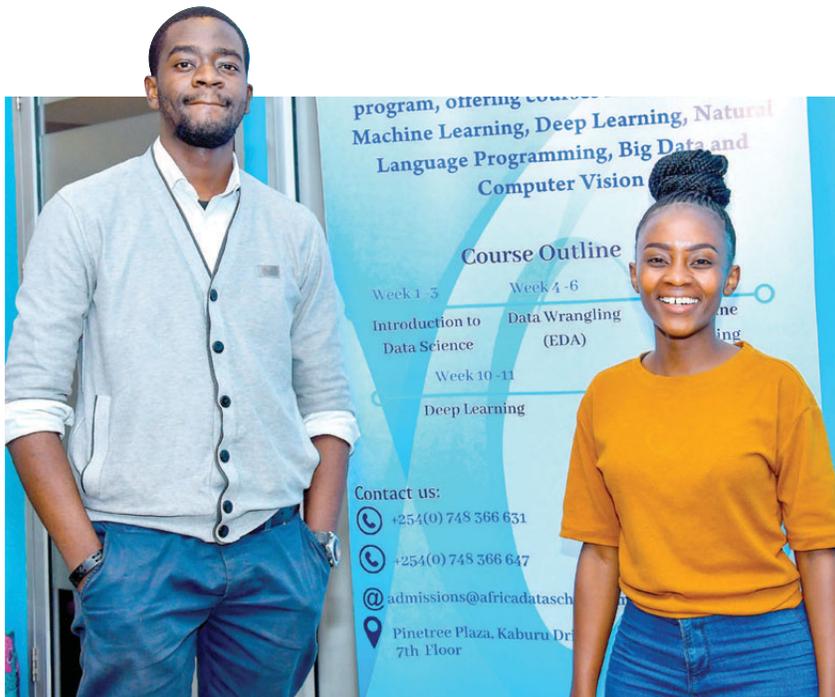
Meg travelled with Sue's sister-in-law. And when they got back, she immediately called to tell me that they gossiped and disapproved my lack of support for a friend who had been there for all my functions. This broke my heart. I wanted to call my friend and apologise if I had made her

feel that way, but before our call ended, Meg added that my best friend had also left the function with the guests, leaving them to do all the cleaning and curse after her for abandoning them. "Her mum was most astonished!" Meg went on. I called Sue to talk to her, but she didn't pick my call. Instead a text came in- 'I'll call you back'. In a minute, Meg called. "Sue's sister-in-law told me you tried to call her". Standby for gossip. Then Sue called my line immediately. I knew two people were waiting to know what my call was about.



Eureka

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Training future data scientists

As a future driver of so many things, technology has played a major role in promising a future growth and a total revolution of how the world views things. Africa Data School has taken an opportunity in ensuring that analytical experts and programming enthusiasts are able to grasp information on artificial intelligence and machine learning

by Sandra Wekesa
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The prospect of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning conjures the kind of innovations the world will be looking at in the future. In most companies robots and automation has already assumed human activities, making many innovators move towards embracing them.

Even with that, the fastest growing roles are data scientists and advanced analysts, which are projected to see a spike in demand starting 2020. International Business Machines (IBM) estimates that about 700,000 data scientists will be on demand across the world, making machine learning and data science a lucrative profession.

In 2019, Duncan Muriithi and his team found out that companies have a lot of data they would like to use to gain a competitive edge in their sectors, but couldn't do it due to lack of data scientists.

"While working at a start-up called Nest-metric, we realised there was a shortage of developers and machine learning talent in Africa. Despite companies seeking to hire these talents, there were little or no experts.

It urged my team and I to introduce this in learning," he says.

After a few months of dialogue with each other, Muriithi and his two partners decided to put their thoughts into practice by setting up Africa Data School. With five years of product management and software development, and three in machine learning, he saw it was suitable to extend his knowledge to others.

Major challenge

His partner, John Muciri, also brings out the best of him with experience from co-founding Kenyamax and Oensa Technology Companies. These over five years combined experience developing and managing technology businesses has allowed him to obtain invaluable knowledge regarding the ins and outs of business and technical development from conception to conclusion in Data Science, AI and marketing products/services.

As the third partner, Fiona Kiruja, focuses on entrepreneurship and innovation sector in the company. Having acquired four years experience empowering early stage tech start-ups in East and West Africa, she brings in her programme management skills to the organisation.

However, at the start of their business,

Duncan Muriithi, one of Africa Data School founders and Fiona Kiruja, the organisation's programme manager. PD/COURTESY

DUNCAN MURIITHI

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AT A GLANCE

- Africa Data School trains data science and artificial intelligence.
- The classes take place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30pm EAT.
- They have six staff members who help them in training students and programming.

they were faced with a major challenge that would have interfered with formation of the organisation. With the little capital they had gathered from their savings and well-wishers they still could not meet the cost of space.

"We were building the biggest tech school, where emerging technologies are taught. This required a lot of space that we couldn't afford, so we rolled out the programme and got people to register. The little they paid us is what we used to rent out a place. That is how we were able to kickstart the school," says Muriithi.

He explains that this worked out well for them until the pandemic began and they were forced to move their classes online. To them, it was a blessing in disguise because they no longer had to worry about space.

"We have had to shift our classes online — a welcome addition to the accessibility and continuity of learning for our students as we are now able to access a diverse set of students through the launch of e-learning. However, we had a decrease in number of students enrolled in April and May intake compared to January and February, but we are now steadily regaining numbers," he says.

Compelling stories

But despite the hitches they have had to encounter, they are glad that in 18 months, they have been able to enrol over 50 students in their institution. Their vision is to impact the careers of many individuals across Kenya, Africa and the world through the training.

Muriithi says the programme costs Sh35,000 for 12 weeks, during which students undergo training in AI foundations and AI engineer certification by Microsoft for Africa, as well as a number of projects that build their portfolios as data scientists.

He adds the main pillars of the programme include, training, projects and placement. "We are actively and consistently looking to partner with relevant organisations to provide more experience to our students. The programme starts with introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning. The weeks that follow involve data visualisation and a deep dive into machine learning techniques. The data scientists in training are required to present a project at the end of the course."

In future, Africa Data School hopes to build the biggest tech school where emerging technologies will be taught, including Blockchain, Quantum Computing and any other computer related courses.

EUREKA BRIEFF WITH NDUATA WAWERU

Xiaomi jumps on earbuds

Known for its phone collection, Xiaomi has diversified its gadgets to include earbuds under its brand, Redmi. The Redmi Earbuds S is already making waves, with their super light weight, matt black finish and decent sound, which is suitable for both music and gaming. They are designed to be sweat proof, but not waterproof, so users should be careful. It also comes with a case with 300mAh battery for charging, increasing the usual 3.5 hours of battery life into 12 hours of additional time.



Moto goes Fast

Motorola has added to its affordable phones two new phones: the Moto G Fast and Moto E. The G Fas, which retails at \$200 (Sh21,300) internationally, comes with a solid build, featuring a 6.4inch display, triple-rear camera. With a 720p panel, 3GB of RAM and 4,000mAh cell, the Moto G Fast is set to last for at least two days on full charge, manufacturer says.



New tweaks to Dell XPS 15

The new version of Dell XPS 15 has transformed the boring chunky laptop into an improved device. It comes with larger screen complete with Dolby vision support, a slim case, better trackpad and keyboard. While the thin case is great for portability, users will lose out on port flexibility because it only comes with three USB-C ports. The laptop's Intel's eight-core i7-10875H CPU, NVIDIA's GTX 1650 Ti, 16GB of RAM and a 1TB SSD makes it faster than the previous version.





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- 6.00 K24 This Morning
- 9.00 Daily Brief
- 12.30 Inside Business
- 13.00 News Cut
- 13.30 Sports Hub
- 14.00 Bongo Movie
- 15.00 Sweetest Love
- 16.00 K24 Mashinani
- 16.30 Ubongo Kids
- 17.00 Beatbox
- 18.00 Unique Love
- 19.00 K24 Saa Moja
- 19.30 Jane And Abel
- 20.00 Kimchi Family
- 21.00 K24 Evening Edition
- 22.00 Lotto Live
- 22.20 Playlist 254 Fresh
- 23.20 Beatbox Repeat
- 00.00 DW Feed



- 5.00 Ime Ria Rucini
- 6.00 Rikiratha
- 9.30 Kurekereria Kodii
- 12.00 Njanjo Ya Muturire
- 1.00 Mohoro Gitau-Live
- 1.30 Kameme Iharoini- Live
- 2.00 Kigunyia Kia Wonjoria
- 3.00 Thiririka Mixx
- 3.30 Satai
- 3.45 Kameme Toonz
- 4.00 Ririmubuka Live
- 6.00 Kayu Ka Murimi
- 7.00 Kameme Maturaini
- 8.00 Njunga Ya Muthee Kihenjo
- 8.30 Ndukuriganira
- 9.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro
- 10.00 Thenema Cia Kameme
- 11.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro- Rpt
- 00.00 Ririmubuka
- 2.00 Deustsche Welle



- 05:00 Command Your Morning
- 06:00 Tech24
- 06:30 Wild Planet
- 07:00 Life And Style
- 09:00 Music Interlude Rnb
- 09:30 Afriscreen
- 11:00 The Promise
- 12:00 Labour Of Love
- 01:00 Newsdesk
- 01:30 Afriscreen
- 03:00 Music Interlude Rnb
- 03:30 Wild Planet
- 04:00 Sanaa Ya Watoto
- 05:00 Baseline
- 06:00 Family Jewels
- 07:00 Ktn Leo
- 07:30 My Two Wives
- 08:00 Foods Of Kenya
- 09:00 Ktn Prime News
- 09:45 Voa Red Carpet
- 10:00 Kenya Lotto
- 10:15 E-Curve
- 11:15 Andrew Womack
- 11:45 Cnn

TIME OUT!

20.00pm KIMCHI FAMILY



::IN THEATRES NOW::

ANGA MEGA KISUMU: **16:20: BLOODSHOT (2020)**
 NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA: **19:00: BLOODSHOT (2020)**
 PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA: **18:30, 20:40: BLOODSHOT (2020)**
 ANGA MEGA KISUMU: **20:45: BAAGHI 3 (2020)**
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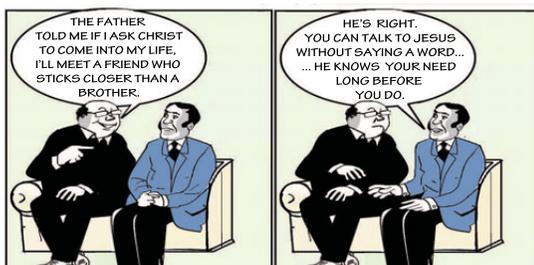
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The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT! | BY TUM



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- 5:30 Gear Up
- 6:00 Good Morning Kenya
- 9:00 Layd Back
- 9:30 Parliament Live
- 11:00 Hypochondriach RR
- 12:00 Top Mashariki Rpt
- 13:00 Lunch Time News
- 13:30 Business Defined
- 14:00 Business Africa
- 14:30 Parliament Live
- 17:30 Club 1
- 18:30 The Great Debaters
- 19:00 Taarifa
- 19:30 Bold Conversations
- 20:00 First Lady
- 21:00 Channel 1 News
- 23:00 CCTV
- 23:30 Lay'd Back



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- 9:00am NTV Today
- 11:00am NTV Sasa
- 1:00pm NTV at 1
- 1:30pm Auntie Boss!
- 2:00pm The Good Son
- 3:00pm The Girl Named Feriha - RPT
- 4:00pm NTV Alasiri
- 4:30pm Barbie Living The Dream House
- 5:00pm The Heat
- 6:00pm Asintado
- 7:00pm NTV Jloni
- 7:30pm The Real House helps Of Kawangware
- 8:05pm The Three Sides Of Ana
- 9:00pm NTV Tonight
- 10:00pm Smart Money
- 10:30pm Movie: UNDESERVED
- 12:30am The Heat
- 1:30am CNN

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ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)
 Be cautious who you deal with financially. Try to keep ahead of the game. Friends and relatives may be hard to take today.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
 You can make new friends who could turn into intimate connections if you join clubs or take creative courses.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
 Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information. Club memberships or donations could be expensive and prove unnecessary.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
 Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. You must try to help. Get ready to do some fancy footwork when it comes to taking care of your financial situation.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
 Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Be prepared to take advantage of your good fortune. Don't let your lover put demands on you.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)
 Protect your interests legally if necessary. You may find travel to be most rewarding. You will enjoy the interaction with youngsters and take great pride in the projects you've completed.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)
 Look into ways that you can make extra cash. Avoid getting too close to coworkers or employers. Take things slowly, especially for the sake of those you love.

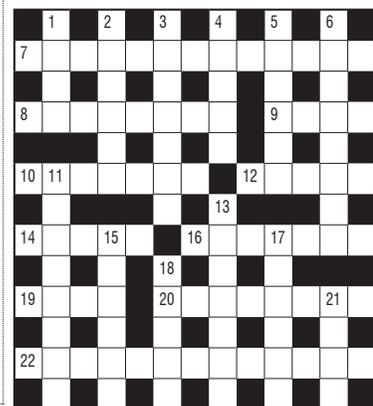
SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
 Promotions will be yours if you have acted professionally in times of crisis. Before you proceed be sure to talk your plans over with those they will affect.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)
 You may want to plan physical activities that will help burn off some of their excess energy.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)
 Go out with friends and avoid the situation on the home front. You can make or break your personal relationship today.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)
 Your emotional reaction will be dependent upon your partner's responsiveness. You can prosper if you invest in property or mutual funds.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
 You will do best to entertain those you wish to close deals with. Travel should open doors that lead to exciting new adventures.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- ACROSS**
- 7. Emissive
 - 8. Ode
 - 9. Curly
 - 10. Exalting
 - 11. Admiral
 - 12. Vases
 - 15. Rings
 - 17. Dollars
 - 20. Operates
 - 22. Legs
 - 23. Tip
 - 24. Kangaroo

- DOWN**
- 1. Imbued
 - 2. Assuming
 - 3. Liberal
 - 4. Dobar
 - 5. Tote
 - 6. Glance
 - 13. All Clear
 - 14. Lossens
 - 16. Inports
 - 18. Region
 - 19. Stake
 - 21. Flapt

- ACROSS**
- 7. Group problem-solving technique (13)
 - 8. Manner; mental state (4)
 - 9. Ammunition (abbrev) (4)
 - 10. Overturned (7)
 - 12. Pile (5)
 - 14. Dirty (5)
 - 16. Moodyly (7)
 - 19. Large wading bird (4)

- 20. Increase (8)
 - 22. Forever honest (13)
- DOWN**
- 1. Run at moderate pace (4)
 - 2. Outer part of a bird's wing (6)
 - 3. Confident (7)
 - 4. Arrives (5)
 - 5. Diacritical mark of two dots (6)

- 6. Harmful (8)
- 11. Apparatus of water-supply (8)
- 13. Covers for car wheels (7)
- 15. Dancing clubs (6)
- 17. Inventor of a scale of temperature (6)
- 18. Denounce (5)
- 21. Narrated (4)

World No 1 Djokovic and wife test positive for coronavirus

TENNIS: Novak Djokovic's disastrous Adria Tour project went from bad to worse today when the world number one himself announced he had tested positive for Coronavirus. The 33-year-old Serbian, who has revealed he is an anti-vaxxer, stated that he did not have symptoms but that he had become sixth direct participant in his exhibition series to catch the virus. It comes after two events, in Belgrade and Zadar, where

there was a near total lack of social distancing measures, with players repeatedly getting up close in everything from fun football kickabouts to escapades in nightclubs. Other players who have tested positive are Grigor Dimitrov, Borna Coric and Viktor Troicki. There have also been positive tests for Djokovic's fitness trainer Marco Panichi and Dimitrov's coach Christian Groh.

—DailyMail



Nzoia Sugar acquires team bus ahead of next season

FOOTBALL: Nzoia Sugar FC becomes the latest club to join other top sides in the country to have acquired a brand-new team bus as they wait to commence on the preparations for the new season. This comes few months shortly after chairman Evan Kadenge took over the reins at the Bungoma town-based Kenyan Premier League (KPL) outfit and the latest development is tipped to be a good start for the side as they settle down to restructure the club to make it a brand in Kenyan football. Speaking to People Sport on

phone Kadenge expressed his pleasure and thanked Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa who he said fulfilled his pledge of getting the club a bus, which he made early this year when he paid a visit to the club. "Cabinet Secretary Wamalwa promised us the bus earlier this year when he toured the sugar factor and I'm happy to confirm that the bus is now ready. This is a rare gesture that should be emulated by other leaders and well-wishers in order for us to take football to the next level," he said.



Middlesbrough hires new manager in relegation fight

FOOTBALL: Championship strugglers Middlesbrough sacked manager Jonathan Woodgate and hired the experienced Neil Warnock yesterday as they battle to avoid relegation to the third tier of English football. The widely travelled Warnock, 71, whose lengthy managerial career has included spells at Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, QPR and Leeds, has been out of the game since he left Cardiff in November. Middlesbrough parted company with former England international Wood-

gate following their 3-0 defeat to Swansea at the weekend their first game since the Championship resumed following the coronavirus shutdown. It left them one place above the bottom three but only above Hull on goal difference. "MFC can confirm that head coach Jonathan Woodgate has been relieved of his duties with immediate effect," a club statement said. "Jonathan was relieved of his role on Tuesday morning and will be replaced by the experienced Neil Warnock."

—AFP

Farmer wins Sh15m Betika jackpot from Sh15 stake

by Charles Thuku
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Nicholas Kirui reacts after he received his windfall from Betika, following his jackpot win. PD/WEBSTER NYANDIKA

Nicholas Kirui, a 43-year old farmer in Nakuru County emerged the first Sh 15 million Betika mid-week Jackpot winner since the return of the games that had been halted due to Covid-19.

Kirui, who correctly predicted 15 games with Sh15 stake to take home the windfall, joins the long list of winners on betting platform that is increasingly gaining popularity in Kenya.

A confessed football fan, Nicholas admitted to being starved of live games since the onset of the pandemic that saw all major football leagues halted.

"When there were no games which came once a week, I would entertain my-

self with virtual and Casino games on the Betika platform. However, there is nothing like live games and the adrenaline is different. So, on May 16, 2020 when Bundesliga was back and Betika announced that they will be airing all the games on the live section of their website, I was happy since there was a glimmer of hope in these tough times," explained Nicholas.

"EPL, EPL, EPL, that is where I knew my luck was. I love the English Premier League," said Nicholas.

Speaking after the cheque hand-over to Kirui, Betika Business Head John Mbatiah said: "Gaming is entertaining and Kirui has not only got Ksh 15 million but he will also get financial advisory by the company on how to use the prize," he said.

Brace for tougher times



Vincent Rono (No. 639) during a past Cross Country Championships. INSET: During an interview in Silibwet yesterday. PD/PHILLIP YEGON

Rono urges athletes to venture into entrepreneurship before resumption of big money races

by Phillip Yegon
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As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt sports activities and other sectors worldwide, local athletes have devised alternative ways of survival.

A number of them are trying their hand in gainful ventures such as farming as one means of getting livelihoods or boosting the already drained resources.

Most of the upcoming athletes who had acquired money and improved livelihoods through sports that have since been disrupted by Covid-19 have switched to other gainful activities.

One such prominent athlete is

Vincent Kipsang Rono who trains at Litein Athletics Training camp in Bureti Sub-County, Kericho County.

He says there are no two ways about it, but to now engage in farming to get some income to support his family and budding athletes whom he reveals depend on him during the difficult times.

"Resources that we had are fast running out and this is the reason I have engaged in farming in a bid to boost my income so that I can support my family and other budding athletes who depend on elite athletes like me. Things are difficult, there are no more big money races abroad, so we have to be innovative to survive to see the next day," says Rono, the 2016 Lille Half Marathon winner.

Rono predicts that Covid-19 is not about to be defeated and urges fellow athletes to brace for further tougher times ahead as they remain focused on keeping fit.



He urged athletes to devise ways of beating the virus and overcome challenges brought about by the pandemic in a bid to remain afloat.

"According to me, the Covid-19 pandemic is not about to be defeated soon. So I appeal to my fellow sportsmen and women and the upcoming ones to brace themselves for tougher times ahead. Athletes should continue training individually and remain focused as they seek other alternatives to bring food on their table," said Rono, who also clinched the third slot on his debut on 10km Road Race in 2009 in Belgium.

Rono said that he was preparing to compete in the would have been Rome Marathon, in Italy, that had been slated for March 29, when all sports activities were either suspended indefinitely or pushed forward due to the virus pandemic.

Friction at Talanta FC over remuneration delay, lapsing player contracts

by Barry Silah
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Trouble is brewing at FC Talanta after a dispute arose over accrued salaries and contract confusion with at least 15 players said to be running on borrowed time due to the ongoing scuffle.

The standoff arose after the players raised concerns about their status with their contracts set to elapse next month. They claim that the Betika National Super League side is playing games in a bid to run them out of the club without pay. A source that spoke on condition of anonymity told People Sport of continued anguish as players had not received four-month salaries.

“These people are messing around

with us and we find it unacceptable. We have confirmation that the club sponsors Communications Authority (CA) released money but some people in there want to fleece us of our sweat. Shamelessly we saw them lie on public television that they only owe us two-month salaries. They also lied they gave us stimulus package which was a lie. As it is, most of us contracts end in July and we believe they are buying time so that they ‘eat our money’ and this is unfair,” the insider said.

He added: “We have been patient and certainly we are exploring other avenues because nobody wants to listen to us. At least 15 players are mostly affected in this matter and they are the seniors

who want their money. These guys are holding public office yet at the same time

abuse their power.”

However Kenya Academy of Sports Director of Talent Development Douglas Ratemo has refuted the claims as baseless and lacking in merit.

“Somebody is mis-advising these players and they must open their eyes. I can confirm that when we receive money then we will be sorted. We have had a challenge on resources because even our sponsors are a State corporation and have to work with a calendar budget like all Government Agencies. What we have been providing at least until recently has been stipends. Delays have also occasioned our problems but we know we will pay all accrued salaries since

April once we get the package,” Ratemo said.



Ronny Katumanga of FC Talanta (left) vies for the ball against Jackson Oketch of Vihiga Bullets during a past BSL match played at Camp Toyoyo grounds. Talanta won 3-1. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

CAF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Complete medical check-up
- Adapting well to nutrition
- Planning of biological assessments to detect risks
- Schedule recovery sessions to prevent injuries
- Targeted/ partial containment
- Mutual protection: Distancing, wearing a mask and gloves
- Hand and body hygiene
- No hand shaking
- Think ‘Corona’ in all circumstances

Mixed reactions as CAF plot resumption



Former Harambee Stars head coach Stanley Okumbi gestures during a past training lasy year. IN-SET: Former FKF boss Sam Nyamweya. PD/SPORTPICHA



Local football stakeholders excited after continental body issues roadmap for return to field activity

by Charles Thuku
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A section of football stakeholders in the country have embraced the idea by Confederation of African Football (CAF) to put mechanisms in place that would see action return despite the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Former Harambee Stars manager Coach Stanley Okumbi stated that although he has not perused the CAF document detailing on the same, this will be one the best things that will have ever happened to the revered sport.

“I have not read the report, but this is the best way forward to continental football given that it will stop rustiness amongst African teams,” said Okumbi.

On Monday, CAF released a 27-page recommendations for the development of football activity recovery plan, meant to define the main planning considerations for organisers of football events in the context of the new

epidemic of coronavirus.

The continental body issued a raft of requirements that include thorough medical tests and high levels of hygiene, depending on government directives in each country.

“For resumption of training, the first phase will be dedicated to medical and athletic tests of between three to four days, then in the second phase the players could resume training individually for seven days before training in small groups for a week, then the third and final phase is the collective recovery,” read the statement.

“This comprehensive document is major step towards resuming football on the continent. Based on recent developments, it is important we have a plan in place to guide our stakeholders on the return of continental and domestic competitions, and the need for an all hands on deck approach.

“Many considerations were factored into the putting together of the document by our team of experts notably the specificities of the continent. Together with strategies established by local authorities, it provides the MAs with adequate information to resume operations upon receiving the green light,” said CAF Acting General Secretary Abdelmounaim Bah.

Former Football Kenya Federation (FKF) president Sam Nyamweya supported the proposed initiative but was quick to point out that precaution should be taken to avert the spread of the disease amongst players.

“It is a move in the right direction because Africa has been deprived of top-notch action since the outbreak of the pandemic three months ago but precaution must be taken when doing so,” said Nyamweya.

Ulinzi Stars coach Benjamin Nyangweso also supported the move by CAF but said the matter rests on the government on the way forward to Kenyan football.

The reactions come in the wake of a series of meetings CAF has held regarding the future of competitions following the COVID-19 pandemic that has rocked the world.

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BRIEFLY

Sao Paulo boss Diniz hails Dani Alves instant impact on side

RIO DE JANEIRO: Sao Paulo head coach Fernando Diniz has hailed the impact of Brazil international defender Dani Alves on his squad. Alves joined Sao Paulo after parting ways with Paris Saint-Germain last August and the 37-year-old has impressed Diniz both on and off the pitch. "He is the most unique player I have ever worked with," Diniz told TV Globo on Monday night. "People don't realize that besides being a great player he is a fantastic per-

son who is always willing to share his wisdom with others. "He gives us a very interesting dynamic. He understands the technical side of things while also providing leadership and experience. It's been an honor to work with him."

Alves has mainly been used in central midfield by Diniz and was one of Sao Paulo's most influential players early in the current Brazilian season, before it was stopped amid the COVID-19 epidemic.

-XINHUA

Sevilla go third in Spanish La Liga as Villarreal's Bruno returns from injury

MADRID: Sevilla climbed back up to third place in La Liga on Monday after a 2-2 draw at Villarreal, as Bruno Soriano played for the first time in over three years following his injury nightmare. Paco Alcacer put Villarreal ahead on 18 minutes and Pau Torres restored the lead on the stroke of half-time after Sevilla captain Sergio Escudero had drilled in from outside the area. Munir El-Haddadi ensured Sevilla came away with a point that put them back above Atletico Madrid, who face Levante on Tuesday, with an equaliser on 63 minutes to



snap Villarreal's three-match winning run. The draw pushed Villarreal into the Europa League spots at the expense of Real Sociedad, while the introduction of Bruno for the final few minutes marked the end of an injury-decimated spell dating back to May 2017.

-AFP

Bach calls for power of sport against pandemic to mark 73rd Olympic Day

BEIJING: International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach on Tuesday called on people around the world to use the power of sport to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The president made the remarks through a video message to National Olympic Committees (NOCs) on the 73rd Olympic Day. "Celebrating Olympic Day may feel very different from all previous years, but at the same time, on this Olympic Day, our message of the power of sport to bring hope and optimism to everyone resonates even stronger," said Bach. "Let us join together



to use this power of sport to prepare the postponed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 as a moment of solidarity and resilience of humankind," he added.

-AFP

Juve's sigh of relief



Ronaldo, Dybala get Italy giants back to winning ways on Serie A return

Milan, Tuesday
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Cristiano Ronaldo and Paulo Dybala scored early as Juventus put their Italian Cup final woes behind them with a 2-0 win over Bologna on Monday to move four points clear of Lazio on top of the Serie A table.

Portuguese star Ronaldo had missed a penalty in the Italian Cup semi-final against AC Milan, and drew a blank in the final which Juventus lost 4-2 on penalties to Napoli. But the 35-year-old made no mistake in Juventus's first league game since beating Inter Milan 2-0 in Turin on March 8.

He converted a spot-kick earned by Matthijs de Ligt after 23 minutes for his 26th goal for the Turin giants in all competitions this season.

Dybala curled in the second on 36 minutes off a Federico Bernardeschi

back-heel flick as Juventus, chasing a ninth consecutive Scudetto, opened up a four-point lead on second-placed Lazio. "We need confidence and this victory will help us," said Dybala.

"It's not easy to be brilliant right now, we hadn't been playing for a long time. "If we had won the (Italian Cup) final everyone would have complimented us, because on a tactical level we have had a great game, even if we were not brilliant, but we conceded little. "Today we played a great game, even if after 2-0 we gave up a bit."

Lazio travel north to fourth-placed Atalanta in Bergamo on Wednesday, looking to keep their bid for a first Serie A title in two decades on track.

Inter Milan, in third, are nine points adrift of Juventus, and next host Sassuolo. AC Milan shrugged off the absence of Zlatan Ibrahimovic to sweep past Lecce 4-1 and keep their bid for European football next season alive as 10-man Fiorentina were held 1-1 by basement club Brescia.

Swedish star Ibrahimovic has yet to return from a calf injury but Milan put their exit in the Italian Cup semi-final behind them at relegation-threatened Lecce. "It's an important victory," said Milan coach Stefano Pioli.

"Roma (in fifth) are far away at the moment but we have to try to make as many points as possible.

"Ibra is a fundamental player for us, without him we had to find other solutions." In Lecce, Samuel Castillejo opened the scoring after 26 minutes for the visitors, connecting with a Hakan Calhanoglu cross from the right to slot in his first goal this season.

-AFP



Juventus' Italian forward Federico Bernardeschi shoots on goal during their Italian Serie A match against Bologna on Monday night at the Renato-Dall'Ara stadium in Bologna, as the country eases its lockdown aimed at curbing the spread of the COVID-19 infection, caused by the novel coronavirus.

AFP

ITALY SERIE A RESULTS:

Bologna 0-2 Juventus

Fiorentina 1-1 Brescia

Lecce 1-4 AC Milan

Played Sunday:

Atalanta 4-1 Sassuolo

Inter Milan 2-1 Sampdoria

Played Saturday:

Torino 1-1 Parma

Hellas Verona 2-1 Cagliari

SERIE A FIXTURES:

Today's:

Inter Milan vs Sassuolo 8.30pm

Atalanta vs Lazio 10.45pm

Roma vs Sampdoria 10.45pm

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. Juventus	27	21	3	3	52	24	66
2. Lazio	26	19	5	2	60	23	62
3. Inter Milan	26	17	6	3	51	25	57
4. Atalanta	26	15	6	5	74	35	51
5. Roma	26	13	6	7	51	35	45
6. Napoli	26	11	6	9	41	36	39
7. AC Milan	27	11	6	10	32	35	39
8. H. Verona	26	10	8	8	31	27	38
9. Parma	26	10	6	10	33	32	36
10. Bologna	27	9	7	11	38	44	34
11. Cagliari	26	8	8	10	42	42	32
12. Sassuolo	26	9	5	12	42	43	32
13. Fiorentina	27	7	10	10	33	37	31
14. Udinese	26	7	7	12	21	37	28
15. Torino	26	8	4	14	29	46	28
16. Sampdoria	26	7	5	14	29	46	26
17. Genoa	26	6	7	13	31	47	25
18. Lecce	27	6	7	14	35	60	25
19. SPAL	26	5	3	18	20	44	18
20. Brescia	27	4	5	18	23	50	17

Gor players finally receive their five months salary pay

by David Ndolo
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There is a sense of bliss among Gor Mahia players following the payment of their five-month salaries owed after the team received sponsorship from Canadian betting platform Betsafe.

The Sh55 million annual windfall lasting three seasons could not have come at an opportune time when most players are living in penury since the onset of the Covid-19 which saw all sporting activities in the country suspended by the government.

Since the onset of the pandemic in March, K'Ogalo had been struggling financially to the point of players issuing a quit notice to the management.

But players can now heave a huge sigh of relief after majority of them vowed to stick with the team, thanks to improved financial fortunes.

Among the players who have resolved to renew contracts with the 19-time Kenyan Premier League (KPL) champions are dazzling winger Boniface Omondi, national team Harambee Stars midfielder Lawrence Juma, goalkeeper Boniface Oluoch and team skipper Kenneth Muguna. Also in the list is youthful defender Philemon Otieno who recently recuperated from a calf injury while serving the national team in an African Nations Championships (CHAN) qualifier last year.

Speaking to *People Daily*, Juma acknowledged the support by the company and particularly congratulated former team manager George Bwana who brokered the sponsorship deal.

"This is a welcome gesture and I can confidently say that the players feel appreciated by the management. Life had been really hard and we call on other prospective sponsors to come on board," said Juma. Bwana, who also oversaw a Sh 45 million sponsorship deal for AFC

Leopards from the same company said that the deal was inspired by his deliberate policy to see to it that the two biggest teams in the country come out of financial turmoil.

"Gor and Leopards are big brands in the country and to see them struggling is a sad epitaph. I hope to assist them more to get financial aid if such an opportunity presents itself," said Bwana.



Gor Mahia's Lawrence Juma dribbles the ball during a past team training at Camp Toyoyo.

PD/ DAVID NDULO

1. Belgium based Harambee Stars player Johanna Omollo in a previous training with national team.
 2. Belgian Ambassador to Kenya Nicolas Nihon talks to Omollo on video call at Dandora Stadium yesterday.
 3. Nihon donates food stuff to 50 year old Jane Wanjiru at Johanna Omollo foundation head offices in Dandora yesterday.
 4. Nihon (right) with the Foundation chairman Godfrey Ogoti.
- PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA



Omollo's magic

Belgian ambassador donates food stuff to more than 300 families in Dandora, through Johanna Omollo's foundation, vow to support annual age group competition

by Rodgers Ndegwa
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A lucrative annual youth football tournament is in the offing after a partnership between Johanna Omollo Foundation and the Belgium Embassy.

The deal was announced yesterday by Belgian Ambassador to Kenya Nicolas Nihon who visited Dandora Stadium where Harambee Stars' highly rated midfielder Johanna Omollo began his career more than two decades ago.

During yesterday's visit, Nihon donated foodstuff to over 300 families. He said he was amazed by the midfielders efforts to help the community.

The foundation which was formed three years ago will see talented players across all the counties battle it out for the bragging rights in front of

foreign football scouts and stand a chance of landing teams in the major European leagues.

The competition will bring together players from the Under 12, 14 and 16 categories once the Corona Virus pandemic is contained in the country.

Such contests according to the ambassador, will ensure the youth are busy and will stop them from engaging in negative vices while ensuring they nurture skillful players whom in turn will aid the various national teams attain international glory.

Omollo who was born and raised in Dandora but currently plies his trade for Belgium's top league side Cercle Brugge, has had 27 caps for the national team, Harambee Stars, with six goals and also become a permanent feature for his club in one of the most competitive leagues in the world. Now he is keen to see other youths also advancing their careers in Europe.

"This kind of gesture is very good from a player whom worked hard to get to where he is right now. We will support his endeavors as it promotes a perfect cultural heritage between the two nations. We are proud of his achievements so far and would like to encourage even more players to follow his foot-steps in mentoring other upcoming players in the society," said

Nihon. The Foundation's chairman Godfrey Ogoti echoed the ambassador's sentiments adding that they want to see the more Johanna's to emerge from the area.

"What we basically encourage on our part is to see that players continue with their education once they enroll in our football academy, we train them on the basics of football and hope to see them become successful just like the founder," noted Ogoti.

He added: "We are hoping the Dandora Stadium will be completed before the year ends in order to begin planning for the tournament. We expect that this partnership in the coming years will see our players compete against the teams in Belgium and also our coaches receive adequate training."

During a video call with the Ambassador at yesterday's function, Johanna encouraged more people to support his foundation to aid in assisting the less fortunate and thanked the Belgium embassy for their helping hand.

"We as a foundation are very grateful for all the help you have accorded us and we hope we will continue working together to uplift our youth and the society in general," said Omollo.

EPL FIXTURES

Today:

Man Utd	vs Sheffield United	8pm
Newcastle	vs Aston Villa	8pm
Norwich	vs Everton	8pm
Wolves	vs Bournemouth	8pm
Liverpool	vs Crystal Palace	10.45pm

Thursday:

Southampton	vs Arsenal	8pm
Burnley	vs Watford	8pm
Chelsea	vs Man City	10.15pm

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. Liverpool	30	27	2	1	66	21	83
2. Man City	30	20	3	7	76	31	63
3. Leicester	30	16	6	8	59	29	54
4. Chelsea	30	15	6	9	53	40	51
5. Man Utd	30	12	10	8	45	31	46
6. Wolves	30	11	13	6	43	34	46
7. Sheff Utd	30	11	11	8	30	28	44
8. Tottenham	30	11	9	10	48	41	42
9. Crystal Palace	30	11	9	10	28	32	42
10. Arsenal	30	9	13	8	41	41	40
11. Burnley	30	11	6	13	34	45	39
12. Everton	30	10	8	12	37	46	38
13. Newcastle	30	10	8	12	28	41	38
14. Southampton	30	11	4	15	38	52	37
15. Brighton	30	7	11	12	34	41	32
16. Watford	30	6	10	14	28	45	28
17. West Ham	30	7	6	17	35	52	27
18. Bournemouth	30	7	6	17	29	49	27
19. Aston Villa	30	7	5	18	35	58	26
20. Norwich	30	5	6	19	25	55	-21



Smelling victory

Liverpool return to Anfield as Man City aim to prolong The Reds' 22-year title wait

■ Liverpool, Wednesday
@PeopleSports11

Liverpool's 30-year wait to win the English title could come to an end this week, but the Reds must rely on Manchester City dropping points at Chelsea.

Jurgen Klopp's men host Crystal Palace in the first Premier League game at Anfield for 110 days.

A 0-0 draw at Everton in their first match for three months on Sunday means the champagne will remain on ice even if Liverpool return to winning ways.

However, victory for Klopp's side will leave City needing to win at Stamford Bridge 24 hours later to deny Liverpool the title.

Palace were the last team visiting team to win a league match at Anfield over three years ago.

The Eagles impressed in their comeback with a 2-0 win at Bournemouth on Saturday to close to within four points of the European places and Klopp was impressed with what he saw.

"I saw Crystal Palace and they look like a proper-oiled machine," said the German.

"They have four times in a row now a clean sheet, so it will be a tough job 100 per cent, I know that. But that is how the Premier League is always, so no problem with that."

Liverpool are hopeful of having Mohamed Salah and Andy Robertson back fit after both were badly missed in the Merseyside derby. City's strength in depth was on show as Pep Guardiola was able to make eight changes for Monday's 5-0 thrashing of Burnley.

Kevin De Bruyne and Raheem Sterling are among those expected to come back into the side for the stiffer test of Chelsea, who will be looking to cement their place in the top four.

Frank Lampard's men came from behind to beat Aston Villa 2-1 on Sunday to open up a five-point lead over Manchester United and Wolves.

"Now we have three points when some teams have lost points around us," said Lampard.

"We played well in patches but when they put us under pressure slightly, I thought we gave it away too easily - things we will definitely have to clean up on in the future games coming up."

Depending on the outcome of City's appeal against a two-season ban from European competition, fifth place could be good enough to qualify for next season's Champions League.

United are in pole position to take advantage of their local rivals' punishment and made an impressive return despite being held to a 1-1 draw at Tottenham on Friday.

Paul Pogba won the penalty, converted by Bruno Fernandes, for United's equaliser on his first appearance since December 26 as a substitute.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is expected to pair the two star midfielders together from the start for the first time against Sheffield United on Wednesday.

The Blades have taken just one point from their opening two games of the restart, but can still move above the Red Devils with victory at Old Trafford.

Wolves picked up where they left off by beating West Ham 2-0 to move into the top six and will be confident of another victory when they host Bournemouth at Molineux. **-AFP**

Liverpool's boss Jurgen Klopp reacts after his side scored a last minute winning goal against Aston Villa in a past EPL match. PD/FILE



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Burnley players condemn 'white lives matter' stunt at the Etihad

MANCHESTER: Burnley captain Ben Mee has condemned the fans that flew a banner reading 'white lives matter' over the Etihad Stadium ahead of their game against Manchester City - claiming he is 'ashamed and embarrassed' by it. A plane trailing a message reading 'white lives matter Burnley' was visible as players took the knee before Manchester City beat Sean Dyche's side. The aircraft circled the stadium for several minutes, with players seen shaking their heads in disgust. A man based in Lancashire hosted a live broadcast of the fly-over from outside the Etihad Stadium on his Facebook account. In an emotional interview, the defender made it clear that the entire squad were disgusted by the decision to fly the banner over the ground. **-DAILYMAIL**



Guardiola fears striker Aguero could miss the rest of the season after knee injury in Monday tie

MANCHESTER: Pep Guardiola fears Sergio Aguero could miss the rest of this season with a knee injury. Aguero limped out of Monday night's rout of Burnley after winning a penalty following Ben Mee's trip just before half-time. The Argentine has been carrying a niggle in his left knee since City returned to training last month and will undergo tests at the training ground on Tuesday night. Guardiola ruled him out for the next few weeks - and definitely Sunday's FA Cup quarter final at Newcastle. "It doesn't look good," he said. "He felt something but it doesn't look good for this season." The doctor (Max Sala) says it will take time. A few games out for sure but maybe tomorrow the tests he will get good news. "We will see." The Premier League finishes on July 26, with City facing Real Madrid in their Champions League last-16 second leg just under a fortnight later. Guardiola - who warned of injuries brought on by Project Restart last week - can call upon Gabriel Jesus in Aguero's absence, while he has used Raheem Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva in the false nine position in the past. **-AFP**