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MP arrested over violence



A woman is assisted by Red Cross officials to flee Olmoran Kasarani in Laikipia West, yesterday, after violence escalated. PD/RAPHEAL MUNGE



William Kamket



Mathew Lempurkel

Page 2 Tiaty MP William Kamket and former Laikipia North MP Mathew Lempurkel are in police custody for allegedly fanning the violence in Laikipia County

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Shock as many receive fake J&J Covid jab



Kenneth Mukundi, (left) and Wallace Mugendi

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Gullible Kenyans fall for fake Covid-19 vaccines

Quacks masquerading as Kenyatta National Hospital medics charged as much as Sh3,500 for administering jab

by Bernice Mbugua and George Kebaso
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Scores of unsuspecting Kenyans could have fallen victims to fraudsters administering fake Covid-19 jabs.

The fraudsters, posing as medical doctors, were charging as much as Sh3,500 for each of the fake Johnson & Johnson vaccine, it also emerged.

The government will start distributing the 141,600 Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses this morning with vaccination expected to kick off in Nairobi.

Half of these vaccine doses will go to private health facilities while the remaining will be administered at public health institutions, Head of national Covid-19 vaccine deployment task force, Dr Willis Akhwale said last evening.

He confirmed that the vaccine had been cleared for distribution yesterday afternoon. Dr Akhwale told *People Daily*, every county will get few doses after a careful balancing act which might have delayed distribution and commencement of vaccination.

Initially, the government had scheduled vaccination exercise to commence Tuesday this week at the Mbagathi and Kenyatta National Hospitals, but low shipment that was below the expected arrival could have scuttled the plan.

Masquerade as doctors

At Milimani Law Courts, Wallace Mugendi Njeru and Kenneth Mukundi Njeru were arraigned for allegedly administering the fake vaccines while masquerading as medical doctors.

In an affidavit filed in court by Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) George Kinoti through Corporal Kapairo Lekakeny, the court heard that the suspects were arrested on September 7 at Crane Hospital within Kasarani area, Nairobi County.

Suspects masqueraded as doctors employed at Kenyatta National Hospital, collected huge amounts of money from innocent Kenyans while administering fake Covid-19.

"The respondents, Mugendi and Mukundi, are alleged to have personated a medical doctor and administered to unsuspecting clients fake Johnson and Johnson Covid-19 vaccines," the DCI told the court.

Lekakeny informed the court that the illegal and fake Covid-19 vaccination exercise took place on diverse dates between July and August but was reported on September 7.



Kenneth Mukundi (left) and Wallace Mugendi at Milimani Law Courts where prosecution applied to detain them for five days to enable investigations into their administering Johnson and Johnson vaccines in Kasarani. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

"That Covid-19 is a worldwide threat to mankind and the respondents capitalised on that by faking the vaccines and administering to unsuspecting clients for monetary gains without care of their health," said the DCI.

The suspects are also alleged to have impersonated doctors from KNH on diverse dates between January 1, 2020 and September 7.

"The respondents are suspected to have committed a very serious offence of endangering the lives of their clients making them susceptible to Covid-19 by making them believe that they were vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson vaccine which is not the case and making them not get the right vaccine," Lekakeny said.

He added that even though it is not clear how many Kenyans had fallen victims of the fake doctors, detectives had, during arrest, recovered assorted consent sheets with details of those who took the vaccine and who are still unaware that they were administered fake vaccines.

QUACKS AND FAKE JABS

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"Victims of the two suspects upon noticing that they don't appear in the ministry of health database as those who are vaccinated, were tormented mentally due to uncertainty of the contents of what they were administered with," read the affidavit.

The police sought to have the two suspects detained for five days arguing that they need time to conclude investigations into the case as there was need to conduct an identification parade on the suspects before they are charged.

Accomplices

The court heard that the detectives also need to arrest other accomplices who have been administering fake vaccines in other hospitals facilities that they operate in Ongata Rongai.

DCI said that the suspects, upon interrogation, confessed that they were assisted to register the facility in Kasarani, Nairobi by an authorised medical doctor to enable them operate the business without being detected by regulatory bodies.

"The DCI investigators need to rely on the suspects to assist in locating other hospital facilities that they operate in Ongata Rongai in view of making recoveries" he said.

The two suspects did not oppose the prosecution's application to have them be detained for five days to enable the state complete the probe in the matter.

In a brief ruling, Milimani Senior Resident Magistrate Senior Resident Magistrate Sinkiyian Tobiko allowed the prosecution to continue holding the suspects in police cells pending completion of investigations into the matter.



Tiati MP William Kamket escorted to the cells in Nakuru over the ongoing unrest in Laikipia. PD/ROY LUMBE

Laikipia clashes: Kamket, former MP Lempurkel arrested over violence

by Roy Lumbe and Nancy Gitonga
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Tiati MP William Kamket and former Laikipia North MP Mathew Lempurkel were yesterday arrested as the government intensified crackdown on suspected masterminds of the raging skirmishes in Laikipia County.

Kamket was arrested in his constituency in Baringo County yesterday morning and driven to the regional police headquarters in Nakuru County before being locked up at the Kaptembwo Police Station on the outskirts of the town, awaiting to be taken to court this morning.

Lempurkel was arrested at his residence in Ongata Rongai and arraigned at the Milimani Law Courts in connection with the skirmishes.

The prosecution asked the court to grant it fourteen days to continue holding Lempurkel at the Kileleshwa Police Station as it finalises investigations over his alleged involvement in the skirmishes with a view to charging him with incitement to violence.

Live TV

The State alleges that the former MP has been issuing inflammatory statements on a live TV show between May and July.

Chief Inspector Wanga Masake from the DCI informed the court that they are investigating the former MP over several allegations of incitement to violence, murder, livestock theft, robbery with

violence and spreading of hate speech.

"The main suspect before this court made utterances that have led to commission of murder of Kikuyus, Meru, Kisii and other tribes surrounding the conservancy and ranches in Laikipia," said Masake.

"As we stand before this court, there is no peace in the community," he added.

But Lempurkel through his lawyer Saitabao Kanchori urged the court to dismiss the application saying he is being harassed by the authorities.

"What is before this court is a case of harassment, the government is seeking a sacrificial lamb," said Kanchori.

Senior Resident Magistrate Sinkiyian Tobiko dismissed the prosecution's request and ordered it to detain the former MP at the Kileleshwa Police Station until today morning to have him arraigned.

Baringo Police County Commander Robinson Ndiwa confirmed that they had arrested Kamket in connection with the unrest in Laikipia.

He claimed Kamket was linked with the skirmishes since a number of criminals causing trouble in Laikipia were from Baringo. Ndiwa claimed that Kamket is among several politicians who have employed bandits to take care of thousands of animals in the area. He said in the ongoing operation, officers have faced a lot of resistance from the heavily armed bandits.



Cleaning ear wax with candle

It was advocated as a cheap alternative method for cleaning out earwax at home. The idea was to place the unlit end of a hollow candle in your ear and then burn the other end to create negative pressure and draw wax out of the ear. Not surprisingly, a study proved that this practice was not effective and could actually deposit hot candle wax in your ear. Many people who tried this had to see a doctor for injuries. The most shocking part? This study was published in a professional medical research journal in 1996! That is surprisingly recent for people to be using their ears as candleholders.



Kill lungs to cure tuberculosis

With Antibiotics of any kind rare at the time, Tuberculosis became one of the leading killers from the 1930s to the 1950s. However, a medical procedure called "plombage" grew popular. The plombage surgery involved filling the patient's pleural cavity (the lung area behind the rib cage) with random materials such as mineral oil, Lucite balls, gauze, paraffin wax, rubber, or animal fat. One published study showed surgeries on children in which sterilised Ping-Pong balls were used as fillers. The idea was to cause the lung to collapse and stop functioning, theory being that the diseased lung would heal itself over time. Patients did live longer and experience short-term improvement but complications that followed, eg infections, haemorrhages, or movement of the foreign material filler, often got you.



Smoking for good health

Not long ago, smoking was actually thought to be good for health. Inhaling tobacco fumes was believed to help asthma. Tobacco advertisements from the 1920s to the 1950s often featured doctors smoking cigarettes and endorsing their health qualities. One brand advertised that their manufacturing process produced a cigarette that was "your throat protection against irritation and against cough." Smoking cigarettes was also a dieting trend among women in the 1920s. Advertising such as "reach for a Lucky instead of a sweet" attracted women to nicotine's appetite suppressant qualities. It all crumbled when in 1953, three scientists published their laboratory findings that confirmed cigarettes caused cancer.

Terrible medical ideas from the past

Sit back and be surprised by how much medical knowledge sucked just 100 years ago



Radioactive water for indigestion

Radioactivity was a new, exciting discovery about 100 years ago. People bought radium pendants, uranium blankets, and radon water with the hopes of improving their digestion, arthritis, and whatever else ailed them. One popular product was the Radium Ore Revigator, which was a watercooler lined with a radioactive ore that upon decay would "enhance" your drinking water with a high concentration of radon. Eben Byers, a wealthy Pittsburgh steel industrialist and moderately famous golfer in the 1900s, began taking a radium water product called Radithor when his doctor suggested it for his health. By 1930, Byers had multiple cancers and holes in his skull. Most of his jaw had also fallen off. It is upon his death that people began to realise the dangers of radiation exposure.



Soothing babies with hard drugs

In the late 1800s to early 1900s America, "Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup," was the drug given to babies to stop teething pain, diarrhoea, and other minor ailments. The soothing syrup had popular advertising that contained appealing domestic images of mothers and babies. Many mothers told others about how well it worked to stop their children from crying and to soothe the kids to sleep. What was in this miracle drug, you ask? The syrup was pure morphine dissolved in alcohol and was sold until the 1930s. Morphine, is a strong opiate painkiller with serious side effects and a highly addictive nature. Widely popular, the syrup unfortunately led to numerous infant deaths from overdose as well as many drug-addicted children. This resulted in its removal from the market.

Kamba lawmakers threaten to abandon Kalonzo if he backs Raila

by Hillary Mageka
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Allies of Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka have threatened to abandon him if he supports ODM counterpart Raila Odinga for president in next year's elections.

Lifting the lid on behind-the-scenes manoeuvres and speculations that the two leaders could be plotting a re-union ahead of 2022, Wiper MPs warned Kalonzo against any plans to support Raila, saying he would be a lonely man in such a journey.

"Should our party leader ever make the decision to support Rt. Hon Raila Amolo Odinga for presidency, we respectfully assure him of two very painful outcomes,

he walks that journey alone, the Kamba nation and the millions of his supporters across the country will never forgive him," they said in a strongly worded statement read at Parliament Buildings by Kitui Senator Enock Wambua.

They were led by Wambua, MPs Irene Kasalu (Kitui Woman Rep), Dan Maanzo (Makueni), Makai Mulu (Kitui Central), Edith Nyenze (Kitui West) and Danson Mwashako (Wundanyi).

Speculations come just a day after Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi, a principal in One Kenya Alliance, alongside Kalonzo and two others gave the strongest possible indication that he may go looking for a running



mate from the Central Kenya region in his quest for the country's top seat in 2022.

Other principals are Kanu's Gideon Moi and Ford Kenya's Moses Wetangula. But in what could signal the start of the disintegration of OKA, *People Daily* has established that Gideon will be formally announcing his exit from the coalition and launch a lone stab at the presidency.

"We have told him to go for the top seat. He has what it takes to be president. We want him to make that formal announcement, we hit the road running. Our friends from OKA have the option of joining," a first term legislator and a close ally of Gideon said.

Yesterday, Kalonzo's lieutenants refuted claims of collapse of OKA and that their party leader was in talks with Raila. According Senator Wambua, their people had sent them to "put to rest" what he termed as wild speculations that their party leader was considering deputising Raila again in 2022.

"What we are saying is that our people are saying that Kalonzo cannot support Raila again. We can support any other person within OKA but not Raila," Wambua said. On June 21, without mincing words, Kalonzo said he would be "the most stupid person on earth" to endorse Raila, who was his co-principal in NASA, for the third consecutive time.

Why big boys aren't sitting pretty in political strongholds

Big political outfits have been forced to quell rise of smaller parties that are coming up and influencing voters in the regions

by Benjamin Imende
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Leaders of big political parties are fighting to stem the emergence of small outfits in their strongholds for fears that it could weaken their support in the next General Election.

While Deputy President William Ruto has put up a spirited fight assuring his troops that his United Democratic Alliance (UDA) will conduct free and fair nominations, Opposition chief Raila Odinga has been quelling rebellion in his strongholds.

Wiper party's Kalonzo Musyoka too has declared politicians supporting other parties in Ukambani will face a tsunami in the next election. Raila was last month forced to tour Migori where renegade Governor Okoth Obado has been popularising the People's Democratic Party on which he intends to vie for the presidency.

At the Coast, Raila unsuccessfully tried to reprimand Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi, who has been pushing for formation of a Coast-grown party, a move that is hurting Raila's Orange party.

Kingi has since founded the Pamoja Alliance (PAA) and started an aggressive recruitment drive in what was initially an ODM stronghold disregarding Raila's advice.

Another party

Imploring the governor against the decision, Raila said he has been with Kingi since 2002. He appointed him and when devolution came he supported him for two terms as Kilifi governor.

"Because he is not vying he now wants to form another party. Stay in ODM and I will lift you up to the national level. ODM is a national party," Raila said in Kilifi.

During the Migori meeting, Raila's allies, led by Senator Ochillo Ayacko scolded Obado whom they described as a "green-horn and political minnow" out to spoil the ODM leader's votes.



National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi (second right) with (from left) Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana, presidential hopeful Mukhisa Kituyi and Narcer-Kenya leader Martha Karua in Makueni recently. PD/FILE

"I want to beseech you Migori people not to be taken for a ride. The political experience Raila has cannot be equated to beginners," Ayacko said.

Ruto is also faced with a major test after some of his allies such as Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria founded his political party dubbed Chama Cha Kazi with efforts being made to found or spruce up old formations in President Uhuru Kenyatta's Central Kenya backyard.

Murang'a Governor Mwangi Wa Iria has been recruiting members for his Usawa Party while former Trade minister Mukhisa Kituyi and Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa are set to launch their political parties. Pundits say fears over party primaries, regional interests and angling for bargaining power could be the motivation behind the proliferation of political parties. Besides posing competition, the small parties become attractive landing grounds for political enemies.

Registrar of Political Parties Anne Nderitu said they had received numerous applications for registration of parties.

"We have 75 registered political parties, 23 provisional and a good number of people have also applied to register new parties," the Nderitu said.

"All the parties must meet the laid down conditions in the law before they are registered. All registered parties have met all the conditions," she told *People Daily*.

Key party leaders such Raila and Kalonzo have been forced to move to the grassroots to quell the rise of the small parties even as they ply their trade on the national stage. Kalonzo will be wrestling the influence of Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua's Maendeleo Chap Chap as well Muungano, which has endorsed Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana for the presidency. The former Vice-President will also be facing a sustained onslaught spearheaded by his perennial rival, Charity Ngilu, the leader of Narc and UDA chairman Johnstone Muthama, who has vowed to wipe Wiper party out of Ukambani in support of Ruto.

"I have no issue with any leaders in Ukambani who are supporting DP here. The likes of Victor Munyaka, soon there will be a tsunami that will not leave any rock unturned" said Kalonzo on Tuesday. Though Kuria has endorsed Ruto for the presidency with UDA ticket, he maintains that he will not fold up his party.

Political college

Kuria says small parties know well that they will be competing with "deep-pocketed parties of the big boys" but they will continue to rely on their energy and brains to drive their agenda.

"My party is a political college, where many students will graduate to take over leadership of this country. We are building a party for today and tomorrow," Kuria

GROWING GAP

- Political analyst Martin Andati warned that it won't be late before the big boys resort to dirty tricks to hold onto their leadership.
- In Nyanza, Migori Governor Okoth Obado, a strong DP ally, has defended himself against accusations that he was a spoiler.
- According to Obado, absence of political checks and balances were behind the "growing gap between the voters in Migori, the public and ODM party leadership."

said. He continued: "The big boys are losing because this country wants a new conversation. We (Kenyans) have been misused for long and want good and new leadership, which can work together with them. I believe my party and UDA share the same ideologies because we are both founding members of the Hustler Nation."

Politicians and experts opine that the 2013 and 2017 arch rivals – NASA and Jubilee – are losing the grassroots slowly following the changing political dynamics. Jubilee party has been hard hit following the registration of Chama Cha Kazi, The Service Party associated with former Agriculture Minister Mwangi Kiunjuri, Usawa Kwa Wote and Tujibebe Wakenya Party unveiled by former Kiambu Governor William Kabogo.

Voting patterns

Political analyst Martin Andati opines that small parties are in touch with people at the grassroots and might dictate the voting patterns in a good number of regions.

"You also realise that former Justice Minister Martha Karua (Narc-K) is slowly coming up very strongly, and she is someone Mt Kenya can build on to be a spokesperson," Andati said.

There are also plans to re-launch old parties, which were once strong such as Democratic Party and Party of National Unity. Agriculture CS Peter Munya remains the PNU de facto leader. Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi has also called on Mt Kenya East region to register another party to safeguard their interests. Embu gubernatorial aspirant Lenny Kivuti is warming up to taking over the Restore and Build Kenya party.

Besides Kingi's new outfit, the Communist Party of Kenya has also signed a coalition agreement with Shirikisho Party of Kenya, Kadu-Asili, Umoja Farming Party of Kenya and the United Republican Party to provide an alternative voice to locals in the coastal region, said CPK national vice-chairman Buka Ngesa.

According to Ngesa, small political parties provide alternatives to candidates in cases away from the dictates of the leaders of the main political formations.

Manduli: Curtain falls on 'Lioness in her Cage'

Total woman of many firsts and trailblazer, who fought tirelessly for ladies' empowerment

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Whether by her mere presence or speech, Orié Rogo Manduli was an enviable heads-turner. One could not wish her away, however much they tried. An elegant dresser with a high taste for colour and fashion, Manduli made her presence felt wherever she was. She was the talk of town for many years.

Curtains came down on 73-year-old Orié Rogo yesterday afternoon at her home in Riverside, Nairobi. Family sources said she had been in good health and had even visited a relative in Embakasi area earlier in the day and was preparing to go for a dental check-up, when she breathed her last while applying make-up.

The family sources said the outspoken politician had been admitted in hospital in July over renal complications but was discharged last month when she felt better. She lives behind four children, three daughters from her first marriage with a Kenyan husband and a son with her second one; a Zambia kin of the country's former President, the late Fredrick Chiluba.

Manduli was born in 1948 in Maseno, Kisumu, to a primary school headmaster (later council-

lor) Gordon Rogo and Zenuaith Adhiambo, a tutor at Kisumu Polytechnic.

The politician-cum-activist who once described herself as the "Lioness in her Cage" went to Ng'ya Girls High School, Butere Girls' High School and Machakos Girls' High School from where she immediately got married.

She later trained as a teacher but got her first employment as a personal assistant the then general manager of Kenya railways and harbours Corporation, JP Mwangola in 1973. In 1975, Manduli took the job of marketing and public relations manager at Metal Box before later on becoming the administrative manager at the Coffee Board of Kenya.

Later in life, Manduli was the first woman to chair the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) council in the mid 1990s, a position she held amid a series of controversies and high drama.

In all her life, she exuded energy, ebullience, pragmatism, glamour, patriotism, humour and courage all wrapped into one to unrivalled levels. Both territorial and outgoing, anduli - known for her wide colourful and sharp head-scarfs and African long dresses - loved and protected her space with great determination.

A cereal farmer based in the agriculturally-rich Trans-Nzoia county in her later years, Ms Manduli is best remembered as Kenya's first woman to participate in the then East African Safari Rally in 1974 and 1975.

However, Manduli came to the public limelight at the age of 16 years while still a student when she was crowned Miss Kenya. Throughout her life, Manduli dabbled in a variety of social, economic and political spheres where she stamped her footprints in each of them.

Many firsts

Controversial and outspoken, Manduli unsuccessfully contested for parliamentary seats in both Nairobi and Trans-Nzoia where she lost at the nominations stage, a feat she attributed to male chauvinism in political parties and a highly male dominated society.

President Uhuru Kenyatta mourned Manduli as a woman of many firsts and trailblazer who fought tirelessly for women empowerment.

"It is sad and unfortunate that death has taken away Mama Manduli, one of our country's most recognizable, highly charismatic and accomplished politicians. A bold leader and mentor. Manduli tirelessly championed for women empowerment," the President mourned.

In the message of condolence to the family, friends and relatives, the President said the Manduli was a fearless, bold and practical leader who always spoke her mind.

He recalled the late Manduli's exploits as a sports woman and model, saying Kenyans will forever cherish her achievement as the first African woman Safari Rally driver, a feat she achieved when she took part in the 1974 edition alongside her late co-driver Sylvia Omino.

On her signature attire and head gear, the Head of State said the Manduli fully embraced the African culture and was a recognized fashion icon and trendsetter.

"Her trademark African print attire and prominent head gear made her one of Africa's most recognizable personalities," the President recalled. And more tributes poured in following her demise.

@TheODMparty: A beautiful soul has rested. A woman who inspired other women to work hard and grow. The first woman rally driver, a former Miss Kenya, a lover of fashion, a straight talker



Orié Rogo Manduli, known for her wide colourful and sharp head-scarfs, died yesterday at her Nairobi home. PD/FILE

and a politician. We join the rest of the country in mourning the death of Amb. Manduli. May she RIP.

@MillicentOmanga: Orié Rogo Manduli is one of the Kenyan women trailblazers on whose shoulders we proudly stand on. Her demise is definitely a huge loss to all of us, but her rich legacy; one that spans decades and glitters with successes of women she mentored and inspired, endures.

@WilliamsMkenya: It's sad to hear the demise of a legend, a true ICON! Kenya's first woman

rally driver, a fashionista, a role model to many young women. Rest well Manduli. May God comfort the family at this hard time.

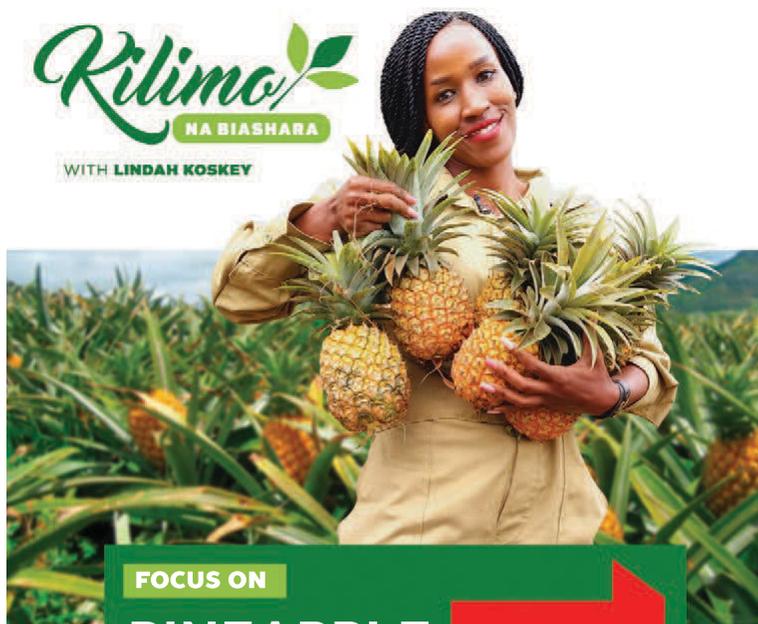
@Gov_khaemba: I have learned with profound sorrow, the passing on of Manduli. Manduli was a bold, focused and ardent political leader who contributed immensely to the fight for women's rights and the second liberation for this country.

@ShahbalTeam: Our sincere condolences to the family friends and the women of this country following the passing of a women rights champion Manduli.





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Politicians warned against using goons to intimidate rivals

by Enoch Amukhale
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National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) commissioner Dorcus Kedogo and Nominated MP Godfrey Osotsi (pictured) have cautioned politicians against using violence to frustrate rivals.

They accused some politicians of hiring goons to cause chaos in public functions to intimidate their opponents.

Candidates should sell their agenda to the electorate instead of using youth to heckle their rivals, they said. Osotsi, who is running for the

Vihiga senatorial seat in next year's election, said every politician should be given space to sell their agenda.

"Let us stop the culture of using youths to heckle and intimidate opponents. Let us play safe politics by competing in selling our manifestos to the electorate," he said.

Kedogo said the NCIC had developed a new policy dubbed "election bila noma" to spread awareness on the need for peaceful elections.

She added that the agency will not spare any politicians who incite residents or propagating hate speech.

Ruto, Raila in blame game over Jubilee's score card

ODM leader says Uhuru was held hostage in first term but DP claims Opposition sabotaged second term

by Rawlings Otieno
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ODM leader Raila Odinga and Deputy President William Ruto yesterday traded accusations over the Jubilee government's development record.

While Raila argued that his cooperation with President Uhuru Kenyatta had boosted the Jubilee government's development agenda, the DP accused the opposition of sabotaging the same.

Speaking while receiving defectors from the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) from Kibra and Mathare constituencies at Chungwa House, Raila said his 'Handshake' with Uhuru was aimed at uniting the country after the divisive 2017 General Election.

He added that at the time, the President was a captive of his deputy.

"I came to rescue President Uhuru when he was under the captivity of his deputy. He was held by the neck and I had to help him," said Raila.

This, Raila said, enabled Uhuru to concentrate on delivering on election promises to Kenyans.

"Uhuru can now breathe and implement development projects. You will see mega road construction projects, houses are being constructed and on the other side, you will see stadiums being built. This was not possible during the first term," he said.

Clear agenda

Raila claimed the Deputy President was at the time busy looking for opportunities to make money, saying the routine had now changed.

"Most importantly is that Kenyans should live together in peace and harmony. We came together with Uhuru so that we could bring Kenyans together as one indivisible nation."

But addressing grassroots leaders from the Gusii community at his Karen residence, Ruto accused Raila and his opposition colleagues of derailing the Jubilee development plans, including the Big Four agenda.

He said the opposition leaders did not have the moral authority to criticise the government since they sabotaged its development agenda.

"The Jubilee administration had a clear agenda under the Big Four development agenda that was replaced with the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) by the opposition. The opposition owes Kenyans an apology for derailing the government



ODM leader Raila Odinga receives defectors from UDA yesterday at the party headquarters in Nairobi. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Deputy President William Ruto during a meeting with Kisii grassroots leaders from Nairobi county at his Karen residence yesterday. DDPS

agenda," said Ruto.

But Raila accused Ruto of engaging in empty rhetoric, citing Jubilee's unfulfilled laptop and stadia projects.

"They said that we were analogue and they were digital. They promised laptops. Have you ever seen laptops? They said they will construct stadiums in every county, have you seen them? It is now that Uhuru is constructing them because Uhuru has been relieved," he said.

The President has previously said that he had delivered more after the Handshake than during his first term.

Addressing leaders from Ukambani at State House Nairobi in June, Uhuru said he had focused more on development in his second term than in the first term due to incessant politicking.

"I have done better in my second term in

terms of development than in the first term of presidency. Divisive politics had derailed the country's development agenda for far too long. Working in conjunction with my colleagues, I have been able to focus on the development agenda, not the political agenda," he said.

Raila said there was need to improve the living conditions of a majority of Kenyans, many of whom live in informal settlements.

"We must look for a way of uplifting the living standards of the less fortunate. That is why I started the slum upgrading programme so that our people may live in better environment," he said.

The former Prime Minister said he had come up with the slum upgrading project after visiting Malaysia and Singapore. The houses were constructed with the support of the United Nations Habitat.

If elected president in next year's election, he said, he would continue with the slum upgrading projects so that those living in informal settlements can get modern housing.

"We still have this plan of slum upgrading. The project has not been implemented the way we had anticipated but if we get the opportunity, we will construct more houses. If Malaysia and Singapore have done it, even Kenya can do it," said Raila.

BRIEFLY

I'll be at centre of the next government, says Matiang'i

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i has said he will be part of the government formed after next year's election. Speaking yesterday in North Mugirango, Nyamira County, Matiang'i said he would be in whatever political formation that will be crafted by President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga. He said Uhuru and Raila would play a key role in the formation of the next government. "I want to assure the Gusii community that I am not going to let them down when it comes

to political succession. I am right in between President Kenyatta and his handshake partner Raila and I know my space is in between them," he said. Matiang'i said he had received blessings from Gusii elders to represent the community on the political negotiating table. "I want to tell Kenyans that the Kisii community will be right at the centre where the national cake will be shared and we will not be watching from outside," he said.

-Evans Nyakundi

Waiguru blows hot and cold on her support for Jubilee

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru has said that she is not assured of re-election if she was to run on a Jubilee ticket in next year's election. In an interview with Citizen TV on Tuesday night, Waiguru said the party's fortunes had dwindled in the Mt Kenya region and it would be risky for her to contest the 2022 election on its ticket. "The truth of the matter at this point in time, if the polls were held today, it would be very difficult for me to defend my seat. Jubilee needs to look internally at its issues and revamp itself in order to be acceptable to the people of Mt Ke-



nya," she said. The first term governor said the electorate in the region was dissatisfied with the way the ruling Jubilee party has been run over the last five years. She said she was yet to make up her mind on whether to join UDA. -Hillary Mageka

Anger as teacher charged with murder of pupil freed

A teacher has been placed on a three-year probation for causing the death of a pupil while disciplining him at the Roka Preparatory School in Mwea, Kirinyaga County, seven years ago. James Davis Kariuki, who is also the proprietor of the school, was placed on probation service by Justice Lucy Gitari of the Chuka High Court. The court's ruling was criticised by boy's mother. "My son died in the hands of the very teacher/proprietor of a school who I

used to pay school fees. This is injustice and impunity of the highest order which I cannot stand," Wambui said. Kariuki had been charged that on April 2, 2014, while being the proprietor and teacher at the school, he murdered Martin Muchiri Wambui who was a class seven pupil at the institution. A post mortem had concluded the death of the pupil was caused by a trauma to the head caused by a blunt object.

-KNA

WAR OF WORDS

● Raila said his 'Handshake' with Uhuru was aimed at uniting the country after the divisive 2017 General Election.

● Ruto accused Raila and his opposition colleagues of replacing the Big Four agenda with the Building Bridges Initiative.

Chitembwe: \$7,000 DCI calls bribe was actually son's fees

High Court judge denies claim he was 'paid to influence a matter in court' in a case he's co-accused with Muchelule

by Nancy Gitonga
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A High Court judge yesterday narrated how Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) detectives forced a mystery woman into the toilet of a fellow judge's chambers and allegedly recovered \$50,000 from her.

In his replying affidavit to a sworn statement by a detective from the DCI department, Justice Said Chitembwe recounted how police officers stormed the chambers of Justice Aggrey Muchelule on July 22 and arrested him.

Chitembwe said he had gone to Muchelule's chambers to pick him so that they could go for tea within the Milimani Law Courts, a request the latter declined.

As he left the chambers, he was accosted by detectives who pounced on him and forced him back to Muchelule's chambers, demanding to conduct a search.

"The officers also brought into chambers an unidentified woman seemingly

under arrest who without introduction her to us, they proceeded to take her to the toilet, searched her and allegedly recovered \$50,000 from her," Chitembwe stated in the affidavit. "After that, the officers escorted me to my chambers and conducted a search and they did not find anything and a search certificate was issued to that effect."

It is at this juncture, the judge stated, that he voluntarily surrendered \$7,000 that was in his possession and which he intended to pay for his son's fees. "After the search, I did remove from my pockets the \$7,000 that I had been having with me for purposes of paying for my son's school fees at the Edith Cowan University in Perth Australia and handed over the same to the officers. There was no seizure of the said amount from me as I voluntarily handed the same over to the officers," he says.

Dramatically arrested

He and Muchelule hit the headlines when they were dramatically arrested by detectives on July 22 and driven to the DCI headquarters on Kiambu Road for questioning over bribery allegations.

The two were accused of soliciting and receiving a bribe running into millions of shillings to influence a matter in court. Also arrested during the raid were offi-



High Court judge Said Chitembwe before the Judicial Service Commission during interviews for Chief Justice post. PD/FILE

IN INSPECTOR'S WORDS

- Chief Inspector of Police Felix Karisa Banzi claims in an affidavit that he received a complaint that some brokers had approached specific judges with a view of procuring favourable judgements.
- He claims the venue was changed and rescheduled to the next day at 7.45am in one of the chambers at the courts.

cers attached to their offices.

They were later released after recording statements in the presence of their lawyers.

In his affidavit, Chitembwe maintained that the \$7,000 was not the proceeds of a bribe as alleged by the detectives.

He said his family has operated a dollar account in his wife's name for more than three years, hence the reason he had the money in the foreign currency.

His statement is consistent with the information he disclosed during the interviews for the Chief Justice's position where he stated that it is his wife; who operates bank accounts and is the one who gives him money. "That as a family we have kept a dollar account under my wife's name for over three years and as such it is not usual or suspect for me to have US dollars in my possession as is proposed by DCI officers."

He added that the detectives pounced on him just as he was in the process of seeking bank advice on how to transfer the money to the university. He added that during the arrest, he was never told the nature of the crime that was being investigated, who his alleged accusers were and why his chambers were searched without a warrant.

President declares drought national disaster, calls on ministerial action

by George Kebaso
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President Uhuru Kenyatta has declared drought a national disaster with close to three million people facing imminent starvation.

Consequently, the President has instructed the National Treasury and the Ministry of Interior to spearhead government efforts to assist affected households who urgently need water and relief food distribution.

To curb animal losses, the President also wants the Treasury to urgently disburse funds for livestock uptake.

The number of the affected people is set to increase after Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) revealed in its latest weather projections that the October-December short rains will also be depressed and short lived.

"The decision follows today's meeting between the Head of State and 85 leaders from Kenya's Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASAL) led by Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani," a short statement from State House Nairobi last evening stated.

Two weeks ago, the National Treasury said it would release Sh2 billion under the National Drought Emergency Fund (NDEF) to assist the families.

"More details of the gov-



ernment's comprehensive drought mitigation measures will be unveiled in due course," Kanze Dena, State House spokesperson said.

The leaders from the ASAL counties were meeting for the second time within a week in Nairobi to forge a new political alignment ahead of the 2022 election.

Last Thursday, the leaders met and asked President Kenyatta to declare the drought that is currently ravaging the region a national disaster.

Isiolo Senator Fatuma Dullo who spoke on their behalf said drought, water and food shortage had affected the entire region.

"The government should now declare the drought a national disaster," she stated accompanied by her Garissa counterpart, Abdulkadir Haji, Adan Keyman (Eldas Member of Parliament), former Lagdera MP Farah Maalim and

Samburu Woman Representative Maison Leshoomo.

According to the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), the situation is growing into a crisis due to the failed rains in the region for three consecutive seasons.

"If we do not receive rains from October, the drought might evolve into an emergency," NDMA chief executive officer James Oduor said a fortnight ago during a press conference.

In NDMA's latest report about 2.3 million people in northern Kenya need food donations to survive until December.

This is a 40 per cent increase from the 1.4 million people that were in need of food aid in February. On its website, the Authority indicates that Sh4.9 billion is required to provide food alone for the two million people in need of support between now and December.

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Gachagua has not explained source of riches - ARA

by Bernice Mbugua
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Assets Recovery Agency (ARA) says Mathira MP Rigathi Gachagua is yet to explain any legitimate origin and source of Sh200 million found in his three accounts.

Through investigating Officer Fredrick Musyoki, ARA claims the averments by the MP that he moved Sh200 million back and forth in his three accounts at Rafiki MicroFinance Bank over a period of seven years does not explain any legitimate origin and source of the said funds.

Musyoki said there is no linkage between the alleged loan guarantee and the funds in issue.

Gachagua had claimed that the Sh200 million had been rotating between three accounts for the last seven years and upon maturing – quarterly – the principal amount plus interest earned are rolled back to the savings account, at his request.

"My revolving fixed fund of Sh200 million has been subjected to this movement for the last seven years. Therefore, it is incorrect to purport that my accounts transacted a total of Sh12.5 billion," he claimed.

Legitimate business

ARA however claims the allegation that MP is doing legitimate business and the funds in issue are obtained from legitimate businesses is incorrect, deceitful and a ploy to disguise, conceal and hide the source of the said funds and classical scheme of money laundering.

Gachagua also sought to cross-examine the investigating officer on the contents of his affidavit, an application that the officer has opposed.

Musyoki claims that the MP has not indicated which specific paragraph of his affidavit that he does not understand and wishes to cross-examine him.

"On February 22, all parties by consent agreed this matter be heard by way of affidavits and highlighting of written submissions. The respondent (Gachagua) has not demonstrated any special circumstances that warrant this court to lift or vary its earlier directions issued on the basis of the consent of the parties," he said in the further supplementary affidavit.

The investigating officer further contends that Gachagua has not filed any formal application seeking for his cross-examination and is engaging in delaying tactics so as to frustrate the expeditious conclusion of the matter. The High Court has since frozen the more than Sh200 million belonging to the MP.

State working to boost reliable platforms on digital learning

Government has developed re-entry guidelines for the dropouts through collaborative stakeholders

by Irene Githinji
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Education Principal Secretary Julius Jwan (pictured) yesterday said the government is working on modalities to boost digital literacy platforms, which can be fully relied on in times of crisis.

Dr Jwan said the Covid-19 pandemic crisis has brought to the fore the digital divide that exists around the world, and in particular, in developing countries.

Although the government adopted digital literacy during the pandemic, it was not widespread as it was expected.

"This occasion affords us an opportunity to relook at the role digital platforms play in sustaining and expanding the acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills when normal educational environment is disrupted," said the PS.

To ensure retention and completion of learners in basic education institutions, he said the Government has developed re-entry guidelines for the dropouts through collaborative stakeholders approaches



DIGITAL LITERACY

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"All relevant agencies and partners are advised to design and put in place quality, accessible and need driven learning programmes for adult learners and out of school youths to enhance participation of learners in the adult education programmes," said Jwan.

Human-centred recovery

He made the remarks yesterday in Laikipia while marking the International Literacy Day, themed *Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide*.

During the school closure last year, he said the Ministry of Education set up measures to facilitate learning during the temporary closure mainly through radio, TV, YouTube and the Kenya education cloud through the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).

He said when normal learning was disrupted, students experienced learning losses, which had a negative impact.

Jwan said reports about teenage pregnancy, early marriages, child labour, alcohol and drug abuse was rife, situation which threatened to undermine gains the government has made in ensuring access to quality education, retention and transition from one level to another.

The PS noted that widespread access to and availability of technology and the internet in the lives of learners would eas-

ily have addressed these challenges. "The Covid-19 pandemic led to some learners, especially girls dropping out of school due to early pregnancies and marriages, among other social economic factors," said the PS.

He reiterated that the Ministry is ensuring that the fees guidelines are strictly complied with to avoid overburdening of parents leading to unwarranted sending of learner's home due to non-payment of extra levies resulting to disruption of learning and increased dropout cases.

"To enhance access, enhance retention and transition, the Ministry has consistently provided capitation grants to learners in all public learning institutions," he stated.

He said the role of literacy cannot be over emphasised, noting that literate people are able to make informed decisions on various issues.

"In the field of agriculture, literate members of the community are able to access information on good agricultural practices. In business circles they are able to keep records of business transactions hence enabling them to monitor their progress," said the PS.

"Literacy is also critical in health matters. A literate person understands prescriptions for medicine and is able to read clinical wall posters on a visit to a health facility. Literacy is also crucial in supporting education of the children," he added.

Continental trade union calls for Africa's intervention in Guinea

by Mathew Ndungu
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A continental labour movement yesterday asked the African Union (AU) to ensure restoration of civil rule in Guinea and immediately facilitate the release of ousted President Alpha Condé.

Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) yesterday petitioned AU to intervene to restore normalcy in the West African nation as well as help the return to civilian rule.

OATUU President Francis Atwoli (pictured) appealed that President Condé should be allowed to continue with his constitutional mandates claiming that a coup d'état such as the one happening in Guinea is not only primitive and uncouth but is also a crude method used in yesteryears to gain power especially in Africa.

"Considering we have over time embraced democracy, freedom of speech, peace and tolerance, such ill-advised methods should not be encouraged or used to gain power," he argued.

Move with speed

Atwoli appealed to the leadership of the African Union to move with speed and consolidate the support of other African States, including the support of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and other Regional Economic Communities (RECs), to intervene and restore democracy in Guinea. "They must, in the process, make sure that president Condé is freed to continue enjoying his freedom as dictated by democracy," Atwoli, who



is also the secretary general of the Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) said.

Atwoli, in a letter to the AU chairperson Moussa Faki noted with concern Africa is alive to the challenges that Guinea is facing and advised the country's leadership to embrace constitutional ways of handling them instead of coups.

"Considering that we have over time embraced democracy, freedom of speech, peace and tolerance such ill-advised methods should not be encouraged or used to gain power," Atwoli implored. President Condé, 83 was on Sunday captured by Guinean special forces who staged a coup and announced a nationwide curfew until further notice as well as the replacement of governors by the military.

The West African country has been experiencing political crisis stemming from its disputed December presidential vote, Since Sunday, the rebels established the National Reconciliation and Development Committee, appointed military governors and imposed a curfew, key global powers, including Russia have condemned the unconstitutional actions of the military.



Project inspection tour

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru (right) with senior county officials during a project inspection tour at Kavote dispensary in Gichugu constituency yesterday. She said the dispensaries that are under completion by the Kirinyaga County Government will be operational by the end of this year. - KNA

MPs link Wanjigi to Sh17b airport tender

They claim he is director of the firm seeking compensation over cancelled airport project

by Anthony Mwangi
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Legislators allied to ODM leader Raila Odinga have linked businessman Jimi Wanjigi to a controversial multi-billion-shilling airport project.

The MPs led by Ruaraka's Tom Kajwang, Embakasi East's Babu Owino and Mvita MP Abdulswamad Nassir claimed a company which is claiming Sh17.6 billion compensation for the cancellation of the Greenfield airport project belongs to Wanjigi.

At a meeting between the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee (PIC) and the Transport ministry officials, Transport PS Solomon Kitungu was hard pressed to confirm the directors of ACEG-CATIC JV included Wanjigi and some Chinese nationals.

Due diligence

Kajwang' told the PS the committee had done due diligence and confirmed that Wanjigi was one of the directors, adding that the ministry officials and the Kenya Airport Authority (KAA) board should be put under oath to confirm they were doing business with Wanjigi.

The company had been paid Sh4.2 billion as commitment fee before the gov-

ernment cancelled the lucrative tender.

"Can you confirm to this committee that one of the directors of the firm in question is Wanjigi?" asked Kajwang'.

Owino claimed Wanjigi was using the proceeds of the airport deal to launch his presidential bid. "Wanjigi is indeed using tax payers' money to contest, he should be made to refund our money."

Wanjigi has declared his candidature for the ODM presidential ticket, setting the stage for a major political duel with Raila, who is perceived as the party's automatic presidential flag bearer.

Responding to Kajwang' and Owino's claims, Nassir who chairs the committee directed that Wanjigi be summoned to appear before them to defend himself.

MPs Rahab Mukami (Nyeri Woman Rep) and Mathias Robi (Kuria West) also called on the directors of the company to be summoned.

Kitungu shocked the committee when he confirmed the government was in negotiations with the contractor with a view to recover the Sh4.2 billion paid. He, however, said the company in question is owned by Chinese.

"We have not done due diligence on this matter, but what I can tell you for now is the company is owned by Chinese nationals," Kitungu said.

An irritated Kajwang' told off KAA for negotiating with the company over a matter where public money was lost. "These people you are negotiating with should be in Kamiti Maximum Prison. I feel like resigning from this committee if we sit here to defend criminals," Ka-



MEGA PROJECT

● **Project launch:** President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the JKIA project on November 13, 2013. The terminal was to be the largest in Africa.

● **Design:** The Greenfield Terminal project had been designed to encompass construction of a four-level terminal building comprising a central processing area, a transit hotel, land-side retail centers, arrivals and departures plaza.

Director General Kenya Airport Authority Alex Gitari when he appeared before the Public Investments Committee over the controversial Greenfield airport project on Monday. PD/GERALD ITHANA

kwang' said.

He said it was sad that no attempts had been made to charge any official involved in the failed tendering process.

Nassir said the committee will not watch as "crooks" are paid billions of shillings belonging to the taxpayer. "We fail to understand as people's representatives why you are re-negotiating with people who have taken our money," he asked.

Kajwang wondered why the ministry and KAA were enthusiastic in negotiating with "con men" on how to pay the Sh17.6 billion.

KAA is planning to revive the controversy-ridden Sh56 billion Greenfield Terminal project that was stopped four years ago. The Sh7.6 billion demand note from the contractor, Catic JV Construction Company, has since moved to court.

Ambitious project

The ambitious project at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), is currently on halt; ending Kenya's dream of having the largest terminal in the continent. The decision was based on prevailing operational, economic and financial dynamics, which have been on a downward during the period.

Yesterday, the committee heard that KAA was in the process of renegotiating with the contractor to plan the resumption of the construction works.

Alex Gitari, KAA managing director, told the committee last week that plans were afoot to revive the project and that his office had entered into negotiations with the contractor to see how the Sh17.6 billion would be settled.

"A team has been formed to engage the contractor in negotiations on how the matter should be settled," Gitari said when he appeared before the parliamentary committee.

Gitari was, however, put to task to explain the position of Sh4.2 billion paid to the contractor as commitment fee.

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EDUCATION PS JULIUS JWAN

Prioritise literacy to narrow digital divide

This year's World Literacy Day theme is centred on digital literacy. It comes against the backdrop of Covid-19, which, as experts say, has increased the inequalities in education, which must concern all of us.

As with everything, education is an ever-changing sector. New technology, new ways of learning and even new lessons on the behaviour of learners should guide the process through which learning is delivered. With the pandemic, this has been even more clear.

The closure of schools and transition to digital learning systems have opened up a can of worms that requires the stakeholders to go back to the drawing board and figure out how best to incorporate the lessons learnt in this period. They will also need to figure out how to use education as a way to recover from the effects of the pandemic as per this year's theme: *Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide.*

Kenya is among the leading countries with high literacy rates at 78 per cent. Combined with the Internet penetration, this places the country at an advantage of using the tools to improve its education system and to encourage innovation. This, however, will not happen with the status quo.

More effort needs to be put in improving the infrastructure that is schools. Ensuring that learners attend school, learn and understand what they are taught is important. The system where learners only focused on the theoretical part of education is no longer viable. More practical learning will not only empower them, but also improve their lives by giving them the tools needed to make the right decisions.

Therefore, educational stakeholders must make sure the environment in which these pupils and students learn is conducive for this. Besides the physical infrastructure, there should be investment in teachers and trainers who are well paid to focus on their core mandate. These educators must also have the necessary skills that match today's educational needs for learners and the community at large to benefit from the system.

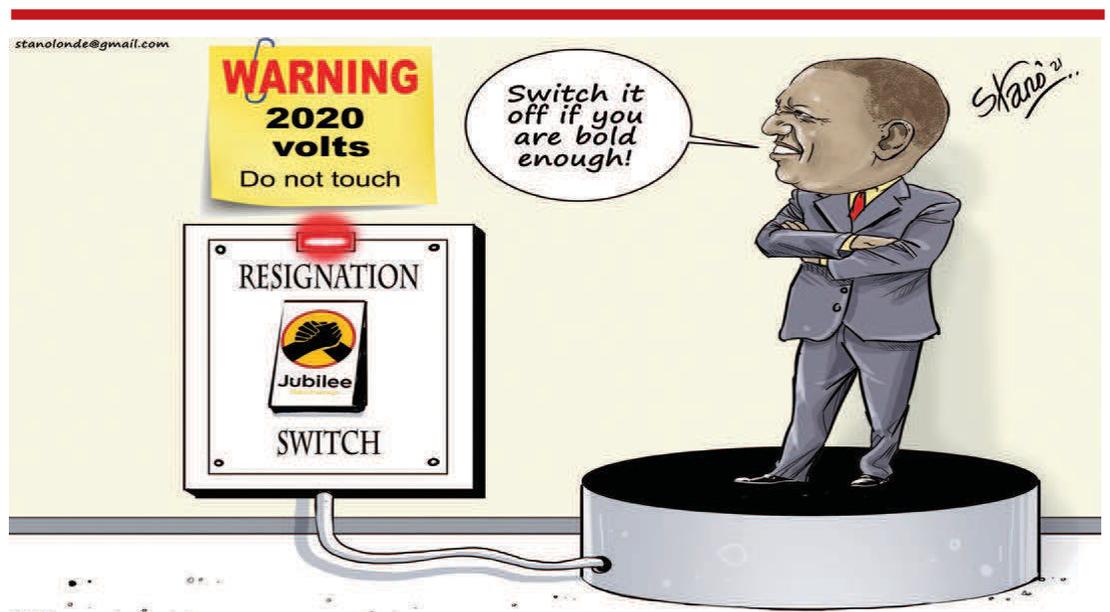
Importantly, we must not leave out the non-literate members of the society. Investment in Adult Education programmes to incorporate the new technologies will also go a long way to reduce the digital divide in the country. It will also empower these learners to be confident in using and enjoying digital tools now common in the country.

With a literate community, lives would become better for all.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Weak people revenge. Strong people forgive. Intelligent people ignore.



Africa countries need peace to thrive not coups

News of the recent coup in Guinea by members of the country's elite force, caught the international community by surprise. At a time when the world has come together to fight the Covid-19 pandemic and engage in recovery efforts, a mutiny was the last thing on people's minds.

The coup is a blast from a past that Africa has been trying hard to forget. While the continent is not new to the overthrow of legitimate governments in recent years, many Africans are fatigued by this phenomenon. Guineans are under no illusion that the coup will transform their country, to offer them the lives that they rightfully yearn for.

International players have also voiced concern on the unfortunate happenings in Guinea, decrying its ripple effect including China, the African Union(AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas). In a statement on September 6, China's Foreign Ministry opposed the coup in Guinea and called for the immediate release of President Alpha Conde who is in hostage.

At this time when efforts globally are geared towards economic recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, Africa needs to put more focus on its development needs rather than spend time and energy jostling for power. The current crisis is really a culmination of a political crisis that has been simmering for several months. In October 2020 the AU, Ecowas and the United Nations released a joint communique following a "High-Level Solidarity Mission for the Promotion of a

STEPHEN NDEGWA

The coup is evidence of the West's superimposed democratic culture in Africa.

Credible, Transparent and Peaceful Presidential Election in The Republic of Guinea." The Guinea coup also follows a trend that seems to have started this year in West Africa, with a coup d'état in Mali in May and an attempted coup in Niger in March.

According to the African Economic Outlook 2021 titled "From Debt Resolution to Growth: The Road Ahead for Africa" published by the African Development Bank Group, Africa's post-coronavirus economic prospects are looking up. The report says Guinea's economy, which is one of China's major trading partners, has been resilient amid the pandemic, with the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growing more than the forecast at the start of the pandemic.

Similarly, the report says that Africa's growth performance and outlook is projected to recover this year from its worst economic recession in 50 years. The continent's real GDP is projected to grow by 3.4 per cent in 2021, after contracting by 2.1 per cent in 2020.

While the recovery is based on the resump-

tion of tourism, a rebound in commodity prices and the rollback of pandemic-induced restrictions, the report warns that the outlook is subject to great uncertainty from both external and domestic risks. Unconstitutional regime changes like the Guinea coup ranks high among such drawbacks.

Chaos in African countries will also have international ramifications by interfering with value chains in the supply of crucial raw materials. Guinea's remarkable performance, for example, was based on recovery of China's demand for the country's bauxite and aluminum, of which Guinea has been the major supplier since displacing Australia in 2017.

The coup is evidence of the West's superimposed democratic culture in Africa. Many African countries were forced to adopt two-term presidential limits in addition to the multi-party system. It is instructive that the West has not demanded these kind of political arrangements in other regions who retain the prerogative to maintain leaders as long as they are popular and competent.

This and other conditions set for Western aid to African countries are really meant to distract them from focusing on their socio-economic development as perennial political bickering undermines the development agenda. African countries need peace in order to have a conducive atmosphere where it can thrive. Anything that disturbs this peace should be shunned by all patriotic Africans.

— The writer comments on international affairs

US lost Afghanistan war but conquered extremism

As America and the world commemorate 20 years after the horrific terrorist attack of the twin towers on September 11, 2001, many will have the view that America and its allies will have joined a long list of the world's greatest powers whose missions in Afghanistan ended in failure.

Since the days of Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan, many have sought to conquer Afghanistan but the country has long been known as the "graveyard of empires", evoking its reputation for thwarting the expansionist ambitions of occupiers from imperial Britain to Soviet Russia and now America and its NATO allies. But looking at the perceived failures of the US and NATO, they might have conquered where many failed.

The Taliban, emerged in the early 1990s in northern Pakistan following the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. In September 1995 they captured the province of Herat, and exactly one year later they captured the Afghan capital, Kabul, overthrowing the regime of President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

By 1998, the Taliban were in control of almost 90 per cent of Afghanistan. The Taliban also introduced or supported punishments in line with

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In their first press conference, they promised women's rights and media freedom

their strict interpretation of Sharia law such as public executions of convicted murderers and adulterers and amputation for those found guilty of theft. Men were required to grow beards and women had to wear the all-covering burka.

The attention of the world was drawn to the Taliban in Afghanistan in the wake of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York. The Taliban were accused of providing a sanctuary for the prime suspects – Osama Bin Laden and his al-Qaeda movement. On October 7, 2001, a US-led military coalition launched attacks in Afghanistan and by the first week of December the Taliban regime had collapsed.

Despite ever higher numbers of foreign troops, the Taliban gradually regained and then extended their influence in Afghanistan and parts of Pakistan, rendering vast tracts of the country insecure, and violence in the country returned to levels not seen since 2001. There were numer-

ous Taliban attacks. The most high-profile attack took place in October 2012, when a Pakistan schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai was shot on her way home.

The new US president, Joe Biden, announced in April that all American forces would leave the country by 11 September - two decades to the day since the felling of the World Trade Center.

Having outlasted a superpower through two decades of war, the Taliban began seizing vast swathes of territory, before once again toppling a government in Kabul in the wake of a foreign power withdrawing.

But after 20 years of occupation the Arab uprising of 2011 and the influence of western friendly Muslim nations, it seems the Taliban have denounced their strict interpretation of the Sharia law. In their first press conference, they promised women's rights, media freedom, peaceful relations with other countries and that no group will be

allowed to use Afghan territory to attack any nation.

The Taliban have sought to portray themselves as more moderate than when they imposed a strict form of Islamic rule in the late 1990s. Whatever their true intentions, the Taliban have an interest in projecting moderation to prevent the international community from isolating their government, as it did in the 1990s. China has said it was ready for "friendly relations" with the Taliban, while Russia and Iran are making diplomatic overtures.

Many might say that the US lost the war in the sense that the costs have been extraordinary: two-and-a-half-thousand Americans dead, 20,000 injured, a trillion dollars or more expended and their international commitment in doubt but in a world with new forms of extremist ideologies and new forms of terror, America and NATO might have conquered the extremism side of the Taliban and converted them in a more moderate regime which is more important than winning the hardware war.

What remains to be seen is if the Taliban can be trusted to keep their promise of reasonable rule.

— The writer is a media analyst

ODDLY ENOUGH



Dragon house on sale for Sh59 million

A unique property aptly dubbed "Dragon House" has hit the market – and it has some pretty quirky features. The five-bedroom house in the city of Saginaw in Minnesota, US, set over 16.45 acres, has been listed by Century 21 Signature Realty for \$539,999 (Sh59,448,490). While the inside is relatively unassuming, the exterior was carefully crafted to give off an incredible "dragon" effect with its curved roof, large tower to one side and the "tail" to the other. Thanks to the motorised rotating tower, the property has been named "one of the most unique homes in Saginaw and maybe even the world."

The tail – a large curled pipe attached to the side of the house – is another unique addition to the house, and has a pretty important function. It's actually a chimney serving the wood-burning fireplace in the family room. There is also a one-acre creek with a covered bridge that comes with the property, and a barn currently being used as an entertainment building complete with gym equipment and table tennis. According to the listing, more than a million dollars has been invested into the unique property. The original owner was a prominent businessman who owned a trucking company. The property was built in 1978, with the addition of several rooms and the tower completed in 1988.

—Mirror



TRUTHS: The closer you walk with God, the less room for anything to come between.

Debunking claims that new curriculum is too costly

Some parents are developing a negative attitude towards the new Competency-Based Curriculum due to the "many" books they have been asked to buy. But, nothing could be further from the truth.

In a press release last week, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development clarified the system has nothing to do with parents being asked to buy a collection of books in the guise they relate to the curriculum.

Teachers are expected to make rational decisions on what is required to aid learning, depending on where a school is located.

The designs that the teachers rely on to prepare for lessons are clear on this. CBC advocates for use of locally available resources. It encourages innovations, originality, imagination and creativity in carrying out tasks.

They do not, for instance, prescribe that something must be printed for it to pass the test of being CBC compliant.

The curriculum is designed to fix the disconnect between the world of education (school) and the world of work.

Our country needs more creative

GRACE MWANGI

The aim of CBC is to shift from the talk-chalk learning mode to a hands-on mode.

workers who are able to think for themselves and do something as opposed to those whose focus is white collar jobs. This will make Kenya globally competitive.

The journey of CBC started in 2009 when a summative evaluation of 8-4-4 was undertaken. The task force on realignment of education to the Kenya Constitution 2010 and global standards recommended a competency-based curriculum.

The shift from the 8-4-4 system to CBC means turning the focus from teaching for exams and memorising facts to hands-on learning, understanding and learning in groups while appreciating the place of values in society.

It aims to support every child to become "empowered, engaged and an ethical citizen."

Implementation of the new cur-

riculum in phases is a deliberate, well-structured approach meant to ensure seamless transition without affecting learners in the subsequent years while paving the way of monitoring every stage of the implementation. The CBC is being rolled out one year at a time, the first cohort of CBC piloted in 2017 and are now in Grade Five and expected to complete Grade 12 in 2028.

The last 8-4-4 cohort is now in Class 6 and are expected to complete Form Four in 2027.

CBC is learner centred. Its implementation deviates from the 8-4-4 mode of learning where the teacher was everything in class and the examination was the ultimate goal, to where the teacher is a facilitator assisting students to learn in groups and developing competencies, skills and each learner's ability without

viewing the slow learners as failures.

CBC has restructured the education system from 8-4-4 to 2-6-3-3. Pupils are supposed to take two years in pre-primary school, six years in primary and three years in junior secondary school.

If a student passes the Grade Nine exams, they can then join senior secondary school for three years after which one will join university for three years. Examinations for Class Eight will be replaced by Grade Nine exams while Form Four will be replaced by Grade 12 exams.

In a nutshell, the aim of CBC is to shift from the talk-chalk learning mode to a hands-on mode of facilitating the learner to exploit their potential.

With clear understanding of CBC, we can all appreciate that our children are being nurtured to be of benefit to society, not a burden.

Teachers should not scare parents by passing huge bills to them in the name of CBC. Be creative and explore locally available materials to enhance practical learning.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



Fare the well Orie Rogo Manduli

@TonyOlaka: Go well Lioness. You will be remembered for your astuteness, ostentatiousness, sanguinity, articulateness, unreservedness among other Lioness-like characteristics. Till we meet again. Orie Rogo Manduli.

Conservancies conundrum

@ItsMutai: Why are most conservancies run by mzungus? We lived in harmony with wildlife for centuries then mzungu arrived and told us "you don't know how to take care of your wildlife, let us take care of them for you "Convenient? Where are the peoples who lived in Laikipia?"

East Africa to save millions

@Asmal177: The Kenya maritime waters within the Indian Ocean have now been re-designated from the High-Risk Area (HRA) by the global shipping industry, which will save Kenya and East Africa millions of dollars in insurance and security expenses. Excellent work @MEsispisu.

/// @PeopleDailyKe /// f People Daily

Congratulations Ali Kaka

@tunajibu: Congratulations! to our very own Mr. Ali Kaka - currently Vice President of @IUCN, for being re-elected as @IUCN Regional Councilor for Africa, during the ongoing #IUCNcongress in Marseille, France.



Varsities urged to invest in herbicide research

by Roy Lumbe
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Universities in Nakuru County have been challenged to invest in research of herbicides suitable for pyrethrum crop in the area.

Agriculture Executive Immaculate Maina said pyrethrum farmers face challenges of weed control, adding that some herbicides affect the yield of the crop.

Maina revealed that there was need to produce herbicides that are specifically suitable for the crop grown within the county.

"Researchers in universities in the county need to formulate a herbicide that can work for pyrethrum farmers within our area," said Maina.

She said pyrethrum farming supports a lot of industries including the mosquito coils makers, organic insecticides factories among others saying

there was a need to expand the cultivation of the crop.

"There is a huge opportunity for the private sector and we need to work to bridge that gap to enable farmers to do large-scale farming of the crop," she added.

Maina revealed that in the last three years, land under the crop had increased to 5,000 acres up from less than four acres, resulting in better earnings for farmer.

BRIEFLY

Boda boda union raises alarm over killings of riders

Boda Boda operators in Machakos county have raised concern over murders of their members and asked the government to beef up security. The riders said three of their members had recently been killed by people who had posed as customers. Speaking yesterday at Tala town in Matungulu sub-county, the chairman of a boda boda association Joel Mwendwa cautioned riders against carrying strangers at night. Mwendwa said other challenges riders face are bad roads and harassment by motorists. "We have had many accidents which are caused by motorists," said Mwendwa. He said in the past three months, 12 boda boda riders had died in road accidents in Matungulu and Mavoko sub-counties.

-Gastone Valusi



Impeached Wajir governor pulls return to office stunt

But current county chief Muktar says the Muhamud's actions amounted to trespass and vandalism

by Hillary Mageka
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The power struggle between Wajir Governor Ahmed Ali Muktar and former Governor Mohamed Abdi Muhamud escalated yesterday after the latter stormed the county offices to "resume work".

Armed with a court order and accompanied by uniformed police officers, Muhamud arrived at the county offices shortly after 9am in a vehicle plated GVN 008A, to signify that he was still the county chief despite his removal by the Senate in May.

The former governor reportedly took a "victory" lap in Wajir town purportedly to celebrate his return to work.

Muhamud, who was impeached on grounds of gross misconduct, violation of the Constitution and abuse of office, has pulled numerous stunts since his removal, the recent one being attending a Council of Governors meeting.

The impeachment has been challenged in court.

Legally back

Addressing a press conference at the governor's office, the former county chief said that he was making a comeback to office legally and not through unorthodox means.

"This is a political process but the court has given me orders to continue serving as your governor while my deputy Ahmed Ali Muktar will continue serving as my deputy until the court renders its decision," he said to the applause supporters who had



Former Wajir Governor Mohamed Abdi Mohamud waves at his supporters outside the county offices on Monday. PD/COURTESY

MOHAMUD'S REMOVAL

● In April Mohamed Abdi Mohamud was impeached by the Wajir County Assembly with 37 MCAs voted in favour of the impeachment while 10 opposed the motion.

● In May, 25 senators voted to uphold the impeachment of the governor by the County Assembly, two opposed the impeachment while four abstained.

accompanied him.

He went on: "I want to tell the people of Wajir to forget the past and focus ahead so that we address pertinent issues especially this time when drought and hunger are ravaging our people."

"As a peaceful elder and statesman, I believe in the rule of law and wish to urge the people of Wajir to remain calm. I pledge to continue serving my great people of Wajir County," he added, saying he had secured a court order to continue serving as governor.

But in response, Governor Muktar who is said to have been in Nairobi meeting development partners, accused his former boss of trespass and vandalising his office.

In statement to newsrooms on Tuesday, Muktar said the former governor broke into his office.

"The penal code on vandalism is very clear on such matters. As I officially lodge a complaint to the National Police Service on this act, vandalism on a government office is illegal and amounts to treasonous charges," the governor said in his statement.

"There are security procedures in accessing a government office/premises that the former totally breached," he added.

He said his security detail with the help of the county security team will assess the damages and documents that may have been taken away from the premises so that he can file a complaint with the relevant authorities.

Ahmednasir tweets

"My government will not tolerate acts of indecency, illegal takeover and irresponsible assembling that compromises the security of our county headquarters," he said.

Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullahi, who represented the Wajir County Assembly during the impeachment proceedings, termed Muhamud's actions a circus and a national shame.

"Former Wajir Governor got himself a fake and forged court order and then got himself a fake number plate and stormed County offices this morning," Abdullahi tweeted.

"So the impeachment by the Senate is wished away?" he asked.

But in response, Peter Wanyama, who is one of the lawyers of the lawyers who represented the former governor, said there was a valid court order suspending all proceedings after the impugned impeachment.

"The Governor is in order. We wrote a letter to the AG on this and the AG has properly advised relevant government agencies to support the elected Governor," Wanyama tweeted.

KCPE candidate commits suicide in Gatanga

A Standard Eight pupil of Gathanji Primary School in Gatanga, Murang'a allegedly committed suicide on Tuesday after she was sent home to bring her parent. KNA established the girl was sent home by a teacher to go for her parent because she had failed to complete an assignment. Murang'a County Police Commander Don-atha Kiplangat said a DCI team was dispatched to the school to conduct further interviews with learners and teachers. "The matter requires forensic investigations to establish the circumstances that led the student to commit suicide," added Kiplangat. The 13-year old KCPE candidate became the second pupil to commit suicide in the area in the last two years.

-KNA

Thika residents plead for permanent bridge

by Mathew Ndung'u
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Three months after two MPs pledged to facilitate the building of a new inter-county bridge, Ngoliba residents in Thika, Kiambu are still using boats to cross Thika River.

The bridge that connects Kiambu and Murang'a counties collapsed two years ago leaving residents of Iyembeni and Ngoliba villages in Gatanga and Thika town constituencies stranded.

Most affected are learners and their teachers who have to wake up boat rid-

ers early in the morning to cross the deep river that hosts hippos.

Besides human beings, domestic animals such as cows and goats can only be ferried to the other side of the river using makeshift boats. Three months ago, MPs Patrick Wainaina and Nduati Ngugi of Thika Town and Gatanga constituencies respectively promised to come up with a permanent solution to the problem.

But residents say there is no progress on the ground so far.

"There are times we are forced to swim across the river especially when the boats have broken down. Our biggest

fear is the hippos that are in the river and our children cannot swim to school," said Josephine Musyoka.

John Kawembe and Nicholas Mwachii called on Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia to intervene and construct a permanent bridge to end their suffering.

"We know Macharia has the capacity to intervene and end this situation once and for all. Before the end of Jubilee tenure, we request Macharia to look for resources and send his team of engineers on the ground for a permanent solution," said Mwachii.



Residents of Ngoliba village in Thika, Kiambu use a makeshift boat to cross to Iyembeni Primary School in Gatanga, Murang'a. PD/MATHEW NDUNG'U



Garissa clan factor in governor race

Ex-governor Jama, former Lagdera MP Shidiye set to face incumbent Korane in top seat contest

by Hillary Mageka
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Former Garissa Governor Nathif Jama and former Lagdera MP Mohamed Shidiye are set to challenge incumbent Ali Korane in the gubernatorial seat contest next year after the duo were separately endorsed by the Aulihan clan elders.

Jama lost the seat to Korane in 2017 while Shidiye, now High Commissioner to Namibia, lost the parliamentary seat to Mohamed Hire.

On June 6, Shidiye was unanimously endorsed by his Aulihan clan of the larger Ogaden community, setting the stage for an epic battle with Jama and Korane.

In 2017, Korane, who was vying on a Jubilee Party ticket, garnered 59,871 votes to beat Jama of Wiper party, who got 55,156 votes.

"It's with great honour and humility that I accept the clearance of my gubernatorial bid application, I made two years ago by Aulihan clan," Shidiye told *People Daily* on Monday. "In June, the tradition council of elders (CoE), professionals, elders, youth and women from the larger Aulihan clan met at my residence in Garissa town to decide their future. After a lengthy discussion, the family spoke in one voice and endorsed me as the candidate for the Garissa governor race."

Approached community

Shidiye has also approached the Samawadal community for endorsement.

Jama was separately endorsed on January 30 by nine sub-clans of the Aulihan to wrestle the seat from Korane.

Elders attended the January meeting from the nine sub-clans of Aulihan clan, traditional leaders, youth and women who pledged to support his bid.



Governor Ali Korane



Maj(rtd) Dekow Mohamed



Mohamed Shidiye



Former Governor Nathif Jama

Garissa county is predominantly occupied by the Ogaden clan of the Somali community alongside the Aulihan, Abduwak and Samawathal.

Sultan Hamud Sheikh from the clan said Jama's endorsement was the culmination of a series of meetings between the elders and residents. "As a community, we have unanimously agreed to have Jama as our sole candidate for the governor seat," Sheikh said.

"Going forward, we will rally our communities to back him. We will also ask him to reach out to other communities residing in the county for support," he added.

Ongoing negotiations

Bishar Gure, who read the declaration, said the endorsement was done "in the best interest of the larger Aulihan community and the people of Garissa county."

"In making this declaration, the meeting made a solemn request to all other Aulihan persons who have shown interest in the seat to support Jama," Gure said.

Jama welcomed the trust the elders had bestowed on him, saying "the journey to recapture the seat has just started" even as he downplayed the entry of Shidiye who by then had not declared interest.

"I want to sincerely thank the elders and my larger community for giving me one more chance. Now I can go looking for votes from other communities knowing well that I have

those from my community under lock and key," Jama said.

However, there are rumours of an ongoing negotiations

to have Shidiye step down for Jama, which the former denied.

"I will not step down for anybody for whatever reasons,"

Shidiye said.

The elders' endorsement is likely to be a repeat of the 2013 and 2017 political contest be-

tween Korane (Abduwak clan) and Jama (Aulihan).

However, Korane is also facing an uphill task of convincing his Abduwak clan to support him for a second term in office after Maj(rtd) Dekow Mohamed Barrow emerged as a favourite to face off with a candidate from Aulihan clan.

Elders cite various reasons they want Korane dropped in favour of Barrow, including a graft case he and his county officials are facing over a Sh233 million World Bank-funded Kenya Urban Support Programme project.

Garissa county has a total population of 841,353 persons of which 458,975 are males, 382,344 females, according to the 2019 census.

BRIEFLY

Two perish, four critically injured as lorry rams car on Narok road

Two people died on the spot while four others were critically injured after they were involved in a road accident at Maltauro area, on the Narok-Maai Mahiu highway. The Tuesday night accident occurred when the driver of a Mercedes Benz lorry (KBM 576Y) transporting wheat from Narok lost control of the lorry and knocked a Nissan Wingroad ahead of it before

plunging into a ditch beside the road. The lorry had two occupants at the time of the accident. "While descending a steep slope, the brakes of the motor vehicle failed. The driver steered the lorry to the right side of the road where the truck overturned and landed in a ditch after hitting the saloon vehicle," a police report showed.

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Mvurya wants compensation before Mwache dam project

Kwale county Governor Salim Mvurya wants residents affected by the much-awaited Sh20 billion Mwache multi-purpose Dam project compensated properly before its official launch next month.

Mvurya (pictured) said issues of land compensation and resettlement should be resolved amicably before the project, jointly funded by the

World Bank and the government of Kenya begins.

"As we move towards the implementation stage of the project, there are key issues that need to be ironed out, including compensation of the affected persons and relocation of social amenities," he said.

Mwache Multi-Purpose Dam Development Project, under the portfolio of

the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation is a priority investment by the national government as a flagship project under the Vision 2030.

It requires 1,600 acres of land and will displace about 4,250 residents, whose assets and livelihoods may be affected as a result of activities under the dam project. Mvurya was speaking yesterday when he received a delega-

tion from the World Bank and Ministry of Water, in his office where issues on the dam were discussed.

Ministry team was led by Eng Simon Mwangi while the World Bank team was led by the Global Practice Manager for Water Catherine Tovey and Adrian Cutler in-charge of the resettlement and infrastructure section.

- KNA

How Masai Mara is fast losing prestige to human activities

Ongoing construction of a military facility among developments killing world famous game reserve

by Peter Leshan
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The ongoing construction of a military facility on more than 4,000 acre land in Masai Mara National Reserve, proposed construction of an international airport, haphazard mushrooming of tourism facilities among other developments are fast killing the world famous game reserve.

Already, hundreds of acres of land that was once wildlife habitats and migratory corridors have been fenced and are now large scale wheat and maize farms, restricting wildlife to a small area which continues to dwindle every day.

Other available spaces have been turned into grazing and charcoal burning fields as wild animals move out.

These developments have left wildlife conservationists, ecologists and also hoteliers in the park concerned as they stare in disbelief as the activities threaten survival of their investments.

The defunct Narok and Trans-Mara county councils used to remit 19 per cent of annual tourism proceeds to members of the group ranches to dissuade them from changing land use and to help in conserving the biodiversity.

But still, the amount the councils used to collect in tariffs and fees was a closely guarded secret.

Statistics from independent sources indicate both councils used collect about Sh5 billion but the ranches combined pocketed less than Sh1 billion.

Things, however, started to fall apart when the sprawling ranches were subdivided and owners given title deeds.

Some sold their parcels, others leased them to private investors with interests in hotel business and others decided to turn theirs into wildlife conservancies.

Migratory corridors

The developments led to fencing that restricted wild animals movements, establishment of many hotels within the migratory corridors, farming among other unchecked human activities that are detrimental to the survival of the jewel.

Conservationists say that because of fencing and other human activities, more than 100,000 resident wildebeests from Loita plains cannot access northern Mara.

Establishment of lodges and camps along Mara and Talek rivers have also affected wildebeests migration. Kenyans were in August last year shocked when em-



Ground-breaking ceremony for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Angama Mara Airstrip, within the Masai Mara National Reserve in August. In attendance Principal Secretaries Safina Kwekwe (Tourism), Solomon Kitungu (Transport) and Charles Sunkuli (Youth Affairs). KNA

MARA MESS

● Interference from politicians and influential personalities has been blamed for inability by relevant authorities in discharging their mandate, which includes carrying out environmental impact assessment.

● National chairman of Tour Guides and Drivers Association Njoroge Gichina says: "Even game viewing outside the park has been a big challenge because the paths have been fenced. It will take a hard decision under the mess in Maasai Mara."

ployees of a tented camp along the Mara River chased hundreds of wildebeests that had crossed to access one side of the reserve, illustrating that their migratory paths were getting smaller every year because of uncontrolled developments.

Conservationists say it is impossible to check the runaway human-conflict, which leads to persecution and killing of wild animals.

They say absence of benefit sharing is also responsible for killing of wild animals and changes in land use.

Dickson Kaelo, chief executive of Kenya Conservation Association says the expansive Olkinyei area where the military facility is located is a maternity for the Loita plains based wildebeests.

"If efforts to restore the past glory of the Mara will not bear fruits, we will be forced to kiss it goodbye," he says.

The county government and local leadership should ensure they sign short term and rewarding land leases with the investors, he says.

"Most leases are long term. Some more than 32 years. Local leaders should see to it that they do not get raw deals," he adds.

Besides the military and hoteliers, politicians, business magnates among other prominent personalities are the beneficiaries of the runaway land sale in the reserve. Ecologists say the happenings in the famed reserve are responsible for disappearance of certain wildlife species.

Nick Murero, the Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem Coordinator for Lake Victoria Basin says uncontrolled developments have aided human-wildlife conflict. "Mara is

fast losing its prestige to Serengeti because of developments that unfortunately, both local and national governments are abetting," he says.

Bitterly opposed

The scramble of land, he notes, is now being fuelled by the completion of upgrading the Narok-Sekenani Gate road to bitumen, claiming that prices of land, especially along the road have in the last two years spiralled as locals disposed them of.

Narok North MP Moitalele ole Kenta and a group of conservationists bitterly opposed the construction of the military facility.

They said it would accelerate the demise of the reserve as a world favoured safari destination. They urged the government to reconsider the decision for the sake of tourism and local economic gains.

Despite the environmental and conservation concerns, the National Land Commission gazetted the commencement of the construction, dealing a severe blow to the future of the jewel.

In the past, Narok Governor Samuel Tunai was against the haphazard setting up of tourist establishments without giving due attention to environmental and conservation issues and threatened to demolish facilities that were set up without the county approval.

Tunai said one of the solution to decongest the Mara was to discourage mass tourism and instead have visitors book vacations months in advance just like those who go view mountain Gorillas in Uganda and Rwanda.

Sprawling reserve is undoubtedly world's best

by Peter Leshan
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The unfenced Masai Mara Game Reserve is undoubtedly one of the greatest in the world, even were it not for the annual spectacular wildebeest migration.

Migration from Serengeti National Park in Tanzania through the Mara River to Kenya, which has been named a wonder of the world, occurs every July to kick off tourism peak season in the sprawling reserve.

Historically, it is thought that the northern rangelands of the Mara were probably used as seasonal grazing for the Masai herds before it was designated a game reserve in 1958 under the colonial government.

The then colonial Game Warden Lyn Temple-Boreham, the first Game Warden of South Masai land encouraged Narok County Council to develop amenities for photographic tourism. Masaais, it is said were at first suspicious of any move to designate this area as a protected wildlife area because they felt it was another move by the government to disenfranchise them.

But through the colonial warden excellent linguistic and communication skills, he managed to persuade them to agree on the formation of the game reserve under the trusteeship of the local county council.

Tourist facility

In 1961, the first tourist facility was built in the Eastern Mara, the now prestigious Keekorok Lodge owned by the county government. Keekorok means black trees in Masai. This development was followed over the next 10 years by a number of small camps, starting with Governor's Camp in the Western side.

As its name implies, it was a favourite spot for the colonial governor of the time Sir Evelyn Baring. These tourist facilities were followed by Siana Springs tented camp and, around 1980, by a proliferation of lodges and camps.

Today the National Reserve and adjoining conservancies have over 170 camps and lodges and about 1,500 tourist beds, and the number is still growing.

Facilities in the reserve charge between Sh15,000, to more than Sh200,000 full board for high end lodges and tented camps.

PrideInn Hotel directors, Mohamed Shabir Kassam (left) and Mohamed Hasnain Shabbir at Milimani Law Courts, yesterday. They were charged a fresh on a consolidated charge sheet for malicious damage to properties. PD/CHARLES MATHAI



PrideInn directors charged afresh

Two directors of PrideInn Hotel were yesterday charged afresh in a Nairobi court with malicious damage to property worth Sh36.6 million.

Mohammed Hasnain Shabbir and Mohamed Shabbir Kassam were also charged with stealing from a building where the hotel is situated in Westlands.

Appearing before Milimani Chief Magistrate Martha Mutuku, the duo denied the counts of fully and unlawfully destroying PrideInn Hotel building and theft of over Sh173 million.

Prosecution alleges that between May 1 and July 1, last year along Raphtha Road in Westlands, Nairobi county, the two, jointly destroyed the building belonging to Imran Abdulsalaam and further stole CCTVs, door locks, sewer room equipment, furniture and fittings, all valued at Sh173,789,959.

They are each out on Sh1 million cash bail each pending the mention of the case on September 14. Mutuku granted them the bail following successful application by their defence lawyer, Cliff Ombeta, who informed the court that they are not a flight risk and that they will comply with court direction until the end of the case.

Kassim and Noornani have been embroiled in a bitter dispute with Abdulsalaam after entering a second sub-lease agreement and renovations, which were carried out.

It is said that PrideInn leased the premises between 2009 and 2015 and was renewed for another five years in 2016. During the renovations, the furniture and fittings were removed before the parties fell out.

— Alphonse Mung'ahu

State disburses Sh6b for UHC programme

Health PS says policy seeks to reach one million vulnerable and most excluded households

by PD Reporter
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The Government has disbursed Sh6 billion to finance the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) insurance programme for one million households.

Health Principal Secretary Susan Mochache made the disclosure as she presided over the official launch of the Biometric Registration of targeted poor households for UHC insurance in Kisii county on Tuesday.

She was flanked by Governor James Ong'wa as they unveiled the programme at Getembe Medical Centre in Kitutu Chache South.

Mochache stated that the government is committed to making UHC a priority policy. "Indeed, we are determined to ensure every citizen gains access to quality and affordable healthcare services as we seek to cushion Kenyans from the negative impacts of ill health," said the PS.

The Government is rolling out the programme to cover the most disadvantaged, marginalised, vulnerable and the most excluded households starting with an initial one million spread across all the 47 counties. The Ps further petitioned counties to ensure that the one million households are registered digitally to ease the payment process.

Biometric registration shall be conducted in three points - through outreaches by the National Hospital Insurance Fund (identified locations in collaboration with counties).

This will be done at NHIF service points and at the hospitals at the point the member or dependent is seeking services.

UHC journey continues to be implemented in phases, with the first that was rolled out for a year between December 2018-19. During this period, there was a marked increase in hospital visits for



the people in the targeted counties. The government is now engaged in a UHC scale-up exercise with a health insurance cover for more than five million poor and vulnerable households.

The Government, she stated, was keen to ensure that the insurance claims management processes are made as efficient as possible.

Accredited facilities

Mochache divulged that the ministry has directed that all claims processes will be digital through the E-Claim platform, which was launched in April.

E-claim registration is currently ongoing for accredited healthcare facilities in KEPH levels Four to Five Government and all faith-based and private facilities.

The government set the foundation of UHC insurance through a number of related health programmes including the Linda Mama Programme ('free' maternity services) at a cost of Sh4 billion, the Secondary School Students' Insurance Scheme (Edu Afya) at a cost of KSh4 billion annually, the Health Insurance Subsidies for Orphans and Vulnerable Children costing Sh1.5 billion and Older Persons and Persons with severe disabilities costing Sh352 Million.

MORE FUNDINGS

● This financial year, the government has provided an additional Sh1.4 billion to provide UHC insurance to an additional 234,000 households. In total, the government would have spent Sh15.85 billion on UHC and related programmes in a span of one year.

BRIEFLY

Ngilu appoints Mulewa as acting county secretary

Kitui Governor Charity Ngilu has appointed Chief Officer for Administration and Public Service Management Agnes Mulewa (*below*) as the acting County Secretary. Mulewa replaces Dr Joshua Chepchieng, who lost his position after a court battle in which the Assembly had sued the county Executive and the Public Service Board over his appointment. Ngilu extolled Mulewa as an administrator with impressive and unmatched ability to steer and coordinate service delivery. In her appreciation remarks, Mulewa thanked the governor for exuding confidence in her and promised to improve service delivery.

— Steve Mumbu



Retrial ordered in politician's Sh300m case

A Nairobi court has ordered retrial of former Embakasi East parliamentary aspirant Francis Mureithi in connection with a Sh300 million military tender. Milimani Senior Principal Magistrate Kennedy Cheruiyot deferred plea taking in the new charge sheet until tomorrow when Mureithi and his co-accused, Francis Githieya are expected to answer to several fraud charges leveled against them by the State. Duo is accused of obtaining money from Maile Menkerios, an Eritrean, under the pretext of helping him win military tenders on November 3, 2016.

— Alphonse Mung'ahu



Deputy governor sues boss in salary dispute

by Bernice Mbugua
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Nyeri Deputy Governor Caroline Wanjiru Karugu has sued Governor Mutahi Kahiga and County Secretary for withholding her salary and benefits.

Karugu (*pictured*) claims she has not received her pay since the governor has unfairly blocked her from receiving her salary through the county secretary's office.

Through lawyer Harrison Kinyanjui, Wanjiru claims she was shocked and dismayed that the County Secretary, acting at the behest and directions of her boss, totally failed to allocate any fuel allowance to her office since June 2019.

"By reason of which I am compelled to use my own resources to fuel my official car allocated to me as Nyeri Deputy Governor," she states in court documents.

Karugu contends that the order is drastic, as it bars and shuts her from living with dignity as a human being and meeting her basic day-to-day needs.

She also contends that she has not received her phone and entertainment allowance since 2018.

The Deputy Governor

also claims she has been irrationally, unjustly and without lawful cause, been hindered from accessing her office since November 2019 and that no Cabinet meeting invites have ever been sent to her since April 2019.

She further claims the acts are unfairly directed to her with a sole aim of whittling down her efficiency in executing her constitutional mandate as the Nyeri Deputy Governor.

"The deliberately sidelining while I remain the Deputy Governor constitutes a violation of the principle of Good Governance," she claims.

Urgent matter

Karugu claims her Personal Assistant was also unceremoniously stopped from executing his duties and the County Secretary failed to renew his contract since 2019 at the behest of the governor.

She claims her secretary was also moved out of the office and no replacement was made to her.

Employment and Labour Relations Court judge Nderi Nduma certified the matter urgent and directed the application to be served to the parties and be mentioned on September 16.

There is an issue with fraud. IFMIS operators are awarding tenders to themselves and not delivering on the work

Businesshub

Accountants raise concern over mounting IFMIS risks

They say it is even possible to embezzle government funds using a default code

by **Lewis Njoka**
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Integrated Financial Management System (IFMIS) has glaring weaknesses that operators exploit to siphon money from public coffers, a new report shows.

IFMIS is an Oracle-based Enterprise Resource Planning system aimed at enhancing accountability and transparency at both the national and county levels of government.

Top on the list are internal control weaknesses which allow IFMIS operators to manipulate the system and engage in fraudulent activities such as raising multiples impresses and awarding themselves government tenders.

According to the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) report, it is even possible to misappropriate government funds using the default code 000000000000.

"There is an issue with fraud. IFMIS operators are awarding tenders to themselves and not delivering on the work," reads the report in part.

The system, according to the report, allows individuals to raise two impresses at the same time even when the first one has not been surrendered, creating room for fraud.

Additionally, it lacks a system calendar to track travel history of individuals resulting in double payments without the system detecting.

Rates of per diem to staff are not pre-defined on the system which results in either overpayment or un-

Revenue

Misuse

According to Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu while ideally, Ifmis is supposed to be a transparent system that allows authorised parties to track how public funds move around, many government agencies have deliberately failed to use it as required

Components

She told Senate's Finance and Budget Committee meeting in July that almost all the six key components of the system have major weaknesses that have continued to make it possible for users to dodge public finance management requirements

Budget

These, she said include weak budgetary controls that allow users to override laid-down measures, lots of manual interactions between agencies as many transactions are yet to be automated, and the possibility for users to pay suppliers selectively, which has led to creation of pending bills



POSSIBLE UPGRADE

● **Muikia said a system like IFMIS is difficult to just replace from top to bottom. But how it stands now, it can be upgraded and improved. With certain interventions it should function better.**

● **In 2018, it was reported that the National Youth Service (NYS) lost close to Sh10 billion through manipulation of IFMIS.**

derpayment. "Some employees are defined more than once in the system which can result in misappropriation of funds," says the report.

Other than internal control weaknesses, IFMIS also has human resource, technological, political and data protection challenges. A 2020 study by ICPAK found that while all the 47 counties had adopted the system, only half of them were proficient in its use.

Existing hardware

With the existing hardware and software, most of the counties cannot handle revenue collection using IFMIS. Other modules such as the direct procurement module are yet to be developed, the report says.

"There has been resistance from users, perceived sabotage and deliberate disregard of control mechanisms during implementation," it

adds. There are also fears that the automated system could be profiling people hence there is need to provide other avenues for human intervention to guard against this.

To strengthen the system, ICPAK recommends a raft of measures including doing away with the default code, enhancement of systematic controls to curb abuse and corruption relating to impresses, and standardisation of ICT infrastructure among others.

Wangari Muikia, an economic consultant, said while it would be impractical to replace the system in its entirety, the weak areas can be strengthened so that IFMIS works more effectively.

She said she was aware that Treasury was in the process of reviewing the Standard Chart of Accounts, a system that allocates a code for every transaction on IFMIS, so that it is more effective at curbing misuse.



Insolvency: Why creditors should have information

Giving creditors the right to access information will help insolvency administration through re-organisation, liquidation of debt enforcement, and proceedings to increase recovery rates, says a new business report.

The report says implementation of e-filing, e-payments and e-service at the Nairobi Chief Magistrates Court will improve the quality of judicial processes for businesses.

Currently, all pleadings and other documents are filed via the e-filing portal, with the system sending a confirmation receipt including the date and time of filing to the person filing the document. In addition, fees are paid via mobile money, RTGS or Visa before the electronic filing of documents.

That process is followed by an electronic receipt which is generated and sent to the account of the party or the advocate. This has seen Kenya's global ranking in terms of resolving insolvency surge 73 positions from 123 in 2014 to 50 in 2019, putting the country in line with global standards where the overarching goal is to prevent premature liquidation of companies

and ensure a swifter, more streamlined insolvency process.

"This new insolvency regime has reduced the failure rate among firms, helping maintain a higher overall level of entrepreneurship in the economy and preserving jobs," said Peter Mwangi, a Partner, with Walker Kontos, a leading Law Firm in the country. Service of process can also be carried out electronically, eliminating the need to file an affidavit of service in court.

The report dubbed *Ease of Doing Business; Reforms and Milestones by the Ministry of East African Community and Regional Development*, further says the government is also considering engaging the judiciary to reduce the time required to determine insolvency matters from 4.5 years to 12 months, and the recovery rate for insolvency matters from 31.8 cents to 71 cents.

Plans are also in the offing to enact regulation to reduce fees charged by insolvency practitioners to decrease the cost of resolving disputes, and amend the Insolvency Act to introduce a pre-insolvency moratorium of 28 days.

Ministry seeks Sh670 million for livestock offtake plan

National Treasury is expected to release Sh670 million to finance commercial livestock offtake in Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) regions in the next two months. According to the of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives bi-weekly Food Security Monitoring report, Sh200 million of the total budgeted cash will also be spent on purchasing and provision of livestock supplementary feeds.

The ministry explained that out of the total amount Sh50 million will be committed to finance promotion of fodder and pasture establishment and conservation. And Sh70 million will be for livestock disease surveillance,

control and treatment and Sh50 million to finance to livestock breeds improvement. "The State department of livestock (SDL) has submitted drought interventions budget (Aug-Oct 2021 period) of Sh670 million and awaiting release of funds by the National Treasury," the report states in part.

The government has announced the possibility of severe drought in the ASAL regions in the next three months owing to low rainfall. The report released last week noted that the food security and nutrition situation mainly in the Northern and Eastern parts of the country is likely to deteriorate. - **Nicholas Waitathu**

Kenya, Uganda keen to clear trade hurdles

by **Harrison Kivisu**
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Kenya and Uganda trade and industrialisation cabinet ministers have vowed to seek a common ground as part of deliberate efforts to end persistent bottlenecks that affect smooth flow of bilateral trade.

The two countries have reported several non-tariff barriers (NTBs) that have continued to create unnecessary friction between the partners that depend on each other as strategic export markets. Speaking during the official opening of Kenya-Uganda Agri-business symposium and



exhibition in Mombasa, Kenya's Trade Cabinet secretary Betty Maina (pictured, right) emphasised on the need for consolidating trade and economic ties between the two countries.

Other markets

Maina said there is a need for the two nations to jointly explore other markets for their Agricul-

tural products due to the shrinking regional market brought about by production competition. Ugandan exports to Kenya are mainly agro products that include tea, via the auction market in Mombasa, maize, milk and cream, plywood, dried legumes, animal feeds and sugar.

Uganda, Trade minister Francis Mwebesa called for the speedy eradication of non-tariff barriers along the common border so as to facilitate trade.

"Uganda and Kenya have reported non-tariff barriers affecting agri-products which have for decades remained an impediment to trade," he said.



Magical Kenya Travel Expo is back, to be held virtually

MARKETING: Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) will virtually host 300 people during this year's two-day Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE) to be held from October 5 to 6.

Chief executive Betty Radier (pictured) said of the virtual participants, 200 will be buyers of products, while 100 will be exhibitors.

She said MKTE continues to be the premier regional travel expo that allows both the trade and hosted buyers to connect. "This year we plan to bring together 200 buyers and 100 exhibitors to reignite the magic of travel as we showcase our rich products and experiences to global trade," said Radier.

The annual event was postponed

in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. It brings together regional and international tour operators, travel agents, destination agencies and various other players in the tourism trade to network and facilitate tourism business.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala described the event as a great opportunity for tourism stakeholders to connect and market their various products, adding that the expo has exponentially grown to attain continental status.

He said this year's virtual event is a welcome opportunity for local exhibitors including hotels and travel agencies to benefit from the

platform that will generate new business through interaction with local and international trade.

"It is yet another opportunity for hospitality industry to network and explore business opportunities at the leading travel trade expo in East Africa which has grown to become a continental event," Balala said.

Digital space

He said the digital space had presented an avenue to transact and continue doing business even in the current period when there is reduced travel globally.

"This year, we shall be holding MKTE virtually to ensure that we continue to grow tourism business

and so that we don't lose any opportunities. I want to welcome global travel agents, buyers and product owners to participate in this virtual event," said the CS.

During the two-day expo, the platform's interface will have directory listings, options for meetings, choice content sessions where participants will have a variety of live sessions to choose from and will also have debates and forums from industry experts to choose from.

The buyers include tour operators, travel agents and destination management firms from Kenya's key tourism source markets in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

- Noel Wandera

BRIEFLY

YOUNG READERS



Canon, TBC ink deal to nurture learners

SKILLS: Canon has partnered with Text Book Centre to offer practical skills to junior learners. Through an initiative dubbed Canon Academy Junior, children last week had an opportunity to get photography lessons through a short course and workshops aimed at encouraging and empowering them with important knowledge. The course that is intended to spark artistic interests among the youth accommodates those between ages eight and 16 years. All enrolled students had an opportunity to attend four sessions and try their hands on professional cameras and equipment from Canon. "Our partnership with Canon has made photography skills easier to access for the younger generation" said TBC's Head of Retail, Joy Okumu in a statement, adding that through the classes children build and harness their photography skills. The statement also said that through the photography courses and workshops creative imagination in children will be sparked.

- Bernard Sigei

Africell set to exit Uganda's market

OPERATIONS: Africell, one of the mobile network operators in Africa, has announced that it will stop operations in Uganda early next month. The operator in a statement posted on its website said it will exit the Ugandan market on October 7, where it has been since 2014 when it acquired assets of Orange Uganda, another operator. The firm said the decision to leave is based on its assessment of the long-term commercial outlook for the business and its fit in the group strategy. The telco also operates in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, and Gambia. Africell said it is working with the Uganda government and Uganda Communications Commission to ensure a smooth transition. The company said a statement that it has been providing service to over a million customers across the east African country.

- Xinhua

Investors lose Sh2b in collapsed buildings, says engineers' board

Regulator reveals private developers have lost billions over the years, calls for use of professionals

by Clement Kamau
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Rogue contractors blamed for the frequent collapse of buildings continue to run wild in the real estate sector, costing the country billions of shillings and leaving behind anger and frustration among thousands of people left homeless.

Despite the setting up of National Construction Authority (NCA) in 2011, the industry still features cowboy contractors and collapsing buildings. The latest being two buildings in Kinoo and Gachie, both Kiambu county.

Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) says private developers have lost close to Sh2 billion this year after their buildings collapsed due to poor workmanship.

EBK chief executive Margaret Ogai said apart from losing lives, the monetary erosion amid the pandemic was a major setback to the economy.

Ogai, who spoke during a meeting convened by Kiambu Governor James Nyoro at the county headquarters, urged developers to engage professional engineers to safeguard lives and investments. "Most buildings collapse due to weak foundation, substandard building materials, poor structural designs and unqualified labour but this can be avoided if due process is followed to the letter," she added.

During the meeting rogue government officials in agencies mandated with inspection of buildings were accused of corruption and inefficiencies.

The event was attended by among others; experts from the board, NCA, National Environment Management Authority and officers in the infrastructure sector.

Nyoro had convened the meeting to get professional advice on the probable causes of infrastructure collapses following the Kinoo and Gachie incidents.

It was also established that corrupt inspectors, after receiving bribes, normally turn a blind eye malpractices resulting in fatalities and massive financial loss.

A report by Kenya Alliance of Resident Association (KARA) shows that 87 buildings have collapsed in various parts of the country in the past five years and an esti-



Kiambu Governor James Nyoro (right) receives a gift hamper from the Engineers Board of Kenya officials at the county headquarters on Monday. PD/CLEMENT KAMAU

mated 200 lives lost besides 1,000 people sustaining injuries over the same period.

Circumvent regulations

Nyoro said lack of co-ordination among stakeholders was to blame as rogue developers circumvent regulations to hurriedly put up residential and commercial houses without approvals from the county government.

"We are cognisant of the fact that multiplicity of requirements may delay the de-

velopers from moving on and that's why we are planning to come up with a one-stop shop where all the requirements will be processed," he said.

Nyoro who was flanked by Kiambu County Commissioner Wilson Wanyanga and the area police boss Ali Nunoh said that he would reach out to all governors and prevail upon them to ensure that all constructions are done through thorough co-ordination among all stakeholders.

"This team has prevailed upon me to reach out to my counterparts and tell them that failure to follow the due process is a disaster in the making across the country," he said.

In 2015, after eight buildings collapsed and killed 15 people, President Uhuru Kenyatta ordered an audit of all the country's buildings to see if they were up to code. The National Construction Authority found that 58 per cent of buildings in Nairobi were unfit for habitation.

Nathaniel Mataranga, EBK official further urged Kenyans to act as whistle blowers whenever they see substandard structures being put up in their localities.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

● Anyone planning to put up a structural facility should seek the services of engineers who are qualified and are registered Engineers Board of Kenya members, the body which regulates the engineering processes in the country.

● Developers told to follow due process to build long lasting structures, since using shortcuts is dangerous and expensive besides being a criminal offence.

OGAI
Most buildings collapse due to weak foundation, substandard building materials

Public debt tops regional States forum

African-Caribbean leaders also mull expansion of investments especially in fintech and the blue economy

by Reuben Mwambu
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Leaders of the Africa and Caribbean Community (Caricom) lobby have called for closer working partnerships between African and Caribbean nations to overcome common challenges such as public debt, Covid-19 and climate change.

Speaking during the first Caricom Heads of State meeting, President Uhuru Kenyatta urged members to focus on the blue economy, climate change, health and Covid-19, debt sustainability and technology as crucial pillars of cooperation.

Uhuru, who chaired the forum, said Africa and the Caribbean nations are endowed with enormous ocean resources which can be tapped to spur economic prosperity, create jobs and strengthen food security.

"The Africa has 38 coastal and island states and a coastline of more than 47,000km. And for all member states of the Caricom, they enjoy access to approximately a million square miles of the Caribbean Sea.

"This presents enormous opportunities to strengthen and foster innovative partnerships across the two regions to sustainably harness the immense potential of the blue economy," President Uhuru said.

Unity across continents

The inaugural virtual meeting whose theme was, "unity across continents and oceans: opportunities for deepening integration," sought to promote closer collaboration with Uhuru pointing out that African and Caribbean countries have been held back by mounting foreign debt since independence.

He said that the situation has however been exacerbated by Covid-19 and challenged the countries to embrace new technologies to formulate strategies to increase revenues and optimise their expenditures on activities that catalyse economic output.

President Uhuru, who is also

the current President-in-Office of the Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), said climate change is an existential threat to the two regions hence the need to adopt global best practices to mitigate and adapt to threats posed by the phenomenon.

"In Africa, extreme swings in temperature and rainfall patterns have, for instance, significantly increased habitat suitability for biting insects and the transmission of vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever, malaria, and yellow fever.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Alphonso said the success of the African Union's Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP), which helped procure Covid-19 vaccines and other supplies for Caribbean and African nations, had demonstrated the two regions have immense potential.

Investment and trade

"We must establish structures of cooperation to promote our mutual socio-economic interests; increasing investment and trade, and people-to-people exchanges between Africa and the Caribbean," said Gaston.

"We should resist being pushed to the margins of international decision-making and collaborate on decisions to restructure the global financial architecture, on global taxation, derisking, climate change and reparations among others," he said. Leaders who addressed the meeting include President Cyril Ramaphosa (South Africa) and PM Keith Rowley (Trinidad and Tobago), and mostly explored avenues of collaboration between Africa and the Caribbean.

CLIMATE CHANGE

● Africa and most of the Caribbean region, the climate extremes in the last few decades have had devastating impacts on economies and livelihoods, and have led to a rise in sea levels and increased ocean acidification.



President Uhuru Kenyatta addresses Caricom virtual summit at State House, Nairobi. PSCU



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	YVAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL
		AGRICULTURAL	PRICES		SHARES
15.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25	13.00	12.95	2,700
415.00	360.00	Kakuzi Pic Ord 5.00	385.25	383.00	100
101.00	80.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Pic Ord 5.00	88.50	90.00	100
340.00	260.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Pic Ord 20.00		320.00	
20.00	16.75	Sasini Pic Ord 1.00	18.80	18.70	300
154.75	130.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Pic Ord 5.00		142.25	
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
36.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	35.00	35.00	1,500
BANKING					
11.15	8.60	ABSA Bank Kenya Pic Ord 0.50	10.30	10.30	581,200
40.00	26.00	BK Group Pic Ord 0.80	35.00	36.00	100
69.00	57.50	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	44.75	64.50	7,300
55.00	39.25	Equity Group Holdings Pic Ord 0.50	49.60	49.05	123,100
4.10	3.40	HF Group Pic Ord 5.00	3.86	3.67	70,400
46.95	28.50	IBM Group Pic Ord 1.00	22.50	22.40	14,500
50.75	40.00	KCB Group Pic Ord 1.00	46.30	46.35	1,091,000
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		4.12	
29.00	24.25	NCBA Group Pic Ord 5.00	27.40	27.10	69,700
99.00	78.00	Stonich Holdings Pic Ord 5.00	89.25	91.00	600
142.00	127.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	135.25	135.25	10,900
14.00	11.90	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	13.45	13.45	109,900
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
5.10	0.45	Decoans (East Africa) Pic Ord 2.50		0.45	
110	0.90	Eversedy East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.96	0.96	7,300
4.90	3.80	Express Kenya Pic Ord 5.00		4.00	
0.00	0.00	Homeboyz Entertainment Pic 0.50		4.66	
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00		3.83	
4.53	3.70	Langhorn Publishers Pic Ord 1.00	3.99	4.00	8,600
13.80	4.20	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00	8.08	8.08	124,800
26.25	14.35	Nation Media Group Pic Ord 2.50	25.15	25.00	5,500
4.80	3.81	Samson Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	3.48	3.48	9,900
20.00	15.00	Standard Group Pic Ord 5.00	18.00	18.10	1,000
0.25	13.20	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.45	15.00	100
16.90	0.22	Uchumi Supermarket Pic Ord 5.00	0.26	0.25	80,400
6.24	3.50	WPP Scapigroup Pic Ord 1.00	5.74	5.56	2,030,300
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Pic Ord 1.00		5.55	
41.85	34.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	38.60	39.80	15,100
42.80	19.95	Crown Paints Kenya Pic Ord 5.00	32.65	32.95	11,500
1.62	1.18	E.A. Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.40	1.59	49,200
9.54	7.20	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	8.54	9.00	5,400
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
5.10	3.90	KenGen Co. Pic Ord 2.50	4.94	4.86	259,200
1.70	1.29	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Pic Ord 2.50	1.70	1.55	767,500
5.50	4.50	Kenya Power & Lighting 4% Prof 20.00		4.53	
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting 7% Prof 20.00		6.00	
27.50	23.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Pic Ord 5.00	25.20	25.15	25,300
7.20	5.44	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	6.60	6.30	10,400
INSURANCE					
8.78	6.60	Britam Holdings Pic Ord 0.10	8.22	8.22	23,000
3.50	2.01	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.80	2.76	119,300
392.00	276.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	363.50	360.25	4,600
2.80	2.28	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.50	2.51	91,900
10.30	6.60	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	8.20	8.00	1,000
12.30	9.00	Santam Kenya Pic Ord 5.00	10.85	10.70	18,400
INVESTMENT					
18.00	14.05	Centum Investment Co Pic Ord 0.50	16.85	16.85	29,600
0.45	0.34	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.39	0.38	27,400
1545.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	
2.24	1.63	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.20	2.20	12,700
1.64	1.08	Trans-Century Pic Ord 0.50	1.38	1.40	400
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
10.90	8.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Pic Ord 4.00	9.82	9.74	7,700
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
75.00	61.25	B.O.C Kenya Pic Ord 5.00	69.75	67.75	14,100
485.00	429.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Pic Ord 10.00	433.00	443.75	1,400
12.90	10.80	Caribid Investments Pic Ord 1.00	11.10	11.85	23,200
194.00	1613.75	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	175.00	175.50	153,800
1.45	1.19	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.35	1.34	5,800
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00		10.40	
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	
3150	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00		32.95	
TELECOMMUNICATION					
45.25	37.80	Safaricom Pic Ord 0.05	42.00	41.60	5,013,700
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
7.34	5.90	ILAM FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	7.02	6.90	6,500
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
2100.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1905I	1890.00	

NSE ALL-SHARE INDEX: UP 1.09 points to close at 178.74
 NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: UP 13.46 points to close at 2066.46
 NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: UP 16.20 points to close at 3909.72

MARKET WATCH

TREASURY BONDS ISSUE



RESULTS FOR TWO RE-OPENED FIFTEEN & TWENTY-FIVE YEAR TREASURY BONDS ISSUE NO. FXDI/2021/25, FXDI/2021/35

TENDER	FXDI/2021/25	FXDI/2021/35	FXDI/2021/25	
Due Dates	06/09/2027	09/09/2033	09/09/2026	
Total Amount Offered (Kshs. M)				68,000.00
Total bids Received at cut (Kshs. M)	48,895.43	28,212.38	39,986.96	116,924.77
Performance Ratio (%)	83.24	47.62	66.51	181.87
Amount Accepted (Kshs. M)	30,891.53	27,280.85	22,448.58	79,853.16
CW which - Competitive bids	28,327.81	25,410.42	17,576.37	71,314.62
- Non-competitive bids	1,763.70	1,789.43	5,064.21	8,620.54
Bid to Cover Ratio	1.63	1.04	1.35	1.46
Market Weighted Average Rate (%)	11.558	12.618	13.798	
Weighted Average Rate of Accepted bids (%)	11.471	12.687	13.481	
Price per Kshs 100 at average yield	101.723	102.166	104.533	
Coupon Rate (%)	11.000	12.650	13.950	
Purpose: Application of funds:				54,395.30
Redemptions:				25,457.86
New Borrowing/Net Requirement				28,937.44

FOR THE FORTHCOMING TREASURY BONDS ISSUES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

The specific features of the Bonds(s), that is the Tender, Amounts, Coupon rates and issue terms will be provided in the prospectus before the issue date.

David Luma
 Director, Financial Markets
 14 July 2021

CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	7.00%	28/07/2021
Inter-Bank Rate	3.77%	07/09/2021
CBK Discount Window	13.00%	28/07/2021
91-Day T-Bill	6.774%	06/09/2021
REPO	5.47%	03/09/2021
Inflation Rate	6.57%	August 2021
Lending Rate	12.09%	July 2021
Savings Rate	2.51%	July 2021
Deposit Rate	6.34%	July 2021
KBRR	8.9%	27/07/2016

KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 8/9/2021

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	110.0800	109.9800	110.1800
SW KRONER	12.8537	12.8390	12.8683
STG POUND	151.7671	151.6129	151.9212
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	81.7983	81.7088	81.8878
SAUDI RIVAL	29.3508	29.3233	29.3782
SA RAND	7.6843	7.6755	7.6932
S FRANC	120.2403	120.1048	120.3758
NOR KRONER	12.6869	12.6724	12.7013
KES / USHS	32.0677	31.9931	32.1422
KES / TSHS	21.0666	21.0020	21.1311
KES / RWF	9.1714	9.1593	9.1835
KES / BIF	18.0370	17.8889	18.1851
JPY (100)	99.9864	99.8910	100.0818
IND RUPEE	1.4982	1.4968	1.4997
HONGKONG DOLLAR	14.1578	14.1450	14.1707
EURO	130.5053	130.3682	130.6424
DAN KRONER	17.5270	17.5097	17.5443
CHINESE YUAN	17.0319	17.0153	17.0486
CAN \$	87.3928	87.2996	87.4861
AUSTRALIAN \$	81.2721	81.1872	81.3569
AE DIRHAM	29.9688	29.9371	30.0005

Google see the future of work as 'hybrid'

San Francisco, Wednesday

Google on Wednesday ramped up cloud collaboration tools for businesses, expecting "hybrid" work routines to remain even after the pandemic has ended.

The internet titan competes with Microsoft, Zoom, Facebook and others with online services that employees can use to collaborate remotely.

Tech giants turned to their own tools after abandoning campuses early in the pandemic, which fueled a fierce remote work trend. "We've

seen a radical transformation, and a lot of that transformation is here to stay," Google product management director Dave Citron said during a briefing on new Workspace offerings. "But I think it is too early to say that the 40-hour work week in a cubicle is permanently dead across all

industries and regions." Major tech companies themselves have postponed workers returning to offices and expect the new norm to become "hybrid" routines that mix being on-site with working remotely.

Hybrid work handbook

Google said it has created a hybrid work handbook for how to take advantage of tools, as well as software for employees to conduct efficient meetings no matter where they are working from. "We're really excited to bring this to our customers to give them some best practices as

they're working to redesign their offices," Citron said. Google also announced enhancements to its Workspace portfolio that integrate the tech giant's apps for meetings, email, calendars, documents, chat and more.

"As some people return to the office, teams need that ability to flexibly collaborate from anywhere, anytime," said Workspace senior director of product management Sanaz Ahari. "The innovations we're bringing to customers today help bridge the gaps of virtual and in-person collaboration."

We think vast amount of the customers will be companies buying it for their employees

World News

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Juba, Khartoum open closed border points to spur trade

■ **Juba, Wednesday**

Sudan and South Sudan have commenced cross-border trade following the recent deal reached between the two countries to reopen four border crossing points that have been closed since 2011.

Deng Dau Deng Malek, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Inter-

national Cooperation of South Sudan said the trade has started along the Jebeleen-Renk border point which is among the four crossing points the two countries agreed in late August to reopen by October.

“What will happen in October will be the official launching because as we speak now traders from the two countries are already crossing

the border and business is booming,” Deng told Xinhua in Juba on Tuesday.

“We will benefit from services of Sudan particularly, food items, petrol and other things and we also have businesses on our side that can export to Sudan. So it will be a mutual benefit between us and Sudan,” he added.

South Sudan’s president Salva Kiir and Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok met last month in Juba and agreed on the reopening of the border crossings. The event slated to take place on October 1 will see the reopening of four border crossing points that include Jebeleen-Renk, Meiram, Buram-Tumsah and Kharasana-Panakuacis. **- Xinhua**

BRIEFLY

41 people die, dozens injured in prison fire

At least 41 people were killed and about 80 others injured as fire broke out at a prison in Tangerang town near the Indonesia’s capital Jakarta early Wednesday, officials said. All the injured were taken to nearby hospitals and health clinics, according to Jakarta police chief Inspector General Fadil Imran. The fire, believed to have been caused by an electrical short circuit, was extinguished two hours after it started, said Jakarta police spokesperson Senior Commissioner Yusri Yunus. The overcrowded block, which was designed for holding 40 prisoners, accommodates 122, said Rika Aprianti, a spokesperson for the prison department.

- Xinhua



‘Endless wars’ cost US more than 9/11

While the 9/11 attacks killed several thousand Americans, the “endless wars” that the US launched as part of the global war on terror “cost much more,” renowned Harvard University professor Joseph S. Nye has said. “The damage done by al Qaeda pales compared to the damage we did to ourselves,” Nye, dean emeritus of the university’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, said in an email interview. Estimates show nearly 15,000 American military members and contractors were killed and the economic cost of the wars that followed 9/11 was more than \$6 trillion, he said.

- Xinhua

Floods in hospital kill 17 in Mexico

Floods killed 17 patients in a hospital following heavy rains in Tula, a city in the central Mexican state of Hidalgo, authorities said Tuesday. Rains starting on Monday afternoon in Hidalgo caused the area’s Tula River to overflow, disrupting vital services and flooding the General Hospital of Zone No.5 of the Mexican Social Security Institute. “We have, unfortunately, 17 deaths,” Governor of Hidalgo Omar Fayad told the press. According to reports, 15 of the deceased had Covid-19 and died because “the hospital was flooded and was left without power, and unfortunately they were on respiratory support.”

- Xinhua

Support for Bolsonaro

People take part in a demonstration in support of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro in Sao Paulo, on Brazil’s Independence Day. Fighting record-low poll numbers, a weakening economy and a judiciary he says is stacked against him, President Jair Bolsonaro has called huge rallies for Brazil independence day Tuesday, seeking to fire up his far-right base. AFP



China welcomes new Taliban gov’t, West expresses concerns

US concerned over ‘track record’ of people picked for top posts as UN decries exclusion of women in list

■ **Kabul, Wednesday**

The Taliban has announced an all-male caretaker government drawn exclusively from its inner echelons, including a man under United Nations sanctions as prime minister and another on a United States “terrorism” list as interior minister.

The names announced for the new government on Tuesday, three weeks after the Taliban swept to military victory as US-led foreign forces withdrew, gave no sign of an olive branch to its opponents.

Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund – a senior minister during the Taliban’s brutal and oppressive rule in the 1990s – was appointed interim prime minister, while the group’s co-founder Abdul Ghani Baradar, who oversaw the signing of the US withdrawal agreement in 2020, was appointed deputy prime minister.

Appointed to the key post of interior minister was Sirajuddin Haqqani, one of the founders of the Haqqani network, classified as a “terrorist” group by Washington. He is one of the FBI’s most wanted men due to his involvement in suicide attacks



AFGHAN GOV'T

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A labourer pushes a cart along a street besides a wall painting with a portrait of late Afghan commander Ahmad Shah Massoud. AFP

and ties with al-Qaeda.

Here is how the countries and international groups are reacting to the announcement.

United States

The US said it was concerned about the “affiliations and track records” of some of the people named by the Taliban to fill top posts in Afghanistan’s new government.

“We note the announced list of names consists exclusively of individuals who are members of the Taliban or their close associates and no women. We also are concerned by the affiliations and track records of some of the individuals,” a spokesperson for the Department of State said. “We

understand that the Taliban has presented this as a caretaker cabinet. However, we will judge the Taliban by its actions, not words.”

China

Beijing said it welcomed the end of “three weeks of anarchy” in Afghanistan with the establishment of a new interim government in Kabul, calling on the Taliban to restore order in the country. China has been scathing about the American withdrawal, which it criticised as ill-planned and hasty. On Wednesday it said the new government would help bring stability.

Turkey

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he was carefully monitoring developments in Afghanistan. “We don’t know how long this interim cabinet will last. All we have to do is to follow this process carefully,” he told reporters during an official visit to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Qatar

The Taliban show “pragmatism” and should be judged on their actions, a top Qatari official told the AFP news agency in an exclusive interview, adding there was “no question” the group were Afghanistan’s de facto rulers.

- Agencies

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



Fun lovers Joyce Adhiambo, Wambui Mumbi and Sharon Kerubo.



Get off me! KCB speedster Vincent Onyala (with the ball) zooms past his Kabras flyhalf opponent Ntabeni Dukisa (right), as team mates give a chase.

BIG RUMBLE

by Alex Njue

Rugby enthusiasts were in high heaven this past weekend, as this year's Kenya Cup rugby league came to a close at the Nandi Bears Club. Heavyweights KCB were crowned champions for the fourth time in a row and fifth in total after a dramatic comeback to defend the title, in an epic action that was televised live on K24. Also present at the finals were Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) chairman Oduor Gangla, his wife Pauline Gangla, KRU chief executive officer Thomas Odundo, the union's treasurer Joshua Aroni and director Moses Ndale.

PD/ALEX NJUE



Here we go: 'Team sherehe' knows just how to have fun.



Pauline Gangla with her husband and Kenya Rugby Union chairman Oduor Gangla.

Matters conservation

by Bonface Msangi

Stakeholders in the environment and maritime security recently held a marine conservation forum in Mombasa. They encouraged coastal county governments to create employment opportunities by investing in the Blue Economy and marine conservation. They said many youth would benefit from the sectors if they acquire skills and knowledge for the job. Among those present were environment activist Hassan Rajab Sumba.

PD/ BONFACE MSANGI



Annabel Akinyi with Mary Muli.



David Mutungi, Babu Muoki and environment activist Hassan Sumba.



Harun Omar, Abdhulmajid Omar, Rikado Bilal and Khalid Juma.



Divers Hamisi Mramba, Nicholas Changawa, Aisha Bakari, Joseph Mungoma, Jimmy Kombo and Daniel Keah.

Ten...

Go nutrient dense

Instead of eating empty calories and junk food, eat foods that are rich in nutrients. The single most important nutrient for gaining healthy weight is protein. Muscle is made of protein and without it, most of those extra calories may end up as body fat. Studies show that during periods of overfeeding, a high-protein diet causes many of the extra calories to be turned into muscle. However, keep in mind that protein is a double-edged sword. It's also highly filling, which may reduce your hunger and appetite significantly, making it harder to get in enough calories. Also, choose nutritious carbohydrates, such as brown rice and other whole grains. This helps ensure your body is receiving as much nourishment as possible, even if you're dealing with a reduced appetite.

Eat more frequently

If you are struggling with a poor appetite, due to medical or emotional issues, eating large amounts of food may not seem appealing. Consider eating smaller meals throughout the day to increase your calorie intake.

Consider snacking

Enjoy snacks that contain plenty of protein and healthy carbohydrates. Also, enjoy snacks that contain healthy fats, which are important for a healthy heart. Nuts and nut butters are perfect choices if you are looking to gain weight. Just one small handful of raw almonds (a quarter cup) contains 170 calories, six grammes of protein, four grammes of fibre, and 15 grammes of healthy fats. Since nuts are calorie-dense, just two handfuls per day with a meal or as a snack can quickly add hundreds of

calories. You can also snack on dried fruits and avocados.

Sneak in calories

The most important thing you can do to gain weight is to create a calorie surplus, meaning you eat more calories than your body needs. Top oatmeal, yoghurt and salads with nuts. Sprinkle cheese into soups, stews and scrambled eggs. Add ground flaxseed to protein shakes and smoothies. You might even eat a spoonful of peanut butter at every meal.

Try liquids

Have difficulty chewing? Suffering from fatigue? Don't want to cook? Liquid calories in the form of nutrient-rich shakes can be a great option. A bonus: These high-calorie shakes are rich in nutrients, but less filling than, say, an apple. The stomach doesn't sense calories, it senses volume.

Appetite stimulants

Doctors may prescribe medications to help improve appetite for those who need to gain weight, especially those

who have a health condition that affects their hunger.

Lift heavy weights and improve your strength

To make sure that the excess calories go to your muscles instead of just your fat cells, it's absolutely crucial to lift weights. Go to a gym and lift two to four times per week. Lift heavy and try to increase the weights and volume over time. If you're completely out of shape or new to training, consider hiring a qualified personal trainer to help you get started. You may also want to consult with

Ways to gain weight the healthy way

Given that many people are concerned about losing weight, being skinny may seem like a good problem to have. But the reality is that being underweight can cause health problems. It can impair your immune function, raise your risk of infections, lead to osteoporosis and fractures and cause fertility problems, among others. One can be underweight due to a variety of causes such as genetics, illness, high physical activity, poor nutrition or psychological issues. If you have a body mass index (BMI) of below 18.5, you need to add some kilos as **Ann Wairimu** outlines



a doctor if you have skeletal problems or any medical issue. It's probably best to take it easy on the cardio — doing some cardio is fine to improve fitness and well-being, but don't do so much that you end up burning all the additional calories you are eating.

Track your intake

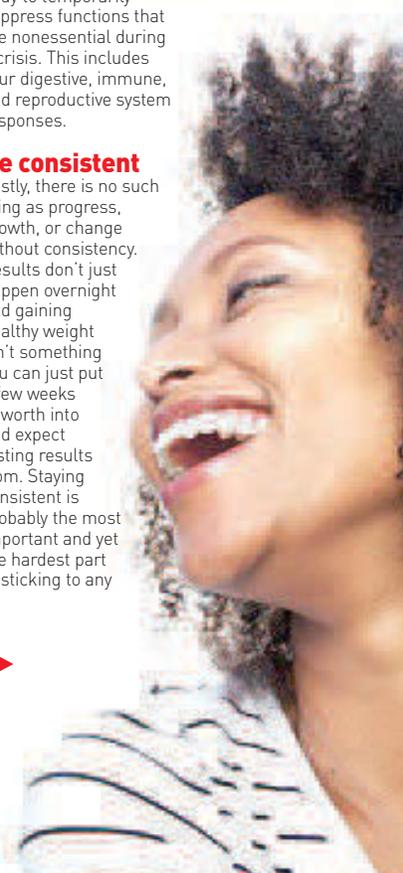
It's basically impossible to know if you are eating enough food if you aren't measuring your progress. You can easily do this by logging everything you eat and drink using a food tracking app. Be as precise as possible by avoiding estimating whenever possible. Here are some easy tips you can use to get the most out of your calorie counting app: Measuring the amount you are actually consuming using measuring cups and spoons. Consider weighing your food for even more accuracy. Include all ingredients used, including oils, seasonings, sauces, dressings and toppings. Track every food and beverage you eat or drink, even small bites and sips count.

to completely lose the desire to eat. When you are stressed, your body goes into "fight or flight" mode. Also known as the "acute stress response," this physiological mechanism tells your body it must respond to a perceived threat. Your body readies itself by releasing hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol. Adrenaline prepares your body for vigorous activity, but it can also minimise your desire to eat. Meanwhile, cortisol signals for your body to temporarily suppress functions that are nonessential during a crisis. This includes your digestive, immune, and reproductive system responses.

Be consistent

Lastly, there is no such thing as progress, growth, or change without consistency. Results don't just happen overnight and gaining healthy weight isn't something you can just put a few weeks of worth into and expect lasting results from. Staying consistent is probably the most important and yet the hardest part of sticking to any

nutrition plan. That's why it is key to choose a diet that you know you can stick to. Build your foundation, keep training regularly, focus on getting your diet right most of the time. Then try to be patient, your results will come!



Travel Wise ▶ Get set... go!



White rhinos.
The survey counted 1,739 rhinos including 840 southern white rhinos. PD/COURTESY

Wildlife census will help boost travel, tourism players say

Industry actors are upbeat about the animal count saying it provides a platform for the country to market its destinations, as well as places them in a informed position to help maintain or restore natural habitats by providing economic incentives

by Harriet James
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Kenya is rightly celebrating its success at conserving wildlife with the country's first ever national wildlife census results published last week showing a remarkable increase of elephants, rhinos, lions, giraffe, grey's zebra, hiroala among others and established baseline numbers for other species.

According to the census, the country has a total of 36,280 elephants, a 12 per cent jump from the figures recorded in 2014.

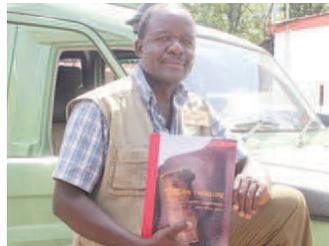
"That's good news at a time when most conservation reports have resembled doomsday scenarios. We must thoroughly congratulate all those behind this extraordinary turnaround," Nelima Wekesa, a conservationist applauds.

She says one of the most important conservation benefits provided by wildlife tourism occurs when it provides an economic incentive for maintaining or restoring natural habitats.

Wildlife tourism is a huge economy around the globe. A World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-backed report in 2015 states that visits to the world's protected areas is a US\$650 billion (Sh71.5 trillion) industry. It has largely developed in the last 20 years, now mostly aimed at and enjoyed by the domestic visitors' market.



Turkana county tourism CS George Emoru.



Peter Liech, author.

President Uhuru Kenyatta receives the wildlife census report from tourism CS Najib Balala in state house. PD/COURTESY



The Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, Najib Balala while officially releasing census results, after the exercise, which was conducted between May and July 2021 under the theme, "Count to Conserve", the census counted over 30 species of mammals, birds and marine species in various ecosystems, covering nearly 59 per cent of Kenya's land mass.

Balala stated that the census report establishes an updated data base, which will form a basis for establishing real economic value of wildlife capital for reflections in the national budgeting process.

Obtaining this level of information allows for better policy, planning and assessment of areas that require focus in our interventions to maintain or improve our national conservation efforts," he said during a press briefing at

the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) congress in Marseille, France.

Being that tourism, particularly wildlife tourism, goes hand in hand with conservation tourism, players are optimistic that the report is crucial in boosting the industry. The country occupies 580,367 square kilometres, out of which approximately 44,359 square kilometres or 7.5 per cent is wildlife conservation area. Kenya's wildlife is one of the richest and most diversified in Africa with a number of its protected areas and wetlands being internationally recognised and protected as World Heritage Sites, Ramsar sites and biosphere reserves. The protected areas embrace various types of ecosystems namely: forests, wetlands, savannah, mountains,

marine, arid and semi-arid. The protected areas comprise of 23 terrestrial national parks, 28 terrestrial national reserves, four marine national parks, six marine national reserves and four national sanctuaries. The country owes its global reputation as a leading safari destination to its wildlife and the memorable experience that visitors get when they interact with nature during their visits. Consequently, wildlife conservation is crucial to tourism as its linked to the country's economic development, as well as livelihoods.

"At the moment, there is no immediate impact on safari tourism, however, the census report restores confidence in both international and regional travellers and reiterate that Kenya is serious about conservation of its wildlife and marine life with the aim of improving for better," notes Felix Migoya, East Africa Tour Guides and Drivers Association. "Tourism and conservation goes in tandem and neither can succeed without the other. It is along term win-win situation"

"It is an important exercise that will assist the county government in knowing the species and in identifying priority areas with specific locations in mind, especially in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts," says George Emoru, the Tourism County Executive Committee member Turkana county.

Manage migratory routes

Pauline Ngoli Pusiye, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources in Turkana county says the county had a unique ecosystem as majority of the wildlife is found in community land and with the presence of the international borders (Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia) wildlife can be found on both sides of the borders. "We have a lot of cross border movement of wildlife and with the National Wildlife Census report, the National and Turkana County Governments can collaborate in managing the migratory routes identified in this exercise," she added.

Catherine Wambani, the Kenya Wildlife Service Assistant Director Western Conservation Area, says she was encouraged that the county was seeking to gazette more area to protect and conserve wildlife. "This will attract more resources from the National Government and make it a priority in management, support developmental infrastructure, as well as attract interest by visitors to those areas, thus boosting tourism efforts," she says.

The survey also counted 1,739 rhinos, 897 critically endangered black rhinos and 840 southern white rhinos, and said the tourist magnet Masai Mara National Reserve was home to nearly 40,000 wildebeests. "Efforts to increase penalties on crimes related to threatened species appear to be bearing fruits," the report, which counted 30 species of animals and covered nearly 59 per cent of Kenya's land mass," said the report.

However, some players are not satisfied with the findings. "The report is sad because money has been spent on an exercise that doesn't really help anyone," says Peter Liech, an author, philanthropist and a gold level safari guide. "How can there be more cheetahs than waterbucks in Kenya? The report and graphics is potentially dangerous. Any enemy of the Nairobi National Park, for instance, will look at this and say, "Why are we bothering with one tortoise, one crocodile, and three lions? Time to degazette and develop that land," he continues.

Liech adds that while some of the numbers look encouraging, such as the lions, some of them are surprisingly low, such as the impala, waterbuck and the hartebeest. "I'm not sure if that's a reflection of reality on the ground or issues with the methods used. There are some really bizarre numbers in the report like 32,000 elephant, but only 8,000 warthogs? Hippos are odd toed ungulates? If you look on page 21 or 22 of the report, there is a map of the areas they missed and Ukambani seems to be one of them," he observes.

MIGOYA



Tourism and conservation goes in tandem and neither can succeed without the other. It is a long term win-win situation

FORK & LIFE

Around the world classic feasts in the Mara wild

by Harriet James
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Food tops the list of things that makes me fall in love with places I vacation in. But saying it out loud that I love food doesn't mean that I'm foodie though. I still take hours before finishing my meals, but there is still part of me that enjoys walking into a restaurant filled with aroma of well-cooked foods. So recently, I experienced this at Mahali Mzuri, in Masai Mara, after I flew in with Safari Link.

I checked in at exactly lunchtime, just on time to satiate my appetite. Their meals are a la carte with social distancing as per the Covid-19 protocols. Lunch is normally served on the main deck with individual tables and you can order from the menu. You can also opt to eat by the pool or on the private deck if you like. I opted for the deck where I could have a clear view of wildlife just in case the great wildebeest crossing found me eating. At a time of the migration as this, choosing camps with a view of the crossing routes is a plus. On the menu, the starter was challah bread with either chilled organic root vegetable soup or weight watchers salad.

Being that there is no part of me watching my weight, I opted for the chilled organic root vegetable, to cool off the hot afternoon heat. The general manager of the camp, Wilson Odhiambo, who also ordered the same, joined me. In the next course, I had an option of roasted marinated king prawns served with French fries, coleslaw salad and optional tartar sauce and spaghetti bolognaises complimented with parmigiano or quintessence of spring vegetable cottage pie with chef's salad. I'm not a fan of cheese, but I learnt that parmigiano reggiano is one of the best known and most commonly used cheese in Italy. It is a hard cheese made from cow's milk bred in provinces of Reggio, Parma, Modena and parts of Bologna and Mantua.

Vantage viewpoint

A true parmigiano-reggiano cheese has a sharp, complex fruity/nutty taste with a strong savoury flavour and a slightly gritty texture. An inferior version would impart a bitter taste. I went for the queen prawns served with French fries, as both are my favourite.

As we continue with our meal, Wilson lets me know that there are Kenyans who fly in to the restaurant just to have their lunch experience. The ambience, the view of wildlife, the service is just enough to attract such high end clients.

By wildlife here I mean that sometimes the crossing can happen right in front of you as you enjoy your meals. They have every type of cuisine designed make you feel at home whether Indian, Chinese, creole, sea food or authentic Kenyan dishes. Speaking of an authentic Kenyan dish, in another lunch experience, after having an extensive game drive around Olmotorogi conservancy, I found grilled lamb chops with homemade barbecue sauce, ugali and organic spinach.

Though they called it corn meal cake, it was a breathe of fresh air and I felt a sense of being at home just enjoying the meal, forgetting that I had many other options, such as mini burgers served with fries or even tilapia served with crispy oriental sweetheart coleslaw and side salad. "A Kenyan taste is always a hit and before the pandemic, we used to have an African night. Nowadays, we single out one

After staying out all day on a game drive so that you do not miss a moment of wildlife viewing, one certain thing is that a delicious a la carte meal is something to look forward to at this luxury Masai Mara safari camp



traditional meal and put it on our menu," says the head chef Edison Kimani.

Osso bucco delicacy

At night, under the glistening stars on the deck and a hearty conversation, I had a taste of braised ranch fed beef osso bucco alla gremolata with trio of glazed vegetables and thyme, which went well with mashed potatoes. Osso bucco is a dish that originated from Lombardy region in North Italy and literally translated, it means a bone with a hole because it's a cut across the shin beef. "The bone marrow has to be there, intact. It's supposed to be served alla gremolata, which means it is garnished with a mixture of garlic, lemon zest and parsley that cuts through the fat," explains Chef Eddy as he hands me my dish.

With a wealth of 23 years and determined to never stop learning, he endeavours to give guests who stay at the camp a memorable ex-

1. Head Chef Edison Kimani presents a meal.
2. Braised ranch fed beef osso bucco alla gremolata with mashed potatoes.
3. Marinated king prawns served with french fries, coleslaw salad.
4. Our writer enjoys a drink and a view. PD/HARRIET JAMES/COURTESY

perience when it comes to their stomach. He adds that alla gremolata cuts through the fat and makes it more digestible. Another great news that I think all wine and alcohol lovers will be happy about is the fact that drinks are included in your stay, so you can partake all the alcohol and the finest champagne anytime you desire. Also should you have any special dietary needs, one can let the camp know prior and it will be catered for. During my stay, I also noticed another thing about their food. The presentation was top notch and according to chef Eddy, that takes creativity.

"If you want your food to be presented well, create height," he tells me. Depending with the number of guests, he tells me that it takes about 10 minutes to make an impressive presentation for five guests. He also has a kitchen garden where he picks veggies and spices for the meals.

MEET N GREET

BY NJERI MAINA
@njerimainar



Rishi Jay Shah, Manager Naiberi River and Campsite Resort

1. What drew you to hospitality?

I have always loved the environment. I did environmental engineering outside the country and got to see firsthand how hospitality companies would make their companies more eco-conscious with minimal impact on the environment. When I came back, Naiberi River and Campsite Resort was a natural fit as it is a stunning low-impact destination built on a 10-acre piece of land.

2. What is unique about Naiberi Resort?

Our facility has uniquely designed facilities meant to evoke the stone age era while affording guests a modern luxurious experience. It is created on a hilly forest land, which was once home to the ancient Sirikwa tribe. We are located near Naiberi River, which makes for a great view with the calming whooshing of the river providing great background sound. We have various accommodation types, from camping grounds, dormitories, log cabins to executive rooms. We also have conference rooms that are spacious and equipped with modern facilities to enable great meetings that adhere to Covid-19 safety protocols. We have a big pool where guests can take a luxurious dip or exercise in when they are staying with us. There is ample parking, a great bar with a variety of drinks and we also offer laundry services. Naiberi River and Campsite Resort is a quite eco-friendly haven for travellers. There is a reason Bill Gates stayed with us during one of his visits to Kenya. We also have a great menu and are known for our sumptuous chicken wings.

3. What are some of the things that travellers can do while at Naiberi?

We have plenty of unique flora and fauna around our facility. One can, therefore, go for walking tours, hill runs, cycling tours, or for birdwatching tours. One can also visit some nearby ancient caves that belonged to the Sirikwa tribe. We are located on Eldama Ravine Road, 16 kilometres from Eldoret town. From our resort one can go for golfing at Nandi Golf Club, or go for paragliding at the Kerio Escarpment if the weather permits. Some of our visitors also like exploring nearby towns, such as Kisumu and Lake Bogoria hot springs, which are just two hours drive from our site. There are plenty of activities for the traveller who wants to explore and not just sit in our pool or play pool over drinks with friends. Suffice it to say, we cater for both types of travellers.

4. What is the tourism outlook so far?

Kenyans are embracing domestic travel. Most of our clientele are Kenyans and we are grateful for that. They have helped us weather the harsh Covid-19 period, something that we could not have done without them. We have instituted various health protocols to ensure that our esteemed clients are safe even as they come to support us.

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An educator on a mission

Prisca Muyodi, founder and managing director Montessori House School I. PD/ NJERI MAINA



AT A GLANCE

● Prisca Muyodi believes in leading a holistic life whether in the classroom or out. She loves kickboxing and is also an avid hiker who has summited Mt Kenya and is currently preparing for Mt Kilimanjaro.

● She believes in finding the silver lining in every cloud. She for instance used the school closure due to Covid-19 to strengthen the business structure and come up with a transformational plan for the school with the help of Stanford Seed.

● She has a Master's in business administration from Leeds University. This has gone a long way in helping her run the five schools, scale and start other product offerings such as the corporate daycare programme.

Passion for education saw **Prisca Muyodi** move from schooling her children at home to setting up centres where other children could get high quality and wholesome education

by **Njeri Maina**
@njerimainar

Benjamin Franklin once said that an investment in education pays the best interest, a sentiment that Prisca Muyodi, the founder of Montessori House School lives and believes in. She shares candidly that education shaped her into who she is today.

"I am the fourth child of eight. I grew up in a small village in Western Kenya and started my schooling at Eregi Mission School. I went to high school in Western Kenya under a full scholarship from a Catholic school. It was a blessing that I got the scholarship as it was already a full-on mission for my parents to feed us. I was among the first cohort of the 844 system, and I remember feeling overwhelmed with the number of subjects we had to study. Even then, I remember feeling that education had to be fun. That it did not have to be solely about books excluding any socialisation with friends and family," she explains.

Prisca decided she was going to be a teacher to imbue fun into the curriculum.

She would go to Kenyatta University and study a Bachelors in Education. She recalls being awed at the flexible learning schedule at university and how one had time to learn as well as develop other life skills.

After finishing her degree, she decided to do something else that would still impact people. She would become a human resource practitioner for a decade serving organisations abroad that ranged from county governments to non-governmental organisations. Her passion for education would be reignited once she became a mother and was looking for a school to take her two children to.

"I was that parent who would ask for the curriculum, a tour of the school and even an interview with the potential teacher. Many people did not understand why I was interested in assessing the quality of education at the kindergarten level. Thing is, as a teacher it had been ingrained in me that the foundation is everything, it is the bedrock upon which future classes and lessons are built. What we instill in children invariably shapes the adults they become. From 2007 to 2009, I really struggled finding a school that would fit my

children's learning style. In 2009, I decided to homeschool them as I researched a way to start a school that assigned the right importance to early childhood education. A year later, I started Montessori House Kenya, with my children being my first clients," the proud mother-of-two shares with a soft chuckle.

She believes she was equipped to start a school that would make learning both fun and impactful while ensuring all children mastered the curriculum even with different learning styles. But entrepreneurs are largely defined by hard work, so she was unbowed by the numerous roles she took on in the nascent years of her business. Even then, she knew she needed to delegate as her experience as a human resource practitioner and teacher had taught her the importance of putting up structures that would ensure quality was not compromised.

Something for parents

She would have an advisory board that would help refine and keep her accountable to her vision, which was to build a strong foundation through the provision of quality early childhood education. Her firm belief that no education or knowledge is wasted was further reinforced as she drew on her professional background to build Montessori House Kenya to what it is today.

Prisca resisted adding any more classes despite parents frequently asking her to do so. The first and second cohorts would graduate and head to other schools. But in 2014, she listened to her clients and started Grade One. She would then scale until Class Eight over time, ensuring she took the schools where the students were.

She decided not to have one big school as this would mean parents would have to commute for longer to get to school, which is not conducive to the pupils' learning. It is hard for a child to learn when they are already tired from a long commute. So far, she has five centres- four in Nairobi and one in Kitui.

She is always looking to improve the quality of education offered. Montessori School earlier in the year became the first to imple-

ment the HEI model, a Finnish education model renowned for being a fun model for effective learning. The HEI school system is play based and seeks to impart knowledge in a fun way such that the children are empowered and equipped for the changing world. Its pedagogy is adaptive and progressive as it is developed in partnership with University of Helsinki.

In partnership with the Finnish Embassy in Kenya, Prisca was able to adapt it to the Kenyan learning landscape and hopes to use the system to make education even more fun and impactful.

Besides the school, she has ventured into a new business. In response to the need for proper child care when parents go back to work, she partners with corporates to provide child care support systems in the corporate day-care programme launched last year. She provides highly trained personnel to mind children which allays parents' fears thereby making them more productive at work.

She approaches corporates to run a day-care system. They provide her with a room in their building and she provides certified teachers and caretakers to help with the children during the day.

She believes that childcare support systems for employees are a great way for employers to show care for their staff and increase performance.

As to how she defines success and happiness, Prisca says success is a journey. She insists on the importance of celebrating each and every milestone along the way, citing how entrepreneurs are quick to berate themselves on their possible failings, but never stop to acknowledge and celebrate just how far they have come.

"We are for instance celebrating 10 years of existence. This in itself is no small feat. We have had to overcome cash and funding constraints as well as Covid-19. We have had to restructure how we learn. We now for instance do online games such as chess as compared to close contact sport like football," Prisca explains.

As to what she would advise budding entrepreneurs, she recommends they establish what their strengths and weaknesses are, and then upskill and hire personnel accordingly.

"Being in control does not mean you have to be the one doing everything. Get people who are good at their job and then do the oversight. This ensures you are able to scale as well as provide quality. Remember to also leverage on the knowledge of others who have more experience than you do," she says in conclusion.

Montessori House pupils have fun at the playground. PD/COURTESY



MANUSCRIPTS
By Manuel Ntoyai

Hekaya za Kanairo

Mara mob vijana huwa tunapenda vitu za sare, but pia inakubalika juu pia msoto imepeleka mraia siaka. Lakini hizi vitu za free huwa na noma yake juu hakuna cha bwerere, especially hii Kenya. So, juzi tukiwa zabe, Jemoh alikuja akiwa ameshika nare. Noma ilikuwa eti kuna kijana wa bro yake alikuwa ametoka ocha na amekuwa akiishi na yeye. Ukapata Jemoh amemsakia wera kwa workshop nifla Githu, na msela akawa anachapa kazi kama kawa.

Sasa huyu kijana alipokanjwa akadai kujishikika tenje touch screen ndio pia ajinawo. But pia Jemoh alikuwa amemshow asikubali kuunua tenje second hand juu zinakuwaga na noma. Msela akaambiwa na colleague wake kuna place anajua CBD anaeza get kitu kali na pia cheap ju msee anauza anatoa na backdoor kwa duka ya panthre. Sasa si kijana akaingia box juu pia alikuwa desperate kusave kapesa. Majioni yake walipofika tao wakakuta jamaa alikuwa amewategea nje ya the agreed shop.

Enyewe shop ilikuwa ya panthre anauza tenje zile latest, halafu msela akaonyeshwa tenje yenye alikuwa anadai, akakanja. Kiasi morio akaambiwa ategee hapo msee aende alitewee charger na earphones zikiwa packed kwa box yake, lakini wacheze chini wasionekane hapo kuzubaa. Dakika kama zero, jamaa akaleteuwa mzigo. Ile kufika mtaa si msee lazima aangalie mali yake, kufungua akapata atiwekewa sabuni ya kipande! Karibu Kanairo!

By Rodgers Ndegwa

SHENGPEDIA

1 **Wakadu** - Town shops
Origin - Umoh
Example - Chucha zimetambulika mtaani ni za wadhii si za wakadu.

2 **Nichwez** - Fifty shillings
Origin - Oyole
Example - Ukisota ubaki na nichwez kwa pori huwezi nywaku hata botolo amo.

URADI By Nafsi Huru



Leo tuko County 001 na IDDY MOHAMED IBRAHIM, bazenga pale Wakaka Capitals, wakichapa shugli ya printing, car hire na laundry

Ilikuaje ukaamulia hii mboka?

Kama entrepreneur nitukua na kiu ya kuleta solutions nikiunda kakitu nikaselenga ndani ya pwani hanaku rende ya kuchworo printing proper nikaanza mdogo na along the line ikakua ni expansion to Car Hire services na sahihi pia the finest Laundry in town.

Toka uanze achievements ni gani?
Alhmadhulillah naeza

sema knowledge nime-wahi along the way na watu nimejua, kujenga urafiki wa maana na bi-ashara inaenda iki grow kila siku.

Challenges nazo ni gani?

Hizi bizz ni capital intensive kushika machine inakuaga hectic, with time competition ime-ongezeka na pia manag-ing bizz inabidi kukua na extra knowledge ya ac-counts na Marketing HR na mambo kama hizo.

Unavukanga jea hizo

mamushkil?

Kwvwanza kujua kanye unadai na ku source enough capital kufani-kisha pili tuna offer our best kila wakati custom-er aridhike na pia sichoki ku-see knowledge kila manyana kupata advice from experienced people kwa hii mboka.

Clients unapataga aje?

Si huchapa adverts na bado wasee wengi ni wale uli serve jana ana-rudi shoke na arif, walk in clients ju tuko location convenient.

Tribe43 The Sheng Republic

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MULIKWA WITH MWANGI ALBERTO



Zi kwa hasira juu ya vitu pyenga

Mvua zaidi ya 40 ivi zimepita, the great King of Reggae Bob Marley alidai kuna mezesho nifa ya ufa-la inarada kwa hewa. Hio domba yake ya

Natural Mystic ilikuwa inatry kush-ow wasee wabadilisho mienendo ama wamanyurie. So, nikiचेकी vi-fiti, hio noma uyo mzito alikuwaga anabanja juu yake back then bado inahover above our heads. Tuko kwa era ingine tricky kwa sana. Zile madhambi zinaendelea kwa hii dunia ni ngori zaidi ya noma.

Tunachekei kwa mbulu na ku-soma kwa madibaji almost on daily basis visanga za kustajaabi-sha vile zinafanyika kwa hii Kenya yetu. Kuna spirit flani ya maka-siriko inahover around. Unaskia

msee amenyuria aarif wake, ama ata buda, matha, bro ama siz, juu ya issue pyenga. Unaskia eti argument ilikuwa juu ya keroma ama pesa kidogo kama das ama salasa ivi, but msee ashachukua ukapi na kumtuma ahera mwen-zake.

Juzi tumeskia mareport za yule msee alimurder kibroje wake huko Nyeri after wameargue over a sofa set. Eti bro mjamo alikuwa ameingia kwa jake ya mokoro wao na akachukua hio sofa three seater. So, bro msuo alitumwa na matha wao aiendee kwa hio yardi ya bro mdogo, but uyo bro akakwara nayo. Kitu ilimtoa huko ni mangurni, before uyo bro mless kuchunkua panga na kumkataka-ta mpaka akadedi. It's a very sad situation.

Cases mpaka za watoi kuin-gia system kama wamejihami zimekuwa on the rise sana in the recent times. Kuna boy flani wa Grade Five somewhere in Nyanza juzi alishikwa kama ameficha ma- chete kwa short ya pale muste, eti plan yake ilikuwa kunyuria a cer-tain classmate. Mokoro mwing-ine na yeye husuko Murang'a alikatakata mzae wa kwake na machete hadi akadie, eti because alikuwa anapewa food na watoi wake. Vitu minor, lakini juu ya ha-sira, hasara imekuwa kubwa.

Hii ni testimony enough that stress levels za wasee ziko kwa alarming state, so ni poa mpaka gova ijue vile itaset up centres mob za counselling, all the way from primary schools, ndio tuokoe maisha.

TAMBULIKA

By Nafsi Huru

DOPE I MEAN

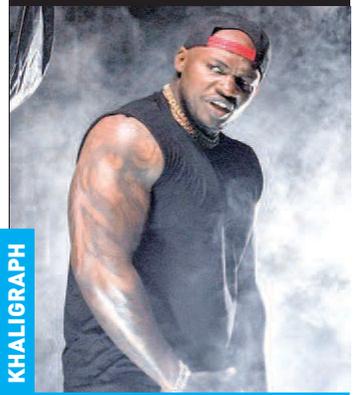
Wayne Wood Karanja ak Dope I Mean ni one of the baddest shrappers outa 254 akiwakilisha AD Family vile inafaa wakiwa na kina Boutross na Kaygreen. Mzuka yake ni mamelody na flow zengine utakimbia. Journey ilianza around 2014 kupenda mziki, akapatana na wazito kama Kayvo K Force na Sharama wakampiga support akazidi kuzoza. Recording ya fao ilikuwa na Tweny Eight wakazoza kiasi ndio akalink na manejer wao ADF brother Musau Mumu mwenye walisomanga nae raima akaji mix kwa ADF in 2016. Kama group wameunda catalogue bwaku na pia wameeza kuchafua shows hadi nje ya border huko Nyege Nyege Festival. Dope bado anasimama kama one man akichafua singles na collabo za hatari. Na usisahau kijana ni msee multi-talented akinukisha kama singer, composer na producer kando na kucha-na. Kijana akikalua software ni mazishi design ananyuria beats proper. Majuzi hapa corona ikizoza, alisunduka kitchen na bonge ya mixtape inajitta *Shambala Boy*, kazi more fayaa yenye imempea shavu kwa industry. Collabo pale nditni ni kina Ohms Law Montanna na mbogi yasake. Kama hujamsanuka bado acha kulisha; changamka mneti upakue madoba ya kufa mtu!



TOKAJIKONI

By Nafsi Huru

1. **Champep** - Khaligraph Jones
2. **Tena** - King Kaka ft Jadi
3. **Pilka Pilka** - Steph Kapela
4. **Mboka** - Thayu Mwas, Assum Garvey & Dez
5. **Far Away** - Adrian Loci ft Kapnea
6. **Doba Ilkichuna** - Drafted Reece
7. **Ngwata** - Double Trouble
8. **Hatari** - G Msoto ft Magician
9. **Sugar Mummy** - Rusty Gee
10. **Si Lazima** - Machete Boloman



KHALIGRAPH



- 5.00 Inuka
- 5.30 Wake Up, Shape Up!
- 6.00 K24 This Morning
- 9.55 Wisdom Moment
- 10.00 Inuka
- 11.00 Daily Brief
- 13.00 News Cut
- 13.30 Jungu La Spoti
- 14.00 Animated Movie: Angel Friends, Sunny College
- 15.30 Akili & Me
- 16.00 K24 Mashinani
- 16.30 Paula & Friends
- 17.00 Beatbox
- 18.00 The Secretary
- 19.00 K24 Saa Moja
- 19.30 Tears Of Love
- 20.00 Collar De Esmeraldas
- 21.00 K24 Evening Edition
- 22.00 Save A Life
- 23.00 Riddim Vybes Reloaded



- 5.00 Ime Ria Rucini
- 6.00 Rikiratha- Live
- 10.00 Satai
- 10.30 Ngano Cia Cucu
- 11.00 Kurekereria Kodi- Live
- 1.00 Mohoro Gitau-Live
- 1.30 Kayu Ka Ruriri- Rpt
- 2.00 Thiririka
- 3.00 Taranda
- 3.30 Satai
- 3.50 Kameme Toonz
- 4.00 Ririmbuka
- 6.00 Thenema
- 7.00 Kameme Maturaini-Live
- 7.30 Njungwa Ya Muthee Kihenjo
- 8.30 Maisha Bure
- 9.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro-Live
- 10.00 Thenema
- 11.30 Ririmbuka
- 12.30 DW



- 6.00 Morning-Express
- 8.00 Life-N-Style
- 9.00 Life N' Style
- 10.00 Losing-Heaven:
- 12.00 The-Property-Show-Rpt
- 1.00 Mbulu-Ya-Ktn
- 4.00 News Highlights
- 4.30 Dinofroz
- 5.00 Maisha-Mzuqa
- 6.00 Losing-Heaven
- 7.00 KTN-Leo
- 7.30 Jameni
- 8.00 The-Entrepreneur
- 9.00 KTN
- 11.30 The-Diary

TIME OUT!

8.00PM COLLAR DE ESMERALDAS



::IN THEATRES NOW::

CENTURY SARIT CENTRE
10:45, 16:15, 19:00, 13:30: **SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS** 3D

WESTGATE CINEMA
11:00: **SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS 3D**

CENTURY SARIT CENTRE
11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00: **PAW PATROL**

WESTGATE CINEMA
11:30, 14:10: **PAW PATROL**

CENTURY SARIT CENTRE
19:15: **ESCAPE ROOM**



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SUDOKU

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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



ACROSS

1. Orion can do it! [anag] (12)
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HOROSCOPES



ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You will find that you are able to clear up a number of small but important details. You will enjoy the interaction with youngsters and take great pride in the projects you've completed.

TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 20

Think before you act. Unforeseen circumstances will disrupt your daily routine. Compromise will be necessary.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Colleagues may try to undermine you. Call siblings or old friends to catch up on recent news. Now is the time for completing hobbies that you've been working on for a long time.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Be careful not to reveal private information. You'll find it easy to charm members of the opposite sex today. Social activity should be on your agenda.

LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

You will be emotional when dealing with co-workers or employers. Look into joining groups that can give you hands-on advice about business.

VIRGO AUGUST 23 - SEPT 22

You would be wise to consider attending lectures that will broaden your awareness concerning your professional direction. Travel should be on your agenda.

LIBRA SEPT 23 - OCT 22

This day was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. You may want to talk to your boss about your future goals. Don't blow situations out of proportion.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 20

Your pursuits may end up being fruitless. Risky ventures may turn in your favor. Get back into a routine that promises a better looking, more aware individual.

CAPRICORN DEC 21 - JAN 19

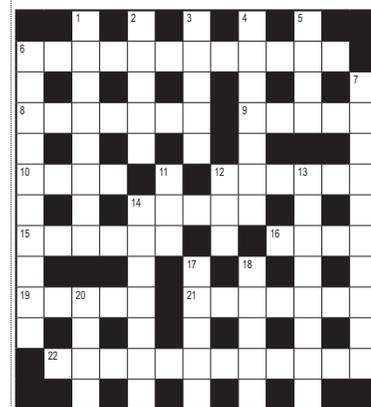
Focus, and concentrate on yourself and your future. Get involved in physical activities that will stimulate you.

AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings today. Look into any educational activities involving the whole family. Don't count on getting any help from those you live with.

PISCES FEB 19 - MARCH 20

If you can, try to work out of your home today. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Magenta | 2. Aggressive |
| 7. Vital | 3. Evidence |
| 8. Ignited | 4. Tied |
| 9. Reject | 5. File |
| 11. Seven | 6. Pale |
| 13. Coat | 9. Rowdy |
| 14. Claudia | 10. Classified |
| 15. Rice | 12. Carol |
| 16. Affix | 13. Caffeine |
| 17. Genial | 18. Noah |
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11. Actor, __ Kilmer (3)
12. Large sea-fish (3)
13. Capital of W. Bengal, India (8)
14. Gottlieb ____, founder of German car company (7)
17. See 2 Down
18. Shelf (5)
20. Kitty (4)

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



HEZRON OBONGO NYIEGO

It is with acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of **Hezron Obongo Nyiego** which occurred on 24th August, 2021.

He was the son to Sylus Nyiego Osiemo and Mama Salome Aroko. Dear husband to Gladys Awino Obongo, Penina Achola Obongo and Rose Obongo.

He was the father to Judith Achieng of Yimbo, Alice Adongo of Kagan, Christopher Omondi (Pastor at Osiri District, Lake Victoria Field), Kennedy Odhiambo of IMANI NGO, late Eunice Atirno, late David Opiyo, Collins Odongo – TAC teacher at Karabok Primary, Maren Adoyo of Koreda, Emilly Anyango of Kagan, Salmon Ogola – Tutor at Sikri Technical College, Quinter Adhiambo of Kamagambo, Esther Achieng, Dickens Oginga of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University and **Duncan Odiwuor of Mediamax Network Limited.**

He was brother to Elisha Lala, Ongoro, Misita, Kwanya, Ogallo, Okwaro, Hellen, Miruka, Adongo and Orundu.

Grandfather to 38 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

The funeral and burial ceremony will be held on Monday 13th September, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(NO. 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of L.R No. Muhitu/Gaturia/1813 located off Mukurweini-Karatina Road, proposes to change use from agricultural to residential (multi-dwelling) use, 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:

The CECM - Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Nyeri, P.O. Box 1112-10100, Nyeri.

AEROSPACE CONSORTIUM JOB VACANCY
FOKKER 27 - MK500 CAPTAIN

Requirements:

1. Valid Kenyan ATPL.
2. Minimum of 3000 total hours.
3. Minimum of 1000 Total hours on type.
4. Minimum of 500 on type as PIC.

All application to be sent to:
Human Resource, Aerospace Consortium Limited, P.O. Box 5400-00506, Nairobi.
info@aerospace.co.ke

And
Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, P.O. Box 30163-00100, Nairobi.

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It is with humble acceptance that we announce the promotion to glory of Mr. Ernest Kaburu, which occurred on 3rd September, 2021, in Meru.

Son of the late Josiah M'Mantu and the late Rebecca Igoji Mmantu of Kamaara Chogoria.

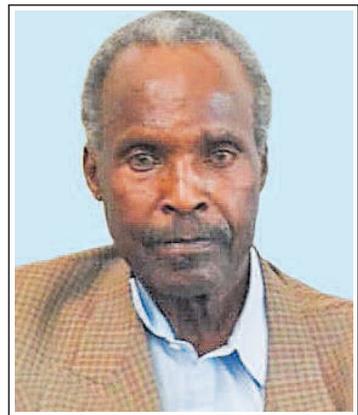
Loving Husband to Stella Kaburu. Loving father to Barbara Kaburu, Antony Kinyua Kaburu and Clifford Mugambi Kaburu. Father-in-law to Alvan Peter Magara. Loving Grandfather to Kendi, Jasmine, Nina, Jay and Ray.

Brother to the late Ayub Mutegi, Simon Mbaya, the late Samuel Mugambi, Ruth Kabaara, Charity Mukwanyaga, the late Wallace Mantu and Anne K Gachui. Brother-in-law to Prof. Vertistine Mbaya, Dr. Adriel Kabaara, Julius Murungi, the late James Gachui and Lucy Gatune.

Son-in-law to Erasto Kiambati and Josphine Kiambati. A cousin and uncle to many.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at their homes in Lang'ata Southlands and Chogoria.

The cortège will leave Chogoria Mission Hospital on Friday 10th September, 2021, at 10:30am, for a funeral service at Chogoria PCEA church and thereafter burial at his Chogoria home, Tharaka Nithi.



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Thompson-Herah headlines raft of stars for Diamond League finale in Zurich



Zurich, Wednesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Jamaican sprint queen Elaine Thompson-Herah (pictured) will be one of 19 Olympic champions vying for prize money and glory in the Diamond League final in Zurich, just a month after the end of the Tokyo Games.

Thompson-Herah picked up three golds in the Japanese capital in the 100m, 200m and sprint relay and will not have to face her compatriot and great rival Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce in Zurich.

The Olympic champion timed the second fastest 100m ever run in Eugene last month, her time of 10.54sec just five-hun-

dredths short of the record set by American Florence Griffith-Joyner in 1988.

Action at the bumper season finale gets under way on Wednesday, with the shot put, long jump, men's and women's 5000m and women's high jump finals all to be held at the Sechseläutenplatz square on the shores of Lake Zurich.

All 25 other finals are slated for Thursday at the iconic Letzigrund Stadium, where more than 20,000 spectators traditionally create a raucous atmosphere. The winner in each discipline at the final receives \$30,000 and a Diamond League trophy.

Norwegian Karsten Warholm takes to the track for the first time in the 400m hurdles since setting a sensational world record of 45.94sec when winning Olympic gold.

His American rival Rai Benjamin is absent, but Olympic bronze medallist Alison Dos Santos of Brazil will offer some competition.

Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas, another world record setter in Tokyo, will be in Zurich and is seemingly in good enough form to challenge the 15.67m mark she set in the triple jump.

Also present will be Sweden's Armand Duplantis, at 21 already the dominant force in men's pole vaulting.

A Diamond League winner at both Paris when he cleared 6.01m and Brussels (6.05m), the US-born vaulter tried on both occasions to get over 6.19m to better his own world record. He was not far away and it is surely now just a matter of time before he sets a new benchmark.

Ethiopian-born Dutch runner Sifan Hassan, who won two golds and a bronze in an unprecedented distance showing in Tokyo, races in the 1500m. -AFP

BRIEFLY

All Black Jordie Barrett's red card overturned by tribunal

RUGBY: A disciplinary tribunal has rescinded All Black Jordie Barrett's red card for dangerous play against Australia last weekend, leaving him free to play in the Rugby Championship, governing body SANZAAR said Wednesday. Barrett was sent off during the first half of the All Blacks' 38-21 win in Perth on Sunday after his boot came into contact with Wallaby Marika Korobete's face while leaping for the ball. The fullback was charged with play that was "reckless or dangerous to others" but the SANZAAR judiciary



met via video conference late Tuesday and found the contact was accidental. Judicial committee chair Robert Stelzner said that a three-person panel cleared Barrett after viewing footage of the incident from all available angles. -AFP

England to host New Zealand, South Africa for Tests in 2022

CRICKET: England will play home Test series against world champions New Zealand and South Africa in 2022, cricket chiefs announced on Wednesday, unveiling a packed schedule. Joe Root's Test team will begin their home summer with a three-match series against New Zealand, starting at Lord's on June 2, before games at Trent Bridge and Headingley.

The Black Caps beat England 1-0 in a two-match

series in June before defeating India in Southampton to win the first-ever World Test Championship final.

England will also host South Africa for a three-Test series, with the first match starting at Lord's on August 17 before games at Edgbaston and the Oval.

India, who are currently touring England, return for a three-match Twenty20 series and three one-day internationals in July. -AFP

Thigh injury brings early end to Alcaraz dream US Open run

TENNIS: Spanish teen Carlos Alcaraz, the youngest US Open quarter-finalist in 58 years, was forced to retire from his match Tuesday at the US Open with a right adductor injury. Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime led 6-3, 3-1 when 18-year-old Alcaraz retired from the match, sending his 21-year-old rival into his first Slam semi-final against Russian second seed Daniil Medvedev. "It's really tough to end a great tournament like this," Alcaraz said. "I had no choice to still play. I have to take care of my body and to stay healthy."



"I didn't feel good to still play." World number 55 Alcaraz, who ousted third-ranked Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece in the third round, could have become the youngest US Open men's semi-finalist since 1960 and the youngest in any Slam since 17-year-old Michael Chang won the 1989 French Open. -AFP

Protect that which provides us with clean air, cautions marathon great Kipchoge

by Webster Nyandika
@PeopleDailyKe

Marathon legend Eliud Kipchoge joined key figures from Athletics Kenya (AK) at a virtual event to commemorate the second International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies in Nairobi on Tuesday (7).

The event, organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Stockholm Environment Institute and telecom

firm Safaricom, addressed the theme 'Healthy Air, Healthy Planet' which aims to emphasise the correlation between human and planetary health.

During his presentation, Kipchoge, the two-time Olympic marathon champion, called on Kenyans to dedicate their birthdays to environmental conserva-



tion. "Plant a tree on your special day and in two years, we will be breathing better air. This is not rocket science," he said. "We

must protect that which provides us with clean air, clean water and is a perfect training ground for our athletes."

Last year, Kipchoge adopted 50 hectares of forest land in Kaptagat, explaining at the time that he did so as

a "challenge to individuals, corporate entities, NGOs and citizens to conserve forests."

Asked what elite athletes can do to raise awareness about air quality issues and air pollution, which leads to more than seven million deaths each year, Kipchoge said that athletes should actively advocate for climate action and clean air so that it is in the forefront of all minds and that they should attend conferences and listen to stakeholders because as influencers, they can use social media to spread awareness.

BRIEFLY

Japan overcomes China in FIFA World Cup qualifiers

FOOTBALL: Yuya Osako's first-half goal helped Japan beat China 1-0 in the final round of the FIFA World Cup Asian Zone qualifiers here on Tuesday. China came into the game on the back of a 3-0 defeat to Australia, while Japan was stunned by Oman 1-0 in its opener of the final qualifying round. Both teams were eager to get their qualification campaign back on track. Facing Japan, the highest FIFA ranked team in Asia, Chinese head coach Li Tie fielded five defenders in the starting line-up. But they suffered an early setback as veteran center back Zhang Linpeng had to be stretched out just five minutes into play due to a waist injury and Zhu Chenjie filled his place. **-AFP**



Keita returns to Liverpool after Guinea military coup

FOOTBALL: Liverpool midfielder Naby Keita flew out of Guinea after a military coup in the country. The 26-year-old had been representing his country against Morocco in a World Cup qualifier on Monday, when the overthrowing of President Alpha Conde by the military led to the closure of Guinea's borders. The Guinea squad was left stranded. Keita has managed to safely board a flight on Tuesday ahead of returning to Merseyside. The Morocco squad, which included Wolves defender Romain Saiss, QPR striker Ilias Chair and Watford duo Adam Masina and Imran Louza, were given an escort to leave Guinea on Sunday following embassy-level negotiations. **-BBC**



Why Mercedes had to sign British sensation Russell

FORMULA 1: Every once in a while, a Formula 1 driver comes along who from a very early stage in his career leaves no doubt whatsoever that he is a rare and special talent. George Russell, who is joining Mercedes next year as Lewis Hamilton's team-mate, is one of those drivers. The 23-year-old Briton has been in F1 since 2019, and has been driving for all but one race of that time a car that belongs at or close to the back of the grid. And yet almost every weekend Russell excels, does something that makes people sit up and take notice, underlines his credentials as a star of the future that little bit more heavily. **-BBC**



France's forward Karim Benzema (left) is congratulated by France's head coach Didier Deschamps at the end of their Group D FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 qualification match at the Groupama stadium in Decines-Charpieu near Lyon, central eastern France on September 7, 2021. **-AFP**

Back on track

France end winless run, VAR assists Scotland resuscitate World Cup hope

Paris, Wednesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Reigning champions France beat Finland 2-0 in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday thanks to Antoine Griezmann's double strike to snap a five-game winless streak while Scotland kept their hopes alive with a 1-0 win in Austria.

In other action, Portugal and the Netherlands stayed on track to reach the finals in Qatar next year, with Memphis Depay grabbing a hat-trick for the Dutch in a 6-1 demolition of Turkey.

France were roared on by 57,000 passionate spectators in Lyon where Griezmann who ended an unhappy spell at Barcelona with a loan move back to Atletico Madrid in the transfer window combined well with

Karim Benzema as their side overcame a disjointed start.

Benzema's delightful backheel released Griezmann inside the box and he supplied a smooth finish after 25 minutes.

Griezmann made it 41 goals for his country when he beat Finnish 'keeper Lukas Hradecky at the near post to make it 2-0 in the 54th minute.

After a frustrating 1-1 draw with Ukraine in their last game, the victory was a welcome boost for the French who are still smarting after crashing out of Euro 2020 at the last 16 stage this summer.

"We did not do everything well but we have rediscovered our confidence," said France coach Didier Deschamps.

"This puts our fate in our hands

SELECTED EUROPEAN WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION RESULTS:

Azerbaijan	0-3 Portugal
France	2-0 Finland
Ireland	1-1 Serbia
Bosnia	2-2 Kazakhstan
Austria	0-1 Scotland
Denmark	5-0 Israel
Faroe Islands	2-1 Moldova
Montenegro	0-0 Latvia
Netherlands	6-1 Turkey
Norway	5-1 Gibraltar
Croatia	3-0 Slovenia
Russia	2-0 Malta
Slovakia	2-0 Cyprus

and we must finish the job in November."

Scotland grabbed a valuable three points in their bid to qualify for Qatar with a 1-0 win against the Austrians in Vienna as Australian-born Lyndon Dykes' VAR-awarded penalty proved the difference.

The victory moved the Scots up to second in Group F, seven points behind Euro 2020 semi-finalists Denmark who are cruising with a 100 percent record after thrashing Israel 5-0.

"Some people in (Scotland) don't believe in this group of players, but I do," Scotland manager Steve Clarke told Sky Sports. "I love my players. We're a good team." **-AFP**

Record-breaking Australia beat Vietnam, Japan bounce back

Doha, Wednesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Australia beat Vietnam 1-0 on Tuesday to become the first AFC nation to win 10 successive World Cup qualifiers while Japan edged China by the same score to rebound after a shock defeat to Oman last week. Australia's victory, courtesy of Rhyan Grant's first-half winner, left the Socceroos on two wins from two in Group B. Played behind closed doors at My Dinh National Stadium in Hanoi because of Covid-19 restrictions, Australia struggled to get past Vietnam's disciplined defence before Grant's header in the 43rd minute from an Ajdin Hrustic cross broke the deadlock. It was Grant's first international goal and ended Vietnam's 17-match unbeaten streak at home. Australia had beaten China 3-0 in

Doha last week and Tuesday's victory means they have a perfect 10 wins from 10 matches starting with the first round of qualifying. Japan also bagged three points against China on Tuesday to revive their campaign after they lost 1-0 to Oman in the first match of the final round of qualifying. Despite the narrow margin of victory, Japan were clearly the dominant side at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha. Efforts by Yuya Osaka and Spain-based Takefusa Kubo hit the post in the first half but China's luck ran out in the 40th minute. Junya Ito produced a brilliant pass after getting past Wang Shenchao and Osako made amends for his earlier miss with a fine volley. In a late match Iran eased to a 3-0 win over Iraq at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha. **-AFP**

Falcao ready for Rayo challenge with an eye on Qatar World Cup

Bogota, Wednesday
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Radamel Falcao expressed hope on Tuesday that his move to Rayo Vallecano will lay the foundation for a late-career revival as he seeks to help Colombia qualify for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The 35-year-old joined the Spanish club on the last day of the European summer transfer window after his contract with Turkey's Galatasaray was terminated by mutual consent. "I'm very happy to be a part of the [Rayo] institution," Falcao said in a press conference ahead of Colombia's World Cup qualifier against Chile in Barranquilla on Thursday. "I think it's a place that will provide me with all of the confidence I need to give my best and be a part of a team with great spirit." Falcao grappled with a series of injuries during his two years at Galatasaray but still managed to score 20 goals in 43 matches across all competitions. Despite his recent physical problems, the former Porto, Atletico Madrid, Manchester United and Chelsea forward is



adamant that he still has plenty to offer for both Rayo Vallecano and Colombia's national team. "I've had the opportunity to train, to have a good pre-season, to work perhaps more specifically on my fitness," he said. "I'm very proud to be part of the club, in addition to returning to a league that I know well, which is very competitive and which will allow me to continue growing," he added. But for now, Falcao is focused on helping Colombia qualify for next year's World Cup. **-Xinhua**

BRIEFLY

One lapse could 'cost us dearly', says Uruguay's defender Gimenez

MONTEVIDEO: Uruguay must negate Ecuador's attacking threat by defending with more players behind the ball when the sides meet in a World Cup qualifier, Celeste defender Jose Maria Gimenez said on Tuesday. The two-time World Cup winners were dominant for much of their 4-2 home victory over Bolivia on Sunday but suffered from defensive lapses that allowed Marcelo Moreno to score two late goals. "More than mistakes, they are lapses of concentration," Gimenez told a virtual news conference ahead of Uruguay's clash against Ec-



cuador here on Thursday. "Some people tell you that the defense made mistakes, but the back four and the goalkeeper are not the only ones responsible for defending," he said. **-Xinhua**

Iceland's football fairytale tarnished by scandal

REYKJAVIK: Minnows Iceland became the darlings of the football world when they beat England to reach the Euro 2016 quarter-finals and then qualified for the 2018 World Cup, but the fairytale has been tainted by a sexual assault scandal rocking the tiny nation. It has led to questions being asked about whether some people went too far to protect the team's image, in blatant disregard of justice? Iceland, a country of 370,000, was stunned and angered last month by

revelations of sexual assault and harassment after 25-year-old Thorhildur Gyda Arnarsdottir accused a national squad player of grabbing her by the crotch and neck and making obscene remarks at a Reykjavik nightclub in 2017. The player was later identified as Kolbeinn Sigthorsson, the national side's joint highest scorer of all time with 26 goals. Arnarsdottir also said she knew of at least six other players involved in assaults. **-AFP**

Netherlands outclasses Turkey to get on track for World Cup qualification

THE HAGUE: Dutch national team grabbed first place in the 2022 World Cup qualification Group G after an impressive 6-1 win over Turkey in Amsterdam on Tuesday. Louis van Gaal, who started his third term as head coach of the Netherlands last week, led the 'Oranje' to dominate the Turkey match from the start in the Johan Cruyff Arena, following a 1-1 draw with Norway and a 4-0 win over Montenegro. After a combination with Memphis Depay, Davy Klaassen opened the scoring within the first minute. Depay added



the second after an assist by Klaassen and FC Barcelona striker Depay made it 3-0 from the penalty spot. **-Xinhua**

AFRICAN WORLD CUP QUALIFYING RESULTS:

Burkina Faso	1-1	Algeria
Zambia	0-2	Tunisia
Equatorial Guinea	1-0	Mauritania
Cape Verde	1-2	Nigeria
Malawi	1-0	Mozambique
Angola	0-1	Libya
Ethiopia	1-0	Zimbabwe
Congo	1-3	Senegal
Sudan	2-4	Guinea-Bissau
Tanzania	3-2	Madagascar
Played Monday:		
Djibouti	2-4	Niger
Central African	0-1	Liberia
Ivory Coast	2-1	Cameroon
Uganda	0-0	Mali
South Africa	1-0	Ghana
Benin	1-1	DR Congo

Mixed fortunes



Mane scores as African giants make mark in World Cup qualifying, South Africa pip Ghana at home

Johannesburg, Wednesday
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Liverpool star Sadio Mane was among the goals for Senegal who, along with Nigeria and Tunisia, took significant steps on Tuesday toward qualifying for the 2022

World Cup in Qatar. All three nations are seeded first in mini-leagues and have a maximum six points after two rounds having started with home victories over the lowest-ranked sides before winning away to the second seeds.

Another of the 10 four-team groups is led by lowly Tanzania, who scored off a penalty awarded after just five seconds when defeating Madagascar.

Reigning African Footballer of the Year Mane shrugged off being yellow-carded in Congo Brazzaville to complete a 3-1 victory by converting an 87th-minute penalty.

Boulaye Dia gave Senegal a lead cancelled by a Silvere Gankoula penalty in first-half added time before Watford forward Ismaila Sarr nudged the visitors ahead again and Mane put the result beyond doubt.

Seeking a second straight World Cup appearance, Senegal have six points in Group H, Namibia four, Congo one and Togo are pointless.

Ahmed Musa made his 100th appearance for Nigeria, who overcame the handicap of lacking seven players because of British coronavirus travel restrictions to defeat Cape Verde 2-1 in Mindelo.

Among the absentees was Leicester City star Kelechi Iheanacho, whose two goals got the Super Eagles off to a winning start in Group C four days ago against Liberia.

Victor Osimhen equalised

on 29 minutes for Nigeria after Dylan Tavares put the hosts ahead and the Group C clash was settled by a Kenny Rocha own-goal 14 minutes from time.

Nigeria, six-time qualifiers for the World Cup, have six points, Liberia three and Cape Verde and the Central African Republic one each.

Early and late goals sealed a 2-0 triumph for Tunisia over Zambia in Ndola, giving the north Africans an early three-point advantage in Group B.

Former Premier League forward Wahbi Khazri converted a ninth-penalty and substitute Anis Ben Slimane pounced on a loose ball to net from close range two minutes into stoppage time.

Tunisia have six points, and Equatorial Guinea share second place with Zambia after an Ivan Salvador penalty earned a 1-0 win over Mauritania in Malabo.

Libya also have maximum points, winning 1-0 in Angola through a Omar al Khoja goal to build a two-point lead over Egypt in Group F.

Algeria stretched an unbeaten run to 29 matches after drawing 1-1 with Burkina Faso, who levelled through Abdoul Tapsoba on 64 minutes after Sofiane Feghouli had put the African champions ahead.

Each side has four points in Group A with Algeria occupying first place on goal difference in a section completed by Niger and Djibouti.

The match was staged in Moroccan city Marrakech because no stadium in Burkina Faso meets international standards. **-AFP**

South Africa's Teboho Mokoena (L) vies for the ball against Ghana's Mubarak Wakaso (R) during their FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group G qualifying match at the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg on September 6, 2021. AFP

Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Tunisia	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Zambia	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
E. Guinea	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Mauritania	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

Group D	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
I. Coast	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Cameroon	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Malawi	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Mozambique	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group F	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Libya	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Egypt	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Gabon	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Angola	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

Group H	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Senegal	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Namibia	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Congo	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Togo	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Group I	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
G. Bissau	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Morocco	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Guinea	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sudan	2	0	0	2	2	6	0



Name: Nicholas Kipkorir Kimeli
Age: 22 years
Nick name: Mnandi
Sport: Athletics
Speciality: 5000m (PB 12:51.78)
Club: One4One Camp Kaptagat
Accolades: Won gold in 10,000m and bronze in 5000m during the 2017 African U20 Championships in Algeria.
 Won the 5,000m race during the Kenyan trials for Tokyo Olympics.
Hails from: Kaptale, Nandi



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Tusker jet out to Djibouti for Champions League duel

NAIROBI: The first batch of Tusker FC players and officials left Nairobi early Wednesday morning for Djibouti ahead of Sunday's CAF Champions League preliminary round tie against Arta Solar 7. The team is traveling in two groups, with the second batch expected to depart later on Wednesday. The full traveling party includes 19 players, six technical bench members and four officials. Assistant coach George Maina will not travel with the team as he is currently engaged in the CAF B Coaching Course that started on Monday at KISE. The team had its final training session at the Utalii Grounds on Tuesday

evening. The match is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 in Arta with the team flying back on Sunday. The 19 man squad that will be captained by Eugene Asike has eight new recruits signed in the past two weeks including Charles Momanyi, Shami Mwinyi, Clyde Senaji, Teddy Osok, Patrick Matasi, Brian Bwire, Karlos Kirenge and Joshua Ibrahim. The technical bench led by Coach Robert Matano has a total six members traveling for the first continental assignment in five years for the Brewers. Coach Matano believes the team will be ready and going for three points.

-Barry Silah



KCB FC SEASON AWARDS:

- MVP:** Baraka Badi
- BEST DRESSED CODE:** Victor Omune
- MOST DISCIPLINED PLAYER:** Samuel Mwangi
- MOST IMPROVED:** Brian Ochieng
- FUNNIEST DRESS CODE:** Michael Oduor

It's painful to lose league on final day...

...says KCB skipper as the players are feted for second place finish at Movenpick Hotel

by Amos Abuga
 @PeopleDailyKe

Football Kenya Federation FKF Premier League side KCB captain Simon Munala has narrated the painful ordeal of losing the prestigious premier league title on the final day of the 2020/2021 season after they had showed all signs of breaking the duck and winning their maiden trophy. From the experience, the player believes that the team's mentality has changed for the better from a

team constantly fighting for survival to a genuine title contender. Tusker FC were officially confirmed as the new champions last month, ending Gor Mahia FC's four-year hold of the title. The Brewers secured the crown on the final day of the season when they edged Bidco United 2-1, finishing the season with a total of 65 points three points ahead of KCB who mounted a strong challenge of their own. Munala speaking during the Bankers awards luncheon yesterday

in Nairobi, said the pain will manifest and push the team to fight for the title next season. "Knowing where the team was coming from, I can say today it was extremely painful losing the title in such a manner," said Munala. "There are matches when we look back that we should have won or picked a point but that is football and such outcomes happen," he added. He said the team should, however, draw some encouragement from his recent concluded season. "This is by far the most disciplined side I have worked with and for that I want to laud the entire team for that support," he said. The midfielder also applauded the team's technical bench led by head coach Zedekiah 'Zico' Otieno and the sponsors for the undivided support during a uncertain season marred by Covid-19 pandemic. "Not many teams can confidently say they received good treatment from their sponsors than we did, for Kenyan standards, we had a good season, I hope the same can be reciprocated next season," he added. The club's president Paul Russo, who is also the Bank's Group Business Director promised to give the team all the necessary support as they fight for silverware.

KCB FC president Paul Russo (left) awards KCB player Baraka Badi after he was crowned the team's Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the just concluded FKF-PL during a luncheon held in yesterday in Nairobi. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

APS Bomet now focuses on promotion after memorable season

BOMET: National super league side APS Bomet has embarked on signing quality players as they seek to qualify for their maiden premier league season in the new campaign once the new season begins later this month. Having finished sixth with 52 points in the just concluded league following a draw with its rivals Silibwet FC in a derby at Bomet stadium on Sunday, the team's coach Wanjala Simiyu while expressing his joy said they are happy that most of the targets it had set during the start of the league were realized. Out of the 37 matches, the club won 13 matches, lost 13 and drew 11. As a way of meeting their expectations, Simiyu said they are going to sign some new players and also improve on their mistakes so that they can finish in the best position in the league. "We are happy we achieved most of our objectives and targets, we, however, had



some faults that cost us a better position, but nevertheless we believe that at the end of the new season we shall be playing in the top league," Simiyu remarked.

-Felix Yegon

'Keep looking forward' says Niyonsaba, barred from 800m

ZURICH: Unusually for an athlete in her mid-20s, Francine Niyonsaba has been forced to recalibrate from an outstanding multiple medal-winning 800m runner to adopting the 5,000m as her new event. The Burundian won an Olympic silver medal at 800m in Rio in 2016 and also came second at the London world championships a year later, and is also a two-time world indoor champion. But Niyonsaba, like South Africa's gold medal winner in Rio, Caster Semenya, saw her hopes of continuing in the two-lap discipline dashed in May 2019 after World Athletics introduced controversial rules governing testosterone levels. Female athletes like Niyonsaba and Semenya who have unusually high levels of testosterone, which gives them added strength, are prohibited from competing in races between 400m and a mile



unless they undergo treatment to reduce the levels. It left them looking around at what other events they might qualify in for the Tokyo Games. While Semenya failed to make the qualifying time amid a court battle, Niyonsaba made the cut for the 5000m in only her second competitive run over the distance.

-AFP

Fifa boss Samoura arrives in Nairobi for Cecaфа Cup final



Fifa Secretary General Fatuma Samoura (right) is welcomed by FKF president Nick Mwendwa upon her arrival to the country.
PD/ DAVID NDOLO

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The arrival of Fifa Secretary-General Fatma Samoura in Kenya yesterday will mark a turning point in women football in the country, Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Deputy President Doris Petra has said.

"We welcome the Fifa Secretary General to Kenya. We look forward to hosting her and engaging her about the development of the game in Kenya," said Petra.

Samoura is accompanied in the trip to Kenya by Fifa's Chief Women's Football Officer Saraj Bareman.

The duo will grace the finals of the inaugural CAF Women's Champions League CE-CAFA qualifiers at Moi International Sports

Centre (MISC) Kasarani today, to witness the crowning of the region's first-ever representative to the CAF Women's Champions League.

Samoura will also hold talks with football leadership in the country led by FKF President Nick Mwendwa.

This is Samoura's first visit to Kenya since her appointment to the position in 2016.

Born in Senegalese capital, Dakar, Samoura is the first woman and the first African to hold the position of Fifa Secretary General.

This is the first time that CAF will have a women Champions League campaign and is seen as a major boost to women football in the continent as they seek to follow into the stops of UEFA, where women football is currently a fully fledged professional outfit.

History beckons

Vihiga Queens confident that lightning will not strike twice as they meet Ethiopia's CBE in Cecaфа women finals after losing to the same side at group stage, winner qualifies for Champions League

by Charles Thuku and Gibo Zachary
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Kenyan envoys Vihiga Queens have destiny in their hands as they face Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) in the final of the CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA qualifying final at Nyayo National Stadium today.

At stake for the winner is participation in the inaugural Women's Champions League in Egypt later this month.

And its pay-back time as Vihiga Queens will be angling to inflict revenge on CBA who beat them 4-2 in the opening match of the competition.

Yesterday during a press briefing ahead of the final, Vihiga coach Boniface Nyamu urged his players to stand up to be counted against a team that left them with deflated egos on home soil.

"There are no two ways about it. We have to win it and make our maiden appearance in a big Africa event. CBA is a good team but they should rest assured that we shall give them pound for pound in our quest of qual-

ifying," said Nyamu. In contrast, Nyamu's counterpart Birhgnu Gizaw was cautious ahead of the match.

"If we lose we shall accept the result and take it as a learning experience, but I believe I have a brigade that shall make me proud," said the Amharic speaking Gizaw through an interpreter.

Gizaw's remarks might appear menda-

cious considering that CBA boast of the top scorer on Loza Geinore and equally lethal strike partner Medina Awol Busser who Vihiga will be required to give tight marking lest they cause havoc.

Vihiga Queens made it to the finals after edging out hard-fighting Simba Queens of Tanzania 2-1 in the first semi-final, while CBE FC laboured hard to beat Lady Doves from Uganda 5-3 on post-match penalties in the second semifinal, after a one-all draw at full time and in extra time.

Before the final, another mouthwatering clash will precede the final between Simba Queens and Lady Doves in the 3rd/4th place playoff.

Trophies and cash prizes are also on offer, where the winner will take home Sh3 million, runner's up, Sh2 million, third place winner, Sh1 million as well as individual awards for the Best Keeper of the Tournament, Golden Boot winner, Most Valuable Player, Most Disciplined Team, among others.

COLLATED RESULTS SO FAR:

***Saturday, August 28, 2021**

Match 1: Lady Doves 5-0 FAD FC
Match 2: PVP FC 1-4 Simba Queens

***Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Match 3: Yei Stars 2-1 New Generations
Match 4: CBE 4-2 Vihiga Queens

***Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

Match 5: Lady Doves 0-0 Simba Queens
Match 6: PVP 2-1 FAD FC

***Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

Match 7: CBE 11-1 New Generations
Match 8: Yei Stars 0-11 Vihiga Queens

***Friday, September 3, 2021**

Match 9: Lady Doves 3-0 PVP FC
Match 10: Simba 10-0 FAD FC
Match 11: CBE 10-0 Yei Joint Stars
Match 12:
New Generations 0-8 Vihiga Queens

***Monday, September 6, 2021**

Match 13:
Simba Queens 1-2 Vihiga Queens
Match 14: CBE FC 5-3 (1-1) Lady Doves

***Today's Finals:**

Match 15: 3rd/4th Play-Off:
Simba Queens vs Lady Doves
(Kasarani, 1 pm)
Match 16: Final:
Vihiga Queens vs CBE FC
(Kasarani, 4 pm)



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Jentrix Shikangawa of Vihiga Queens celebrates after scoring the second goal for her team against Simba Queens during their CECAFA semi-final clash on Monday at the Nyayo Stadium.

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