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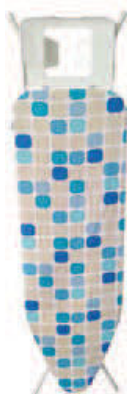
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Parents protest school closure

Irate parents of Kamukata ACK Primary School in Mt Elgon Constituency Bungoma county yesterday held protests over the closure of their school by Ministry of Education over poor infrastructure. The school that was opened in 2013 with a population of 600 children has only three classrooms and two toilets. The three classrooms are also not complete, with no windows and doors and have also been partitioned for students to share various lessons. The school is among 26 others that were shut down by the ministry of education in Mt Elgon constituency late last year over poor infrastructure. The parents have accused area MP Fred Kapondi of sidelining the school on claims that the area residents did not vote for him in the 2017 election.

- Yusuf Masibo



Duale calls for poor performance probe

National Assembly Majority Leader, Aden Duale, now wants Education CS George Magoha, to immediately form a task force to investigate the dismal performance in last year's KCSE exam in his Garissa Township. Speaking in Garissa Town when he held a meeting with some of the top 2019 KCSE performers from his constituency who scored between A- and B+ Duale said as much as they celebrate the top performance, hundreds of Grade Es that were recorded in the national exam is a reason for concern for all the stakeholders. There were 249 Es alone in Garissa Township with NEP Girls High School, a national school, leading with 79 Es followed by Boys Town Secondary School with 70 Es. Out of the more than 1,000 students who sat the national exam only 83 scored a mean grade of C+ and above.

- KNA

Police cancel Mudavadi rally to avert clash with BBI team

Highly hyped forum meeting scheduled to address 'economy of western Kenya' stopped

by Hillary Mageka
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Police yesterday cancelled a parallel rally convened by ANC party leader Musalia Mudavadi to counter a Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) forum in Kakamega to avert a "dangerous political confrontation".

Mudavadi, his Ford Kenya counterpart Moses Wetang'ula and Jubilee MPs allied to Deputy President William Ruto had scheduled the January 18 meeting at Mumias, Kakamega County, to address the depreciating economy of western Kenya region.

Its timing was coinciding with a BBI forum at Bukhungu Stadium organised by Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya, Cotu secretary Francis Atwoli and politicians allied to opposition chief Raila Odinga.

The Jubilee, ANC and Ford Kenya MPs, under the Western Kenya Regional Parliamentary Caucus, have dismissed the BBI forums as an ODM rally to champion Raila's 2022 State House bid.

But according to Oparanya, the meeting will enlighten the locals on the BBI content insisting that the Western region will support referendum without being forced.

"The people of Western will support referendum on BBI without haste for it carries aspirations of common wananchi especially the area that will strengthen devolution that is engine for grassroots growth," he said yesterday.

The meeting at Nabongo Sports Ground, Mumias sub-county, was scheduled to be addressed by Mudavadi Wetang'ula, Jubilee chief whip Benjamin Washiali, MPs Sakwa Bunyasi, Titus Khamala, Aseka Wangaya, Geoffrey Omuse, Beatrice Adagala and Tindi Mwale.

Other listed speakers included MPs Enock Kibunguchi, Janet Nangabo, Malulu Injendi, Bernard Shinali, Catherine Wambambila, Alfred Sambu, Chris Wa-



BENJAMIN WASHIALI

We will meet the Mumias Sugar Company receiver manager and discuss matters of its revival before holding a rally at Nabongo Mumia Grounds

Nambale MP Sakwa Bunyasi (right) addresses a Luhya MPs' press conference in Nairobi, yesterday. He is with his Mumias counterpart Ben Washiali. PD/ TABITHA MBATIA

malwa, Dan Wanyama, Alfred Agoi, Mboko Milemba, John Waluke and former Kakamega Senator Bony Khalwale.

But yesterday, police cancelled the planned meeting in a letter signed by Mumias Officer Commanding Station (OCS) Albert Chebii to the organisers.

Scheduled meeting

"This is to notify you that this office has cancelled your permit to carry out the above exercise purportedly scheduled to take place on 18/1/2020 at Nabongo Sports ground starting 0800hrs due to security reasons," the letter by Mumias Officer Commanding Station Albert Chebii read in part.

It adds: "By this letter be informed that any person contravening this directive will be held criminally responsible,"

The letter is copied Deputy County Com-

manders (DCCs) Mumias East, West and Matungu among others. However, the organisers, led by Washiali and his Nambale counterpart Sakwa Bunyasi, have vowed to ignore the police order and proceed with their meeting at Mumias Sugar complex as planned.

The duo claimed the Bukhungu Stadium meeting is meant to undermine the efforts of the local leaders leading from the front in resuscitating the economy of the region.

"We will meet the Mumias Sugar Company receiver manager and discuss matters of its revival before holding a rally at Nabongo Mumia Grounds," Washiali told a press conference at a Nairobi hotel yesterday.

He added: "We are ready and we are going to Mumias, but we know it is not everything the police will agree to. We have a right and permit that is valid to have the meeting."

More than 100 officers transferred in major reshuffle

by Derek Otieno
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The Kenya Police Service has made changes in the command of sub counties in the country. Several sub country commanders were transferred with a host of others promoted.

More than 100 officers have been affected in transfers and promotions in the Kenya Police Service.

The changes were announced by the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in charge of the Kenya Police Service Edward Mbugua.

The SCPCs (initially known as OCPDs), mostly in the ranks of Senior Superintendent of Police, SSPs and Superintendent of Police, SPs, were either moved to different sub counties or promoted.

Also affected are nine Assistant Su-

perintendents of Police (ASPs) - two of whom are female - who were promoted to serve as deputies to SCPCs.

"The Deputy Inspector General approves the deployments with immediate effect" a confidential circular dated January 14 and sent to all eight Regional Police Commanders, the Internal Affairs Unit and heads of formation stated.

Among those affected include

Karen SCPC, Cunningham Suiyanka who has been moved to Turkana West (Kakuma), Muhoroni's Adan Abdul-lahi Alio who has been transferred to Mwaa West and Meru's Joseph Gichangi who moves Machakos County to command police operations.

Herman Chemonges Ndiema has been moved from SCPC Kuresoi and will now be in charge of operations in

Trans Nzoia County.

Some of the senior officers who have been promoted to serve as Deputy County Commanders, D/ CPC include: Peter Katam (Kakamega), Stephen Weda (Bomet), Joseph Kipngeno Cheruiyot (Busia), Richard Cheruiyot (Vihiga), Peter Nyangares Omanwa (Migori), Wambia Odhiambo (Nyamira), and Benjamin Mwan-zia (Kajiado),

with Julio Kiths
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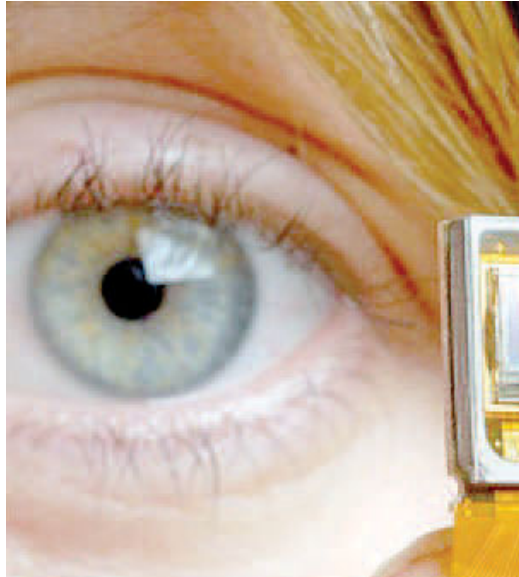
Here is a catalogue of the smallest things of their kind that exist, from guns to cars and even humans



Sneak as thin as spaghetti noodle

This snake is not only the smallest snake known to man, but it is also the smallest scientists believe a snake can physically evolve to be. Found on the island of Barbados, a fully grown adult measures less than

10cm long, and is "as thin as a spaghetti noodle". The snake can only lay one egg at a time, because if they laid more, the hatchlings would have to be smaller and would have almost no chance of survival.



Who needs large TV screens anyway...

In 2007, Guinness World Records recognized Scottish firm MicroEmissive's ME1602 as the smallest television screen in existence. As of this writing—and despite the aforementioned tech explosions of recent years—it's a record that still stands. It has a display of roughly 4x3 millimeters in surface area.



World's smallest car fits just one

The Peel P50 is a single seated micro car also known as the world's smallest car ever. The Peel Engineering Company manufactured it from 1962 to 1965 and named it as a city car. It features a 49cc engine, can go for 72kmph and they decided to sell it at around \$33,000. Its 49cc engine was mated to a three-speed manual transmission with no reverse gear, and has three wheels. Other than that, there is one of everything: one seat, one door, one windshield wiper, and one headlight.



Smallest gun is size of a thumb, and as lethal as big ones

According to the company website, the Swiss MiniGun is "a double action revolver and has all the same features as

are found on a real size gun", only that it's the size of a thumb drive. The six-shot revolver fires 2.3-caliber, 1.97-grain bullets, which are made by the same company, and even produces a tiny little kick as it shoots these tiny little bullets at a muzzle velocity of around 400 feet per second—capable of doing about the same amount of damage as a real

one. Of course, there are still those who are up in arms, no pun intended, about the alleged weapon's potential concealability, which is a valid argument. Even the slowest, smallest projectile can injure or kill if placed properly, and despite the fact that it looks almost exactly like a key chain, the Swiss MiniGun is, in fact, a gun—the smallest in the world.

Tiniest baby weighed half weight of bread

On 24th October 2006, Amilia Taylor became the World's smallest infant when she born after 21 weeks of development. She was only 243 grams in weight, almost half of the weight of bread and 9.5 inches in length. She was considered a miracle as she was born just two weeks before the legal abortion limit.



Bible is the size less than half a grain of sugar

In 2007 technology was pushed to another extreme when the entire Hebrew text of the Jewish Bible was inscribed onto a space less than half the size of a grain of sugar. The team etched the 300,000 words of the Bible onto a tiny silicone surface less than 0.5 mm square. The previous smallest, known, copy of the Bible measured 2.8 x 3.4 x 1 centimeters (1.1 x 1.3 x 0.4 inches), weighing 11.75 grams (0.4 ounces) and containing 1,514 pages, according to Guinness World Records spokeswoman Amarilis Espinoza. The tiny text, whose production was overseen by an Indian professor in November, 2001, is the smallest bible in existence.

Makueni medic narrates how he fought depression

Makueni Health Chief Officer Patrick Musyoki yesterday opened up about his struggle with depression during a public hearing of the Mental Health Taskforce formed to look into the status of mental health system.

Musyoki disclosed that he sought counselling after he sunk into depression because of family and work related issues. "I suffered from anxiety for a long time which eventually spiralled into severe depression," he said.

The CO said for days, he would not get out of bed and had curtains in his room drawn and even developed suicidal thoughts.

"Depression is not for the poor as many people think, I suffered from it despite the fact that my wife and I are both medical doctors," he confessed.

Musyoki, however, said he managed to seek help in good time.

In sharing his story, the soft spoken medic said he hoped to fight the stigma associated with mental

health. He noted that mental health was one of the most neglected sectors in the country saying the taskforce is a good opportunity to address the rising burden of mental health.

Top psychiatrist Dr. Frank Njenga decried lack of funding by both the national and county governments as the main challenge facing mental health care.

Counselling unit

He said mental health is not a priority agenda for both levels of government despite its integral role in development.

He underscored the need for the governments to set aside adequate resources as outlined in the Mental Health Policy.

Njenga, who is the chair of the taskforce formed by outgoing Health CS Sicily Kariuki to look into the status of mental health was speaking at the St Joseph's multipurpose hall during a public hearing.

The psychiatrist, however, noted



Director Africa Mental Health Foundation David Ndeti, chair of the Mental Health Taskforce Frank Njenga, Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana and his wife Nazi when the taskforce paid a courtesy call on the governor in his office on Monday. KNA

that despite the challenge of funding the country has made major strides in addressing mental health, which was in the past shrouded in mystery and stigma.

He termed the recommendations

in the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) report to establish a mental health wellness monitoring system as revolutionary and a major breakthrough in tackling mental health issues in the country. -KNA



Ruto allies pledge to fight on following Nakuru drama

by Noah Cheploen
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Two MPs allied to Deputy President William Ruto put on a brave face a day after police barred them from accessing Rift Valley Provincial headquarters where President Kenyatta was issuing title deeds to former Nyakinyua dancers.

Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika (pictured) and Nakuru East MP David Gikaria said what they encountered is of little consequence terming the whole episode as "petty."

Although they said that the move to stop them from participating in a public function was unprecedented, the two leaders said that they would not be intimidated adding that they will continue championing the interests of their people.

Not big deal

Like Bahati MP Kimani Ngunjiri who addressed the press separately, Kihika and Gikaria fingered Nakuru MP Lee Kinyanjui and County Commissioner Erastus Mbuvi for allegedly feeding the president with wrong information.

"I know a lot of questions have been asked on why as leaders we couldn't access the venue yesterday... I don't think it's a big deal in the scheme of things it is part of job hazard and everything to do with local politics," said Senator Kihika.

Ngunjiri has sensationally claimed that the President is using the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) to the referendum which is being mooted to cling to power.

BRIEFLY

Teacher charged with defilement

A teacher at Muvandori Day Secondary School in Embu North sub county was yesterday charged with defiling a student in July last year. Moses Kimanthi, who is a computer teacher reportedly lured the girl with promises he would pay her school fees arrears. He appeared before Senior Resident Magistrate Tony Kwambai and denied the charges. While representing the accused who denied the allegations, Victor Adande, an advocate for the accused prayed the court to release his client on bond saying he is a student at Mt Kenya University. He was released on bond of Sh100,000 and a surety of a similar amount. The case will be heard on March 30.

-KNA

IDs, passports to be issued within a day, says Matiang'i

Interior Cabinet Secretary states move will help Kenyans obtain the crucial documents with ease

by Reuben Mwambu
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Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i yesterday unveiled a 10-point plan that could see Kenya step up counter-terrorism efforts in the wake of renewed Al Shabaab attacks and bolster reforms geared at slaying the ghost of corruption in his ministry.

At the top of the agenda is the war on terror, police reforms, automation of citizen services, war on corruption and drugs and countering rising insecurity in universities, among others.

Matiang'i said the reforms would lead to Kenyans being issued with passports, birth certificates and other documents under the Immigration and Civil Registry departments within a day of applying.

"By July 1, this year (2020), issuance of ID cards, birth and death certificates and passports shall be a same-day service except for applications originating from outside of Nairobi and abroad," he said.

Anti-terror war

Matiang'i said Kenyans have been complaining of encountering problems while trying to obtain the crucial documents.

"Last year, I interacted with citizens at their most vulnerable moments and the pain and misery I saw them go through is unacceptable in public service," he said.

On terrorism, the CS directed Chiefs and other security officers to make the war against terror "painful" by cascading it down to people aiding attackers, adding that "terrorism must be struck a decisive and final blow."

The minister noted continued weaknesses of governance structures in Somalia had seen the resurgence of al Shabaab and other criminal groups in the Coast and north eastern Kenya.

Addressing the annual security review



Interior CS Fred Matiang'i, Inspector General of Police Hillary Mutiyambai and National Police Service Commission chairman Eliud Kinyuthia during the security conference in Mombasa, yesterday. PD/ BONFACE MSANGI

and planning conference for top security officers in Mombasa yesterday, Matiang'i said no effort will be spared to "decimate terrorism", warning that those who collaborate with terrorists will be met with the same force as the attackers.

Present were Interior Principal Secretary Karanja Kibicho, Inspector General of Police Hillary Mutiyambai, National Intelligence Service (NIS) Director-General Philip Kameru and the Kenya Coast Guards Service boss Vincent Loonena.

"The challenge we have been facing in fight against terrorism is the level of collaboration, cooperation and at times collusion by local communities with terror gangs and terror groups," the CS warned.

"Whilst we have and shall continue to have respect for the rule of law and human rights, when clean up time comes, we shall make no distinction between the enemy and those who harbour them. We shall spare no efforts or resources in attainment of freedom from fear. May this serve as a clear warning to harbourers and coordinators, you shall not be spared."

The minister directed administration officers, particularly the chiefs, to take stock of people living in their neighbourhood, insisting they shall be held responsible for

the presence of criminal elements in their jurisdiction.

On the ongoing reforms in the police sector, Matiang'i said the government will continue to commit resources to ensure changes are effected to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the police service.

Harmonised command

He directed that all human resource and personnel issues be moved to the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) while operational matters remain in the ministry and National Police Service.

Already, there is harmonised command and over 7,000 officers have undergone further training in various police training colleges. Automation of citizen processes including the electronic Occurrence Book (OB) and the case file management systems were work in progress.

There is also automation of the human resource management and welfare procedures for officers including pension, insurance, housing and remuneration.

The CS directed Interior PS Kibicho to come up with a help line within two weeks to be used by Kenyans to report cases of bribery and delayed services at citizen service centres.

SECURITY IN CAMPUSES

● Matiang'i has announced plans to establish University Community Security Committees to tame rising cases of insecurity in the higher learning institutions and surrounding communities.

● He observed because of population growth unique security challenges have started cropping up.

Government sets aside Sh41.9b for UHC roll out

CS Kariuki says all 47 counties will be covered under the health plan by the end of the month

by Bernard Gitau
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The government has set aside Sh41.9 billion for the national roll out of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki has said the 47 counties will be covered under the UHC by the end of the month.

"We have so far signed the Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement (IPA) on UHC implementation with 11 counties and the whole country will be covered in the next few days," she said.

The CS said the budget will help in bridging the gaps in human resource for health, commodities, primary health care services, community health services and service delivery to supplement county investments.

Kariuki added that the budget is expected to significantly increase in subsequent financial years.

On the controversy surrounding National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), Kariuki directed the board to iron out the contentious issues through consultation.

She said the fund is an integral part of UHC sustainability hence the board consultation should not lose sight of the government desire to offer quality and affordable health services.

The NHIF 515,000 voluntary contributors a number Kariuki said plays a key role in its sustainability. On Tuesday, President Uhuru Kenyatta directed the suspension of the new NHIF rules saying they should be reviewed.

The upscaling of UHC is ongoing where yesterday, Elgeyo Marakwet, Narok, Kajiado, and Kiambu counties signed the IPA increasing the number to 15. On Monday, Nyandarua, Meru, Laikipia, Kirinyaga, Embu, Nyeri and Tharaka Nithi signed the IPA. The agreement which touches on Human resource for health, Kariuki said the national government will deploy 4,000 medical interns to Level 2 and 3 hospitals.

To supplement the same, Kariuki added that counties have agreed to increase their health kitty to 30 per cent of their total budget and those who have reached the limit to progressively increase it.



HOSPITAL FUND ROW

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Health CS Sicily Kariuki with Narok Governor Samuel Tunai during IPA signing. With them is PS Susan Mochache. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

"Counties through the Council of Governors (CoG) agreed to recruit community health workers and pay a monthly stipend," she said. On CoG query over Kenya Medical Supplies Authority capability of delivery drugs to counties, Kariuki assured she has been in constant talks with the management and agreed on need to check the pricing and efficiency.

Meanwhile, Narok Governor Samuel Tunai appealed to President Uhuru Kenyatta to reconsider his reshuffle of Kariuki from Health to the Ministry of Water, saying the CS started the UHC journey and currently is in a critical stage of implementation which requires continuity.

Kitui county in bid to mitigate outbreak of cattle disease

Kitui county government has begun livestock vaccination following the outbreak of lumpy skin disease reported in Ikutha, Mutha and Mwingi areas bordering Tana River county.

Speaking yesterday at Wayani cattle dip in Kitui Central during the exercise, area Livestock health officer Daniel Mweke said surveillance teams reported the emergence of the disease two weeks ago in the county.

Mweke said the highly contagious viral disease is suspected to have spread from the neighbouring Tana River county.

Affected animals

"The virus has economic implications since affected animals tend to have permanent damage to their skin, lowering the commercial value of their hide. Additionally, the disease often results in reduced milk production, poor growth, infertility, abortion and sometimes death," he said.

"I am relieved following the announcement of the county to help us vaccinate our animals against disease as the vaccine is too costly. I was afraid of losing my livelihood," said Joseph Kimanthi, a farmer.

-KNA



Agriculture PS Hamadi Boga at a past event. PD/FILE

State heightens aflatoxin fight with farm input distribution

Farmers can now fight aflatoxin in food crops, thanks to a government initiative to strengthen marketing and distribution of Aflasafe, a natural product that fights aflatoxin.

Agriculture Principal Secretary Hamadi Boga confirmed that the government has contracted a biological crop protection company — Koppert Biological Systems — to distribute the farm input to all farmers in the country.

Boga said Aflasafe, a new technology developed a few years back to fight Aflatoxin in maize, groundnuts, and other food crops will be sold to farmers at Sh201 a kilogramme.

"For long farmers mainly the small-scale, have been grappling with high presence of aflatoxin in maize more than the standard level of parts per billion (PPB) of 10ppb in Kenya and 4ppb in European Union. The new technology has been achieved after intensive research work of over 15 years, going forward

we expect the country will benefit from safe food," he said.

Health experts and local scientists have blamed the high presence of the aflatoxin to liver cancer, suppresses the immune systems, and retards growth and development of children, among other health problems.

Health risks

In a speech read on his behalf by Ministry's Director of Research and Innovation, Dr Oscar Magenyia, in Nairobi while unveiling the distribution of Aflasafe, Boga said the move will have the associated benefit of reducing health risks of consuming aflatoxin-contaminated food.

The distribution of the farm input, Boga added, will shield the country against economic burden of managing resultant chronic illnesses such as cancer.

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How Uhuru sent Ruto back to drawing board

By addressing issues affecting Mt Kenya region, President appeared to take wind out of Tanga Tanga sails

by Eric Wainaina
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President Uhuru Kenyatta used his Tuesday address to the nation to quell the rebellion building up in his Mt Kenya backyard, where allies of his deputy William Ruto have been using grievances against farmers to discredit him.

Local MPs, notably Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria, Alice Wahome (Kandara), Rigathi Gachagua (Mathira) and Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu), who are ardent Ruto backers, have repeatedly accused Uhuru of abandoning his home region.

"As we enter 2019, you must think... this issue (that) our responsibility is just to vote and after voting, we (the government that we form) take development to other regions. That kind of nonsense must stop," Kuria said during 2019 New Year celebrations at Thika Stadium.

And the deterioration of prices of coffee, tea, milk and horticultural products, which are the lifeline of the region, had become fodder for the Tanga Tanga team which supports Ruto.

But on Tuesday, Uhuru issued several directives aimed at revitalising the agriculture sector. They include immediately achievable measures to address challenges in all the sub-sectors.

Observers say the directives may have neutralised Uhuru's critics who yesterday appeared to have toned down their rhetoric.

Revive sector

"I congratulate President Uhuru Kenyatta for the various measures he has taken. These are the issues I have been shouting myself hoarse about. However, there are several areas they have fallen short," said Kuria.

The vocal MP refused to comment on the removal of Mwangi Kiunjuri as Agriculture Cabinet Secretary.

Kandara MP Alice Wahome, another fierce critic of the President, said she was glad Uhuru had heeded her calls by making the directives aimed reviv-

ing the agriculture sector.

Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika said their agitation for challenges facing farmers had borne fruit.

"If whatever I had said was meaningless, the President would not have addressed the issues," she said.

Political analyst Peter Kagwanja says the grievances from the region and noise by DP's political army had created the perception the President was no longer in control of his backyard.

"It was evident the ship was sinking. The captain of Mt Kenya politics, and by extension national politics, was losing control," the Chief Executive of Africa Policy Institute told *People Daily* yesterday.

Kagwanja noted that if fully implemented, Uhuru's directives might take the wind out of Tanga Tanga's sails.

KURIA

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"This is what in military language is referred to as a pre-emptive strike. But the measures have to be implemented in full if (Tanga Tanga) will be silenced," he said.

Uhuru's measures to improve the lot of farmers include the dismantling cartels that siphon farmers' earnings, restructuring the Kenya Tea Development Agency, introduction of minimum prices for produce, cutting off middle men and brokers, blocking cheap imports and pumping in money into the sector to promote value addition and purchasing excess produce.

Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimeia, who is the chairman of the Central Kenya Economic Bloc, said Uhuru's move would have a political impact.

"Has the President addressed issues which I articulated on behalf of the people during the Sagana meeting? The answer is, Yes. What matters is the people not the noises by leaders who are paid to make noise," Kimeia told

People Daily.

To revive the coffee sector, Uhuru directed immediate implementation of the Coffee Task Force report and implementation of the Sh3 billion Cherry Revolving Fund within 30 days to cushion farmers from delayed payments.

Excess produce

He also imposed a 16 per cent VAT on milk imports from outside the EAC to protect farmers from cheap imports which have occasioned a fall in prices of local produce.

Rice farmers in Kirinyaga will benefit from Sh660 million released to the Kenya National Trading Corporation to purchase excess produce while banana and potato farmers will benefit from Sh300 million for the construction of cold storage and processing facilities in Nyandarua, Meru and Kisii counties.

Gladys Chania, who was a coordinator in the defunct TNA party, said Uhuru had suppressed Tanga Tanga by replacing Kiunjuri with Peter Munya at the Agriculture ministry.

"The President has restored confidence with the people," she said.

But lawyer Harrison Kinyanjui dismisses Uhuru's intervention as short-term and selfish.

"He doesn't seem to have the long-term interests of the country at heart. He is being driven by short-term interests," he said. It would be interesting to see what new issues the pro-Ruto leaders in Mt Kenya region will now use to attack the President as the 2022 election politics take shape.

Meanwhile, the Kenya Tea Sector lobby has thanked the President for the policy directives made during his address on Tuesday, saying the move will rescue the sector and put it back in its rightful place as a leading source of foreign exchange and employment.

"We are pleased that the President noted the lack of corporate governance in the structure and management of KTDA. We are looking forward to seeing a radical surgery, including the removal of the current leadership of the agency. Additionally, KTDA directors should not sit on the boards of subsidiaries or tea factories," said a press statement signed Irungu Nyakera, chairman Kenya Tea Sector Lobby.



New Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya addresses the press at Kilimo House in Nairobi, yesterday.

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Livondo wants court to bar DP from presidential race

by Bernice Mbugua
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Businessman Stanley Livondo yesterday filed a petition in court seeking to block a deputy president from vying for the presidency in subsequent general elections.

He argues that the DP serves two terms jointly with the president, thus cannot stand for nomination in a suit whose ruling could be significant to DP William Ruto's 2022 presidential ambitions.

Livondo (pictured) wants other members of the Executive—members of the Cabinet—from

seeking to join the next national and county governments. He argues that the Executive power is exercised and shared by the President, DP and the Cabinet.

He wants the Attorney General to declare that when Articles 130 (1), 131 (1) (b) and 148 (6) (a) are read together, they mean that the president and his deputy cannot stand for nomination as presidential candidates.

"The petitioner brings this petition for an interpretation of the provisions... with regards to qualifications and disqualifications of persons intending to vie as a presidential candidate," reads

court papers.

"By virtue of Article 148(6) of the Constitution, a sitting Deputy President who has served two consecutive full terms should be barred from standing for nomination as a presidential candidate," he adds.

Open interpretation

Through lawyer John Khaminwa, Livondo says the ruling will address the ambiguity in time given that "the current Deputy President and other people among them members of the Cabinet have made it known that they intend to seek a nomination

as a presidential candidate" in 2022.

Livondo contends that the absence of the definition of Executive authority or national executive in Article 260 of the Constitution allows open interpretation of the terms with a view to promoting the meaning and spirit of the Constitution.

Livondo avers that since the deputy president and cabinet secretaries do not have to go through nomination and are appointed by the president, they work together as a single unit and are, therefore, bound by the two-term constitutional limit.



President Uhuru Kenyatta caught senior government officials by surprise when he announced a Cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday. PSCU

President kept Cabinet shuffle guarded secret

Sources say Uhuru and Raila met in Mombasa for hours a day before the changes were announced on Tuesday

by Anthony Mwangi, Hillary Mageka and Harrison Kivisu
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President Uhuru Kenyatta kept his Tuesday changes to the Cabinet a closely guarded secret that even his deputy William Ruto may not have been privy to.

Sources close to State House told *People Daily* that although there was heightened activity around the Presidency in the last few days, only a small group of advisors was aware of the impending changes that caught many, including Cabinet Secretaries, flat-footed.

However, it emerged that the President had met former Prime Minister Raila Odinga in Mombasa on Monday, for a lengthy meeting which lasted more than four hours.

And contrary to the past mode of operations where the President and his deputy would be together when releasing names of Cabinet members and top government officials, this time round Ruto was not present.

Indeed the last time the two were seen together in public was during the Jamhuri Day celebrations on December 12, last year.

But Ruto's allies downplayed claims that the DP was not consulted, saying it is the prerogative of the President to make changes in his government.

"He can even dissolve the entire Cabinet if he so wishes. The narrative of the President heading one faction and his deputy the other is a creation of the media," said Aden Duale, the National Assembly's Leader of Majority.

Sudan visit

Reliable sources informed *People Daily* yesterday that Ruto was in Khartoum (Sudan) on a private engagement during the President's Tuesday speech.

According to the sources, the DP left the country in a chartered flight accompanied by two members of his family.

However, when contacted Ruto's press secretary David Mugonyi denied his boss had travelled out of the country.

"The DP has been around and had no intentions of travelling abroad, not even to Sudan," Mugonyi said.

But Kenya's ambassador to Sudan, Arawn

Suge, while confirming that the DP had visited Khartoum, said: "We do not know details about his visit since it was private. He neither visited the embassy nor notified it."

Mugonyi also downplayed the notion that Uhuru may not have informed his deputy of the intended changes, stating: "The leaders are close buddies and talk on a daily basis on a wide range of issues. How can I know what they talk about over the telephone? So how can you tell what they talked about before the reshuffle?"

Yesterday, it emerged Uhuru had met Raila at the latter's Nyali residence on Monday. However, it was not possible to establish whether they discussed re-organisation of government.

"They met on Monday from 11am to early afternoon and no one was allowed in," said the source that cannot be quoted discussing the President's diary.

Raila allies

Raila is said to have left Mombasa the same day for Arusha, Tanzania, where he spent the night before returning to Mombasa the following day to preside over a high level Lamu Port Southern Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) corridor meeting at a Mombasa hotel.

In the Tuesday's reshuffle, President Kenyatta named some of Raila allies to senior positions in government. They included one time assistant minister Peter Odoyo, activist Zack Kinuthia, Hussein Dado, Hassan Noor Hassan, Rashid Amana, Maureen Magoma Mbaka and Nadia Ahmed Abdalla who were appointed Chief Administrative Secretaries (CASs).

His running mate in the last general election Kalonzo Musyoka also benefitted when the President appointed Wavinya Ndeti and Mercy Mukui Mwangangi as CASs.

Other sources said Raila and Kalonzo had given out names of candidates they wanted appointed CASs and Principal Secretaries after request from the President.

"Nobody knew there would be reshuffle, the changes were kept a secret to many," said a State House source who sought anonymity because of sensitivity of the matter.

HOW RAILA, KALONZO BENEFITTED

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● Former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka also benefitted through the appointment of Wavinya Ndeti and Mercy Mukui Mwangangi as CASs.

Youthful CAS Nadia dedicates appointment to ailing mother

by Harrison Kivisu
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When President Uhuru Kenyatta announced changes in his Cabinet on Tuesday, Nadia Ahmed Abdalla, was having an early lunch, unaware she was one of the new entrants into the government.

The 28-year-old says her friend called her and informed her the President had read her name in his speech.

That is how Nadia got to know that she had been appointed ICT ministry Chief Administrative Secretary.

Still in a celebratory mood, she dedicated her appointment to her mother, who she said is battling cancer.

"I'm still so excited. My mum has been fighting cancer for the last two years and she has always told me to work hard and be self-independent. So I feel this appointment is in her honour because she keeps me strong," she said.

Nadia, who is among seven youthful appointees in the Tuesday Cabinet reshuffle, was one of women who took part in KTN's reality TV contest dubbed *Ms President*.

Nadia was working as a tourism officer at the Mombasa county government. Governor Hassan Joho congratulated her for appointment.

She pledges to give her best in her new position, adding that she is determined to serve Kenyans.

Nadia says her parents have played a big role in her success, describing her father as a disciplinarian who pushed her and her siblings to explore their potential.

"For my father, it's another feather in my cap because he has been so tough on me. I have had fight with him before. At one point, I had to do a whole presentation to him so that he could allow me to do what I wanted to do. My dad is a tough man who encourages his children to be independent," said Nadia.

Mother's honour

She revealed how the last two years have been hard for her family as her mother was in and out of hospital.

"I will work hard in my mother's honour. People have been asking me how I take care of her and work at the same time," said Nadia. But what elevated Nadia to her current appointment?

Besides the *Ms President* show, is an author of a book titled *The Feminist in us*. She invokes the names of environmentalist Prof Wangari Maathai and Narc Kenya politician

Martha Karua as some of the women who inspired her.

"My message to young people out there is, don't ever doubt yourself. You have so much to offer to the community, what you need to do is to look deep inside and focus on yourself and be unapologetic about what you want for yourself," said Nadia.

She is a public relations practitioner and holds a Masters in International Relations and Cultural Diplomacy from Hochschule Furtwangen University in Germany.

Nadia describes herself as a global communication specialist, lifestyle and inspirational blogger and an active female empowerment activist. She is also a member of Swahilipoti Hub, a community centre that focuses on youths mainly around technology and art. Nadia is also a Unicef volunteer.

In her book, she exudes the values of feminism saying she is "tired of people rejecting the feminist movement and building up misconceptions on something that is needed to elevate women."

She has used her real life experiences, quotes from men and women from different parts of the world to express her thoughts in the hope of changing people's minds and give them a clear understanding and appreciation of the feminism.

In the book, the CAS appointee talks about issues of gender bashing, sexual abuse and domestic violence that face women, expression and feminism and promotion of self-love.

Congratulating her, Joho said: "As a county we are proud of you. It is our hope that you will use the same intellect, zeal and wisdom that you served the people of Mombasa with to serve the nation."

Other youthful CAS appointees include Zack Kinuthia (Education), Mercy Mukui (Health) and Ann Mukami.

NADIA ABDALLA



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Tutors in Garissa through TSC office seeking transfers

Latest push to leave the area follows the killing of three teachers by suspected al Shabaab

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Hundreds of non-local teachers in Fafi, Holugho, Ijara and Dadaab in Garissa county are flocking to Teachers Service Commission (TSC) offices seeking urgent transfers from the region.

The latest push to leave the area follows the killing of three teachers by suspected al Shabaab terrorists on Monday in Kamethu, Garissa. The victims were identified as Caleb Mutua, 28, Titus Mushindi, 29, and Samuel Mutua, 29.

After the attack, Garissa Education Board immediately withdrew non-local teachers from the four sub-counties and ordered them to report to TSC offices for further instructions.

Responding to rising cases of attacks targeting non-locals, the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) yesterday called for the deployment of trained teachers currently enlisted in disciplined forces to schools in the region.

Kuppet secretary general Akelo Misori also urged TSC to rotate teachers from the region every two years as opposed to the regulation requiring newly employed to work in their first stations for at least five years. The rotation policy, said the union, should be modified in respect to Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Tana River and Lamu to reduce their being easy targets.

Cases reported

"Judging from the number of cases reported and information from our members on the ground, the terrorists have become increasingly emboldened in recent months. Teachers, being unarmed, are soft targets for terrorists as demonstrated in Kamuthe. Our members who survived the attacks have recounted traumatic experiences hiding from terrorists for nights on end," said Misori.

The union boss also asked the TSC to

review staffing levels of schools in the five counties and ensure more local teachers are deployed there where non-locals are at a greater risk. In a letter to Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i and copied to his Education counterpart Prof George Magoha, Misori expressed concern over the rising security concerns for teachers in North Eastern and Coast regions.

Kuppet has also called for deployment of at least two police officers in each public school in the region to provide full time security for teachers and deployment of enough military personnel to settlements with non-local teachers.

Patrick Kipruto, a teacher at Bura Secondary in Fafi, urged TSC to grant them compassionate leave and subsequently transfer them owing to unsafe conditions they have been operating in. He was among teachers who had camped at the TSC offices yesterday to seek transfer.

Attack survivors

"We are victims and survivors of the terror attacks. Over the years, we have been having sleepless nights...we sometimes get security alerts and instead of beefing up security, we are told to relax. Dealing with such regions is very difficult and innocent teachers are dying in their youth," said Kipruto, who is now on his fourth year in the region.

Meanwhile, Magoha condemned attacks targeting teachers in the region, saying the government will beef up security in the affected areas. "I do not believe that terrorists can come from nowhere and the local community must now be interrogated. We have to stop living in fear. Security will be beefed up in that area but I would want to see more than just that security because the local people around the schools must now tell us why they did not work to protect the teachers," the CS said Tuesday.

Knut secretary general Wilson Sossion has threatened to mobilise tutors to vacate insecure schools and regions because of terror attacks targeting them.

He regretted that though teachers have been promised protection from attacks, killings have continued. "As a union, we will have no choice but to urge teachers who feel insecure to promptly vacate these areas without further delays to save their



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Patrick Kipruto, a teacher at Bura Secondary School in Garissa during a Kuppet press briefing in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/ TABITHA MBATIA

lives. Sanctity and right to life is paramount and a constitutional right," Sossion said.

A week ago, militants shot and killed four Saretho boarding primary pupils and destroyed Safaricom masts.

Garissa Director of Education, Issack Khalif said the decision by the county education board to withdraw non-local teachers was in consultation with TSC headquarters. He said it was agreed that withdrawn teachers be redeployed to the three sub-counties of Garissa, Lagdera and Balambala "that are safe".

Khalif said affected teachers were employed by TSC and signed a contract to work in Garissa between three to five years and cannot be transferred outside the county as they are demanding.

The official also said learning has not stopped in all schools in Fafi, Ijara, Hulugho and Dadaab except for Saretho and Kamuthe that were closed due to the terror attack. He said respective school boards and Parents Associations (PAs) have been instructed to recruit locals to fill in the positions left by the withdrawn teachers and ensure that learning continues uninterrupted.



MP accuses Kamanda, Sabina of attack plot

by Wangari Njuguna
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Kandara MP Alice Wahome (pictured) has accused Nominated MP Maina Kamanda and Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege of being behind a plot to attack her.

She claimed the two, former Kandara MP Joshua Toro and some Murang'a County Assembly Members (MCAs) had organised to ferry goons to disrupt a meeting at her constituency office yesterday.

The MP said she has details on the venue, agenda and those who attended the meeting that planned the alleged disruption of her function where she was scheduled to disburse bursaries. Through her social media platform, Wahome claimed she was aware of the plan, adding that true to her sources, on arrival at her office in Kandara, she found a group of young men believed to have been ferried from Nairobi for the mission.

Mingle with locals

The said youth had mingled with the locals, but police using their intelligence were able to smoke out about 20 of them and interrogate them.

She said she had convened a meeting with the locals where she was to issue bursary cheques for the needy students from her area but the three leaders wanted to make sure it doesn't happen. "I have the photos and text messages which those involved in this matter were exchanging so I know everything that transpired" she said.

Wahome said she is being targeted due to her political stand, adding that she is not ready to bow to pressure or intimidation from anybody.

Senate to reconvene next week to discuss Waititu impeachment

by Hillary Mageka
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Senate will reconvene on January 21 to discuss the impeachment motion against Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu, who is also facing corruption charges in court.

This comes after Leader of Majority in the Senate Senator Kipchumba Murkomen (Elgeyo Marakwet) last week petitioned Speaker Kenneth Lusaka to summon a special sitting to consider Waititu's impeachment.

Murkomen disclosed that he had collected signatures from 15 senators

— the minimum number required to call a special sitting — to hear and determine a petition.

Business transacted

In a notice to senators, Lusaka indicated he had appointed Tuesday, January 21, the day for a special sitting of the Senate.

Lusaka said the business to be transacted shall be the hearing of charges against Waititu and consideration of a request for the extension of the tenure of the Ad hoc Committee on Managed Equipment Services (MES).

Sonko case pre-trial set for January 27

by Nancy Gitonga
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The pre-trial hearing of the corruption case facing Nairobi City County Governor Mike Sonko and his co-accused has been pushed to January 27.

This is after a dispute arose between the defence and prosecution over the manner in which evidence documents and exhibits will be supplied in the case.

The DPP through State Counsel James Kihara informed Milimani Chief magistrate Lawrence Mugambi that the matter was coming up for mention to con-



firm the status of another case in the High Court on the disclosure of evidence.

However, Kihara's application was objected by Sonko's lawyer Cecil Miller who told the court that no order was given to await the outcome of the High Court case.

Magistrate Lawrence Mu-

gambi, however, directed that the matter be mentioned before Ogoti to give directions on how disclosure will be done in the case.

Meanwhile the DPP has been directed to serve Sonko (pictured) with an application in which he seeks to have his bail terms cancelled.

This is after, on Friday last week, the DPP, in documents filed in court, argued that Sonko's recent decision to nominate a deputy governor violated his bail terms. The case will be heard on January 24.



Lake Region Economic Bloc chairman Wycliffe Oparanya (left) with Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong and other governors at the site. PD/ERIC JUMA

Trade bloc seeks law to operate

Governors ask CS Wamalwa to hasten policy on regional bodies to hasten their operations

by Eric Juma
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Governors of counties that form the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) now want Devolution CS Eugene Wamalwa to expedite the formulation of a policy to anchor the regional bodies in law.

LREB chair Wycliffe Oparanya said the regions had become the engine for growth of counties and hence the need to formulate a law to regulate their operations and management.

Oparanya said the delay to formulate the policy has inhibited LREB from negotiating with donors and partners who have shown interests in the economic bloc.

"We plead with the Devolution CS to fast track the formation of a policy on regional blocs to allow them negotiate with donors on construction of projects that could transform the blocs into a hub of economy," he said.

He said failure to put in place the policy has deterred the transfer of funds from counties to blocs thus derailing implementation of flagship projects within the region.

Oparanya, while opening the fifth regional economic bloc at Kenya Medical Training College, Siaya campus, said lack of the standard policy to guide the operations of the country's six regional blocs has impeded the

establishment and operation of their respective proposed regional banks.

"It is the clear policy that will enhance our engagement with national government and other agencies including donor agencies without challenges. Implementation of projects is pegged on the policy," said Oparanya and assured that he shall initiate a bank for businesspeople to take loans from to enable them expand their businesses.

Fully funded

"Already, LREB members have agreed to pay Sh200 million each toward this initiative, totalling to Sh2.8 billion. These flagships projects that were identified and agreed upon by LREB members by pulling synergies to harness and tackle our economic woes," he said.

He said expansion of maritime transport was a key project to be undertaken by the bloc although the central government has already fully funded it through Kenya Ports Authority.

Oparanya said they had agreed that counties that neighbour Lake Victoria should form a sub-committee to explore possibilities.

REGIONAL BLOCS

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Wajir edging out genuine suppliers, claim MCAs

by Alvin Mwangi
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Wajir MCAs have accused the county government of edging out genuine suppliers in payment of pending bills.

Led by Banane Ward MCA Abdi Sheikh, they alleged that the county has been paying fictitious companies at the expense of genuine suppliers by deliberately diverting funds released by the Controller of Budget.

The MCAs, who were speaking in

Nairobi yesterday, claimed the county's actual pending bills as of June 30 last year, was over Sh3.5 billion contrary to claims it owes suppliers only Sh344,091,540.

Dire situation

"We want the governor to come out clearly and take responsibility for the mismanagement of public funds," said Sheikh.

Former Auditor General Edward Ouko in his report of 2017/2018 noted that Wajir County had pending bills amounting to

Sh3 billion.

"The financial department in our county is regrettably in a dire situation and requires urgent intervention of relevant institutions to safe guard public money," said Sheikh.

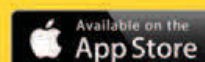
The MCAs also alleged that the county has failed to address the sporadic occurrence of emergencies in the county including the recent cases of drought and locust invasion as the county government exhausted the Sh450 million emergency funds for financial year 2018/19.



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■ So, can a woman beat Donald Trump? Look at the men on this stage: Collectively, they have lost 10 elections. The only people on this stage who have won every single election that they've been in are the women.

Uhuru directives shot in the arm for farmers

The new Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya yesterday hit the ground running, just a day after he was redeployed by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

In the reorganisation of his administration that saw the exit of Mwangi Kiunjuri from the critical Agriculture ministry, the President announced several measures aimed at revitalising the sector that has been going through difficult times.

Uhuru was responding to numerous pleas for action to not only reverse the worsening fortunes of farmers and ensure food security, but also stem growing disquiet in his political backyard.

Yesterday, Munya was instant: he raised the price of raw milk from Sh26 to Sh33 and provided money and logistical support to tackle locusts invasion. He also promised to implement to the letter, and within deadlines, the President's prescription to cure the woes of tea and coffee farmers.

This is encouraging. It is the wish of Kenyans that more of such diligence in addressing the ills that bedevil the country's socio-economic and political space, was the norm rather than the exception.

It is unfortunate that State officials, especially Cabinet ministers with capacity, resources, policy and administrative powers, had to wait for the President to intervene. But again, this is the reality where impunity, corruption, deliberate ineptitude and self-interest reign.

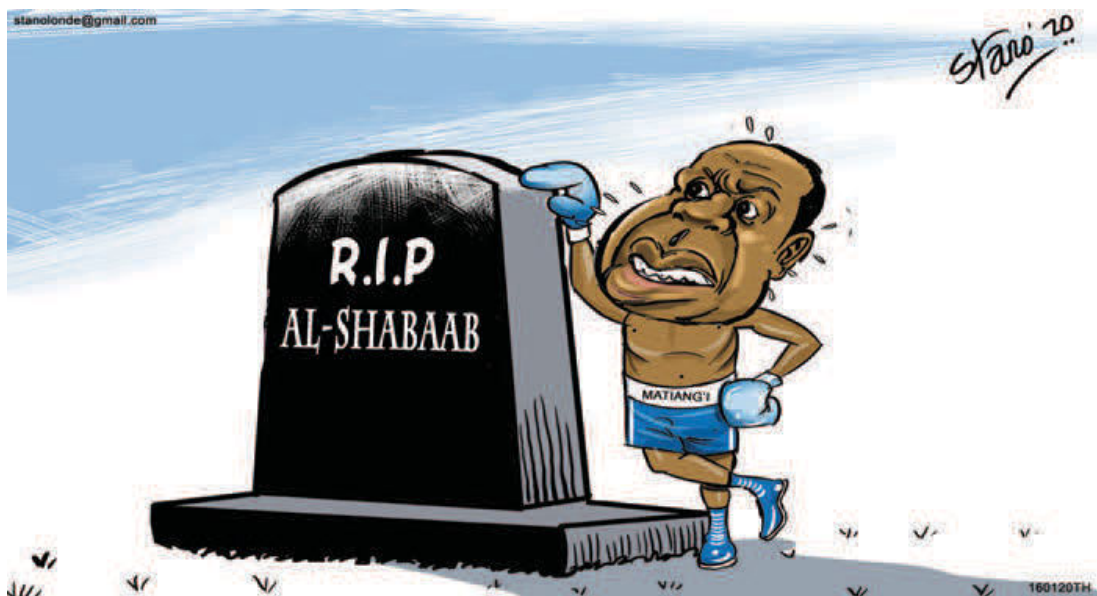
While the President action is welcome, it is important that a proper framework and policy outcomes are rolled out to ensure sustainability.

For instance, it is important to clearly explain how the move to roll out a Sh300 billion infrastructure bond, fast track payment of pending bills, and asking Central Bank to ensure interest rates remain low, will sit with banks.

Challenges also abound on how the proposed 16 per cent levy on imports from outside EAC will help farmers who see long life milk from Uganda as their major competitor.

Hopefully, now with a new sheriff at the helm of the sector, fortunes of tea, coffee, sugar and maize farmers will begin to improve. This is long overdue.

But most importantly, the promise to weed out cartels that reap from where they have not sowed, must be implemented to the letter to ensure farmers get just returns for their sweat.



Echoes of the past in Prince Harry surprise move

History is about to repeat itself in the British royal family. In a shocking move in the New Year, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex said in a statement that they were stepping out of the monarchical confines in order to pursue a different and independent life.

Going by the reaction of the Prince Harry's immediate family and the British public, the announcement was a betrayal of trust and privilege. It seems the only person who Harry seriously confided in, and consulted, was his wife Meghan Markle.

Now, it is not that Prince Harry stands a chance of becoming king, unless something drastic happens to those already in the line—he is number six. It is the symbolism of his action that has people searching for answers.

But Prince Harry's action and fears are not totally unfounded, something he intimated during an undated interview. He mentioned avoiding events that happened in the past, in an apparent reference to the aftermath of the strained relationship between his mother, Princess Diana, and father Prince Charles.

Princess Diana died in a road crash in Paris, France in August, 1997, an incident that the media suspected was a murder in order to cut short her love affair with Dodi Al-Fayed, heir and son of Egyptian billionaire, Mohamed Al-Fayed.

It is rumoured that Diana could have married Al-Fayed, which could have greatly embarrassed the royal family. Now, it is also



STEPHEN NDEGWA

■ King Edward stepped down from the throne so that he could marry American divorcee

feared there are members of Britain's high society who are not comfortable with Meghan's racial background.

Analysts view the Prince's action as similar to abdicating the throne. In December, 1936 King Edward stepped down from the throne so that he could marry American twice divorcee Wallis Simpson. As King, Edward was Head of the Church of England, and the Church did not support divorce.

It is not going to be that easy for the couple. What is lost on Prince Harry, in his love-struck innocence, is that the centuries-old monarchy is not just another institution. It carries the very essence of the British society, and what it means to be English. This nationalism is the main reason behind the UK's pursuit of Brexit.

For eons, sex in the Catholic Church has been a no-go zone for the clergy. That is why horrid stories of sexual abuse by the clergy, particularly paedophilia and homosexuality, have perennially been hushed up.

It is no longer a secret that priests are just

as randy, if not more than, your average bloke next door. These are open secrets, but the laity is either in denial, or has simply decided not to see, nor hear, any evil.

But the progressive, albeit radical, Pope Francis, is gradually uncovering the veil of secrecy that has bedevilled the church of St Peter for centuries. He is even flying where the saints dare not, by intimating that the church is considering ordaining married men to serve as priests, particularly in the sacramentally starved Amazon region.

But retired Pope Benedict XVI recently called for a stay of execution on this matter. According to the 92-year-old Pope Benedict, tampering with the centuries-old tradition of celibacy in the church is bound to mess up the priesthood vocation, as one cannot serve two masters at a time.

However, Pope Francis is on the right side of history. While I revere Pope Benedict's sentiments, I also believe time has come for the church to allow married men of integrity to serve as part-time priests.

In any case, there is no difference ordaining married men to serve as priests, faced with an increasing number of priests known to have mistresses and families. May be, it will also save the church from some of the sordid abuse scandals involving children.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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■ Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.

Let's redefine, protect Kenyan culture, heritage

Awards, recognitions and prestigious appointments often have a positive impact on the persona and status of those to that they are bestowed on. At a personal level, they characterise hard work and dedication of the individual to particular goals and causes. When undertaken on a wider scale, they recognise the unique qualities that a group, community or country possesses for particular tasks.

Last year, the UN community endorsed President Uhuru Kenyatta as the Global Champion for the Young Peoples' Agenda. His role as a champion has been to engender the youth's access to job and education activities across the globe.

This month, President Uhuru has been invited to be the AU culture and the arts champion, a role he has graciously accepted from Mali's President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta.

It is not only the pomp and colour of the invitation that makes it important for us. His selection provides an opportunity for the country to relook its commitments to the protection and promotion of our arts and cultural diversity.

Article 11 of the Constitution recognises culture as the foundation of our nation and as the cumulative civilisation of the Kenyan people. It requires the State to, among other things, promote all forms of national



SANDRA OCHOLA

Tribalism is eroding...our cultural diversity even as well as influx of foreign values

and cultural expression through literature, the arts, traditional celebrations, science, communication, information, mass media, publications, libraries and other cultural heritage. Parliament is also expected to enact legislation to ensure communities receive compensation or royalties for the use of their cultures and cultural heritage.

Articles 33 and 44 of the Constitution bolster the rights to language, culture and artistic expression.

At the regional level, the African Union has ratified varied instruments for the promotion of arts and culture in the continent. In particular, the Cultural Charter for Africa (1976) was replaced by the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance in (2006). In the latter instrument, African states recognise that, "despite cultural domination, which during the slave trade and the colonial era, led to the depersonalisation of part of the African peoples, falsified their history, systemically disparaged and combated African values, and tried to replace progressively and officially, their languages with that of the

coloniser, the African people were able to find in African culture, the necessary strength for resistance and liberation of the continent."

The role of culture within a society cannot be understated. It represents our entire achievement and provides a foundation for our wellbeing and interactions. The 2016 periodic report by UNESCO elucidates some of the policy contexts and measures that we have undertaken for the protection and promotion of the diversity in our cultural expressions.

Kenya has a national culture and heritage policy, whose objectives are to outline the role of culture in development and provide a means of a strong and vibrant national identity. It also seeks to promote the national values and principles as outlined in the Constitution and provides a favourable environment for the promotion of culture and the creative environment. The other policy instruments that exhort the role of arts and culture within our community include the education policy, information and communication policy, foreign affairs cultural diplomacy

policy and the trade policy on small and micro-enterprises.

Our institutional frameworks including the Sports, Culture and Heritage ministry, have also been given the mandate to harness and develop Kenya's cultural heritage. Ongoing collaborations between the government, private sector and the civil society are also contributing to the realisation of our cultural ideals.

Much more needs to be done, however, if we are to fully embrace our cultural individualities. As is, the question of what defines African culture currently has varied answers. Tribalism is eroding most of the positives of our cultural diversity even as the influx of foreign values and principles continues to hamper our cultural expressions.

We are also shunning our locally produced goods in favour of imports while inadequate copyright laws prevent many creatives from reaching their full potential.

As the President takes up his new position, it behooves us to work together towards rebranding our cultural space. This is especially important for the arts sector in which our younger generations can get the requisite support and guidance on how to embrace and promote their cultural identities.

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STREET TALK

Staff in song and dance as CS moved in shuffle

President Uhuru Kenyatta's Cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday was met with mixed reactions depending on varied interests. But at a ministry whose Cabinet Secretary was moved to a new docket, staff broke into song and dance. The CS, who staff accused of being arrogant and looking down on them, had warned employees to brace for a tough year, but it appears fate had different plans for her. The woman was moved to a "less powerful" docket, leaving her juniors in a celebratory mood.

Things looking up for renowned activist

The efforts of a civil society activist who has fashioned himself as a public interest defender seems to be finally paying off. Several organisations with various grievances have been lining up in his office with requests that he files cases on their behalf. But his new-found fortune has earned him enemies from his erstwhile friends, who accuse him of neglecting them after he "made it". The man no longer has to wait for donor funding.

MP's love for the bottle confounds colleagues

A Member of Parliament has become the subject of hushed conversations among his colleagues thanks to his drinking problem. The man is always late for committee meetings and shows up looking disheveled. He has had several run-ins with his colleagues for delaying flights when they are going for committee meetings out of town. He once showed up at the airport so late that the flight was nearly cancelled.

Have you seen this MP? Alert his electorate

He has a smooth tongue, especially when elections near. He will call you brother, sister, mother or whatever that makes you like him. You elect him. He goes missing. Have spotted him by any chance? This is the situation on the ground in a Nyanza constituency, where residents have accused their MP of neglecting them soon after electing him. The MP is said to spend most of his time in a neighbouring country where he runs a business and provides consultancy services to the country's government. He hardly shows up in Parliament and residents are wondering who represents their interests in the august House.



TRUTH IS: Live a life worth imitating by imitating Christ.

We must all pay tax, income source notwithstanding

There has been disquiet over the move by Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to re-introduction both the turnover (ToT) and presumptive tax, which small businesses feel is punitive.

My younger rebellious self would have advocated for them not to pay the taxes. But not today. Everyone needs to pay taxes, whether small-scale traders, established business or employed. If an employed person who earns as little as Sh12,250 a month pays a 10 per cent tax from their pay, why shouldn't an enterprise that possibly makes more, pay their 3 per cent turnover tax?

Before you lynch me, did you know that ToT is not a new tax? It was introduced in 2007, and was meant to simplify tax compliance for small businesses. Good news is, the turnover tax can be used to offset presumptive tax. This sounds more than fair.

Moreover, if one feels that the 3 per cent tax on each month's sales is too

NJERI MAINA

The employed cannot carry this country on their backs alone, just because they are easily nettable

much, they can write to the commissioner and choose to pay income tax instead, which is 30 per cent of the annual profits.

While many argue that the government will tax small and medium businesses out of business and that they are doing nothing to help grow industries, the perception is faulty and a gross exaggeration.

Why is no one commending the government for offering tax relief to plastic recycling companies for the first five years since commencement? They are also only required to pay 15 per cent corporation tax instead of 30 per cent.

The disputed 3 per cent of gross sales is small enough as not to stagger a trader out of business. How

is turnover tax unfair while no one complains when someone earning Sh12,250 gets taxed at 10 per cent. And how about artists, who pay 5 per cent withholding tax in spite of the fact that their income is irregular too? Some small scale traders turn over millions in profits despite their seemingly humble addresses.

As we all engage in debate about turnover tax, which does not affect most of us anyway, there are more pressing issues that we should be worried about. The housing levy, which is pending court judgment and the fuel tax. We conveniently forgot that the 16 per cent VAT on fuel and petroleum products, double what we pay today, kicked in last year on September 1, but after great pub-

lic uproar was suspended till September this year. In the meantime, the economy is shrinking, and our taxes, which we are none too happy to pay, are about to fund a referendum based on a document that most taxpayers have not even read.

The fact that the country's debt ceiling was raised does not exactly inspire confidence that our taxes are being spent well. But we all need to pay for all the public goods we enjoy; the good or bad roads, the security or lack thereof and the SGR debt.

We are in this together. We should all pay taxes, then worry about how it is being spent after we have all paid. Our uproar against misuse of our hard-earned money will be more collective and harmonious as we shall all be in equal pain. The employed cannot carry this country on their backs alone, just because they are easily nettable. AS KRA puts it, *tulipe ushuru tujitegemee*.

—The writer comments on social issues

#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



CS Peter Munya hit the ground running after he was named new Agriculture minister. KOT were in awe...

@VVanrey: What Peter Munya is doing right now is what is required of a serious minister.

@nduhiumutitu: Judging by the speed

Agriculture CS Peter Munya is moving with its obvious Kiunjuri lost his job long time ago. Something is not just right.

@DaphneyTororei: Good luck with his new assignment. It's a hot docket. Do your best.

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@Victor_Oduor_An: And this is how you take care of business. Not taking selfie with locust then post.

simoinspired: Peter Munya begins working immediately with a clear plan in combating the locusts. This guy might spin the Agriculture docket. Let's watch and see.

Famine looms as desert locusts head to bread basket counties

FAO warns that swarms of the ravenous insects are descending on Central Kenya and Rift Valley areas

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The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has warned that the country is facing a serious food crisis as the desert locusts begin to spread to counties in the Mt Kenya and Rift Valley regions.

Yesterday, the new Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya said Treasury had allocated Sh230 million towards the control of the locusts that have devastated many parts of the north-eastern region.

Speaking to the media at Kilimo House soon after taking over from Mwangi Kiunjuri who was sacked on Tuesday, Munya said the money will be used to hire three more spray aircrafts to fight locusts' swarms in Garissa, Marsabit and Mandera counties.

This will be an addition to two aircrafts from the Desert Locust Control Organisation of Eastern Africa that have been undertaking aerial control of the insects.

He said the Ministry had also received four aircrafts from Kenya Wildlife Services, Kenya Pipeline and Kenya Forest Service.

Munya said the ministry had deployed 145 experts to the affected areas to train and mobilise county teams that will support the control efforts.

"The ministry has formed a technical team that will strategies and guide the management of desert locust with members drawn from government, private sector and academia," he said.

Moving north

FAO says the locusts are currently in 12 counties of Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Moyale, Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu, Meru and Laikipia and are likely to move to Baringo, Turkana and Tana River.

"More swarms are expected in these areas as some are already moving north of Mt Kenya westwards to the Rift Valley (Baringo county)," said FAO in a statement.

An invasion of the food-rich Rift Valley and Central would aggravate the food shortage, considering the Ministry of Agriculture has reported that maize production fell by 11 million bags last year.

According to the Ministry, 33 million bags of maize were harvested in 2019 down from 44 million in 2018.

The drop is attributed to the late onset of the long rains and the outbreak of diseases such as fall army worms and unpredictable weather conditions.

With a significant single swarm of the immature swarm having already attacked an area measuring 60km long by 40km wide in the northeast, FAO said a single swarm can cover 1,200 square kilometres

and can contain between 40 and 80 million locusts per square kilometer.

FAO says a desert locust adult can consume roughly its own weight in fresh food, that is about two grams, per day.

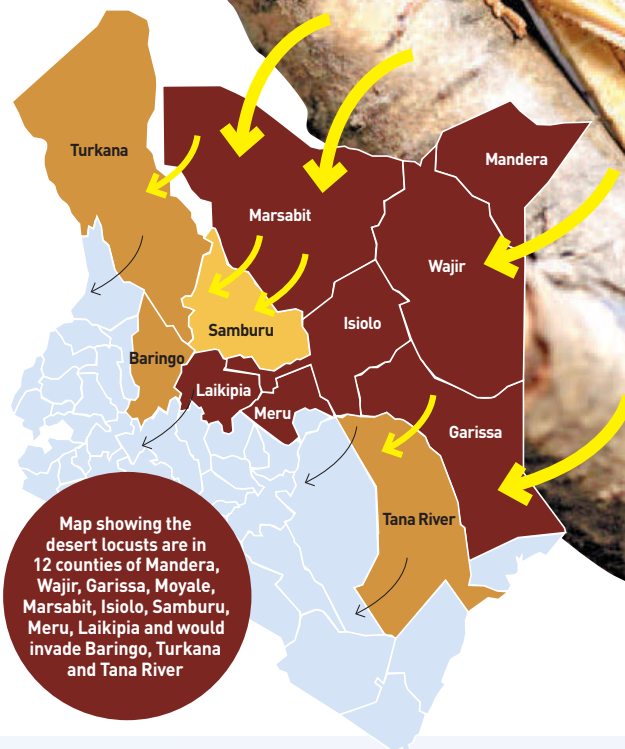
A very small part of an average swarm (or about one tonne of locusts) eats the same amount of food in one day as about 10 elephants or 25 camels or 2,500 people.

The spread is expected to continue northwest to Turkana county, while others will move west along the Ethiopian border, and some could move further south to Tana River county.

"In the Horn of Africa, there has been a significant and extremely dangerous increase in swarm activity during the past week in Kenya where numerous, large immature swarms are spreading from the initial invasion areas," warned FAO.

The locusts have moved from the north-east (Mandera county) south to Wajir and Garissa, west along the Ethiopian border (Moyale and Marsabit counties) and southwest into now central areas north of Mt Kenya (Isiolo, Samburu, Meru, and most recently Laikipia counties).

Entomological Society of Kenya chairman Muo Kasina says breeding sites, preferably wet grounds, should be targeted in the control campaign.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LOCUSTS

● Locusts are part of a large group of insects commonly known as grasshoppers, but which have big hind legs for jumping and also differ from grasshoppers in that they have the ability to change their behaviour and habits and can migrate over large distances.

● A desert locust lives for three to five months although this varies and depends on weather and ecological conditions.

● The life cycle comprises three stages: egg, hopper, and adult. Eggs hatch in about two weeks (the range is 10-65 days). Hoppers develop in five to six stages over a period of about 30-40 days, and adults mature in about three weeks to nine months but more frequently from two to four months.

● Desert locust females lay eggs in an egg pod primarily in sandy soils at a depth of 10-15 centimetres below the surface.

● A solitary female lays about 95-158 eggs whereas a gregarious female lays usually less than 80 eggs in an egg pod.

● Females can lay at least three times in their lifetime, usually at intervals of about 6-11 days. Up to 1,000 egg pods have been found in one square metre.

● Desert Locusts fly with the wind at a speed of about 16-19 km/h depending on the speed of the wind.



● Swarms can travel about 5-130 km or more in a day.

● When conditions are favourable for reproduction, locust numbers increase and when they are not, numbers decrease either by natural mortality or through migration.

For the Desert Locust, favourable conditions for breeding are:

(1) moist sandy or sand/clay soil to depths of 10-15cm below the surface, (2) some bare areas for egg-laying, and (3) green vegetation for hopper development.

● On the control of locusts, the current focus is primarily on pathogens and insect growth regulators.

● Control by natural predators and parasites is limited since locusts can quickly migrate from most natural enemies.

● Although giant nets, flamethrowers, lasers, and huge vacuums have been proposed in the past, these are not in use for locust control.

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square kilometres that a single swarm of locusts containing between 40 and 80 million locusts per square kilometre can cover. A single swarm of immature swarm has already attacked an area measuring 60 km long by 40 km wide in the northeast

2,500

the number of people who can eat the same amount of food as a single swarm of locusts per day. A single swarm (about one tonne of locusts) can also eat the same amount of food as 10 elephants and 25 camels per day, according to FAO.

158

the number of eggs that a solitary female locust can lay in one pod. A gregarious female lays 80 eggs in one pod. The egg pods are laid in sandy soils in a depth of between 10 and 15cm below the surface.

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kilometres that a swarm of locusts can travel in a single day. The desert locusts fly with the wind at a speed of between 16 and 19 km/h depending on the speed of the wind.

Kitui residents cry for help over rising snakebite cases

Mwingi residents suffer scourge of reptiles with victims pleading for compensation from KWS

by Margaret Kimathi
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Ann Muasa tosses and turns in her hospital bed at Mwingi Level Four Hospital.

The 15-year-old girl is supposed to have reported to school on Monday last week, but since December 28, she has been lying at the hospital after a snake bit her at their home in Kyuso ward.

Her mother Damaris Kavinya, sits pensively by her side, hoping her daughter will get well soon and go back to school.

"My daughter was supposed to report to school last week but she has been in hospital since she was bitten by snake. She will have to stay here until she recovers," says Kavinya.

In the same ward with Muasa are four women also victims of snakebites. The hospital administration says the institution has handled more than 10 cases since December.

Snake attacks have become rampant in most parts of Mwingi, Kitui county, with residents, especially those living in rural areas, spending sleepless nights out of fear of being bitten by the dreaded reptiles.

Areas that are most affected include Nguni, Nuu, Kyuso and Mui. Many people have been maimed for life and others lost lives after snakebites.

Judy Musyoka, 41, a resident of Mui, Mwingi Central sub-county, was hospitalised on New Year's Eve after a snake bit her on the left ankle as she harvested watermelon in her farm.

Snakes loitering in farms

Judy has called upon the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to capture all snakes in their farms and homesteads and conserve them in a museum to help curb the menace.

"The Kenya Wildlife Service should also reduce the lengthy compensation process. We are, however, more concerned about reports that KWS is longer paying residents who have been bitten by snakes," she said.

Lilian Wanza, 21, from Nguni was bitten by snake on Monday last week at their farm and was later taken to Mwingi Level IV Hospital where she is recuperating.

"We are dreading visiting our farms as the harvesting period approaches due to snakes that are not giving us peaceful moment to perform the duties," said Wanza.

Musyoka Nzung'u from Mui in Mwingi



Snakebite patients at the surgical ward of Mwingi Level Four Hospital. PD/MARGARET KIMATHI



Judy Musyoka, who was bitten on the left ankle



Lilian Wanza, another victim of snakebite.

KITUI SNAKE INFESTATION

● Snake attacks have become rampant in most parts of Mwingi in Kitui County with residents, especially those living in rural areas, being victims

● Locals and medics have a hard time handling the patients as most cannot identify the

Central, whose wife is hospitalised after a snakebite, has urged the government to fasten the compensation process to ensure victims of snakebites are compensated fairly and immediately.

"Some of the snakebite victims die without being compensated due to long process at KWS therefore the government should reduce that delay and compensate the victims immediately," said Nzung'u.

The doctor in charge of Mwingi Level Four Hospital surgical ward, Brian Achan-do, says there have been many cases of snakebites reported at the hospital and they have been able to handle most of them successfully.

Dr Achan-do said they have been having a hard time handling the patients as most cannot identify the type of snake that has bitten them, forcing doctors to use a universal anti-venom (Antiproliferant). The doctor, however says, it is always more effective when a specific anti-venom is administered.

Identify snakes

"The common snakes that are attacking people in the Mwingi area are Black mamba, cobra and puff adder and the most victims are women," said Achan-do.

Mwingi Level IV Hospital consultant physician John Karanga, says Kitui is one of the counties with many cases of snakebites especially during hot and dry season.

Dr Karanga emphasised that anti-snake venoms are supplied by Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (Kemsco) and are administered to the patients for free hence residents should visit the hospital immediately they suspect to have been struck by a snake.

Karanga has urged the victims to identify the type of snake that has attacked them if possible, so as to make the treatment more effective.

"I would also like to urge the residents to be wearing protective gears when visiting their farms as precautionary measure," added Karanga.

BRIEFLY

Insurance against wildlife attacks

The government is considering insurance cover for victims of human-wildlife conflict after monies paid to affected individuals rose to Sh1.2 billion in the last four years. Wildlife PS Fred Segor (pictured), funds set for compensating victims of wildlife attacks had risen from Sh147 million in 2014-15 to Sh439 million in 2018-19. At least 163 families have been compensated in the last four years. "Since the community wildlife conservation committee came into force in January 2014, the government had released over Sh1.2 billion towards compensation," he said. The PS noted that between 2014 and 2017, there were 13,125 compensation claims, which had been presented to the ministry with 4,722 deferred due to lack of relevant documents.

- Henry Andanje



Residents protest water shortage

Residents of Litein town and its environs have demanded Kericho County government supply them with water. The residents, led by Council of the Kipsigis Elders secretary Edwin Kimetto demanded explanation from the county over the shortage that has hit the area in the past two months. "We demand answers from the county administration. They have not addressed the problem yet water consumers pay water bills promptly," said Kimetto. The residents, schools, hotels and hospitals are now using untreated water from streams and springs. The shortage has been caused by the disconnection of power at the pump at intake point on Irat River in Bomet County after Kericho Water and Sanitation Company allegedly failed to pay Sh31 million bill.

-Philip Yegon

IFAD pledges help for aquaculture

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has pledged to support aquaculture farming in Busia County in a bid to boost food security. Samuel Macharia of IFAD said Busia is one of the 15 counties earmarked to benefit from a multi-million-shilling funding programme to be undertaken this year. "The first task will be to form County Implementation programme committee, which will be chaired by the Governor or any other appointee and the County implementation team headed by county programme coordinator," he said. Macharia said Busia will be among other counties whose funding will be rolled out in July this year. He was speaking when the team paid a courtesy call on Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong in his office.

- Henry Andanje

Widow demands husband burial permit

by Bernice Mbugua
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A widow wants the Medical Superintendent at Mama Lucy Hospital cited for contempt of court for refusing to release the burial permit of her husband who passed away in October last year.

The body of Paul Mwangi has been lying at the Kenyatta University mortuary and cannot be released for burial because the hospital issued the burial permit to a woman who was co-habiting

with her husband.

Veronica Njeri Ngugi claims that despite a court order directing the hospital to release the burial permit to her son Anthony Njoroge and her brother-in-law Bernard Nguni, the hospital has failed to comply.

The mother of three wants a warrant of arrest issued against the hospital's Medical superintendent for disobeying the court order, which was issued on December 9 last year.

The 50-year-old woman had

moved to court following after the burial permit was issued to Jennifer Njoki, who was allegedly cohabiting with the deceased.

Njeri argued she was Mwangi's legal wife having solemnised their marriage at a Christian wedding in 1990 and had three children.

The court directed the hospital to cancel the burial permit issued to Njoki and issue another one to Njeri's son and her brother-in-law so mortuary could release his body.



BRIEFLY

Guards seized over theft of Sh6m coffee in Murang'a

Coffee farmers from Gathinja Coffee Factory in Kahuro sub-county, Murang'a county are counting losses after 150 bags of parchment coffee worth Sh6 million was stolen on Tuesday night. The gang, suspected to be using a lorry, carted away the coffee from the stores and drying tables. Farmers, led by Rebecca Wanjiru accused the management committee of colluding with the thugs as the coffee was ready for dispatch on Wednesday. "We were hoping to get some cash after sale of the produce but all

is lost," she said. Wanjiru asked police to investigate the theft since this is not the first time coffee is being stolen from the factory and no recovery has ever been made. Factory chairman Francis Githinji said he received a call from one of the managers informing him of the incident, saying he immediately alerted the police who went to the factory but the thieves had already left. He said police have arrested the three guards, who were on duty, to help with investigations.

-Wangari Njuguna

Pharmacist charged with abducting girl in Kisumu

A suspect linked to the disappearance of a 14-year-old girl in Kisumu 10 days ago was yesterday charged with abduction. Joel Wanda, a pharmacist at St Elizabeth Chiga Hospital in Kisumu East sub-county appeared before Winam Senior Resident Magistrate Fatuma Rashid charged with intent to confine the minor. The court heard that on January 5, while at Kisumu central bus park, the accused secretly abducted the girl. Wanda pleaded not guilty to the charges. Benjamin Odhiambo, a



lawyer representing the girl's family asked the court to consider the fact that the minor had not been found while giving him bond. He was released on a Sh100,000 bond. The case will be mentioned on January 31.

-Viola Kosome

Aga Khan University now unveils new programmes

The Aga Khan University, East Africa has announced three new degree programmes in Kenya that are expected to start in August. This follows Commission for University Education approval last year. The programmes are Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation, Master of Science in Advanced Practice Midwifery and Master of Sci-

ence in Advanced Practice Nursing. Graduate School of Media and Communications interim dean Alex Awiti said the university will offer Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation, which seeks to support visionary leadership and enhance capacity to discover innovative solutions to current and future problems.

-Irene Githinji

A ranger looks after Fatu and Najin, the only remaining Northern white rhinos in the world at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia.

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Scientists create third embryo to save white rhinos

Eggs harvested from two remaining female rhinos as Tourism CS terms development a big win for Kenya and its partners

by Bernard Gitau
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Scientists and conservationists have created a third embryo, reviving hopes of saving the Northern white rhinos from extinction.

The milestone comes four months after the ground-breaking first "ovum pickup" in August, and repeated with Northern white rhinos Najin and Fatu on December 17 at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia county.

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala has termed the development a big win for Kenya and its partners, as the species faces the threat of imminent extinction.

He said there are only two Northern female white rhinos; Najin and Fatu, in the whole world and hosted by Kenya.

"We are glad that the Northern white rhino in-vitro fertilisation project by a con-

sortium of scientists and conservationists collaborative partnership has been able to successfully produce three pure embryos ready for implantation into southern white rhino as surrogate mothers in coming months," he said.

The consortium of scientists and conservationists are from Kenya, Czech Republic, Germany and Italy.

"I urge the scientists to continue digging deeper into technology and innovations to ensure that not only this concerned species does not go extinct, but other species that are faced with similar threats," he said.

He said Kenya is at the centre of this scientific breakthrough which makes the country proud and it's amazing to see that its possible to reverse the tragic loss of this subspecies through science.

KERIAKO TOBIKO

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THE PROCEDURE

● After incubating and maturing nine eggs, four from Fatu and one from Najin were fertilised with sperm using a procedure called Intra Cytoplasm Sperm Injection.

● Out of five fertilised eggs from Fatu developed into a viable embryo. The embryo is now stored in liquid nitrogen with the two embryos from the first procedures.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy managing director Richard Vigne said the country has taken yet another small step along the road of saving the Northern white rhino from extinction.

"We have a long way to go and success is far from assured, but Kenya continues to play her part at the centre of a multinational collaboration to save this species. Let us hope for news of a successful Northern white rhino pregnancy in the not too distant future," he said.

Surrogate mother

"Having produced another embryo again from Fatu and none from Najin indicates that we cannot waste more time as aging of the animals is not a favourable condition," Cesare Galli, Director, Avantea.

The animals were placed under general anaesthetic and nine immature egg cells (oocytes)—three from Najin and six from Fatu—were harvested from the animals' ovaries using a probe guided by ultrasound.

In December 2019, the team also transported the semen of Sudan, the last Northern white rhino male that died in March 2018, from Kenya to Germany.

The aim is to use it in future for production of more embryos.

No please! NCPB halts uptake of maize amid moisture content concerns

by Winstone Chiseremi
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Maize farmers in the North Rift will have to wait longer before they deliver produce to the National Cereals and Produce Board amid concern of the cereal's high moisture content.

Most farmers have harvested their crop while others are yet to do so owing to heavy rains pounding some parts of the region in the past weeks.

NCPB North Rift branch manager Gilbert Rotich told farmers they should not expect to access the depots any time soon as no arrangements have been made to allow them to start delivering produce to the facilities.

Speaking to the press in Eldoret yesterday, Rotich told the farmers to be patient, saying the government was yet to give them the green light to open the silos.



"We are still waiting for instructions from the head office in Nairobi in regards to opening of the depots. Farmers will be forced to wait a bit longer before they can access the depots," said Rotich.

Transport costs

He was reacting to complaints by farmers from Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet and Transnzoia counties over delay by the government to open

the silos saying their maize has started rotting because of lack of proper storage.

Led by Kimutai Kolum and Gilbert Korgoret, they also appealed to the government to build additional silos to help contain post-harvest losses.

"There is urgent need to construct at least two depots in each county where maize is grown in large scale to cut down on transport costs," he said.

NYERI

Calls to shelve road works in Aberdare

A conservation agency wants the government to shelve plans to construct the 54km road through the Aberdare forest, warning it would have negative impact on the fragile ecosystem. Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) plans to upgrade the Ithite-Aberdare Forest-Kiandogoro Gate-Mutubio Gate-Kahuruko-Ndunyu Njeru road which passes through the closed canopy forest, a project which was mooted almost a decade ago but shelved due environmental concerns, to ease transport in Mt Kenya region. Rhino Ark Executive Director Christian Lambrechts said yesterday that the agency had serious concerns about the negative impact of the road crossing the forest, adding that alternative routes exist which would have a minimal environmental impact on the forest conservation.

-Peter Leshan



UASIN GISHU

Grabbers given notice to surrender property

The government has issued a seven-day ultimatum to individuals linked to public land grabbing in Uasin Gishu to surrender the property or face arrest. Speaking during a security meeting at Kipkenyo Ward in Kapseret on Monday, County Commissioner Abdi Jaldesa warned that perpetrators of the vice will be arrested and charged in court if they don't surrender the land. He accused the individuals whom he termed as untouchable of being behind cartels that have grabbed prime property and public land making reclamation difficult. He said the vice has been thriving in the past due to impunity and vowed to ensure the perpetrators are brought to book.

-Winstone Chiseremi

KITENGELA

Workers demand their terminal dues

Employees of Prime Steel company in Kitengela are up in arms over alleged unprocedural termination of their contracts. They are also demanding to be paid their dues for the years they have worked. The workers said they had been served with a notice to proceed on 21 days leave only to be told their contracts had been terminated at the end of the leave. "The employer should pay us our termination dues as we make the next move of looking for employment elsewhere," said Wilson Akhasibia, one of the affected workers. Efforts to reach the company management for comment has been futile.

-Christine Musa

It's a meal a day as shortage of food hits Busia hospital

Deputy governor says issues occasioned by State delays to disburse funds, assures its being addressed

by Henry Andanje
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Patients at Busia County Referral Hospital have been surviving on a meal a day for the last two weeks, due to food shortage.

Investigations done by *People Daily* established that most patients are brought food by their relatives, while others are forced to buy from outside the hospital.

"The hospital has only been offering us porridge without sugar for the last three days," said a patient at the facility only identified as Elijah.

"We are forced to buy food from outside. Patients are really suffering," he added.

Christopher Odhiambo said patients are fed on ugali and beans, adding that they are served with porridge at 11 am.

He alleged that security guards at the hospital's main gate must be bribed in order to allow relatives, bringing food from home for their patients, to enter.

A visitor, who identified herself as only Susan, and who had gone to see a relative admitted there, said: "The referral hospital is a mess, Governor Sospeter Ojaamong should address the situation," said Susan.



Busia Deputy Governor Moses Mulomi addresses the press at a recent function.
PD/FILE

Busia Deputy Governor Moses Mulomi confirmed the hospital is experiencing food shortage but the situation is being addressed.

Mulomi who is also the Health Executive, admitted that the problem came up as a result of the national government delaying to release funds to county governments on time. "It is true the hospital is experiencing food shortage, but we now have enough money to purchase food."

He said the current situation at the hospital should not be blown out of proportion

because the county government has put in place proper measures to solve the problem once and for all.

At the same time, the Chief Officer for Health Dr Isaac Omeri denied claims that in patients were starving, adding that plans have been made to acquire food from other suppliers.

Omeri said the hospital has in-patients ranging from 250 to 300, adding that measures have been taken to ensure that patients in other six public sub-county hospitals get adequate food.

SHORTAGE

● Patients have been surviving on a meal a day for the last two weeks, due to a food shortage at the hospital.

● Deputy Governor said the situation is a result of the national government delaying to release funds to county governments.

● Health Chief Officer says plans have been made to acquire food from other suppliers.



Musicians dismiss Kamanda claims

Some musicians from Mt Kenya region have dismissed remarks by Nominated MP Maina Kamanda, claiming some artistes from the region are being paid by Deputy President William Ruto to compose songs against President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Speaking in a video that has gone viral on social media, musicians Muigai Njoroge (pictured) and Ngaruiya Junior rubbished Kamanda's remark terming it untruth and skewed to help him gain political mileage.

The nominated MP, while addressing a press conference in Nairobi recently, claimed that the musicians have been receiving millions from the DP to compose songs that seemingly object President Uhuru's leadership.

-Mathew Ndung'u

Nairobi-Nanyuki railway gets Sh3b for rehabilitation

by Bernard Gitau
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The rehabilitation of the 240km Nairobi-Nanyuki railway has received a boost after the National government released Sh3 billion for the works.

The railway line which will cover Central Kenya Economic Bloc (Cekeb), which has 10 counties, aims at boosting the transport of agricul-

tural produce and oil.

Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia who is also the chair of the bloc on Monday revealed they have secured initial funding of Sh3 billion from the government.

"The negotiations by the Transport ministry has been successful and we want to assure our people the rehabilitation and upgrading of various stations will commence before the end month," said Kimemia.



Going digital!

Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia (centre) and Family Bank Ol Kalou branch manager Harun Chege (right) launch digitised disbursement of bursary at Kasuku Stadium in Nyandarua West, yesterday. Bursary worth about Sh40 million was distributed to university and colleges students. PD/ DAVID MACHARIA



State banks on austerity measures to tame debt

Treasury seeks to provide a balance between revenues and expenditure to keep fiscal deficit in check

by Zachary Ochuodho
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The National Treasury has kicked off public hearings for the 2020/21 financial year budget with a promise to deal with unrealistic budget deficits and wild spending while boosting inadequate revenue collection with minimal borrowing.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said the government will bank on the austerity measures, which it adopted two years ago, to enhance growth.

"We need to prepare for the austerity measures. We will cut our coat according to our size," the CS said adding that the government will undertake fiscal consolidation to ensure that the budget deficit is reduced to 3.5 per cent of the gross domestic product.

He said the consolidation policy will provide and maintain a balance between revenues and expenditures so as to ensure that the overall fiscal deficit is kept under control and to a bare minimum to safeguard macro-economic stability.

Bills payment

The CS said Treasury will ensure that those who deliver services to both county and national governments are paid promptly so that the country can grow equitably.

He argued that despite the emerging global challenges, Kenya's economy has remained strong and resilient and will grow at a rate of 6.1 per cent in 2020.

Yatani said that despite the growth of the economy at above five per cent, challenges still exist. He said the hurdles include high-income inequalities, high levels of unemployment especially among the youth and poverty, which the policies put in place intend to address.

He said Kenya's economic growth has



Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani during a budget public hearing session at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi, yesterday. PD/ALICE MBURU

remained resilient at an average of 5.6 per cent for the last five years saying there are widespread perceptions that the growth may not have trickled down to the poor.

Housing shortage

Other issues which will also be addressed are inadequate infrastructure, housing shortage, food insecurity, communicable and non-communicable diseases and water and sanitation problems.

He said the government is currently undertaking several reforms aimed at addressing obstacles to rapid economic growth. This will help in the delivery of the Big Four agenda: Food Security and Nutrition, Universal Health Coverage, Affordable and Decent Housing for all Kenyans and supporting value addition and raising the manufacturing sector share of GDP to 15 per cent by 2022.

7pc

The government's desired gross domestic product growth as contained in the 2020 Budget Policy Statement medium term fiscal framework

The CS said to address the challenges of income inequalities and unemployment, the government would endeavour to implement programmes and institute policy measures aimed at making growth more inclusive.

"We shall pursue measures that will avail liquidity to the private sector, including initiating innovative products to boost credit to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as well as enforcing compliance of earlier directives of prompt and full payment of all pending bills by governments," he said.

To ensure quick economic growth the government will present the 2020 Budget Policy Statement to the National Assembly containing the firmed-up medium-term fiscal framework.

The CS said the 2020 Budget Policy Statement medium-term fiscal framework will be based on achieving an economic growth rate of seven per cent over the medium-term, mobilising revenue collection to more than 20 per cent of the GDP, containing expenditure to below 23 per cent of the GDP and reducing budget deficit to about 3.5 per cent of the GDP.



CS Munya directs New KCC to buy milk at Sh33 a litre

AGRICULTURE: Dairy farmers will immediately start benefitting from a raft of measures President Uhuru Kenyatta put in place after the government increased farm gate prices from Sh26 to Sh33 per litre.

The move which targets farmers affiliated to the New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (New KCC) is, however, expected to trigger price hike in the market from other dairy processors.

Newly appointed Agriculture Cabinet secretary Peter Munya yesterday directed the government-owned dairy processor to improve prices.

Processing capacity

"Following the directive by President Uhuru Kenyatta on Tuesday this week that National Treasury to release Sh500 million to New KCC to enable it purchase excess milk from farmers to convert it into powder milk for future use, we have agreed with the company to increase farm gate prices by about 18 per cent to cushion farmers against the current glut in the market," he said.

Speaking during his first press conference at Kilimo House, Nairobi, Munya explained that the Sh33 price tag was derived following an analysis of the current quantities and processing capacity.

"Our duty as a government is to protect the small scale farmers against inefficiencies in the market. We uphold competition market regulations and thus we cannot apply unethical business tactics," he added.

Munya denied accusations that the government is distorting the market by setting new prices which is prohibited under the com-

petition laws.

During the press conference Munya also briefed media on the locusts invasion and ongoing control measures being put in place countrywide.

He also announced that coffee farmers will start receiving payments for their produce from the New KPCU which will for the first time be digitised to fast track the process, adding that coffee farmers will be paid 40 per cent of their produce or Sh20 per Kg, money which will come from the Sh3 billion Revolving Fund announced by Uhuru on Tuesday.

Munya also disclosed that amendments have already been crafted to regulate coffee cooperatives.

He said most societies were formed to rip-off poor farmers.

"The proposed law seeks to establish how many members are required for a cooperative to be registered," said Munya.

Cheap products

Munya said that the government has banned millers from importing rice and instead directed that they buy from local farmers through the Kenya National Trading Corporation.

"Cheap products have flooded the market," he said.

Addressing the ills facing the tea industry, he said regulations will be put in place to licence only those brokers that add value before exporting tea.

He, however, said that the government will provide a common user facility to support small scale dealers who lack the capacity to add value to their tea.

— Nicholas Waitathu and Anthony Mwangi

BRIEFLY



M-Pesa cohort to access training

ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

Safaricom will spend at least Sh1 million for each of its 96 cohort of Form Four leavers in a year-long entrepreneurship leadership programme. The programme will nurture their talents and business acumen in technology, business development, science, artistry and life skills. Students will learn from intellectuals from different fields as they prepare to join

universities next year. M-Pesa Foundation academy chief executive Les Baillie said the course will act as a bridge for the students to transition to university life. Speaking when he launched the programme at the Thika-based facility, Baillie said that most of the students have already ventured into different enterprises.

— Mathew Ndung'u and Oliver Musembi

Tough time for Windows 7 users as Microsoft ends support

HACKERS: Kenya's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) without elaborate firewalls to protect data from hackers face hard times ahead, after Microsoft withdrew its support for the popular Windows 7 operating system (OS).

The end of Windows 7 has coincided with a warning from Kaspersky security, of the existence of thousands of notifications of malware attacks to banks in sub-

Saharan Africa by hackers from the Silence group—Russian hackers.

The US global technology firm said it ceased offering security updates, non-security quick-fix engineering updates, free or paid assisted support options and online technical content for the OS on Tuesday. Windows 7 is preferred by most Kenyan SMEs, who use it to run their enterprise programmes.

Edwin Kariuki, Country Manager,

Continuity East Africa at technology firm Internet Solutions said in days to come, SMEs will be exposed to insecurity vulnerability because vendors will no longer do patching.

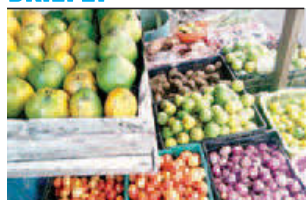
Patching is a technology terminology referring to set of changes to a computer programme or its supporting data designed to update, fix, or improve it. Computers running Windows 7 will still function after January 14, but they will become

less and less secure. After this date, only those willing to pay for the extended updates will continue to receive patches and security fixes.

Microsoft is urging people or organisations to move to Windows 10, a newer OS system. However, Microsoft has agreed to extend a helping, if not cheap, hand to businesses of all sizes who will now be able to pay for extended security updates. —Noel Wandera



BRIEFLY



SMEs to pay turnover tax via mobile phone

PLATFORM: The government has simplified tax payment procedures for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) by enabling them remit their taxes through mobile payment platforms.

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner for Domestic Taxes Elizabeth Meyo said under the simplified regime, taxpayers will not be required to prepare complex records of accounts.

"The eligible taxpayers will only be required to keep a daily gross sales record," she said, adding that MSMEs will register for turnover tax and presumptive tax online through the iTAX system or through their mobile phones.

Payment menu

"Login to www.itax.go.ke, select 'file turnover tax return' under their returns menu, complete the return menu and submit. After filing the return, go to the payment menu, select 'Payment', declare the amount filed and generate the payment slip. Follow the steps in the payment slip to make the payment," she explained.

The National Treasury has targeted to widen its tax bracket by roping in MSME through the re-introduced Turnover Tax (TOT) and Presumptive Tax by enacting the Finance Act 2019.

First introduced in 2007, and subsequently repealed, TOT requires MSMEs with an annual turnover of less than Sh5 million to account for tax at 3 per cent of their gross monthly sales, on or before the 20th day of the following month, via the iTax platform.

The tax came into effect on January 1. However, there has been concern on how the Turnover tax will be collected, with traders, though willing to pay the tax are, however, ignorant on the remittance method.

In an advert carried in national dailies yesterday, Meyo outlined other benefits of TOT, stating that there would be reduced expenses there being no need for accountants and reduced time for filing and paying taxes.

There will also be no requirement for the MSMEs to invest in computers and electronic tax registers

—Noel Wandera

Intrigues of corner office fights in cash-rich energy parastatals

State-owned firms become the latest fertile ground for competing political interests, corporate plots

by Seth Onyango

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Surging high-octane back room lobbying for top positions in State enterprises is affecting service delivery within the multi-billion energy sector where firms have been operating without substantive heads for years.

In the wake, Business Hub noted that National Oil Corporation of Kenya (Nock) and Geothermal Development Company (GDC) have launched the hunt for a chief executive officer and managing director respectively, in a vicious jockeying to fill vacant positions at the plum corner offices.

At Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), what appears like power barons jostling for the MD's post saw a Nairobi court block the appointment of Macharia Irungu last month. Employment and Labour Relations Court Judge Hellen Wasilwa ruled that Hudson Andambi will continue serving in an acting capacity pending the determination of a case filed by activist Okiya Omtatah.

Score sheet

In his petition, Omtatah wants the court to compel the KPC board to produce the score sheets showing how each member of the interviewing panel ranked the candidates.

The activist also demanded the scores awarded to each of them and the criteria used in selecting the three shortlisted candidates, throwing a spanner into the works regarding Irungu's appointment.

With the corner office at KPC, Nock and GDC up for grabs, attention is now shifting to the power brokers and boardrooms intrigues that will determine the next occupant of the positions, at some of Kenya's most lucrative positions.

As the hunt intensifies, focus will be on Nock which heralded heated boardroom wars immediately after the resignation of then chief executive officer Jane Mwangi.

Her exit was, however, short-lived after the board renewed her contract and soon after terminating it in an unprecedented turn of events after.

Having picked James Nyamongo who worked at KPC to replace her, the board saw the decision being overruled by Mining and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary (CS) John Munyes.

The CS then appointed George Kubai as

Corporate leaders

National Oil Corporation of Kenya (Nock)



Acting Managing Director George Kubai who until his appointment served the firm as GM for downstream operations.



James Nyamongo was bundled out of office barely a week after being appointed interim boss, one of the shortest stints as CEO in a major Kenyan firm.



Mary Jane Mwangi parted ways with the State corporation last year after opting not to renew her contract.

Geothermal Development Company (GDC)



Johnson ole Nchoe has been re-appointed as managing director and Chief Executive Officer of the State energy firm for period of one year.



Former acting CEO Godwin Mwawongo was among six senior managers suspended in August 2015 over a dispute involving an inflated tender.



Founding chief executive Silas Simiyu resigned in March 2015 after he was adversely mentioned in tender irregularities.

Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC)



Macharia Irungu's appointment as new Managing Director ran into headwinds after the court ordered his predecessor to stay put.



Acting managing director Hudson Andambi was appointed to run the company in December 2018 after the arrest of the firm's top brass.



Joe Sang quit as MD after the board invited crime busters to investigate the disappearance of more than 21 million litres of fuel.

OMTATAH

Failure to disclose the outcome of the first advert went against Article 35(3) of the Constitution on the right to access information.

the Acting CEO awaiting a substantive one, all these happening in a span of a month, as the posts where decisions of the highest levels are made await filling. The latest development at the oil corporation is the third attempt to get a substantive boss.

Munyes defended Irungu's appointment and confirmed that he was among 88 others who were interviewed by the board but Members of Parliament read mischief in Irungu's appointment, accusing the board of orchestrating a corporate coup against Andambi who was poised to take up the position.

Interviews for the nine shortlisted candidates for the post took place in November 2019 amid claims by some Members of Parliament that the board was planning to impose its preferred candidate.

Omtatah on his part claimed that failure to disclose the outcome of the first advert went against Article 35(3) of the Constitution on the right to access information.

"The second advert was irregular and unlawful since the applicants of the first advert didn't know what happened to their applications," he said in his petition.

At GDC, the contract for chief executive Johnson ole Nchoe was renewed last year, awaiting a new head after consultations

between the Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter and GDC board of directors. Keter offered the GDC boss a one-year contract amid reports of opposition by the board.

His predecessor, Silas Simiyu, also fell out with the board, prompting his resignation in March 2015 after he was adversely mentioned in tender irregularities.

Eight months after his exit, the board suspended six GDC managers: Acting CEO Godwin Mwawongo, company secretary Praxidis Saisi, tender committee members Abraham Saat, Peter Ayodo, Caleb Mbayi and Nicholas Karume.

Gas project

Nock which was also used by the government to deepen use of cooking gas cannot explain the whereabouts of an estimated Sh3 billion set aside for the Mwananchi Gas project which was meant to safeguard the poor from respiratory diseases caused by the use of firewood.

Obviously, the boardroom wars at these State corporations in the energy sector are seen as part of a bigger ploy to control their massive resources, with cartels pushing their own to the corner office.

CBK ill-placed to tame rogue banks - expert

With interest rate cap repeal there are not many tools regulator can use to wage war on predatory lenders as market forces of demand and supply are now at play

by Lewis Njoka
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An order by President Uhuru Kenyatta that Central Bank uses all the instruments at its disposal to ensure banks offer affordable loans in an unregulated environment could run into headwinds.

Upon the repeal of interest rates, there was widespread fear commercial banks would revert to charging exorbitant interests on loans as was the case before 2016 (when rate cap was introduced) since without such law it is expected the law of demand and supply will come into play.

"I urge the Central Bank to use the full range of instruments of regulation and policy at its disposal to prevent predatory lending and ensure that banks can offer loans at affordable interest rates," Uhuru said.

"The law was introduced following a public outcry against the high cost of credit. The implementation of the law was expected to lower the cost of credit and also increase access to credit. Unfortunately, the law has had an adverse effect on the economy and reduced the amount of available credit," he added.

Cautionary measures

However, Edward Kusewa, an Economics lecturer at St Paul's University, says there are not many tools CBK can use to ensure low interest rates, save for cautionary measures such as promoting transparency and adherence to banking ethics.

"There isn't much the CBK can do now that we are in a liberal market. It is now up to the market forces of demand and supply to determine the rate. If CBK finds that a bank is overcharging way above the rest, it could withdraw its operating licence. By overcharging you lose customers as a bank," said Kusewa.

He said other instruments, such as quantitative easing and balance sheet reduction commonly used in the developed world could not be applied in Kenya as the country has a huge debt deficit.

The use of CBK lending rate in determining that of commercial banks made it difficult for the banking regulator to use the tool in altering the economy's liquidity, taming inflation,

strengthening the exchange rate, hence, affecting CBK's ability to steer the economy.

In February, CBK issued commercial banks with the Kenya Banking Sector Charter, a document that seeks to entrench ethical banking responsive to customer needs.

The charter, signed by all banks, requires banks to adopt responsible pricing, full disclosure of charges and fees, customer centricity, and ethical culture.

Existing loans

In its submission to Parliament just before the 2019 Finance Bill was passed into law, Kenya Bankers Association, on behalf of commercial banks, promised not to increase interest rates on existing loans, as had been the practice in the previous years.

The bankers' lobby said only new borrowers would pay new rates depending on each individual's risk profile.

"Banks are committed to maintaining the current customers' loan contracts within the existing contractual framework. It is only new loan contracts that will be risk-priced post the repeal of the interest rate capping law," the memorandum signed by KBA chief executive Habil Olaka said.

LENDING RATES

● **President Uhuru Kenyatta has asked CBK to rein in rogue lenders that inflate the cost of borrowing for businesses and households after the scrapping of the legal caps on interest rates last November.**

● **The Head of State on November 7 signed the Finance Bill 2019 into the law, bringing to an end the September 2016 legal ceilings on loan interest charges.**



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

| HIGH | LOW | SECTOR | VWAP | PREVIOUS | TOTAL SHARES |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| 17.60 | 10.00 | Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 | | 10.40 | |
| 460.00 | 290.00 | Kakini Pic Ord 5.00 | | 360.00 | |
| 100.00 | 57.00 | Kapchora Tea Kenya Pic Ord 5.00 | | 75.00 | |
| 605.00 | 405.00 | The Limuru Tea Co. Pic Ord 20.00 | | 450.00 | |
| 22.70 | 14.00 | Sasini Pic Ord 1.00 | 17.70 | 17.45 | 500 |
| 178.00 | 125.00 | Williamson Tea Kenya Pic Ord 5.00 | | 134.00 | |

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

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|-------|-------|---------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| 27.00 | 20.00 | Car & General (KI) Ltd Ord 5.00 | | 24.00 | |
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BANKING

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|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|-----------|
| 13.05 | 9.54 | Barclays Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50 | 13.60 | 13.50 | 50,600 |
| 31.00 | 28.00 | BK Group Pic Ord 0.50 | | 28.00 | |
| 166.00 | 100.00 | Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00 | 117.25 | 117.00 | 39,100 |
| 55.50 | 32.50 | Equity Group Holdings Pic Ord 0.50 | 52.00 | 53.00 | 5,004,400 |
| 7.90 | 3.38 | HF Group Pic Ord 5.00 | 5.98 | 5.76 | 147,400 |
| 126.00 | 42.50 | I&M Holdings Pic Ord 1.00 | 57.75 | 57.75 | 35,400 |
| 55.50 | 34.50 | KCB Group Pic Ord 1.00 | 51.50 | 53.75 | 2,649,800 |
| 6.50 | 3.22 | National Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 | | 4.12 | |
| 41.00 | 25.35 | NCBA Group Pic Ord 0.50 | 36.70 | 36.50 | 93,600 |
| 115.00 | 83.00 | Stanbic Holdings Pic Ord 5.00 | 105.25 | 110.00 | 1,100 |
| 225.00 | 168.00 | Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 | 205.50 | 208.00 | 14,000 |
| 17.00 | 10.05 | The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 | 15.90 | 16.05 | 266,600 |

COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES

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|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|---------|
| 5.10 | 0.45 | Deacons (East Africa) Pic Ord 2.50 | | 0.45 | |
| 1.30 | 0.82 | Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 | 1.13 | 1.12 | 5,600 |
| 8.50 | 5.00 | Express Kenya Pic Ord 5.00 | | 6.28 | |
| 9.50 | 1.89 | Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00 | 2.24 | 2.05 | 24,400 |
| 8.80 | 4.40 | Longhorn Publishers Pic Ord 1.00 | 6.40 | 6.48 | 12,100 |
| 1.20 | 0.65 | Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00 | 0.74 | 0.70 | 600 |
| 71.00 | 35.00 | Nation Media Group Pic Ord 2.50 | 37.80 | 35.95 | 7,000 |
| 4.70 | 1.72 | Sameer Africa Pic Ord 5.00 | 2.92 | 2.82 | 5,900 |
| 33.00 | 22.00 | Standard Group Pic Ord 5.00 | 27.00 | 25.20 | 100 |
| 25.15 | 14.80 | IPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 | 17.95 | 18.45 | 42,100 |
| 0.95 | 0.23 | Uchumi Supermarket Pic Ord 5.00 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 439,700 |
| 22.00 | 9.90 | WPP Scorgroup Pic Ord 1.00 | 19.20 | 18.60 | 4,300 |

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

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|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 8.35 | 2.40 | ARM Cement Pic Ord 1.00 | | 5.55 | |
| 145.75 | 72.00 | Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 1.00 | 76.00 | 76.25 | 2,800 |
| 92.00 | 62.00 | Crown Paints Kenya Pic Ord 5.00 | | 64.75 | |
| 3.98 | 1.95 | E.A. Cable Ltd Ord 0.50 | 2.51 | 2.53 | 2,400 |
| 20.50 | 13.00 | E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00 | | 13.20 | |

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

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|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|---------|
| 7.40 | 4.97 | KenGen Co. Pic Ord 2.50 | 5.64 | 5.68 | 403,100 |
| 5.50 | 2.65 | Kenya Power & Lighting Co Pic Ord 2.50 | 2.98 | 3.00 | 150,100 |
| 5.50 | 5.00 | Kenya Power & Lighting Pic 4% Pref 20.00 | | 5.00 | |
| 4.00 | 6.00 | Kenya Power & Lighting Pic 7% Pref 20.00 | | 6.00 | |
| 33.00 | 24.75 | Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 | 28.90 | 29.00 | 7,900 |
| 8.70 | 5.00 | Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50 | 8.00 | 8.18 | 100 |

INSURANCE

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|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|---------|
| 10.50 | 6.50 | Britannia Holdings Pic Ord 0.10 | 9.40 | 9.60 | 48,000 |
| 4.85 | 2.50 | CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00 | 2.99 | 2.98 | 169,000 |
| 482.00 | 315.00 | Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00 | 360.00 | 360.00 | 700 |
| 16.30 | 2.57 | Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50 | 3.08 | 3.00 | 54,700 |
| 13.00 | 8.44 | Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00 | 10.35 | 10.20 | 11,000 |
| 26.00 | 16.00 | Sanlam Kenya Pic Ord 5.00 | 16.90 | 17.05 | 3,200 |

INVESTMENT

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| 37.40 | 26.00 | Centum Investment Co Pic Ord 0.50 | 29.00 | 29.20 | 648,000 |
| 0.77 | 0.45 | Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 6,500 |
| 1500.00 | 1,500.00 | Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00 | | 1,500.00 | |
| 3.39 | 2.00 | Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00 | | 2.03 | |
| 4.50 | 2.40 | Trans-Century Pic Ord 0.50 | 2.44 | 2.50 | 5,100 |

INVESTMENT SERVICES

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| 16.00 | 9.50 | Nairobi Securities Exchange Pic Ord 4.00 | 11.60 | 11.55 | 66,600 |
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

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|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|---------|
| 87.00 | 52.25 | B.O.C Kenya Pk Ord 5.00 | | 63.00 | |
| 700.00 | 436.75 | British American Tobacco Kenya Pic Ord 10.00 | 482.25 | 502.00 | 18,400 |
| 10.80 | 7.10 | Carbacid Investments Pic Ord 1.00 | 8.50 | 8.50 | 300 |
| 230.00 | 162.00 | East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 258,600 |
| 3.15 | 1.90 | Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825.6 | 1.93 | 2.11 | 1,400 |
| 14.00 | 12.50 | Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00/64.4 | | 12.50 | |
| 0.70 | 0.25 | Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00 | | 0.27 | |
| 42.00 | 28.75 | Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00 | 32.95 | 32.00 | 200 |

TELECOMMUNICATION

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|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 33.50 | 20.10 | Safaricom Pic Ord 0.05 | 32.00 | 32.75 | 8,751,100 |
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REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

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| 11.00 | | 6.88 STANB/FAHARI/REIT Ord 20.00 | 9.34 | 9.30 | 15,500 |
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EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

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|---------|---------|-----------------------|-------|---------|--|
| 1495.00 | 1235.00 | Barclays New Gold ETF | 15451 | 1470.00 | |
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NSE ALL-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.93 points to close at 167.38

NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: UP 3.29 points to close at 2671.80

NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 61.61 points to close at 4104.78

MARKET WATCH

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (14/1/2020)

| COMMODITY | Weight | Nairobi | Busia | Kisii | Kitui | Nakuru |
|----------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Dry Maize | 90 | 3400 | 3240 | 4000 | 3300 | 2800 |
| Green Maize | 115 | 2100 | | | 2500 | 1800 |
| Finger Millet | 90 | 8400 | 5820 | 8000 | 6000 | 5400 |
| Sorghum | 90 | 5300 | 3150 | | 6000 | 3500 |
| Wheat | 90 | | | | | |
| Beans Canadian | 90 | 8400 | | | 7400 | 5000 |
| Beans Rosecoco | 90 | 8400 | 9900 | 8000 | 7400 | 5000 |
| Beans Mwittemania | 90 | 7200 | | | 7400 | 5000 |
| Mwezi Moja | 90 | 5400 | | | 7400 | 4500 |
| Dolichos (Njahi) | 90 | 12800 | | | 9000 | 11000 |
| Green Gram | 90 | 11100 | 1440 | | 9000 | 11000 |
| Cowpeas | 90 | 7500 | | | 8800 | 8100 |
| Fresh Peas | 51 | 3000 | 4590 | | 5100 | 2800 |
| Groundnuts | 110 | 13600 | 18700 | 10400 | 12000 | 14000 |
| Red Irish Potatoes | 50 | 2700 | 4000 | 3600 | 3000 | |
| White Irish Potatoes | 50 | | | | 3000 | 2500 |
| Cassava - Fresh | 99 | 2800 | | | 1500 | |
| Sweet Potatoes | 98 | 3750 | 3000 | 4000 | 6000 | 3000 |
| Cabbages | 126 | 1300 | 1890 | 2000 | 1050 | 700 |
| Cooking Bananas | 22 | 500 | 700 | | 800 | 350 |
| Ripe Bananas | 14 | 600 | | | 1000 | 750 |
| Carrots | 138 | 3800 | 5520 | | 6900 | 2500 |
| Tomatoes | 64 | 5500 | 6000 | | 4000 | 4000 |
| Onions Dry | 13 | 960 | 1170 | 1700 | 1170 | 1200 |
| Spring Onions | 142 | 2900 | | 2500 | 2500 | |
| Chillies | 38 | 2850 | | | | 2500 |
| Cucumber | 50 | 2750 | | | | |
| Capsicums | 50 | 2500 | | | | 2500 |
| Brinjals | 44 | 1540 | | | | 2000 |
| Cauliflower | 39 | 2950 | | | | |
| Lettuce | 51 | 1400 | | | | |
| Passion Fruits | 57 | 4550 | | | | 5500 |
| Oranges | 93 | 4100 | 3000 | 3500 | 3800 | 4000 |
| Lemons | 95 | 3000 | | 3600 | | 2700 |
| Mangoes Local | 126 | 2400 | 2500 | | 1000 | 3000 |
| Mangoes Ngowe | 25 | 1300 | | | 250 | 500 |
| Limes | 13 | 2600 | | | | |
| Pineapples | 13 | 1080 | | 800 | 1300 | 600 |
| Pawpaw | 54 | 2350 | | | 2160 | 3000 |
| Avocado | 90 | 2800 | | 800 | | 3000 |
| Kales | 50 | 900 | | 700 | 1000 | 800 |
| Eggs | 300 | | | 310 | 320 | |

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 15/1/2020

| CURRENCY | MEAN | BUY | SELL |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| US DOLLAR | 101.3912 | 101.2912 | 101.4912 |
| SW KRONER | 10.6990 | 10.6868 | 10.7112 |
| STG POUND | 131.6138 | 131.4653 | 131.7624 |
| SINGAPORE DOLLAR | 75.2383 | 75.1585 | 75.3181 |
| SAUDI RYIAL | 27.0247 | 26.9966 | 27.0528 |
| SA RAND | 7.0309 | 7.0224 | 7.0394 |
| S FRANC | 104.5917 | 104.4670 | 104.7164 |
| NOR KRONER | 11.3910 | 11.3772 | 11.4048 |
| KES / USHS | 36.1965 | 36.1115 | 36.2815 |
| KES / TSHS | 22.7338 | 22.6621 | 22.8055 |
| KES / RWF | 9.3591 | 9.2406 | 9.4776 |
| KES / BIF | 18.5563 | 18.3991 | 18.7134 |
| JPY (100) | 92.1110 | 92.0076 | 92.2144 |
| IND RUPEE | 1.4311 | 1.4297 | 1.4326 |
| HONGKONG DOLLAR | 13.0370 | 13.0241 | 13.0498 |
| EURO | 112.6750 | 112.5488 | 112.8012 |
| DAN KRONER | 15.0752 | 15.0592 | 15.0912 |
| CHINESE YUAN | 14.7232 | 14.7074 | 14.7390 |
| CAN \$ | 77.5221 | 77.4338 | 77.6104 |
| AUSTRALIAN \$ | 69.9548 | 69.8808 | 70.0289 |
| AEDIRHAM | 27.6033 | 27.5735 | 27.6332 |

No end in sight for Tullow Oil's crisis

Hopes of salvaging Tullow Oil's turbulent 2019 and preventing further slide in performance of the Anglo-Irish company in 2020 appear to be fading

"2020 still looks set to be a tough year for Tullow Oil," commented Nicholas Hyett of Hargreaves Lansdown, a financial service company based in Bristol.

"With a new CEO yet to take the reins Tullow is a little adrift at the moment, and while production continues to struggle and debt stays stubbornly high it is at the mercy of an oil price which has not always been friendly," he added.

Meanwhile, the struggling oil and gas producer has warned it will take a \$1.5 billion (\$h152 billion) hit in its full-year results. The firm said it will be hit by write-offs and lower oil prices.

Long-term price

It has reassessed the long-term price of oil and slashed its predic-

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Amount the struggling oil and gas producer has warned it will take in its full-year results.

tion for prices by \$10 to \$65 a barrel.

"Tullow expects to report pre-tax impairments and exploration write-offs of circa \$1.5 billion," the company said.

"Write-offs include Jethro, Joe and Carapa well costs in Guyana as a result of drilling results and Kenya Block 12A, Mauritania C3, PEL37 Namibia and Jamaica licence costs due to the levels of planned future activity or licence exits."

Tullow's shares fell in early trading but have since climbed almost 5 per cent to 62.07.

NICHOLAS HYETT



With a new CEO yet to take the reins Tullow is a little adrift... while production continues to struggle.

- BBC

Democrats unveil new evidence in Trump impeachment debacle

...as House votes on whether to send articles to the Senate, which will set stage for a trial next week

Washington, Wednesday

Democrats in the US House of Representatives have unveiled new evidence as part of the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

On Tuesday, they released a trove of documents relating to the allegation that Trump put pressure on Ukraine to investigate a political rival.

These included text messages and handwritten notes from an associate of Rudy Giuliani, Trump's lawyer.

The president denies the allegation and has branded the inquiry a "witch hunt". Senior Democrats said they would send the fresh evidence—from Ukrainian-American businessman Lev Parnas—to the Senate alongside the formal articles of impeachment.

The House was last evening expected to vote on whether to send these articles to the Senate. As Democrats control the House, the vote was expected to pass meaning the impeachment trial can begin in earnest next week.

Trump was impeached by the House last month, on accusations of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. He denies trying to pressure Ukraine to open an investigation into his would-be Democratic White House challenger Joe Biden.

After a weeks-long standoff over rules and witnesses, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced Tuesday that what will be only the third presidential impeachment trial was now ready to move forward.

Pelosi was expected to sign the articles of



US President Donald Trump during a 'Keep America Great' campaign rally in Wisconsin on Tuesday. AFP

impeachment at around 2200 GMT (1am Kenyan time) before they are then ceremoniously transferred from the House and travel through the US capitol's main hallways before being delivered to the Secretary of the Senate.

Conviction unlikely

That ceremony was to follow an announcement by Pelosi on which Democratic lawmakers would lead the prosecution case against Trump in the Senate, expected to begin next Tuesday.

But his conviction in the Senate is highly unlikely as the president's Republican Party has a 53-47 majority. A two-thirds majority to approve his guilt is needed if he is to be removed from office at the end of a trial expected to last two weeks.

Pelosi called for a fair trial and demanded the Senate subpoena witnesses and documents from the White House that will

be crucial in the trial.

"The American people deserve the truth, and the Constitution demands a trial... The president and the senators will be held accountable," she added.

Although the trial itself is unlikely to start until next week, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts could be sworn in to preside over the process on either Thursday or Friday.

Trump has consistently painted the charges against him as part of a witch-hunt and again took to Twitter on Tuesday evening to decry his impeachment in the House as "the most lopsided & unfair base-moment hearing in the history of Congress!"

"While we're creating jobs and killing terrorists, Democrats in Congress are wasting America's time with demented hoaxes and crazy witch hunts," he told supporters at a rally in Wisconsin.

—BBC and AFP

TRUMP'S ADVANTAGE

● The White House is steeling itself for a trial that could present damaging evidence against the US leader on national television.

● But his conviction in the Senate is highly unlikely as the president's Republican Party has a 53-47 majority.



Sudan army quells revolt by 'Bashir troops'

Khartoum, Wednesday

Sudan's army has quelled a rebellion by former elite troops loyal to ousted leader Omar al-Bashir.

Shooting broke out on Tuesday in the capital Khartoum and the city's airport was briefly closed amid the clashes. The violence was sparked by a row over severance pay for officers in a much-feared intelligence agency that is being overhauled, the government said.

Five people, including two soldiers, were killed and four were injured in the unrest, the worst since Bashir was overthrown last April.

Sudan has been jointly run by military generals and civilian leaders since August. A senior member of the ruling Sovereign Council Gen Mohammed Dagalo (pictured) accused former intelligence chief Gen Salah Gosh of orchestrating the rebellion. Gosh's whereabouts are unclear, with speculation he fled Sudan after Bashir was toppled.

Gen Dagalo said that while he did not consider the violence a coup attempt, such action would not be tolerated.

And in a speech on Wednesday, the sovereign council head, Lt Gen Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, declared that the violence was now over.

—BBC

BRIEFLY



Government resigns as Putin plans future

The Russian government headed by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has resigned, hours after President Vladimir Putin announced plans to change the constitution. Putin has asked the PM to move to the post of deputy head of the National Security Council, media reports say. Medvedev said the president's proposals would significantly change Russia's balance of power.

—BBC



Ethiopia poll agency proposes August vote

Ethiopia's electoral board on Wednesday proposed holding landmark national polls in August, drawing criticism over the timing of the first competitive elections in 15 years. The elections are a critical step in the political transition to real democracy being managed by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who was appointed in 2018 after years of anti-government protests.

—AFP



Meghan's father 'to testify' in privacy suit

The Duchess of Sussex's father, Thomas Markle, will testify if asked to in the court case against Meghan, the duchess' half sister has said. Samantha Markle—Markle's daughter from his first marriage said: "If he is called, he will come." No date has been set for a hearing in the case in which Meghan accuses the *Mail on Sunday* of misusing her private information.

—BBC



Iran's Rouhani urges unity after jet downing

Tehran, Wednesday

President Hassan Rouhani appealed on Wednesday for "unity" and flagged the need for radical changes to the way Iran is run, after a wave of angry protests over the accidental downing of a Ukrainian airliner.

The Kiev-bound Boeing 737 was shot down last week in a catastrophic error shortly after takeoff from Tehran, killing all 176 passengers and crew on board. One week on from the

disaster, Rouhani (pictured) called for "national unity" in an address broadcast live on state television.

"If there was a delay" by the armed forces to release information about the air disaster, "let them apologise," he said.

Rouhani also called for a full explanation of what happened in the air disaster, which came hours after Iran's military fired a wave of missiles at US troops stationed in Iraq.

—AFP

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted

NAIVASHA GOT LOVE



Charity Nyawira of One Dances Africa Safaris, Godwin Rapudo of Kiki Urban and Rosemary Kimunya of the Flower Festival.

by Njambi Wanjiku

Nakuru county government, in partnership with Naivasha Tourism Association and the Tourism and Wildlife ministry, recently launched the Naivasha Love Festival, a key event targetted to promote in-bound tourism from the region and beyond. The festival, that targets a huge regional and international audience to experience a delightful mix of fun, culture, food and music, seeks to celebrate and position Naivasha as home of 'Love in Africa'. The inaugural edition of the event is scheduled for February 14 and 15, this year.

PD/ALICE MBURU



Emcee David Mwangi with Breakthrough International Bible University's Justus Timothy and Patrick Njuguna.

Irene Kariuki of Samson Safaris, Kimani Waiti and Maanzoni Lodge Key Accountant manager Ann Mwangi.



Stejos Tours and Travels MD Stellarmaris Kathomi with Kenya Tourism Board marketing manager Fiona Ngasa.



Ujuzy PR and Marketing executive Hellen Muturi, Sawela HR manager Joe Kawinzi and businesslady Naomi Gitau.



Go Places CEO Nev Jiواني with the Love Fest technical advisor Charity Githinji.

Artist Jumadi sings her heart out.

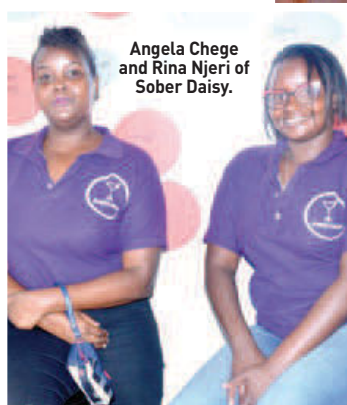


For women, by women

by Cynthia Mukanzi

Sauti Za Mabinti recently fashioned a night of music and poetry dubbed 'She Is', to celebrate women. The event held at the Pawa 254 in Nairobi featured music performances that spanned various genres, all headlined by women. Poetry was also in plenty from a number of spoken word artistes to the excited crowd. Psychologist and spoken word artiste Kigezo, Jumadi, Ash Mulongo, Alice Ragoi and Tasha were some of the amazing acts of the night.

PD/CYNTHIA MUKANZI



Angela Chege and Rina Njeri of Sober Daisy.



Artiste Monski with event emcee Carrol Njeri.



Spoken word artiste Kigezo accompanied by Jillo on the guitar.



Tasha drops her lyrical rap bars.



Musician Ash Mulongo belts out a number.

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Tips to make your health goals stick

Health and wellness come top of most of the New Year's resolutions.

But as the year progresses, these resolutions can be difficult to follow through. Here is how to avoid falling off track, writes EVELYN MAKENA

1. Be specific

While making healthy goals, considering the 'SMART' acronym will go a long way in helping you achieve them. 'SMART' stands for Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time bound. A specific goal clearly outlines the intended results and the plan of action to take to get there. Eating a balanced diet and drinking more water are both great health resolutions. The disadvantage of the two is that they are too general and provide no plan on how to achieve them. To succeed in eating better, make a specific target by, for example, resolving to not delay or skip meals.

2. Make the resolution measurable

When setting health goals, you need to define a way of measuring and tracking the progress. Goals that are vague will make it difficult to assess whether your plan of action is working or not. Listing a resolution that states 'to be healthy in 2020', is for example broad and vague. However, a resolution that is more specific such as 'exercise every 20 minutes each day' is easy to follow and measure.

3. Be realistic

Let us face it; resolving to climb a mountain will not be possible if you

are not comfortable going up a flight of stairs. Unrealistic goals set us up for failure. When your goals are too ambitious it is easy to get discouraged and not stick with them. To begin with, set small and short-term goals and once you achieve them, you can gradually progress to bigger targets. This way, you are not likely to feel overwhelmed by making big adjustments all at once.

4. Make the goal current

Avoid resolutions that have no set time limit. Setting one big goal to be achieved at an undefined time in the future may derail your ability to track the progress. Making your goals short-term can help you gain momentum to achieve bigger targets in future. Having smaller goals whose progress is assessed in a week or month is more practical than having one big goal to be achieved in a year. For instance, if your goal to lose 10kgs of body weight by the end of the year, break that down into smaller goals to be realised within a week or month.

5. Allow yourself to fail

Achieving a goal should not be a do or die affair. Even though your goals are important, do not take it too personally if you fail to reach them. It is never that serious. You will miss on your targets occasionally, but do not get discouraged. Missing on your exercise routine or occasionally overindulging on fast foods

should not be a reason to give up. Be more patient with yourself. Avoiding the shame that comes with such slip-ups gives you a higher chance of succeeding.

6. Reward yourself

A little motivation goes a long way in helping you achieve your health goals. A treat such as going for a movie or getting a massage will make you feel good and keep you on track. Rewards motivate you to achieve even bigger goals. These rewards do not, however, mean going back to the habits you are trying to get rid of. Rewarding yourself with fast foods when you are trying to cut on weight will eventually prove to be counterproductive.

7. Walk with like-minded people

Surrounding yourself with a support system that cheers you on plays a big role in ensuring your success. Better still, get the support of people that are pursuing similar goals. If your goal is to have daily morning workouts, get exercise companion(s). They will help you stay committed and motivated to keep going. In case you get sidetracked on your goal, your companion will help you get back on track. It will also be helpful to enlist the help of a professional such as a nutritionist, fitness trainer or an athlete, based on the health goal you are pursuing.

8. Make it public

Making your goals public to friends or family increases the level of accountability. The people who are aware of what you are working towards will keep you on your

toes just in case you backslide. If you are trying to stay fit, joining a gym can really help. Whatever health resolution you make, have an accountability partner to help you stick to your commitment. It may be a bit uncomfortable having someone watching you, but it's worthwhile.

9. Do not give up too easily

Every failure and setback is also part of the success. Achieving your goal is a journey that may not always turn out the way you envisioned it. There may be unanticipated challenges, but with every step, you are drawing closer to your goals. Do not get discouraged when you do not lose some kilograms after weeks of exercising. Instead, focus on the other health benefits of regular exercise. Besides, this may be a great time to slow down and assess what is working and what's not.

10. Create an environment for success

If you purpose to limit the amount of fast foods you consume and hang around joints that offer the same, it will be difficult to stay disciplined. Replace the junk food with vegetables and fruits and have them within your reach. Likewise, if your goal is to cut down on sugar, keep sugary foodstuff out of reach. Create an environment that supports your intended goal and new habits. You may also need to change your social habits. For instance, if you are trying to cut back on alcohol, hang out with friends in a restaurant instead of in a bar.



Travel Wise ▶ Get set... go!

Despite travel advisories, floods and security concerns, the country's top 10 source markets were well serviced by airlines, boosting performance of the tourism sector

by Noel Wandera
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International connectivity by air continues to dictate international tourist arrivals to Kenya, with increased frequencies and new charter flights last year helping maintain arrivals at similar levels as 2018 despite a difficult operating environment.

Overall, Kenya recorded 2,048,834 arrivals in 2019, representing a marginal 1.2 per cent increment from the 2,025,206 recorded in 2018. Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala partly blames the marginal growth on the Dusit d2 terrorist attack in January 2019 and the subsequent reinstatement of travel alerts where advisories had been lifted in 2018.

Releasing the Kenya Tourism Sector Performance Report 2019 last week, Balala said the top 10 tourism source markets accounted for 35.5 per cent of the Sh163.5 billion revenues the sector generated in 2019. "The country's top 10 source markets are well serviced by the aviation sector, a key driver that sustained the positive performance for the sector," he said.

"This was in addition to political stability, a stable security situation, ease of doing business and investor confidence, as well as the marketing efforts carried out by the ministry and its agencies," added the CS.

During the period under review, several scheduled and charter airlines —Air France, Qatar Airways, and Ethiopia Airlines, Tui and Neos— increased their frequencies to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and Moi International Airport (MIA). The commencement of Kenya Airways (KQ)'s direct flights to New York in October 2018 helped to shore up the US numbers.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said plans are underway to nationalise the carrier, which remains critical in the growth of the economy and specifically tourism. "Tourism is a leading foreign exchange earner contributing about 10 per cent to the GDP. We want to look at how we can facilitate this sector, which is among the least funded, but its potential to contribute to the revenue is enormous," Yatani told journalists.

Of the top three source markets, the United States led with 245,437 arrivals, followed by Uganda at 223,010 and the United Republic of Tanzania completing the list with 193,740 arrivals. The UK, India, China, Germany, France, Italy and South Africa respectively, completed the top 10 list.

Malindi kidnapping

France, at 14 per cent, recorded the highest growth with 54,979 arrivals last year compared to 48,189 in 2018. After resuming flights between Paris and Nairobi in 2018, Air France increased frequencies from three to five in March last year, boosting arrivals.

Balala regretted that there was a sharp decline to arrivals from Italy, which he at-

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala (centre) accompanied by top ministry officials during the release of the Tourism Sector Performance Report. PD/ NOEL WANDERA



Why tourism arrivals stagnated last year

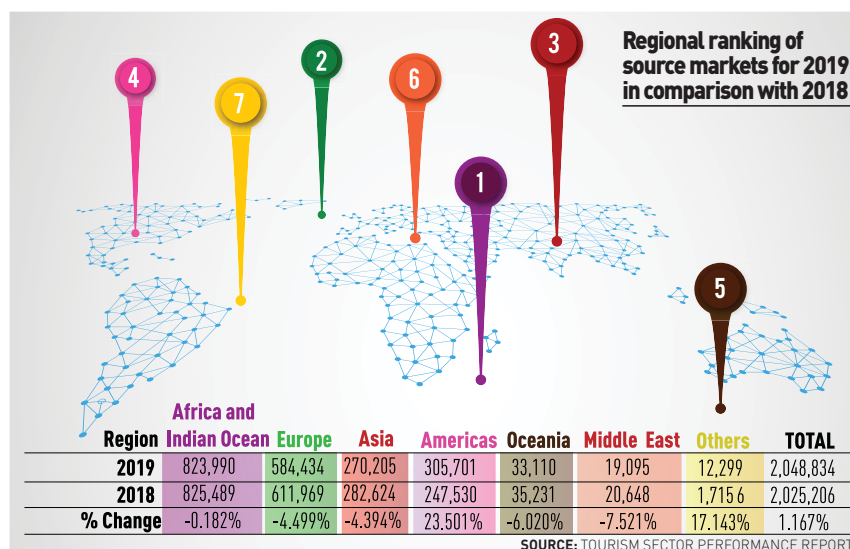
BREAKDOWN OF THE TOP SOURCE MARKETS THROUGH POINTS OF ENTRY IN 2019

| No | Country | Male | Female | Total |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 1. | United States of America | 123,197 | 122,240 | 245,437 |
| 2. | Uganda | 133,595 | 89,414 | 223,010 |
| 3. | United Republic of Tanzania | 126,541 | 67,199 | 193,740 |
| 4. | United Kingdom | 101,534 | 79,950 | 181,484 |
| 5. | India | 84,161 | 38,488 | 122,649 |
| 6. | China | 55,662 | 28,546 | 84,208 |
| 7. | Germany | 39,488 | 33,661 | 73,150 |
| 8. | France | 30,389 | 24,591 | 54,979 |
| 9. | Italy | 28,993 | 25,614 | 54,607 |
| 10. | South Africa | 30,955 | 15,971 | 46,926 xxx |
| 11. | Rwanda | 29,340 | 13,981 | 43,321 |

tributed to a backlash from the November 21, 2018, incident in Kilifi where an Italian aid worker, Silvia Romano, was kidnapped with the case making international headlines.

The Italian government has been calling for a speedy expansion of Malindi runway to allow landing of scheduled flights from Europe to boost tourism and investments. In June, KQ launched flights from Nairobi to Geneva and Rome as it seeks to grow earnings. Italian envoy to Kenya Alberto Pierri, lauded the introduction of direct flights from Rome to Nairobi, with a connecting flight to Malindi. "More investors from Italy are willing to come here and the Kenyan government should create a conducive environment for business," he said during the World Italian Cuisine fete held in North Coast last month.

According to Balala, the launch of direct



Memories of

by Barry Silah
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It is always an exciting moment every time I travel to Western Kenya because I look forward to nostalgic experiences. One of my favourite haunts remains Rusinga Island.

The main tourism event for this area is the annual Rusinga Festival. This past December was the Eighth Edition and boy, was I not up for it! Apart from the hustle of travel and finding proper food enroute, the whole sojourn was for me memorable and fun.

The journey had its fair share of challenges as I left Nairobi with a team of Vitimbi group entertainers. Our vehicle had technical issues, but the mood aboard was happy, with the Vitimbi comedians cracking hilarious jokes throughout the trip.

A lunch stop six hours later in Kisii town, 315km from Nairobi, saw us enjoy a meal of fish, *nyama choma* with *ugali* or other snacks, taken with cold drinks, giving us energy to continue.

flights from Doha to Mombasa in December 2018 by Qatar Airways is already serving various markets, Doha being a major connecting hub. Ethiopian Airlines also increased flight frequencies to Mombasa from one to two daily; while TUI increased charter flights, further boosting arrivals to Kenya via Moi International Airport (MIA), Mombasa.

However, he said, the financial years 2018-2020 have seen a decline in budgetary resources available for tourism development and marketing. This was compounded by a general global slow-down growth in the sector, with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) reporting that tourism in Sub-Saharan Africa grew at a mere one per cent while globally, growth slowed down from six per cent in 2018 to four per cent last year.

Despite challenges, the State's continued adoption of a robust regulatory framework ensured Kenya improved its ranking in the World Bank's *Ease of Doing Business 2019* report, climbing from position 61 in 2018 to 51 globally. "This has been pegged on automation of systems that have made starting business in Kenya easy," said Balala.

The World Bank also praised Kenya for being among top reformists in Africa and the world, while the *Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2019* by the World Economic Forum cited Kenya highly in its Business Environment, Travel and Tourism Prioritisation indices compared to competing destinations, boosting the country's image.

According to the Tourism Research Institute (TRI) 2019 report, performance was also boosted by marketing efforts through Magic Kenya, which launched global online consumer campaigns on Google, online travel agencies such as Travel Zoo, on Aljazeera and CNN online, as well as continuous digital consumer advertising campaigns on Expedia and TripAdvisor, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and Google search.

This is in addition to attending global travel trade exhibitions and trade shows in the UK, India, USA and China markets and a launch of a new campaign dubbed "EmbraceMoreMagic" which highlighted deeper engagement with diversity of the destination.

Rusinga Fest 'season eight'

We left for Homa Bay shortly thereafter and arrived in Rusinga that evening. Altogether including stoppages, the trip took 10 hours and fatigue was evident.

After driving on a rough murrum road, we finally arrived at our destination, the seemingly hidden Kolunga Beach Hotel. Interestingly, by the time we arrived, some activities such as story telling by the fire and musical skits had taken place.

This dampened my mood, considering that I never wanted to miss anything. However, I made up my mind to enjoy the rest of my stay and learn as much as possible for I was on a mission.

It was soon time to freshen up in readiness for a buzz of activities the following day. However, my sleep that night was interrupted many times by music from the environs, part of the festivities.

Rusinga island offers magnificent views in the morning hours and this I could not miss after breakfast. The expansive Lake Victoria, which surrounds the island, is usually awash with activity. Not far off are other islands including

Mfangano, Remba and Ndere, which offer rich touristic views.

The atmosphere was already electric when we got to Kamasengre Primary School grounds in Suba North where the event was to take place. The arena was filled to capacity with the main attraction being the Abasuba traditional performances.

They performed the national anthem in Abasuba language, wowing the crowd, which included Auma Obama, a sister to former US President Barack Obama and Homa Bay county Women Representative, Gladys Wangga. Other popular performances included Ages Kenya dances, Greeners Arts Dancers from Ahero, Africa Art from Kisumu, Evolution and the Vitimbi comedians.

The cream of the pie was the Abasuba prayer by the self-styled Suba Cultural Ambassador, Obiero Wakwere. Other side activities that also captured attention included wrestling, boat racing and tug of war as well in the event partly sponsored by the Tourism Fund, Safaricom, Kenya Airports Authority and the county government of Homa Bay.

The Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture



and Heritage, Amina Mohammed, who was the key guest, said the Abasuba have a rich culture and it is the government's duty to help develop and elevate them.

"I have been asked to consider making this festival a national event, but we have to look at other factors and the county government has to make a formal appeal," she added.

After two days of epic fun and interaction

A warrior performs a jig on the shores of Lake Victoria during the Rusinga Festival held in Homa Bay county. PD/BARRY SILAH

with Luo culture, it was time to get back, but not before exploring the rich heritage in the vicinity. My friends and I took a boat ride to Takawiri Island, ate smoked fish by the beach at Safari Village and enjoyed cold refreshments at Rusinga Lodge as we savoured the remainder of the trip.

It was soon time to say goodbye to the island and its people. For me the take home was culture; inert as articulated by the Abasuba community.

The event, organised by Anne Eboso and her partners never disappointed and crowds have continued to rise.

"We have continued to grow and it is important to see the Abasuba Culture getting even international recognition," said Eboso.

"Such festivals give our county positive outlook and for us in the tourism sector. The numbers were low because of heavy rainfall, but since it does not rain all the time, we are expecting better numbers in future," said Rusinga Lodge Manager, Young Odongo.

The county government of Homa Bay has also indicated forming the County Festival Secretariat.

Later, I took time off to celebrate the festive holidays with my family in Kisumu.

FORK&LIFE

To punch the fire alarm buttons or not just for fun; why this eatery's cocktails were ranked top in Africa in the World Luxury and Spa Restaurant Awards last year

by Nailantei Norari
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What do you think T stands for? Tezzanine floor, perhaps? My sister just looks at smiles and me. She is used to my 'thought-provoking questions' that I take so much pride in.

We are headed to Mercado, which happens to be on the T-floor option on the lift at Kenrail Towers in Westlands, Nairobi, to try out their new menu. We arrive and promptly order cocktails, which are touted as the best in Africa in the 2019 World Luxury and Spa Restaurant Awards.

On nights when we do not want to eat heavy foods, we usually order different appetisers such as tacos, tamales, tostadas and quesadillas, then share them. Today is not one of those nights, so we order the fried avocado taco, which comes in threes.

I am keen on the lamb shank mole as my main while my sister orders a barbecue chicken roll breast. We sip on our cocktails as we await for the tacos, which arrive a few minutes afterwards, complete with a set of dips. Angela, our hostess, asks us if she can make a *guacamole* in front of us.

Mexican dishes

The avocados look healthy and free from psychological trauma and feelings of inadequacy as their green ensures they belong firmly to the popular gang in their class. She makes short work of mixing the avocado, lime and tomatoes and serves it in a beautiful bowl. I promptly dig into the *guacamole* with the tortilla chips and savour the crunch of the latter against the creamy tartness of the former. The fried avocado



A tale about tacos, avocados and liquor

taco is a revelation for me, with the batter adding texture to the fruit while my chosen hot sauce adds an extra layer of heat.

Our main dishes arrive soon after, with compliments from the chef. "Most Mexican dishes are made with avocados. Or served with a side plate of *guacamole*," Chef Raul Martinez says, adding, "The lamb shank mole is interesting as it is made up of 25 different ingredients while the lamb is slow-cooked for 10 hours. I cannot wait for you to try it."

I take that as my cue to dig in. The lamb is tender; the mole sauce gives it a rich taste that defies description, but is a song for my taste buds. I polish it all off.

I proceed to steal a slice of chicken breast roll from my sister's plate. Who knew that chicken breast rolled in bacon would taste so good? Those who said bacon goes with everything were onto something.

ABOVE: Freshly made guacamole, barbecue chicken breast roll in bacon and a quartet of sauces.

ABOVE, RIGHT: George Juma, the mixologist at Mercado makes me a rosids cocktail.

RIGHT: Tacos, a beautiful plate with a Mexican print design and a rosids cocktail.

PD/NAILANTEI NORARI



We then order dessert as no matter how full you are, it is a family rule that you have to waddle through dessert. The *rhubarb pie* with pink *meringue* comes with a 'break me' inscribed on it. Like the kid who could never resist the red fire alarm buttons especially if they had a notice urging people to not press them, I break the *meringue*.

Round of cocktails

A soft creamy cake lies beneath the meringue with strawberries and whipped cream. My date's *bailey mousse* arrives in a cocktail glass with chocolate shavings, cookie crumble and chocolate toppings.

Suffice it to say, I polish off both desserts. After all, there is nothing like too much sugar in my vocabulary. We then proceed to order a few more Jamaican *Margaritas* infused with hibiscus flowers.

We stare at the expansive menu, wondering which of the more than 50 new items we should try next. We love most of the original offerings and I am fond of fried ice cream.

Our bill soon arrives and we are glad we do not have to break the bank so long as we do not make a habit of doing this daily. But there is no day like today, so we order another round of cocktails and stare at the Westlands traffic. I start to wonder ... could I still press a fire alarm bell if it had a 'don't press me' sign on it today?

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Beauty, the natural way

BONIFACE MAKHULO set up a digital store for Africans seeking organic skin, hair solutions

by Faith Kyoumukama
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All natural beauty products are now the rage, and many producers are looking for outlets to showcase and sell their products as well as connect to natural products enthusiasts.

It is against this background that entrepreneur, Boniface Makhulo, established Jipende Afrika, a platform that offers a wide range of all-natural organic products catering for both men and women. Jipende is Swahili for self love.

"The inspiration behind creating this app was driven by the absence of a platform where one could get 100 per cent natural products without additives. The conception of Jipende was to target the naturalistas," he says.

Although Makhulo has three physical shops in Nairobi, he decided to expand his business by going digital thanks to technology advances. He wanted to also cater for other clients worldwide. "This makes our products accessible to everyone around the world and now we are able to showcase what Africa has," he explains.

Beneficial partnerships

With a passion in empowering Africans and creating self-sustainable opportunities, Makhulo, a trained consumer psychologist at the Don Bosco Missionary College, realised many were complaining about side effects of using various products and saw an opportunity to tap into.

"I am passionate about developing opportunities, and as an entrepreneur, I identify a problem and offer a solution. After I met several people struggling with side effects of skin bleaching or searching for safe beauty products that could favour their skin and hair. I also met others who had skin diseases problems and I saw a gap to fill," he explains.

To start the business, he got funds from his personal savings, which he actively maintained for years and a little boost from his other businesses. He started with about Sh300,000 as capital for the now successful venture.

Makhulo says his business is structured on beneficial partnerships, from the source including farmers, manufacturers and consumers. While most beauty apps offer a high percentage of women products, Jipende has products catering for men.

"The most popular item is the beard care kit, which comes with aftershave and beard care products. Men nowadays want to grow their beard. With it comes maintenance. So what better way to do it than by using natural oils? Also popular for this target market is the guava oil, which helps with these that have bald heads and wish



Boniface Makhulo, founder of Jipende Afrika, a digital store for organic hair and beauty products. INSET: Jipende Afrika app. PD/ROGER NDEGWA

ABOUT JIPENDE AFRIKA

● It is an online store with two physical ones offering all natural beauty and hair products for both men and women

● Created by Boniface Makhulo, Jipende Afrika means 'Love yourself Africa'

● Makhulo was inspired by the gap in availability of organic beauty products in the market and by the need to debunk the myth that such products were expensive

● He sources products direct from farmers and manufacturers and tests them to ensure they are 100 per cent organic

● Makhulo is 36 years old

● He's a trained consumer psychologist

to experience rapid hair growth," Makhulo adds.

For women, the fast-selling product on the app shelf is the Shea butter, followed closely by coconut oil and black seed oil. "Our products are sourced from different countries in Africa including Kenya, Tanzania Uganda Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi Nigeria and South Africa."

Makhulo says although the app and products have been received well in the market, there are a few challenges they face, especially when it comes to the perception of locally made products.

"We still have people who prefer to purchase products from the West, specifically Europe. Of course they do not pay attention to what the products contain, but because

it's from a certain area, to them, it must be legit and good," he says. He also states that despite a certain percentage of people going natural, a few still have the notion that pure organic products are expensive.

Chemical analysis

"When it comes to the price point, people have this perception that natural products are costly, we could say that products we offer are pocket friendly ranging from Sh300 to Sh4,000. With the rise of skin infections and general health risks, people should be keener on what they use, natural products are medicinal and can treat different types of conditions, for example, dandruff, eczema, burns and some allergies," Makhulo urges.

Before placing any product on the app or the physical stores, they perform chemical analysis to confirm it has natural ingredients. They do the test regardless of the product position in the market.

"For us, we have standard policy that dictates, products must still go through testing irrespective of any international recognition".

Competition in the market is present, but Makhulo takes it in stride. "Where there is competition, there is money and opportunity. We appreciate whatever competition comes our way because other platforms that came before and after us indirectly help create more awareness about us and our products. But we pride ourselves for being the only app offering all-natural products in Africa," he explains.

One achievement Makhulo is proud of is that his products have achieved market acceptance and many clients are happy with the results they have achieved.

"Creating employment opportunities for 14 youths is a high for me, considering I started without any extra manpower. Also creating a platform where manufacturers can showcase their products is a win for me," he says.

He advises anyone who wants to be an entrepreneur to be a good student of the market as opportunities are everywhere, especially for those willing to offer African solutions to African problems.

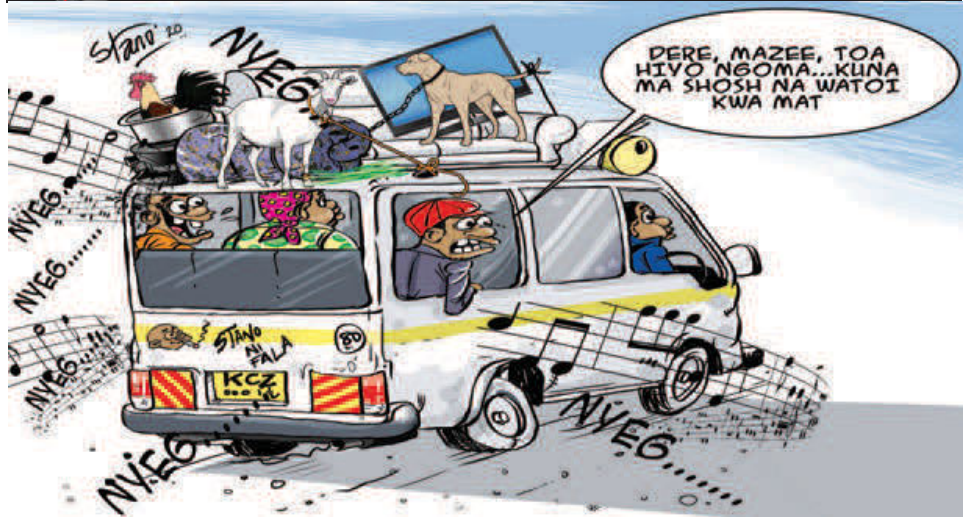
Makhulo plans to penetrate and tap markets in rural areas by partnering with a few people to distribute these products for them. "We have recruited a few individuals and we are welcoming any new partners interested in selling these products for us to extensively penetrate a wider market," he concludes.

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Nganya kucheza ngoma chafu

Hii ni kwa makigonyi, madonda na macrew za manganya. Zile mango-ma nyi uweka pale kwa nganya magidhaa zingine hua hazileti bidii. Hivi majuzi masaa ya jioni rush hours nikawa nimetoka hustling zangu jijini kurudi mtaa, nikaonelea nichukue nganya tuhepe io jam vile hizi enzi za mvua msongamano ya magari uleta hitilafu.

Sasa kufika pale stenje ya mandae za East kwa Mabeast, nikachukua nganya jamo nikajiseti pale nyuma ya kadere karibu na main screen. Nganya ilikua imesukwa hewa ikakubali ungedhani uko mayolo. Main screen smart TV ya 55 inch pale, WiFi pia strong, alafu hewa pia imefungiwa size yake Pioneer system si ya kubahatisha. Sasa kwenye harakati

za kujaza mat, mthama flani akakam kukaa pale kando yangu.

For some time, ndae ikajaa tukachomoka. Baada ya kutoka tu tao kidogo, kadere nae akabadilisha ngoma kutoka kwa roots akawekelea gengetone mix na kuchachisha zaidi na akawekelea woofer mambo mbaya kutoka pale backbench. Mara ya fao nikachukulia tu hio ngoma itacheza tu iishe alafu next ikam ile ya video content safi. Apo ndo niljua maana ya ukistajabu ya Ethic utacheke ya Sailors.

Ngoma ilifuatilia sasa ilikua worse, kutoka kwa video content, design ya kusererereka adi kwa malyrics zenyewe. Kumbuka, mimi na yule mathe ndio tuko pale direct tukiface mbulu sasa akuna vile utalenga eti hucheki zile vitu. Nikijaribu kumcheke pale kidesign,

alikuwa pale amekondoa macho akiangalia the so-called haunted Generation-Z kwa mshangao. Ilikua inachoma sana nikitamani tu kum-show donda ashukishe kama bado sijafika mtaa nilikuwa naenda. Nikikumbuka pia fare nimelipa pale ya rush hour, kushuka ingekua tu machos.

Kulingana na Teflon, admin wa Mombasa Matatu Gallery, alikuwa anadai Ezekiel Mutua, bazenga wa Kenya Film Classification Board, alipeana onyo kali kwa manganya za kaunti ya Mombasa zitolewe mbulu baada ya kusika complaints kutoka kwa wadhii kuhusu manganya kuweka mavida chafu. Wazae pia wanakemea hii story sana kwa ground. Kama crew, inafaa tuangalie sana ile content tuna-play na masaa yake.

TAMBULIKA By Nafsi Huru



FRANCO DE LA FRANCHEZ

Toka akiwa mkidi, Franco De La Franchez alikuwa na zare ya exposure to wasanii na mziki traditional, jazz, pop na zingine kibao zenye zilimpitaga mzuka na inspiration kukua msanii. Mokoro wake alikuwa msanii wa tradii na ndio hivyo mziki ikakua kwa DNA hadi Franco saa hii ni percussionist mambo serious. Skills zimefanya akue one of the most sought after percussionist na wasanii most from every genre. Franco amepereform na wasee kama Jemimah Thiong'o, Wendy Kemunto, Fadhili Itulya, Free Soul Band na wengine wengi. Alipataga foundation ital sana aki

interact na maarif wasanii wenye wamekua familia. Alianza kuimba kwa choir flani hapo Zimmer High School, lakini after school board izue ngori na kuban mziki shule bila sababu maalum, ikabaki after kumurder muste Franco alien-deleza mkazu pale St Andrews Church Choir akishikilia tenor. Kando na fom za Bwana Yesu, quality ya music instruments ziko pale church na sauti za mangoko wa choir ndio zilimchocha sana kucheza church. From church, amekua akiinteract na wasee wa kila aina mdogo aki advance skills zake kwa mziki.

URADI By Nafsi Huru

Leo tumebanja na MOMANYI OBIKO aka Innocent MDW, msanii mambo mbaya na bado anapiga shugli kwa fom za cab idhaa hayuko busy shows na studio.

Ulianzaje na lini?

After chuo niliendaga driving school nikakua nimelisha DL kejani, arif flani hapo majuzi akanishtua venye naeza kulia nikaamua kujimix kwa Uber. Nilianza na gari ya wenyewe, lakini after mwaka nimeweza kushika ndae yangu.

Hii fom imekupa achievements gani?

Hii mtarataria inanipeleka na ryeng safi design mahitaji zote nameet bila wouwoo na bado napata machwaa yakusepa studio kuchapa video na familia pia inafuraha.



Nimeanza pia kuuzia clients wangu mziki kwa gari, juu kila siku nakutana na wasee diverse na inanibamba mbaya.

Challenges ni kama gani?

Unapata unabeba msee, for instance hadi airport, alafu anakwara kukulipa akilia ume-tumia route ndefu. Customer wengine hua sumbuwa inabidi Mkisii nikule anger management.

Una manage aje kuchapa Uber na mziki?

Kwa kweli Uber inademand time most ndio uweze kufikia targets, lakini juu ndae ni ya mine, niko na liberty ku-sababisha mziki nikijiskia. Mara mingi pia mimi huenda studio mausiku, so it doesn't interfere na mziki sana.

Advice to youtman hapo nje?

Positive thinking na ambition ndio solution ya kila problem tunaface kaa mayout.

Security huanza place uko

MANUSCRIPTS By Manuel Ntoyal

Vile siku hizi kuna ngori ya security, inabidi kila msee akae ritho. Gava so far imekuwa ikichocha raia kwamba usalama inaanza na wewe, na hii ni poa kutilia maanani. So far, tuneona wale madwani wa alshabinde waki attack watoi wa chuo na wasee wenye hawajiwezi, uoga na ufala wako nayo ni mob tu sana.

Pia ukicheki mzee mzima George Kinoti alidisband jeshi ya Flying Squad na sasa kuna wale wadiang'ara wanajiita Sting na washaanza kutamba madingo. Big up Kinoti, kazi kama kawa isonge mbele kama injili.

Then pia kwa mbulu tulicheki riba ya wamatha flani wali-peleka bunde iko na rithe kibao, ati wakaacha kwa supermarket. But sasa ile design ya technology imeshika, hawa wamatha walimulikwa na CCTV na kiasi, investigations zinatupeleka hadi Murang' a kwenye zilikuwa zimeperembwa kwa ndae ya mzae mmoja, a licensed gun holder.

Pia tumeskia mastory za wamatha wenye huwa wako na tabia ya kuacha watoi na msee akiwa hajui. Unajipata umepewa mtoti umshike, ati mwenyewe anaingia kwa choo ama anashika sijui nini hapo next. Round this lazima tukae ritho na kama kuna noma, unapiga ripoti faster.

KHALIGRAPH

By Nafsi Huru



1. **Best Rapper In Nigeria** - Khaligraph Jones
2. **This Year** - La Bala ft Rojiah
3. **Nulla** - Monsta Monk
4. **Qualify** - Mabeste
5. **Juiceman** - Jovie Jow, Boutross, Kay Green ft Sho Madjozi
6. **John Cena** - Monsi
7. **Crime Sio Poa** - Alfaisal
8. **Wanipendeza** - Moseh Drum-mist
9. **Battling My Demons** - Tony Slay
10. **Not Everyone** - Havoc



By Rodgers Ndegwa
#FORMZAGRAO

Docket ya Sports hapa Kenya imepata new Principal Secretary after President Uhuru Kenyatta kufanya a mini-resuffle ndani ya Cabinet yake on Tuesday. The immediate former PS Kirimi Kaberia alipeleka kwa ministry ya Mining on similar capacity after kushikilia uzito hapo kwa Sports miaka kadhaa. But amekua na ngori na mafederation juu walikuwa wanadai alikuwa anakazia funds zinafaa kufacilitate national teams.

Kaberia pia amekua kwa ngori na watu wa sports juu magrao zile walidai wataunda zilikuwa tu za para juu akuna kitu walitengeza despite mamita tenga kibao kupeanwu. Hii kukosa magrao fiti ilifanya hata tukanyimwa chance ya kuhost CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN) tournament in 2018.

Pia kwa hii time yake kwa offe, mazuri pia zimekam juu Safari Rally merudi kwa world rally calendar na pia Harambee Stars walirudi African Cup of Nations (AFCON) after miaka 15. Kaberia amekua replaced na Joe Okudo kutoka ministry ya Tourism na atakuwa na months kadhaa noma juu kuna World Under 20 Championships pale Kasarani from July 7 to 12 na Safari Rally same month from 16 to 19.

By Rodgers Ndegwa
SHENGPEDIA

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Machwaa - Money
Origin - **Huruma-Kiamaiko**
Example - **Kuget machwaa siku hizi imekuwa blanda kwanza kwa vijana juu hakuna mawera.**

2

Bombee - Rich person
Origin - **Kariobangi North**
Example - **Kita boy wa mtaani hudai kukuwa bombee in future.**



- 5.00 Inuka
- 6.00 K24 This Morning
- 9.00 The Daily Brief
- 12.30 Inside Business
- 13.00 News Cut
- 13.30 Sports Hub Live
- 14.00 Kenyan Movie
- 15.00 Sweetest Love
- 16.00 K24 Mashinani
- 16.30 Jus Kids
- 17.00 Beatbox
- 18.00 Unique Love
- 19.00 K24 Saa Moja
- 19.30 Jane And Abel
- 20.00 A Carnival Affair
- 21.00 K24 Evening Edition
- 22.00 Riddim Vybz Reloaded
- 00.00 DW Live Feed



- 5.00 Ime Ria Rucini
- 6.00 Fikiratha
- 11.00 Kurekereria Kodii
- 12.00 Kwibanga-Rpt
- 1.00 Mohoro Gitau-Live
- 1.30 Kameme Iharonini-Live
- 2.00 Kayu Ka Murimi
- 3.00 Thiririka Mix
- 3.30 Satai
- 3.45 Kameme Toonz
- 4.00 Ririmmbuka Live
- 6.00 Uruguri Wa Mwiriri Live
- 7.00 Kameme Maturaini
- 8.00 Njunga Ya Muthee Kihengo
- 8.30 Ndukariganira
- 9.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro
- 10.00 Thenema Cia Kameme
- 11.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro-Rpt
- 00.00 Ririmmbuka
- 2.00 Deutsche Welle



- 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 Dinotroz
- 5.00 Maisha-Mzuqa
- 6.00 Losing-Heaven
- 7.00 KTN-Leo
- 7.30 Jamani
- 8.00 The-Entrepreneur
- 9.00 KTN
- 11.30 The-Diary

TIME OUT!

20.00pm A CARNIVAL AFFAIR



::IN THEATRES NOW::

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA: 10:40, 15:20, 20:20, 22:20: CHHAPAAK (2020)

ANGA MEGA KISUMU: 18:30: CHHAPAAK (2020)

ANGA SKY CINEMA: (CLICK FOR PRICES)

TIMES 10:00, 19:10: CHHAPAAK (2020)

NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA: 21:00: CHHAPAAK (2020)

PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA: 17:55: CHHAPAAK (2020)

WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL: 11:10, 15:10, 18:10, 21:10: CHHAPAAK (2020)



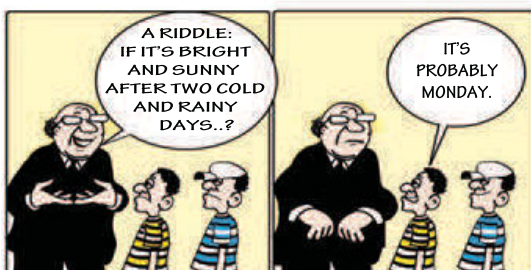
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LIFE'S LIKE THAT! | BY TUM



- ACROSS**
- Buy (8)
 - Arab (4)
 - Take risks (4)
 - Grand, impressive (8)
 - Small in size (6)
 - Come down (7)
 - Spectre (7)
 - He lacks courage! (6)
 - Camouflage (8)
 - Church dignitary (4)

23. Alter (4)
24. Beautiful (8)
- DOWN**
- Canoe oar (6)
 - Breast (5)
 - Australian town, ____ Springs (5)
 - Run out (6)
 - Picture of many parts (6)
 - Consider (6)

HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)
Don't let your emotions interfere with your efficiency. Responsibilities with respect to older relatives may be a burden.

TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)
Your self esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring. Difficulties with female members of your family may result in estrangement's.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
Recognition can be yours if you present your ideas and stand behind your beliefs. Later in the week your boss will pat you on the back for a job well done.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Be aware that you don't get anything for nothing. You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Love can be heightened if you sit down and discuss your future plans. Only offer to do the things you have time for. Luxury items will cost you more than you can truly afford.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)
You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. Try to channel your energy into physical work. Take care of the needs or responsibilities of elders.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)
This may not be the day to get involved in risky joint financial ventures. Disruptions may set you back, but you're strong, and in the end the choices you make will be favorable.

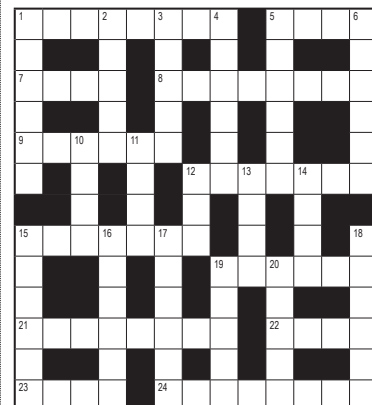
SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)
Some of that extra energy you have stored up might just be put to good use. Your courage and willpower will enable you to get rid of destructive habits as well.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)
Get back into the swing of things. Pamper yourself, you deserve it. You will meet potential new mates through friends or relatives.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN. 20)
Relationships will be emotional today. Don't let siblings put pressure on you. Be diplomatic but stern when it comes to giving of yourself.

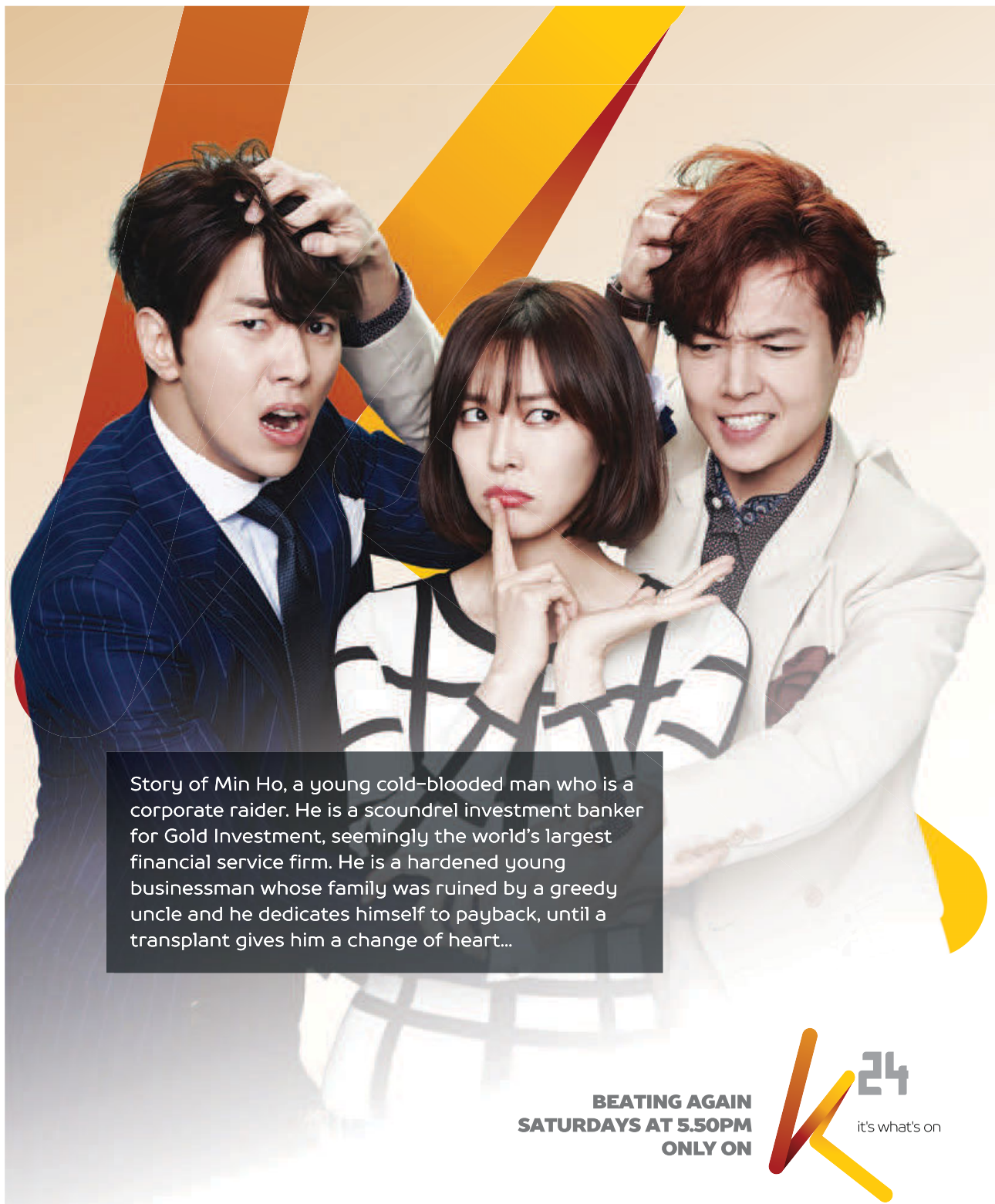
AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)
Channel your energy into projects that will enhance your home. You need to get out and be an observer.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
You should follow through on educational endeavors you have wanted to pursue for some time.




YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- ACROSS**
- Morse
 - Patricia
 - Lois
 - David Frost
 - Weakling
 - Ward
 - Saki
 - Slimming
 - Eradicated
 - Rebus
 - Redskins
 - Annoy
- DOWN**
- Mellow
 - Said
 - Drift
 - Acrobatic
 - Matted
 - Sally
 - Backwards
 - Nit
 - Amber
 - Shears
 - Grisly
 - Risky
 - Anna
 - Dean



Story of Min Ho, a young cold-blooded man who is a corporate raider. He is a scoundrel investment banker for Gold Investment, seemingly the world's largest financial service firm. He is a hardened young businessman whose family was ruined by a greedy uncle and he dedicates himself to payback, until a transplant gives him a change of heart...

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THE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT

(CAP 286)

CHANGE OF USE

The owner of Plot No.13511/174, located in Ngumba Estate, Nairobi County, intends to change the use from **Single Dwelling to Multi-dwellings (Flats)**, subject to approval of County Government of Nairobi. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organization(s) etc with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to:

The County Secretary,
Nairobi County,
P.O. Box 30075,
NAIROBI.

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THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT

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Greg Snow wins Safari Golf Tour latest leg in Muthaiga,

Thirty teams register for Eregi Open in Kakamega

GAMES: Over 30 teams have confirmed their participation in the annual multi-sport Eregi Open set for January 25-26 at St Augustine Eregi Teachers Training College, Kakamega. Speaking to the media in Kakamega County, event coordinator James Gitau revealed that it has attracted a large number of participants than last year and that they are expecting a competitive tournament. "All

the teams that were crowned champions in several categories last year have already confirmed they will be coming to defend their titles something that has raised the stakes higher. Registration for participation is ongoing and will be closed late next week before we come up with pools and fixtures the number will be even much more than last year," said Gitau. **- Frederick Likuyani**

Istanbul half title holder Ng'eno chases second accolade

ATHLETICS: Istanbul half marathon title holder Bernard Ngeno will lead Kenyan athletes during the 18th edition of the Houston half marathon on Sunday. Ngeno who defended his Chemususu Half marathon title in 2018, said he is excited he will compete in the half marathon as he seeks to add another 21km feather on his hat. "I will feel great if I win this marathon because I have been looking forward to compete and. I feel this is the right time to run. I know there are some other competitors in the marathon but that will not stop me from running my best because I will be running against time, not an individual," said Ng'eno. Following his maiden victory at Chemususu in 2018, Ngeno went ahead to claim Istanbul Half Marathon title before winning Bomet and Safi half marathons. **- Ericson Kiprono**



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Lagat defends his Mumbai marathon title this Sunday

ATHLETICS: Tata Mumbai marathon champion Cosmas Lagat will defend his title on Sunday. Lagat won last year, marathon breaking away from the pack around 29kms into the race and hitting the tape on the 2:09:15 mark, 40 seconds outside the course record - Gideon Kipketer's 2:08:35 set in 2016. "I have prepared well for this marathon as I look forward to defend my title I won last

year and coming so close to the course record, I have thought about what I can do to improve, and I think I can run the first half of the race faster than I did last year," Lagat said. Lagat will be aiming to become just the second man to win back-to-back Mumbai Marathon titles in the race's 17-year history, following in the footsteps of fellow Kenyan John Kelai who won in 2007 and 2008. **- Ericson Kiprono**

Former world champ Murigi favourite in Meru

by Emmanuel Masinde
@PeopleDailyKe

World Mountain Running champion from 2017 Lucy Murigi will be a star attraction during Mount Kenya Mountain Running championships slated for February 22 in Meru.

Murigi said she is focused for the event though it will be a big challenge and hoping to be in good shape before the competition.

"I will also be competing as a way of training and gauging myself and also teaching as well as showing young ones and onlookers on how to run on mountain," said Murigi.

Murigi was not sure about future prospects when she started doing the event until she won a two gold and silver medals and made her name known worldwide. In 2014 with support from her

management and coach she travelled to Italy for her first attempt in a mountain running competition and managed a silver medal. However, it was impossible for her to compete at the 2015 and 2016 editions due to lack of support.

"I started running on the mountains in Austria in 2014 and after competing in several local races, I realised I had the talent. The same year, my management decided that I should represent Kenya at the World Mountain Running Championships in Casette di Massa, Italy in 2014," said Murigi.

During the 2017 world event held in Premana, Italy she won her first gold and later finished first in another competition in Spain. Kenya joined the World Mountain Running Association in 2014 and since then, there has been steady growth in the event.



Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic share a lighter moment as they and other top players play in the Rally for Relief charity tennis match in support of the victims of the Australian bushfires, in Melbourne. PHOTO/ AFP

Back for more glory

On form Serena now aims to end long Grand Slam record quest

Melbourne, Wednesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Serena Williams is ominously back to winning ways as she looks to finally complete her long quest for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

The American has been on the cusp of history since 2017, when she won her 23rd Major trophy in

Melbourne, but after returning from giving birth has suffered straight-sets defeats in four Slam finals.

The signs are good for the 38-year-old Williams, who broke a three-year title drought at last week's Auckland Classic -- a result that will not have gone unnoticed by her younger rivals.

Australia's world number one Ashleigh Barty and defending champion Naomi Osaka are among her genuine challengers, but pressure and expectation will also pose problems for Williams as she pursues the 24 Grand Slam titles won by the Aus-

tralian Margaret Court between 1960 and 1973. "That was really important for me and I just want to build on it," Williams, now ranked ninth in the world, said after triumphing in Auckland on Sunday.

The former number one, who celebrated on court with daughter Olympia, donated her US\$43,000 winner's cheque to victims of the Australian bushfires.

Deadly fires

Practice and qualifying have been disrupted in Melbourne this week because of toxic air pollution from the deadly fires, but organisers are confident the tournament will proceed as planned.

Williams has now won 73 WTA titles over four decades and although she is scaling back the number of tournaments she plays, there is no indication she plans to retire imminently.

Williams' latest Grand Slam final heartbreak came at the US Open, where she was stunned by Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu. **-AFP**



Harambee Starlets sensation Nebby Atieno who is among star players set to feature for WPL debutants Kahawa Starlets. PD/FILE

Kahawa Starlets now ready to dine at 'high table'

by Lynette Matheka
@PeopleDailyKe

Kenya Defence Forces' (KDF) women football side Kahawa Starlets have washed their hands and are now ready to dine with queens.

Since their inception in 2018, the side has worked through the ranks and finally earned promotion to the Women's Premier League (WPL) this season.

Under the tutelage of Joseph Mwanza, the soldiers are ready to leave a mark on their debut in the top flight. They are leaving nothing to chance as they have started early preparations with the tactician looking to bolster his squad ahead of the February 22 kickoff.

Kahawa Starlets was born in 2017 when a

35-player squad was assembled from the various brigades that take part in the annual Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and after battling through the lower leagues, they have now hit the big time.

Playoff clash

They played in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) organised regional league and later battled coast and central regions to earn promotion to the FKF Division One in 2019. They repeated the feat in Zone A of Division One, setting up a playoff clash with Zone B champions Nakuru West Queens in November last year.

Mwanza's charges beat their Nakuru counterparts 2-1 to be crowned Division One champions

after an unbeaten run to earn promotion to the WPL alongside the losing side and SEP Oyugis who finished third. Vihiga Leeds, Nyuki Starlets and Spedag were relegated.

"It has been a good journey for us as we started from the regional level and have maintained an unbeaten run all through. Most of my players had experience playing in the premier league and we hope to build on that," said the tactician.

Star players in Mwanza's squad include Harambee Starlets' sensation Nebby Atieno and Lucy Mukwana who were part of the national team as recent as 2018.

He added: "We have a good squad and, I dare say depth, as we had many players attached to KDF who were plying their trade for other local clubs before the team was formed."

Linet Masai tips younger sister for greatness

by Amos Abuga
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Former world 10,000m champion Linet Masai is encouraging her younger sister Magdalene to continue flying the family's flag.

The Masai family is laden with athletics talent as besides Linet, elder brother Moses has also won medals at World Championship and Cross-Country while Magdalene is the Toronto Marathon course record holder (2:22.16). Younger brothers Dennis and Alex are currently running for Hofstra University in the United States.

But after competing against each other at last year's Great North Run, won by world marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei, with Magdalene beating her to second place, Linet, who placed third, believes her younger sister has massive potential.

"Magdalene has big potential, something I keep encouraging her to keep going since she has the world at her feet," said Linet, who, like her siblings, was born and raised at Kapsokwony in Mount Elgon Constituency, Bungoma county.

"I think she will be competing in the World Marathon Majors (WMM) soon. She has done Toronto, Amsterdam and Hamburg. For her, it can only get better," added Linet.

While Olympics legend Benjamin Jipcho is also their uncle, Linet gives credit to Moses for encouraging them to take up athletics seriously.

"It is sad that Moses has been battling injuries for a long time. But without his encouragement and support, I don't think we could have many of us venturing into the sport," said Linet, who won bronze for Kenya during the 2008 Olympics Games in Beijing, China.



Magdalene Masai during a past event. PD/FILE



Injera's return boosts Shujaa

SHUJAA SQUAD FOR HAMILTON & SYDNEY LEGS:

Andrew Amonde (KCB, captain), Jeffrey Oluoch (Homeboyz), Alvin Otieno (Homeboyz), Bush Mwale (Homeboyz), Billy Odhiambo (Mwamba), Daniel Taabu (Mwamba), Collins Injera (Mwamba), Nelson Oyoo (Nakuru), Herman Humwa (Harlequin), Willy Ambaka (Harlequin), Johnstone Olindi (KCB), Vincent Onyala (KCB), Geoffrey Okwach (KCB, debut)

Kenya Sevens star Collins Injera goes for try against Somalia during a past Vegas Sevens tournament. PD/FILE

Kenya Sevens star keen to 'fight for his place' as he rejoins team for Hamilton, Sydney legs after shoulder injury

by Alex Njue
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After sitting out the season openers in Dubai and Cape Town, Kenya's record try scorer Collins Injera will return for the third and fourth legs of the World Rugby Sevens Series in Hamilton, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia.

Injera had been sidelined by a shoulder injury picked during the Safari Sevens tournament in October and was expected to return ahead of the January 25-26 Hamilton round which has proved to be the case.

"I am always honoured to wear that jersey and represent the country but unfortunately, I did not play in the first two legs. The team played very well and that has me figuring out how I will fit in," Injera told People Sport yes-

tetday. Shujaa Technical Director Paul Feeney is also excited to have Injera, who has 271 tries to his name, only bettered by the 338 of England's Dan Norton.

"He's obviously a very influential player.

Travelling party

He trained the house down before the first series tournaments but couldn't go. It's great to have him back with the boys. Looking forward to him adding to his try scoring list too," said Feeney.

Also making the travelling party is KCB speedster and Geoffrey Okwach, joint top try scorer at the Safari Sevens who just nine months ago was part of the Kenya Under-20 squad that qualified for the World Rugby Junior Trophy after beating Namibia 21-18 in the

Barthes Cup final in Nairobi.

The duo, alongside Herman Humwa, are the three changes from the team that did duty in Dubai and Cape Town.

"Getting to the Kenya sevens platform has been challenging and I am honoured to show what I got and contribute to a great team performance," said Okwach.

Jacob Ojee and Oscar Dennis, who were part of the squad for the series openers, are, however, out of this tour through injury while Daniel Sikuta is rested.

Shujaa collected four and 11 points in the opening two legs which leaves them on the 16-team table and given they have targeted a top eight finish, they will have to be targeting at least 12 points every leg.

That will not be easy, however, since they are in Pool B for the Hamilton leg alongside second-placed South Africa, fifth-placed England and minnows Japan.

Shujaa, who are captained by Andrew Amonde leave Nairobi for Hamilton, on Saturday.

Shabana not given up on quest for promotion

by Gibo Zachary
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Shabana FC coach Vincent Nyaberi believes his team is capable of securing promotion to the Kenyan Premier League despite sitting 12 points off their target.

Tore Bobe are 12th on the 19-team National Super League log with 24 points from 19 matches after seven wins, three draws and nine defeats but Nyaberi is convinced they can push up the table in the remaining 17 matches and finish in the top four which might be enough to secure promotion.

"My plans are to finish in top four and we are giving all our focus on this target," said Nyaberi.

Shabana have one of the weakest defences in the division, having shipped in 29 goals and while they have performed admirably by scoring 23, the backline has been letting them down.

It is an area Nyaberi wants to strengthen before the January transfer window closes, having targeted four players.

"We intend to achieve our goals by beefing up the areas we have weaknesses.

We have already identified four players who we will reveal once everything has been sorted," he added.



BRIEFLY

Homeboyz snubbed Cup over accountability-related issues

KAKAMEGA: Fears of lack of accountability of the Sh45 million Football Kenya Federation (FKF) received from betting firm Betway as sponsorship of the FKF Cup was what led Kakamega Homeboyz to snub the knock-out tournament. Homeboyz chairman Cleophas Shimanyula told People Sport yesterday that his team deliberately skipped the event for fears of the Betway windfall landing into wrong hands. "We will not be part of a wider scheme by some individuals to short-change teams. Let us not cheat one another that participating teams will get their rightful share of the windfall. It would have been acceptable if all participating teams were assured of receiving say Sh1.5 million or Sh2 million otherwise the whole organisation is akin to playing with people's minds," said Shimanyula.

-Charles Thuku

Mariga not interested in FKF presidential seat, confides dad

NAIROBI: Former Kenyan international footballer MacDonald Mariga has no intention of running for the top seat in the upcoming Football Kenya Federation (FKF) elections. Mariga's father, Noah Wanyama, told People Sport on phone yesterday that his son has no such plans. "For starters, Mariga is currently out of the country. In any case, he would have told me of his intentions or seek advice. That means this story on social media can only be fiction. It is a huge decision to make for anybody and I believe Mariga is an open person who would consult widely," he said. Mariga, who unsuccessfully ran for the Kibra parliamentary seat last November, was claimed to be interested in toppling incumbent Nick Mwendwa in the rescheduled polls.



-Barry Silah

2021 Afcon moved to January over 'unfavourable' weather

CAIRO: The 2021 Africa Cup of Nations will start on January 9 after its dates were moved, hosts Cameroon have announced. The tournament was scheduled to take place in June and July but was changed because of the "unfavourable" weather in the country at that time of year. It means a number of English Premier League clubs could be without first-team players at a crucial stage of the season. The 2019 tournament in Egypt was the first one to be held in the summer. Before that, the Cup of Nations had been held in January and February, clashing with the European domestic season. The change back to a January start means that the tournament will not clash with the expanded Club World Cup, being held in China in June 2021. "Date changed for weather reasons at Cameroon's request," Cameroon Football Federation (Fecafoot) tweeted after meeting CAF. -BBC



Kenya maintain perfect start at Afro-basket event

by Lynette Matheka
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Kenya basketball men's national team 'Morans' beat a resilient Tanzania 95-59 to pick their second victory of the championship and stay level on points with rivals South Sudan.

The hosts ran the scores in the first half, getting to 20-0 in the first quarter against an unsettled Tanzania who had only six players to rotate on the bench.

The visitors however got their footing in the early minutes of the second quarter as they scored 18 points against Kenya's 24.

Kenya, who beat Eritrea 112-64 in their first match of the five-day competition, will play Somalia at 6:30 pm today while Eritrea take on Tanzania. Burundi will take on South Sudan.

Ajou Deng's South Sudan also picked their second win of the championship after beating Eritrea 111-57 in the early kick off.

Bol Bak and Nyang Wek were sensational as they top

scored for their side with 20 and 15 points respectively.

It was, however, teamwork and individual brilliance that easily won the match for Deng's charges even as Makuel Duondak and Emmanuel Malou made 14 points each for the side. Aron Zekeriah of Eritrea watched as his match-high 22 points went down the drain.

South Sudan dominated on all fronts and led from tip off to the last whistle. The first period ended 28-15. Eritrea crumbled in the second quarter, allowing South Sudan to score 35 points against their eight.

The 40-point lead gave the eventual winners an edge as they slowed down in the third period which ended 21-20 in their favour.

In another match, Burundi picked their first win of the championship in their tournament opener, beating Somalia 106-86. The 20-point loss for Somalia was an improvement from their first match where they lost 112-79 to South Sudan on day one.



Greg Snow of Muthaiga Golf Club after winning his home Safari tour leg yesterday.
PD/WEBSTER NYANDIKA

SAFARI TOUR CALENDAR 2019/20

August 24-28: Nyali (Winner: Greg Snow)
Sept 10-14: Uganda Open (Winner: Madalitso Muthiya)
October 12-16: Royal (Winner: Tony Omuli)
Oct 30-Nov 2: Entebbe Open (Winner: Jastas Madoya)
Nov 6-9: Lake Victoria Serena (Winner: Dismas Indiza)
Nov 23-27: Great Rift Lodge (Winner: Dismas Indiza)
January 4-8: Thika Greens (Winner: Greg Snow)
January 11-15: Muthaiga Golf Club (Winner: Greg Snow)
January 25-29: Sigona Golf Club
Feb 12-15: Kitante Open (Uganda Golf Club)
Feb 22-26: Karen Country Club
March 12-15: Kenya Open (Karen Country Club)

Snow freezes opponents at Muthaiga

Johnnie Walker-sponsored pro posts impressive score of 4-under par, 67 to claim third Safari tour title

by Gibo Zachary
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Muthaiga Golf Club's Greg Snow returned an impressive score of 4-under par, 67 in the last round of play, to claim his third Safari tour title of the season at his home club, with a 2-over par, 286 gross score.

The Johnnie Walker-sponsored professional came into the final round, four strokes behind the overnight leader, Jastas

Madoya, made a slow start in the first nine hitting two birdies at the par-5 fourth and par-4 eighth, coupled with two bogeys at the par-3 second and par-3 fifth for a turning score of par, 36.

It was at the back nine that Snow started narrowing the gap, starting off with back-to-back birdies on the 10th and 11th, before hitting another two at the 14th and 18th, while managing to go through the other holes without dropping a shot to hand him his sixth overall Safari tour title. Speaking

after his round, Snow noted his confidence and form coming into the tournament as what had contributed to his win.

"I came into this leg fresh from the win at Thika Greens so I was in great form and was confident I could win here, even when I didn't play so well, in the third round," he said.

Start training

On his performance in the last round, Snow said: "I came in today knowing that I had to be at my best as the guys ahead of me would definitely play great golf. I had my work cut out for me and I am glad that I could get the win. I will rest tomorrow, before I start training for the next leg in Sigona," he added.

Snow finished three strokes ahead of the trio of Golf Park's David Wakhu, Great Rift Valley's Madoya and Thika's Simon Ngige in second place on 5-over par, 289.

Wakhu and Ngige returned identical round scores of par, with Madoya returning a score of 2-over par, 73. The trio finished one stroke ahead of current series leader Dismas Indiza in fifth on 6-over par, 290.

For his efforts Snow pocketed Sh105,000 with the trio in second place clinching Sh59,500 each. The Muthaiga leg saw a season high of eight amateur entries, three of them making the cut.



Erick Mutoro of Kenya Morans dribbles past Aron Zekar of Eritrea during their Afro-Basketball Pre-qualifiers at Nyayo Gymnasium yesterday. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA



Pablo Oduor (left) of Chemelil Sugar vies for the ball against Lawrence Juma of Gor Mahia during their KPL match at Moi Stadium in Kisumu yesterday.
PD/DANIEL OGENDO

K'Ogalo lick Chemelil Sugar

Gor put four past hapless rivals to dislodge Ulinzi from third place with two matches in hand

by James Magayi
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Defending champions Gor Mahia leapfrogged Ulinzi Stars into third place on the Kenyan Premier League table after whitewashing relegation candidates Chemelil Sugar 4-0 at Kisumu's Moi Stadium yesterday.

Ex-Ulinzi Stars forward Samuel Onyango opened the scores when he rifled in a low shot from distance after 22 minutes. Gor players looked rejuvenated by the two-day camp in Homa Bay as they exercised total dominance over their hosts.

Onyango had earlier missed a sitter when skipper Kenneth Muguna put him through on goal but his 22nd minute spectacular effort adequately atoned for earlier miss. K'Ogalo were

not in top gear and struggled to break down the millers whose plan glaringly switched to damage limitation after Onyango's goal.

Chances came and went for K'Ogalo and Chemelil went to the break lucky to keep the score in singular. Their spirited resistance received a major blow when two minutes into the second half Onyango popped up with his second to double K'Ogalo's lead.

Financial woes

A defensive lull in the Chemelil backline allowed Nicholas Kipkirui to thread the ball in the danger area under little pressure and Onyango ambitiously bundled the loose ball into the net with a poacher's instinct.

K'Ogalo were then made to wait until the 69th minute before getting their third through Boniface Omondi who let fly a rasping shot into Daniel Kiptoo's goal. Kipkirui then added the fourth three minutes later before

K'Ogalo reduced their intensity.

The victory pushed Gor to within two points of leaders Tusker who are on 37 points. K'Ogalo still have two games in hand but the financial woes bedeviling the club could scupper their chances for a fourth straight title.

The team has beefed up its ranks with Ghanaian midfielder Jackson Owusu from Asante Kotoko and Ugandan midfielder Juma Balinya from Young Africans of Tanzania. They have also added three youngsters from the local leagues as they bid to prevent more players from walking out.

"We are doing well under the circumstances and I want to thank my players for staying focused and keeping us on course for the title. It is still too early but we have to believe and play each game at a time with that in mind. We have not had many sessions of training in the last 30 days and that hurt us a bit but things are looking up," said Gor coach Steven Polack.

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Eliud Kipchoge (left) and Brigid Kosgei after they won their respective London Marathon races last year. PD/FILE



Why is the world in denial?

Kosgei says she would still break world record running barefoot as Kipchoge gives F1 example where Pirelli issues tyres to all cars but Mercedes end up winning

by James Waindi and Agencies
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Women Marathon world record holder Brigid Kosgei and her counterpart Eliud Kipchoge who ran unofficial sub-two-hour marathon in Vienna last year, have poured cold water on claims that the running shoes they wore when they achieved their respective fetes, gave them an advantage.

World Athletics yesterday announced that they were considering banning the Nike shoes that were used by the duo. Kosgei smashed Paula Radcliffe's 16-year marathon mark wearing the Nike Vaporfly as she won the Chicago Marathon in 2hr 14min 4sec, well inside Rad-

cliffe's time of 2:15:25. It is also understood shoes which sources at World Athletics believe to be a hybrid of the Vaporfly, are the ones Kipchoge used in Vienna.

"I would still break the world record while running bare foot. It is not the shoes that do the running, it's always an athlete's shape going into the race and the level of preparation," Kosgei told *People Sport*.

Total absurd

She added: "I remember initially before the Chicago Marathon race began, I had refused to wear the new shoes because I had armed myself with my usual blue shoes that I used when I won London Marathon, but my manager convinced me to just wear the new shoes because almost all the athletes on the starting line had wore them. So for someone to claim that they aided my achievement, it's total absurd."

Kipchoge on his part remained defiant that the controversial Nike shoes that he ran his sub-two-hour marathon in are 'fair', claiming the

sport should get on board with technological advances.

Nike's range of Vaporfly shoes are under intense review from a panel of experts at World Athletics after they sparked the biggest mass drop in road race running times in history. The contentious issue is the foam and carbon-fibre composition of the sole, which acts like a spring to help runners get the most forward push from each stride.

A technical body looking into the Nike shoes are set to deliver their findings at the end of this month.

But yesterday, Kipchoge defended the trainers by claiming there is no need for greater regulation as marathon times are down to the athlete running the race.

"They are fair," he told the Telegraph. "I trained hard. Technology is growing and we can't deny it - we must go with technology."

"In Formula 1, Pirelli issues the tyres to all the cars but Mercedes are the best one. Why? It's the engine. It's the person."

"So for those that are against the shoe, it's the person who is running, not the shoe. It's the person driving, not the person making the tyres."

A moratorium is being considered by World Athletics, which may see records stand despite likely bans for the shoes.

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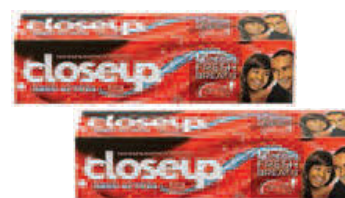
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