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President Uhuru Kenyatta with Chinese Foreign Affairs minister Wang Yi and Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani during an inspection tour of the new Kipevu Oil Terminal at the Mombasa Port in Mombasa yesterday. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU

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### THE DREAM TEAM



**Ndiritu Muriithi:** Laikipia Governor



**Elizabeth Meyo:** Ex-KRA Commissioner

**Board:** In picking a mix of technocrats, business experts, lawyers, dons and politicians to drive his campaign, ODM boss has passed message that he is determined to focus on key issues **PAGE 4**



**SK Macharia:** Business mogul



**Charity Ngilu:** Kitui Governor



**Prof Makau Mutua:** Law professor



**Prof A. Nyong'o:** Kisumu Governor



**Karuti Kanyinga:** Political scientist



**Kanchory Saitaboi:** Lawyer



**Priscilla Nyokabi:** National Gender and Equality Commissioner



**Prof P. Wanyande:** University don



### OTHERS:

- **Seth Kaksyue:** Former ODM aspirant in Makeni county and currently a member of the party's disciplinary committee.
- **Betty Montet:** Managing Director of the Journal of Academy of Business and Economics (JABE).

### CHARITY NGILU

What a wonderful team to work with. Kenyans should expect issue-based campaigns.

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## Ngirici: Fierce Ruto defender who has turned harsh critic

by Eric Wainaina  
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She has been a fierce defender of Deputy President William Ruto, a face of defiance in his camp, and a harsh critic of ODM leader Raila Odinga.

But of late, Kirinyaga Woman Rep Wangui Ngirici appears to be changing tune in favour of the ODM leader.

The abrasive Woman Rep, who has been a member of the Tanga Tanga brigade as well as the Inua Mama, both of which are allied to DP, has recently launched thin-veiled attacks on Ruto whose United Democratic Alliance (UDA) party she decamped from citing lack of respect, loyalty and democracy.

In particular, she has been uncomfortable with UDA for allegedly embracing her competitor Governor Anne Waiguru.

Ngirici has claimed that UDA was keen to give the Kirinyaga governorship ticket to the county chief who she says is unsuitable for leadership over allegations of presiding over a corrupt administration.

And yesterday, in what appeared like a coded message, the Woman Rep took to her social media platforms to wish the ODM leader a happy birthday.

Raila's birthday falls today. "Happy 77th Birthday Jakom," she said, just a day after she chided Ruto over his political stance that leaders from Mt Kenya region must join his UDA party and those with their parties must fold them.

### Local leaders

Of late, Ngirici has sided with former Cabinet Secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri, Governor Kiraitu Murungi (Meru), former Kiambu Governor William Kabogo, Narc Kenya boss Martha Karua and Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria in demanding respect for the Mt Kenya region.

Ngirici says interests of the region must be taken care of, must be designed by the local leaders, and those willing to accept the de-



NGIRICI

**The interests of Mount Kenya can't be dictated by outsiders.**

mands, must reveal it before the August poll.

"The interests of Mount Kenya can't be dictated by outsiders. It's only through partnerships and election of independent minded leaders that Mount Kenya will benefit. We as the mountain might produce a Deputy President but we can only be sure that he/she shall be respected if we have a formidable coalition," she wrote on Twitter.

### Change colours

The Kirinyaga County MP has been the most vocal and would use unkind words on a target, making her an asset to the DP's campaigns.

That Ngirici has fallen out with the DP became clear when she removed UDA colours from her offices in Kerugoya town and from her vehicles.

The offices that had been painted in yellow and green, the dominant UDA colours with the wheelbarrow, the party's symbol, have been repainted in white.

She accused party officials of unfairness after she was reportedly asked to drop her bid for the gubernatorial position and instead defend her current seat.

Speaking on December 30, while on a tour of Mwea and Gichugu constituencies, Ngirici said she had already decamped from UDA and that she would vie for the governor seat as an independent candidate.

Businesswoman sneaked out of city hotel where she was hiding to evade cops over tax evasion claims

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Shadowy businesswoman Mary Wambui, who has been on the radar of detectives over a litany of criminal related allegations, was yesterday paraded in court for a second time in as many months, this time to answer to charges of illegally being in possession of firearms and 22 bullets for close to two years.

The move came as details emerged of how a senior government official, on December 7, 2021 night helped her sneak out of the Deputy President William Ruto-owned Weston Hotel where she had gone to hide to evade police who were pursuing her and her daughter Purity Njoki for allegedly defrauding the taxpayer Sh2.2 billion through tax evasion.

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) detectives, who had launched her manhunt stormed the hotel where the fugitive and her daughter had been booked but the duo got wind of the pursuit and sneaked out leaving behind her handbag in her room number B302. Police found a firearm certificate that had expired on April 17, 2020, which is what led to her arraignment yesterday.

### Bond terms

Wambui, an ally of the Deputy President, spent the night at Muthaiga Police Station after being arrested on Wednesday, and is accused of being in possession of the said firearm on diverse dates between April 17, 2020 and December 15, 2021 as well as being found with 22, 9.9 ammunition without a valid certificate on diverse dates.

Her lawyers LSK president Nelson Havi and Elgeyo Marakwet Senator Kipchumba Murkomen, both allies of the DP, requested the court to release her on favourable bond terms saying the two offences are misdemeanours.

She was released on a cash bail of Sh50,000 or a bond of Sh100,000 pending the hearing and determination of the case.

Fondly referred to as "Wambui wa Ruto" in social and political circles because of her association with the second in command, Wambui and her daughter had been informally booked in rooms A301, A302 and B302 but when they learnt that police were closing in, they allegedly sneaked out of her room and went to one of the upper floors in the hotel where the top government official was presiding over a fundraiser in the company of some MPs that evening, and informed him of the

# Top politician assisted Wambui escape dragnet



Businesswoman Mary Wambui Mungai at Milimani Law Courts where she was charged with two counts of being in possession of a firearm and ammunition without a valid licence. PD/CHARLES MAATHAI

development.

The official, according to one of the investigators in Wambui's case, organised for her to be taken to his waiting official car, and after the fundraiser was over, he joined her and they were driven out to an unknown destination.

"Police found she had already escaped and left behind their personal belongings with a black handbag in room number B 302. Inside the handbag, she found bank cards, original Identification Cards, temporary permit for the Republic of Zambia valid from July 27, 2021 to January 27, 2022, firearms licence which we found to have already expired," a detective privy to the probe revealed yesterday.

Investigators also established that Wambui had lied to officers at the Firearm Licensing Board that she had her license and on February 10, 2021 he had applied for a replacement yet she was still in possession of her original one that had expired in April 2020.

After getting hold of the expired license, the detectives kicked off investigations and on December 15, 2021, they ordered her to surrender her firearm to police, just a day after the Firearms Licensing Board (FLB) warned that she was illegally in possession of that firearm.

Wambui, handed over the semi-automatic pistol, CZ75 Compact, to officers at the Runda police station who are expected to forward it to the Board which had warned that it was an offense under section

11(4) of the Firearms Act to fail to comply with a demand to surrender the weapon.

Just a day after they escaped the detectives' dragnet, Wambui and her daughter presented themselves before Anti-Corruption Magistrate Felix Kombo, the latter claiming that she had been taken ill and admitted in hospital but police said their probe proved that it was a lie.

The accused persons are facing eight counts related to failure to pay taxes amounting to Sh2.5 billion accrued by their company, Purma Holdings.

### Tax returns

They were charged on or before 30th June 2015 after directors of Purma Holdings registered as a taxpayer under KRA PIN P051121273L and its directors unlawfully failed to pay tax returns Sh2, 231,789,125 in 2014. Further, on or before 30th June 2016 they omitted from the company's income tax returns, Sh352, 146,569 for the year of income 2015, on or before 30th June 2017, omitted income tax returns, Sh833, 638,080 for the year of income 2016 and on or before 30th June 2018 omitted Sh147, 205,398 for 2018. They denied the charges and were ordered to deposit a cash bail of Sh25 million each or a bond of Sh50 million each pending the hearing and determination of the matter, and to also deposit their Kenyan and foreign travel documents with the court, refrain from contacting witnesses and cooperate with investigators.

She is also wanted because her Nightgale Enterprises Limited (NEL) which has also been fingered by County Assembly of Kiambu's Public Accounts and Investment Committee over questionable tender dealings with the Governor James Nyoro-led administration, the DCI detectives say, submitted forged and unauthenticated documents including Equity Bank statements and fake construction work experience in order to win a Sh665 million tender for construction of the multi-storey building for the Kenya National Assembly in a scam that involved Wambui, state and Equity bank officials.

### MORE ON WAMBUI

- Wambui was born and brought up in Gachika village in Gatundu South, Kiambu County.
- Those who know the wealthy tenderpreneur, describe her as shrewd although she harasses motorists with sirens.
- She shot to the limelight due to her strong association with top Jubilee administration leaders.

■ With Kirungustu Jnr.

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### Quack chemistry ruins party

A brand promotion in 2013 in Leon, Mexico, attracted about 200 young people at a pool party. To increase the party atmosphere, the event managers decided to pour liquid nitrogen over the swimming pool to create an awesome smoky effect. What they did not realise is that liquid nitrogen combined with chlorine creates a toxic gas. People soon started to fall unconscious. Never good news, but especially bad when a bunch of people are swimming. Fortunately, no one at the event died. However, a 21-year-old man ended up in a coma, and eight others were hospitalised.

# Marketing stunts that flopped big

In marketing, brands usually throw a bunch of money at a professional which mostly works out okay. Sometimes, though, they hire the wrong people and it all goes disastrously wrong

### Soft-drink firm treasure hunt ends in graveyard

In 2007, Cadbury Schweppes (who owned the soda at the time) decided to put on a treasure hunt for their soft drink, Dr Pepper. They hid coins worth various amounts of money around Boston which participants needed to locate using clues to get the cash prize. One clue led to a 347-year-old graveyard that was the resting place for some important people. You have, by this point, likely spotted the glaring issue. The city quickly stopped the hunt after contestants started descending on the burial site. Dr Pepper apologised, stating the coin should not have "been placed in such a hallowed site." Something that really should have been obvious before people were running into a cemetery with shovels.



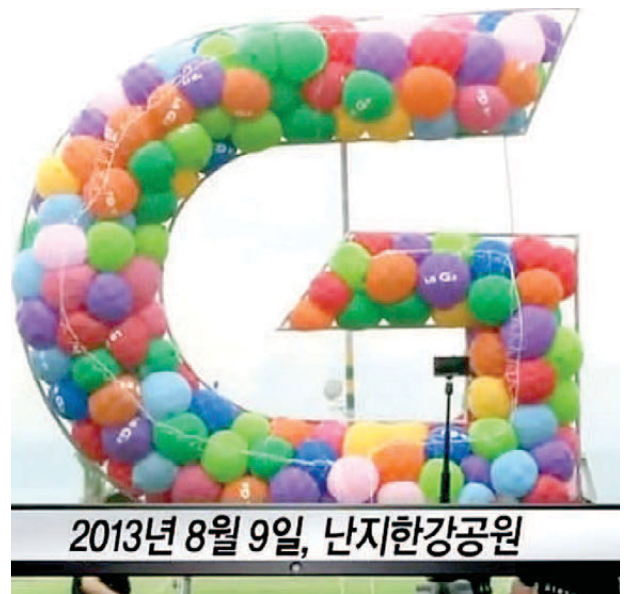
### Fiat's secret love letters

In an ill-conceived stunt in Spain, Fiat mailed letters to 50,000 women claiming to be from a secret admirer. There was no signature. There was no indication of what or who was behind the letter. The letter pretended to be from someone who had noticed the woman while looking at them on the street. It further said, "I only need to be with you for a couple of minutes, and even if it doesn't work out, I promise you won't forget our little experience together." Many women were creeped out and believed they were being stalked and stayed indoors in fear. Until a second letter arrived two weeks later which explained that the first had been a marketing tactic and invited the women to their local Fiat dealer. Instead, the women decided it was more appropriate to sue Fiat and won their case.



### Fake bombs that looked real

Promoting the new Mission Impossible III, Paramount Pictures marketing team placed electronic devices in 4,500 different newspaper vending machines around Los Angeles. The idea was to play the theme music from the film when the door opened. Unfortunately, these devices looked an awful lot like homemade bombs. Many panicked citizens soon called the police. One news rack was blown up by the bomb squad. If this sounds a little extreme, know that this device was a plastic box with wires sticking haphazardly out of it attached to the inside of the newspaper boxes. The whole saga caused more than a little outrage, and Paramount was subsequently sued and had to pay \$75,000 in negligence claims.



### Free phones create accidental riot

Another event that had not been thought through beyond the first move was organised by giant electronics manufacturer LG in 2013. In the event, LG would release 100 helium balloons, each containing a voucher for a free smartphone. These were pricey smartphones valued at more than \$850 (Sh85,000) and those that turned up were playing to win. When the balloons were released, the crowd underneath brought out BB guns and started firing. Twenty people were injured in the resulting scum. LG decided it should probably cancel the remainder of similar planned events. A wise move, no doubt.

# Why Raila chose 'thinkers' to lead his campaign board

ODM leader optimistic that the 12-member presidential team will catapult him to State House

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Orange party leader Raila Odinga has set up a 12-member presidential campaign board which, he hopes, will catapult him to the highest office on the land.

The Opposition leader has appointed three first-term governors – Ndiritu Muriithi, Nyang Nyong'o and Charity Ngilu – and a similar number of university dons, Prof Peter Wanyande, Prof Karuti Kanyinga and Prof Makau Mutua, to craft and implement his 10-point manifesto in his quest for the top seat.

Raila has also included in his campaign board technocrats, Journal of Academy of Business and Economics managing director Betty Montet, former Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner in charge of Domestic Tax Elizabeth Meyo, media mogul SK Macharia, Seth Kakusye, advocate Kanchory Saitaboi and National Gender and Equality Commissioner Priscilla Nyokabi.

In previous elections, Raila has always relied on politicians to guide his State House campaign. For instance, in 2017, Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi was elected to chair the National Super Alliance campaign committee.

## Business experts

In picking a cocktail of technocrats, business experts, lawyers, political scientists and politicians to drive his fifth stab at the presidency, Raila has passed the message that he is determined to focus his campaign on key issues of economy, corruption, health, education and social welfare, among others.

And with only seven months to the polls, Raila is said to have roped in SK Macharia, a long-time friend and representative of the Mount Kenya Foundation, to mobilise and monitor deployment of campaign funds from the group.

Foundation brings together wealthy business people from the vote-rich Mt Kenya region who have had influence on previous elections. Other prominent members of the group include Equity Bank founder Peter Munga, former minister George Muhoho, former KRA boss



ODM leader Raila Odinga during the Azimio La Umoja event at Kasarani Stadium on December 10, 2021. PD/FILE

Michael Waweru and business mogul Paul Ngugi, among others. Raila has picked Law prof Mutua alongside political scientists Wanyande and Kanyinga to fine-tune legal, political and economic messages that resonate well with the Kenyan electorate.

Prof Nyong'o, a long-time buddy of Raila, has taught at the University of Nairobi, El Colegio de Mexico, and Addis Ababa universities, and joined the African Academy of Sciences as head of programmes from 1987 to 1992.

Having been involved in the struggle against authoritarian rule in Kenya throughout his academic career, the Political Science prof was among leaders who made a breakthrough into multiple party politics in 1992 when he was elected Kisumu Rural MP and was the first secretary general of ODM party.

## Academic career

Sources say he was picked selected into the team due to his wide experience in Kenya's electoral affairs as well as his input and expertise on the Universal Health Coverage, which has been Raila and President Uhuru Kenyatta's novel dream.

Ngilu, a first-term governor and a former member of the 2007 Pentagon, has been a strong proponent of Raila's latest presidential bid, frequently urging Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka to drop his bid in favour of the former. Last evening, an elated Ngilu described the team as "a great think-tank" that would shape the country's politics. "What a wonderful team to work with.

Kenya should expect issue-based campaigns. This is not a team to waste time on propaganda and personal mudslinging. We want our candidate to tell Kenyans what he shall do for them," Ngilu told People Daily.

Prof Kanyinga is an accomplished development researcher and scholar with extensive national and international experience and exposure. He has conducted numerous research programmes and projects at the Institute for Development Studies, UoN, in the past 29 years.

In his latest research study on the cost of the 2017 elections, Kanyinga argues that it is because of financial trends that few of the political elite, if any, would leave anything to chance. "Our survey established that, on the whole, the more a candidate spends, the greater their chances of electoral victory. For instance, Woman Rep candidates who won their races spent almost three times as much as those who were unsuccessful," he found.

Prof Wanyande, a veteran political scientist, has taught at UoN for at least 30 years and has worked in government and regional organisations such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development and served in the defunct Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Wanyande supported Raila's call to revive the economy, create mass job opportunities for the youth, reduce government spending and restructure the crippled civil service.

He appeared alongside Raila when the ODM leader first explained in public why

his administration would offer Sh6,000 to poor households should he be elected president.

"Any solution must be people-centered. The statement read (Raila's speech) has a diagnosis that touches on at least three things. One is on governance. Management of our public affairs has been a challenge for a very long time.

"But that challenge is attributed to a number of things, one of which is also contained in the statement. That is the quality of leadership. Unfortunately, in this country, we have a tendency to give very little attention to the quality of political leadership yet that is so key in terms of influencing the nature of governance," said Wanyande.

Sources within ODM say that Prof Wanyande spent the better of last year compiling and documenting trends and statistics on social-economic issues and could be responsible for Raila's social welfare blue print.

## Three things

Governor Muriithi is retired President Mwai Kibaki's nephew and his appointment to the board could be interpreted to mean that Kibaki supports Raila's candidacy and brings Uhuru's footprints in the Raila campaign.

A first-time governor, who won his Laikipia seat as an independent candidate in 2017, Muriithi brings leadership and management experience to the group.

The former Laikipia West MP and Kibaki-era assistant minister for Industrialisation will be instrumental in shaping Raila's strategy to succeed Uhuru, particularly in Central region, where he has been working alongside Governors Francis Kimemia (Nyandarua), Lee Kinyanjui (Nakuru) and James Nyoro (Kiambu) to sell the ODM leader in a region that has previously voted overwhelmingly against him.

Raila allies who sought anonymity disclosed that Meyo will have sweeping powers to manage the campaign, fundraise, hire and fire staff and manage logistics.

She will implement the board's strategic decisions, head the campaign secretariat and make all vital decisions besides acting as the "sole campaign spokesperson".

"During her tenure at the KRA, Meyo was pivotal in authority's policy and strategy development. She spearheaded the rollout of iTax, which has revolutionised revenue collection in Kenya," Raila wrote of her appointment.

On the other hand, Kakusye is a former ODM aspirant in Makeni and currently a member of the party's disciplinary committee.

Lawyer Kanchory represented Deputy President William Ruto in court before 2013 when his United Democratic Movement faced hurdles over registration after some Kenyan moved to court. After the court blocked its registration, Ruto moved on to form the United Republic Party that later joined President Kenyatta's TNA.

**12**  
The number of powerful individuals that have been picked to head Raila Odinga's campaign board

## Atwoli dismisses Ruto's forays in Western, says he won't get votes



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Central Organisation of Trade Unions Secretary-General Francis Atwoli yesterday dismissed Deputy President William Ruto's campaign forays in the Western region, terming them as inconsequential.

Atwoli said Ruto would not get any votes in the Luhya Nation. He said Luhyas "would rather vote for any other devil but not Ruto." Speaking in Kakamega yesterday,

the trade unionist said the DP did not have any positive agenda for Luhyas and the country at large.

"Ruto can visit the Western region as many as 20 times a week but he will not get a single vote from the residents," he said.

Atwoli spoke as the DP continued with his tour of the region, which started on Monday in Bungoma and Kakamega counties, Tuesday he was in Trans Nzoia, Wednesday in Busia and yesterday in Vihiga.

He was earlier in Mumias on

December 31 where he graced the finals of Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malalah's soccer tournament.

The DP has been extending an olive branch to Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi and Ford Kenya's Moses Wetang'ula to join hands with him.

## Olive branch

But Mudavadi and the Bungoma Senator, who are members of the One Kenya Alliance, dismissed talks of them joining the DP or

ODM leader Raila Odinga.

Atwoli said Luhyas are better off in 'Azimio La Umoja' led by Raila than in Ruto's 'Hustler' wing.

"Real politics are yet to start so Ruto is just dancing himself lame even before the music begins. We shall crush and dismantle all that he is doing in the Western region in less than a week," he added.

Atwoli on December 31 hosted a meeting of Azimio la Umoja leaders in Bukhungu during which Raila was endorsed for the presidency.

# Coalitions law to change polls conduct

After acrimonious debate and voting, Handshake MPs passed the Political Parties Bill and carried the day

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Parliament sat late into the night on Wednesday to pass the Political Parties (Amendment) Bill which, if endorsed by Senate and the President, is set to alter the conduct of the August General Election.

After acrimonious debate and voting, MPs supporting amendments sponsored by President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga's Handshake side carried the day.

Their biggest victory was, perhaps, pushing through an amendment allowing formation of coalition political parties to contest as single entities in elections. This means that Raila would most likely contest as the Azimio presidential candidate in August, enjoying support of all parties that support his State House bid.

Changes also bar aspirants for various seats in a coalition political party from defecting to other outfits within the alliance if they lose during party primaries, if the proposed law is enacted.

Bill, which will be discussed by the Senate on Tuesday, states that the coalition party can only field a presidential candidate in a General Election. This means that while affiliate parties may field candidates for other seats, they cannot sponsor a candidate for State House. Should the amendments be enacted into law, aspirants for governorship, senate, MPs and Ward Reps will not vie on a coalition ticket.

Clause 8(3A) states: "A coalition political party shall only field candidates for election as President."

Another key development is the amendment reducing the time a coalition can deposit its instruments with the Registrar of

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Proposed law to allow for formation of coalition political party.
- Registrar of Political Parties to manage party primaries, not IEBC.
- Period for depositing coalition agreement with RPP reduced from six to four months to election.
- Coalition political party to field only presidential candidate.
- Affiliate parties in coalition free to compete for below-ticket seats.
- Candidates in coalition barred from defecting to affiliate parties after losing in primaries.

Former Majority Leader Aden Duale had wanted expulsion of a clause setting the timelines for coalition-making, arguing that there should be no timelines for parties to form coalitions.

### Certain individual

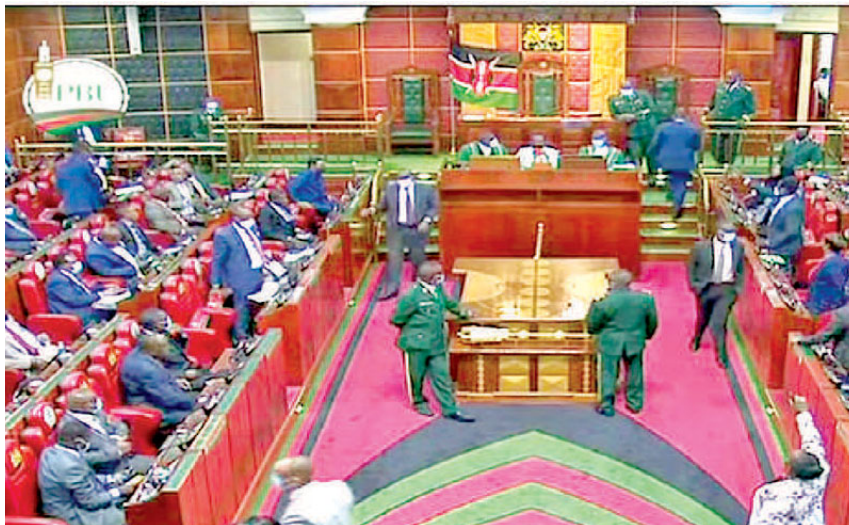
"Why rush parties into coalitions, we should not be sitting here to make laws to favour a certain individual, this is deceit and conmanship," Duale had protested.

This opens the doors for Uhuru and Raila to register Azimio La Umoja Movement as a coalition and clear the way for it to field a candidate in the August polls.

United Democratic Alliance (UDA) team also lost a bid to strike out provisions aimed at taming party hopping.

Lawmakers lost a bid to amend the clause defining what actions constitute resignation from a party with the Registrar of Political Parties (RPP) given a wide mandate to make a determination on the matter.

Under the proposed amendments, resig-



nation and expulsion of an elected leader from a political party essentially means that one will have been deemed to have lost his seat thus creating room for a by-election. Another significant change is the transfer of the management of party nominations from the Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to RPP.

Amendments to oppose the changes filed by UDA allied MPs namely, Aden Duale (Garissa Township), Alice Wahome (Kandara), Sylvanus Osoro (South Muringango), Sakwa Bunyasi (Nambale) and Dido Raso (Saku) were all defeated.

### Party nominations

Leader of Majority Amos Kimunya had defended the proposal to have the Registrar of Political Parties manage party nominations, arguing that by doing so the process will be more organised and free from interference.

Clause 22 of the Bill states: "The Registrar may make regulations relating to party nominations and for the better carrying into effect the provisions of this part."

Wahome said the Registrar should not encroach on the role of the polls agency to manage nominations.

"By giving the Registrar sweeping powers to manage nominations we will be installing an imperial Registrar of Political Parties who will take up some roles from IEBC and also manage party nominations," warned Wahome.

"This Bill seeks to transfer functions of IEBC to the Registrar of Political Parties," Raso had protested.

If the Bill goes through the Senate and President Kenyatta assents it, all political parties will have to present their registers to the Registrar who will organise and manage nominations.

Members of Parliament during Special Sitting on Wednesday.  
PD/FILE

## Lusaka calls Special Sitting over contentious Political Parties Bill

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Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka has called for a Special Sitting on Tuesday next week to commence debate on the controversial Political Parties Bill following its passage at the National Assembly on Thursday.

Deputy President William Ruto's allies in the Senate have rolled up their sleeves to take on President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga, who have dared surrogates of the Second-in-Command for a bruising battle.

On Thursday, Handshake partners triumphed over forces loyal to Ruto by rejecting all their proposals and mainly the one that sought to restrict a coalition party to only field a joint presidential candidate. After successfully passing

through the National Assembly, the Bill now paves way for Azimio La Umoja Movement to field candidates for president, governor, senator, Woman Rep, single constituency MP and Ward Rep.

Just like the Lower House, the Bill will require to be processed for all the stages these being First Reading, Public Participation, Second Reading, Committee of the Whole House and Third Reading.

Timelines at which Senate will dispense off debate on the Bill will be determined by the number of amendments that the Tanga Tanga side will be bringing forth.

Yesterday, Lusaka confirmed receipt and request

## January 11

Date Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka has summoned House for Special Sitting



to convene a special sitting on Tuesday, January 11, to consider the Bill that seeks to anchor Azimio La Umoja Movement championed by ODM leader Raila Odinga.

"I have received a request from both the Leader of Majority in the Senate Senator Samuel Poghisiso (West Pokot) and his Minority counterpart Senator James Orengo (Siaya) to convene a special sitting on Tuesday next week, which I have approved, and I will be gazetting the Tuesday sitting today," Lusaka told People

Daily.

"In furtherance to that, today I will have a special House Business Committee and the leadership so that we agree on the road map on how we will proceed in processing the Bill," added Lusaka.

However, Lusaka said he does not expect the ugly scenes witnessed in the National Assembly to be replicated in the Senate.

"I expect senators as is the norm to debate soberly and with decorum and reason," he held.

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2	Samsung tablets screen protectors	Pcs	41	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022
3	Samsung tablets rugged covers	Pcs	31	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022
4	Samsung charging cables with head USB 2.0 port	Pcs	90	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022
5	Anker Power Bank - 20,000mAh	Pcs	41	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022
6	Anker Solar Chargers Solar Panel, Anker 21W 2-Port USB Portable Solar Charger with Foldable Panel, PowerPort Solar for iPhone 11/Xs/XS Max/XR/X8/7, iPad Pro/Air/Mini, Galaxy S9/S8/S7/S6	Pcs	41	04 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2022
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# After defeat in House, unfazed Ruto moves to secure backyard

Deputy President set to hold campaign meetings in Uasin Gishu, Bomet and Kericho counties

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Deputy President William Ruto has lined up three meetings in his political backyard, two days after suffering defeat in the National Assembly that arguably put to rest his claim of supremacy in the House.

The series of events, starting tomorrow, comes at a time when he appears to be under siege from President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga, who have trained their arsenal at his candidature.

The DP could not marshal sufficient numbers to stop or amend the Political Parties (Amendment) Bill 2021, that was passed on Wednesday night with the support of Uhuru and Raila's team.

The loss in the House followed an endorsement of Raila by a group of Mt Kenya business leaders close to the President, who have vowed to ensure Ruto's main rival trounces him in the August polls.

## Offering blessings

After the latest defeat, however, the DP heads to his home area, where he is expected to receive a warm reception.

But yesterday, his allies said the failure in Parliament would not have any impact on his presidential bid, adding they had put elaborate plans for a massive reception during the rallies to be held in Eldoret tomorrow and Bomet and Kericho on Monday.

The Eldoret meeting, which will be held at Sports Club, is specifically being hyped as an event to confirm his absolute leadership in the region with the host, Governor Jackson Mandago, saying they expect at least 100,000 supporters to attend.

The organisers say more than 100 MPs will attend the rally.

"It is not a meeting for North Rift residents only. We have our neighbours here

who we expect will attend the meeting. We expect more than 100,000 people in and outside the venue," said Mandago.

The organisers said the rallies were aimed at "offering blessings" as Ruto formally begins his quest for the presidency eight months to the General Election.

However, the meetings bear heavy political undertones, as they come at a time the DP faces serious political assault from the President and Raila's allies who are keen to cut his popularity.

The DP has begun 2022 the same way he ended last year with a tight programme largely aimed at countering Azimio La Umoja Movement launched by Raila in December.

He has been to Trans Nzoia, Bungoma, Kakamega and Busia since the beginning of the year, promoting his bottom-up economic model which he has insisted is the solution to the country's rising joblessness and poverty.

Ruto has also dismissed the Azimio movement as a group bringing together a bunch of people only after protecting their interests.

Yesterday, Ruto spokesman Emmanuel Tallam confirmed the rallies, saying they were meant to market the bottom-up economic model.

"He will be expounding on the bottom-up economic model as he has always done across the country," Tallam told *People Daily*.

Keiyo South MP Daniel Rono said they

## RALLIES

● The Eldoret meeting at Sports Club is expected to be attended by at least 100,000 supporters.

● After Bomet, the DP will head to Kericho on Monday afternoon where he will address another rally in the town.

● Ruto is likely to be confronted with questions about the dwindling fortunes in maize and dairy farming.



Deputy President William Ruto addresses a rally in Ekwanda Centre, Vihiga County yesterday. REBECCA NDUKU/DPPS

were ready to welcome Ruto to Eldoret, adding the DP remained the region's kingpin.

He dismissed claims Azimio was gaining popularity in the vast region.

"The support for Ruto in the Rift Valley is intact. We will be giving him our blessings because we believe this is his year. He does not need to campaign in the Rift. We will do that for him. He needs not worry about that," he said.

Earlier, Elgeyo-Marakwet Governor Alex Tolgos, a Raila ally, said they had seen significant increase in the support for Azimio movement in the region after it was launched last month.

From Eldoret in the North Rift, the DP will head to Bomet and Kericho in the south. He is scheduled to address a meeting at Bomet Green Stadium.

## Maize farming

Former Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto, who opposed him in the last election, has since declared his support for the DP though he has stuck to his party, Chama Cha Mashinani, which he will use as he seeks to recapture his former seat.

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Konoin MP Brighton Yegon yesterday said he expects thousands of supporters to attend the Bomet meeting.

"We will give the DP our blessings as he ventures out to seek support across the country," he said.

The DP is likely to be confronted with questions about the dwindling fortunes in maize and dairy farming.

Sibling rivalry has also been a troubling issue lately as allies clash publicly as they seek his attention.

Another emerging issue that is threatening the stability his UDA party is the planned primaries in April that are expected to be tightly contested.

## Schemes to return imperial presidency will flop, DP declares

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Deputy President William Ruto yesterday claimed that some forces are plotting to reintroduce a powerful presidency through the backdoor.

Speaking in Vihiga county, Ruto said Kenyans voted overwhelmingly for the 2010 Constitution to, among others, get rid of the powerful presidency.

Speaking at various stopovers in the native county of ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi, Ruto said he was not shaken by claims that the so-called "Deep State" would influence the outcome of the August 9 elections.

"I am the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya and I know what Deep State or System is. They cannot scare me with such propaganda. I will beat them they way I beat them in Msambweni, Kiambaa and Juja by-elections," said Ruto.

The DP vowed to protect his votes saying those who are planning to rig

RUTO  
I am the Deputy President and I know what the Deep State or System is.

him out were wasting their time.

"Some few rich people, out of arrogance think that they can sit in a certain hotel in Nairobi and appoint their puppet president to run the affairs of our nation and protect their interests and wealth," said Ruto.

He said Kenyans were now more enlightened and want a government that can transform their lives.

"Kenyans are eager to vote for leaders who have plans and agenda that can transform the lives of ordinary people," Ruto said.

"Voters want a servant president who will listen to them and solve their problems unlike a puppet who will worship his masters," he added.

## Police probe Portuguese man over Sh620 million gold seized at JKIA

by Zaddock Angira  
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Security at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) has been heightened after a foreigner allegedly attempted to smuggle gold worth Sh620 million through the airport to Budapest.

Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) detectives are investigating how Joao Carlos Ramalho Ferreira, a Portuguese citizen of passport number CB459223, brought 100kg of gold from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The consignment was moved to Uganda after attempts to ship the commodity to Budapest hit the wall.

Ferreira, a 67-year-old economist based in Hungary, is said to be a shrewd businessman who has close ties with some prominent leaders in Africa.

Sources say he was a football agent in Portugal before he shifted his base to Budapest where he is said to be involved in gold smuggling.

A senior DCI officer yesterday told *People Daily* Ferreira (pictured) opened a company in the country with the help of a Nairobi-



based lawyer.

"Our investigations have revealed a lot. The foreigner opened a company purporting to be dealing in, among other things, gold business. We are however on high alert to ensure that smugglers do not use Kenya as transit point," he said.

Sources said the gold, which is said to have a street value of Sh621,500,000 (USD5.5 million), was smuggled from the mineral rich Katanga area in Democratic Republic of Congo in October last year through Burundi, with the help of powerful Congolese military General John

Numbi, who is a close ally of Ferreira.

General Numbi has been on the run for close to a year after the authorities called for his prosecution for the murder of human rights activist.

On 14 April last year, General John Numbi was charged with the murder of human rights defender Floribert Chebeya Bahizire and his driver Fidele Bazana Edadi by the High Military Court, 11 years after the murder.

Bahizire and Edadi disappeared on 1 June 2010, after complying with a summons to meet Numbi at the police headquarters in Kinshasa.

## Sudi involved in second drama at airport as officials scan his luggage

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Kapsaret MP Oscar Sudi and two foreigners were on Wednesday morning briefly detained at the Wilson Airport after officials insisted on scanning their luggage.

Sudi (pictured) was accompanied by controversial Tanzanian politician and former minister for Natural Resources Lazarus Nyalandu and a British businessman, Michael Spencer. Spencer is a politician and chairman of the Intercapital Private Group Ltd. A passenger manifest seen by *People Daily* indicates trio left Eldoret for Nairobi on Wednesday



at 10am aboard a Pilatus PC-12 private jet tail number 5Y SRI belonging to Sirai Air but operated by East African Air Charters Limited.

The plane had flown from Nairobi to Eldoret on Tuesday afternoon and arrived at the airport at about 4pm. It was not immediately established where the visitors were coming from, their kind of engagement and people they had met. Other sources, however, said the three had held a private meeting with a senior State official over an undisclosed deal. It is, however, said Sudi refused to follow airport guidelines insisting that his entourage passes

through the VIP lounge instead of using the domestic arrivals section used by ordinary passengers.

Officials at the airport stood their ground but Sudi persisted leading to a standoff. Sudi finally agreed to go through the normal arrival and screening procedures after realising he was running late for Parliament.

Wednesday's incident is the second after Sudi was in August last year engaged in an almost similar fracas at the same airport when Turkish businessman Harun Aydin was arrested and deported over money-laundering links and illegal movement into and out of Kenya.

Aydin, who was traveling from Uganda at the time, was part of Deputy President William Ruto's entourage that was days earlier supposed to fly to Entebbe only for the DP to be stopped from boarding a plane at Wilson Airport.

Senior security officials then said had Ruto failed to seek President's clearance to travel as required by protocol.

Nyalandu was in November 2020 blocked from entering Kenya by the Tanzanian Government through the Namanga border crossing point on suspicion that he was seeking asylum.

## State to resettle evicted Nairobi slum dwellers

Government to expedite talks between Mukuru Kwa Njenga residents and owners of disputed land to ensure no more demolitions

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The government yesterday directed that all residents of Mukuru Kwa Njenga slums in Nairobi who were recently evicted to be resettled within 30 days.

Cabinet Secretaries Fred Matiang'i (Interior) and Farida Karoney (Lands) who delivered President Uhuru Kenyatta's order said the government will expedite negotiations with private owners of the land at the centre of the dispute to ensure no more demolitions.

Matiang'i said a team is already in place to ensure verification of documents is done before the residents are resettled.

"We want everyone who is currently displaced to go back immediately. The instructions are that we immediately cease every activity in Mukuru Kwa Njenga until everyone has been resettled," said Matiang'i.

Also present during the meeting were Interior Principal Secretary Karanja Kibicho, Inspector General of Police Hillary Mutyambai and Nairobi Metropolitan Services Director General Lt-General Mohamed Badi among other leaders.

The Interior CS said while the Government respects private property and court-ordered evictions from disputed lands, it was also obliged to balance the enforcement of such rights and welfare of dis-



Interior Cabinet Secretary **Fred Matiang'i** addresses residents of Mukuru Kwa Njenga slum in Nairobi, yesterday.  
PD/GERALD ITHANA

placed families.

"We respect court orders, but we will implement them in a framework that also respects the interests of the people we serve. We have called some of our officers to account," he said.

Karoney said an audit of the title deeds held by the residents will be undertaken to regularise land tenure and informal property holdings in the area.

### Affected persons

Cabinet Secretaries said only surveyors from the Ministry of Lands will be involved in the undertaking to avoid conflict of interest and interference by cartels.

President Kenyatta is said to have visited the slum on December 27 at night and met the affected persons, who told him some people in his government had grabbed the land and allocated themselves after evicting them.

One person was shot dead and six others were injured in a clash with police.

Two senior police officers have been sus-

pending to pave way for investigations into the saga.

Demolitions in Mukuru started on October 12, 2021, where residents living along road reserves on Catherine Ndereba Road were asked to vacate with immediate effect as the government commenced demolitions to pave way for construction of the Nairobi Expressway. In August 2017, the Nairobi County government declared the Mukuru informal settlement a Special Planning Area and approved an Integrated Development Plan on infrastructural face-lift to improve access to water and sanitation services, modern housing, and electricity connectivity.

The recarpentering and upgrading of 70 kilometres of roads to cabro and bitumen, construction of a 24-bed Level Three hospital in Mukuru Kwa Njenga and Mukuru Kayaba, construction of 15,000 housing units under the Kenya Slum Upgrading Programme and the issuance of 1,329 title deeds was to be undertaken under the programme.

### LAND DISPUTE

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● President Uhuru Kenyatta has since ordered the eviction stopped.

## High school teachers to be trained on CBC system

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The Teachers Service Commission is set to embark on training of secondary school tutors on Competency-Based Curriculum starting April.

Commission Secretary Dr Nancy Macharia, in a statement yesterday, said this is part of preparedness, as the first CBC group, now in Grade Five, will be joining Junior Secondary next year.

"TSC has no other teachers; the in-post teachers must up their game. By April, the commission will be training secondary teachers on CBC. I urge teachers to familiarise themselves with the CBC since the first CBC cohort will join Junior Secondary in 2023," said Macharia.

She held that a change in curriculum has altered the role of the teacher, because it should be aligned to the needs of the learners and curriculum. Since 2019, TSC has been having a series of CBC training for teachers to prepare them to implement the curriculum. Over 230,000 primary school teachers have so far been trained.

"Teachers are required to use differentiated modes of instruction and assessment for learners to benefit individually and progress meaningfully," she explained.

For teachers to meet the needs of 21st century learners, Macharia said they should possess additional skills that include a learner-centered classroom, students as learners, users, and producers of digital content and project-based learning.

"These are the skills that CBC is demanding of teachers, therefore you must enhance your pedagogical skills and content knowledge," added Macharia. She also noted that integration of ICT in teaching and learning can help improve teachers' content delivery and classroom engagement.

She observed that teachers need to be techno-savvy to not only access online educational resources but also to access a whole range of automated services offered by the commission.



## DPP urges court to reject fugitive's bail plea

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Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji has urged the court to reject bail application by a Kenyan fugitive wanted by the US over claims of laundering more than Sh128 million.

Haji (pictured), through Senior State Prosecutor Catherine Mwaniki has op-

posed bail application by Abdulrahman Imraan Juma.

Haji's move follows application by Juma's lawyer, Kiraithe Wandungu, that he be released on bail pending hearing of an extradition application filed by the State.

However, Mwaniki opposed the application, saying Juma is a flight risk.

Wandungu told Milimani Chief Magistrate Micheni Wendy that his client is not

a flight risk. He said Juma has cooperated with police and that he even represented himself to the police when he was required to do so.

Juma is being detained at Gigiri Police Station since December 15, 2021. He is alleged to be part of an international gang that conspires to commit wire fraud and money laundering. Magistrate will deliver ruling on January 10.

## Police officer declared fit to stand trial for boss' murder

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A junior police officer accused of killing his boss in Naivasha two weeks ago is fit to stand trial, a psychiatric report has confirmed.

Corporal Joseph Kamau will be charged with killing Sergeant Ayub Polo by shooting him in Kedong ranch AP Camp on December 25.

According to the medical report from a consultant psychiatrist Dr S.W. Karanja from Gilgil sub-county Hospital, the accused is fit to take a plea as he is aware of the charges facing him.

"I found a well-kept adult who is calm and co-operative, his memory, judgment, abstract thinking, attention and concentration were intact and he is fit to stand trial," said the doctor.

The report further noted that the accused was an introvert.

Naivasha Chief Magistrate Nathan Lutta Shiundu directed that the suspect be charged today before a High Court with murder.

A postmortem conducted last week established that the senior officer was shot three times and died from excessive bleeding.

## Suspected fake gold dealer arrested at last

by PD Reporter  
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Police have finally arrested a suspected international fake gold dealer Andre Ishikunga Kongolo alias Joseph Kimo.

The suspect has been on the run for several months, after allegedly conning a foreign investor of Sh940 million.

He was arrested in Nairobi yesterday and is set to be charged with several counts of defrauding foreign investors by falsely purporting to sell them gold.

Kongolo, a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



has been conducting business in Kenya and Uganda using a false name of Joseph Kimo.

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations Special Services Unit (SSU) said the man recently acquired Kenyan citizenship

through his wife, who hails from Migori County. SSU boss Pius Gitari confirmed the arrest and said Kongolo will be arraigned in Nairobi this morning.

"We are at the moment with him for processing and taking of finger prints ahead of charging him," Gitari told the *People Daily*. It is alleged that Kongolo, who has several criminal records under the said false name, has been meeting unsuspecting buyers in posh hotels within the city.

He is believed to be colluding with some rogue government officials in the dirty deals.

# Top hopefuls not in hurry to name running-mates

It is a tough balancing act to ensure their choice will not upset support base or trigger a fallout in inner circles

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Leading presidential candidates are not ready to name their running-mates, seven months to the General Election, opting to bid time to avoid hurting their chances for State House.

With a strong possibility, that naming a candidate risks rocking their campaign, the candidates have avoided setting a timeline for the much-anticipated decision, giving room to their supporters to engage in guessing games.

The candidates also appear to be waiting to checkmate their rivals in a bid to benefit from possible disagreements that may follow announcement of running-mates.

Deputy President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga have not given any date to name those they will team up with, even though the clock is fast ticking towards the August 9 polls.

### Coveted position

On Wednesday, the One Kenya Alliance (OKA) principals Musalia Mudavadi, Kalonzo Musyoka, Gideon Moi, Moses Wetangula and Cyrus Jirongo, said they would be retreating mid next month to study a technical report that could help them identify a flag-bearer and running mate.

Speaking to *People Daily*, senior UDA and ODM officials said talks were ongoing but there was no specific date to name a running mate for the presidential aspirants.

UDA chairman Johnstone Muthama said they were not in a hurry to announce Ruto's running mate, revealing that they were still holding discussions on who to pick for the coveted position.

He said they had identified a number of potential individuals who possessed the qualities they were looking for. He said they would ensure the person advances the party ideals.

"We have not settled on anyone now but we have many qualified candidates for the position. Our choice will not be based on a particular community or individual, but we are looking for someone who will promote the unity message we are pursuing as a party. Our intention is to bring all Kenyans together," Muthama said.

He added: "We are in no hurry to name a running mate. We are within what the law requires of us. The IEBC requires us to present our presidential ticket by May."

ODM secretary-general Edwin Sifuna said the party had not settled on any particular candidate for the crucial post.

"No we have not settled on anyone," he said when reached for comment. He also added they had no definite period to do so.

For OKA, they have given themselves until next month to begin the search for the

### MT KENYA MATRIX

● President Uhuru Kenyatta's vote-rich Mt Kenya backyard has become the hunting ground for running-mates among bigwigs gunning for the presidency.

● The region has more than five million votes and is expected to sway the 2022 presidential battle.

● There is a general belief that all leading presidential candidates, are considering picking a running mate from the region.

Presidential contenders William Ruto and Raila Odinga at separate past functions. The two alongside other 2022 presidential hopefuls have left many guessing on their possible running-mates. PD/FILE

leaders to fly their flag.

"The process to identify our flag-bearer is at an advanced stage. In this regard, the OKA principals will retreat from February 18, to consider recommendations from the technical team, which is currently working on a comprehensive report," they said in a statement on Wednesday.

In the past, top presidential candidates bid their time before naming those they wished to team up with. Before the 2013 elections, Uhuru Kenyatta struck a deal with Ruto in November 2012, three months to the March 2013 polls.

On the other hand, Raila and Kalonzo agreed to work together under the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) much later.

It was a similar case in 2017, although the two presidential tickets remained intact. It was not until April when Raila confirmed Kalonzo as his running mate, for the second time after crafting the National Super Alliance.

Although Raila and Ruto, the two candidates who have publicly declared they will be in the presidential ballot in the coming polls, are still biding their time, they have been making telling moves that point at particular preferences.

Ruto appears to be leaning towards a candidate from Mt Kenya region in a bid to lock the millions of votes in the region, after falling out with President Kenyatta; thereby risking losing the political base.

During a visit to Nyeri last December, Ruto showed strong indications he might pick Mathira MP Rigathi Gachagua; although others including Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru have been

mentioned in the past as likely figures for consideration.

Last week, the DP said his focus was presently on strengthening UDA before deciding on who would deputise him.

### Fitting candidate

"The running mate is a very important person in any set-up. You want a running mate who understands the whole matrix of the party, appreciates the amount of load we have to carry and knowledge of what the job entails. It is not an easy decision to make and it is not a decision that can be made by an individual," Ruto said.

"Of course I will have the final say but there will be a consultative process. For now, we have decided that instead of looking for a running mate we want to make Kenyans first understand what UDA is all about," he added.

Raila is also looking at picking his running mate from the same mountain region. He has strongly indicated his readiness to pick one from the area.

"People from Mt Kenya are my people and I am open to working with them," he said recently.

A number of names have been floated for Raila's ticket although none is yet to gain any favours as the frontrunner for the position.

They include former Gatanga MP Peter Kenneth, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya, Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui and Narc Kenya leader Martha Karua.

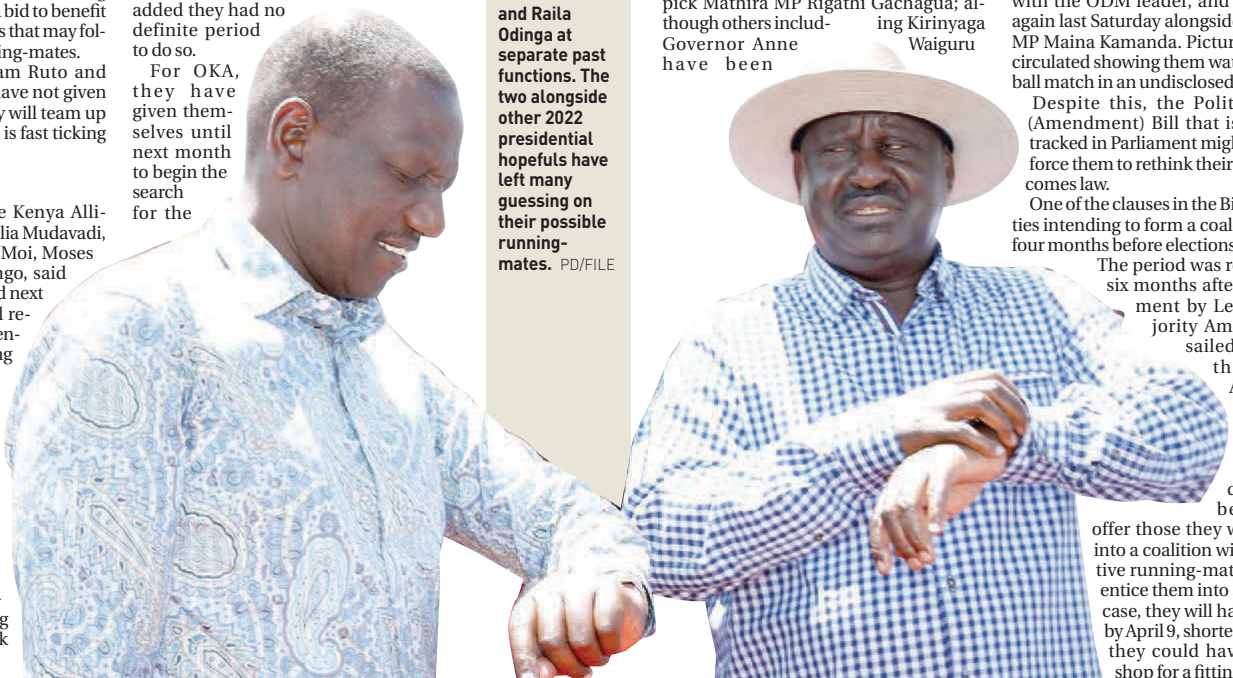
Kenneth has enjoyed closer interaction with the ODM leader, and the two met again last Saturday alongside Nominated MP Maina Kamanda. Pictures were later circulated showing them watching a football match in an undisclosed place.

Despite this, the Political Parties (Amendment) Bill that is being fast-tracked in Parliament might potentially force them to rethink their plans if it becomes law.

One of the clauses in the Bill, forces parties intending to form a coalition to do so four months before elections.

The period was reduced from six months after an amendment by Leader of Majority Amos Kimunya sailed through in the National Assembly on Wednesday.

If the Bill becomes law, the candidates may be forced to offer those they wish to enter into a coalition with, the lucrative running-mate position to entice them into a deal. In this case, they will have to do that by April 9, shortening the time they could have wished to shop for a fitting candidate.



# Kin say murder suspect was drug addict

Man accused of killing his girlfriend and dismembering her body in Kiambu

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Brian Waweru, who is the main suspect in the macabre murder of his girlfriend, 24-year-old Everlyn Wanjiru, in Ndenderu, Kiambu County on Monday, is a drug addict.

Family members claimed Waweru had been in and out of rehabilitation centres but had not dropped his habit.

Yesterday, his aunt, Nelly Nyamwathi, said efforts to rehabilitate him had been unsuccessful.

## Doing drugs

"We have tried everything to help him stop doing drugs to no avail. We even took him to a rehabilitation centre last year hoping that he would change but he seemingly became worse," she said.

Nyamwathi said that on Tuesday, Waweru called her and asked for food, saying he was hungry and had no money.

"He called me with a different number saying that he was hungry. I went to his house which he rented a month ago after relocating from Thindigua and upon knocking, I got no response. It was then that I used a spare key he had asked me to keep for him but when I opened the door, I was shocked to see two female legs," she said.



Brian Waweru and his girlfriend Everlyn Wanjiru when she visited him at a rehabilitation centre. Waweru is accused of murdering Wanjiru. PD/FILE

"I dashed out and called the premises caretaker and we together reported the matter to the Rwenjo Police Station," she added.

His uncle, who did not want to be named, said that the suspect and the girlfriend had at one time sworn to die together. "The two were inseparable. Relatives from both side tried all means to break their bond

but they did not succeed," he said

Detectives launched a manhunt for the suspect and arrested him on Wednesday in Ndenderu area. He confessed to killing his girlfriend and led the police to the scene of crime and where he hid the knife he allegedly used to stab her.

## Assault case

He was virtually arraigned in a Kiambu court but no charges were preferred against him with police making an application to detain him for 14 days to complete investigations.

Kiambu Principal Magistrate Manuela Kinyanjui approved the Investigating Officer Wilson Otieno's application. The case will be mentioned on January 20.

## MACABRE MURDER

● The dismembered body of 24-year-old Everlyn Wanjiru was found in a rental house in Ndenderu, Kiambu County. The house belongs to her boyfriend Brian Waweru

● Waweru confessed to killing his girlfriend and led the police to the scene of crime and where he had hidden the kitchen knife he said he used to stab her.

Kiambaa Sub-County DCI boss Augustine Mutembei said the two had not been in talking terms since October last year, after Waweru assaulted Wanjiru, after which he was arrested by Thindigua Police Post officers.

He was charged before a Kiambu court and was out on cash bail when he allegedly committed the murder.

"During the Christmas period, he lured her into his house to celebrate his birthday only for him to stab her in the stomach fatally injuring her," said the DCI boss.

Wanjiru's father said Waweru's family had approached him for an out of court settlement but he had rejected the overtures after he learnt that the suspect was a serial offender who also had a pending defilement case.

Nyamwathi said the suspect's mother lives in the United States and she had sent him money for Waweru's house rent and upkeep.

# City court to give verdict on Nakumatt fire inquest

by Nancy Gitonga  
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A Milimani Court will this afternoon rule on an inquest involving the death of 29 people at Nakumatt Downtown supermarket 13 years ago.

Chief Magistrate Francis Andayi is expected to render the long awaited decision on what triggered the fire that caused the deaths, serious injuries and damage of multi-million property at the supermarket on January 28, 2009.

The decision was expected to be delivered yesterday but the court adjourned to today.

Following the fire, a senior detective Emmanuel Ngetich, who is currently attached to DCI headquarters, recommended a public inquest in an open court to find out who was responsible for the fire.

In today's ruling, the magistrate is expected to make various finds on the cause of the fire and recommend who should held responsible for the incident.

The magistrate is also expected to decide whether to find Nakumatt Limited responsible for negligence leading to the deaths and injuries.

During the inquest 11 witnesses, including Nakumatt



Downtown director Atul Maganial Shah, testified giving an account on what happened on the material day.

In his testimony, Shah said employees had informed him of the numerous power fluctuations moments before the fire started at around 2:30pm.

He told the inquiry that he was in Mombasa on official duties when received a call from the branch manager informing him of the fire.

Danson Kimathi, a senior police officer from the electrical engineering department, said the fire may have originated from fuel vapours or gas coming in contact with a hot exhaust pipe of a generator, or sparks emanating from contacts during a changeover from direct current to alternating current.

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China will stand firmly with Africa and join hands in ultimately in defeating Covid. The world is experiencing a new round of impact of Omicron virus and as a friend of Africa China will never sit idle.  
**CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG YI**



The interests of Mt Kenya can't be dictated by outsiders. It's only through partnerships and election of independent minded leaders that the region will benefit.  
**KIRINYAGA WOMAN REP WANGUI NGIRICI**



TSC has no other teachers; the in-post teachers must up their game. By April, TSC will be training secondary school teachers on CBC. I urge teachers to be familiar with CBC, since the first CBC cohort will join junior secondary in 2023.  
**TSC BOSS NANCY MACHARIA**

**MPs must re-examine their shameful conduct**

Former US President Donald Trump was last year impeached for the second time for inciting insurrection at the Capitol in a desperate attempt to overturn Joe Biden's election victory.

Humiliated out of power, Trump rallied his supporters to storm the Capitol; the US Parliament and symbol of its democracy, triggering outrage across America. One of his predecessors said there had "never been such a betrayal by an American President".

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared the attack as one of the "darkest chapters in American history," and implored colleagues to embrace a constitutional remedy that will ensure that the Republic will be safe from a man, who was resolutely determined to tear down the things that hold them together. The House then voted to impeach Trump, a historic condemnation that made him the only American president convicted twice by the Legislature for committing high misdemeanours.

That a President, no less that of the most powerful country in the world, can be impeached for desecrating a House of Parliament shows the significant attached to the institution. Not in Kenya.

The Constitution entrusts Parliament with the role of representation, oversight and legislation. But it is clearer that the powers being exercised by Parliament and, indeed other state organs, is delegated by the people. But instead of executing the primary mandates, the august House continues to be the theatre of ugly scenes, that now appear to be the norm.

The latest was during debate on proposed amendments to laws governing political parties. The chaotic sessions were marred by an exchange of blows between MPs, shouting matches and throwing of water bottles at each other on live television. This tomfoolery is rationalised as bravado and show of solidarity with party causes.

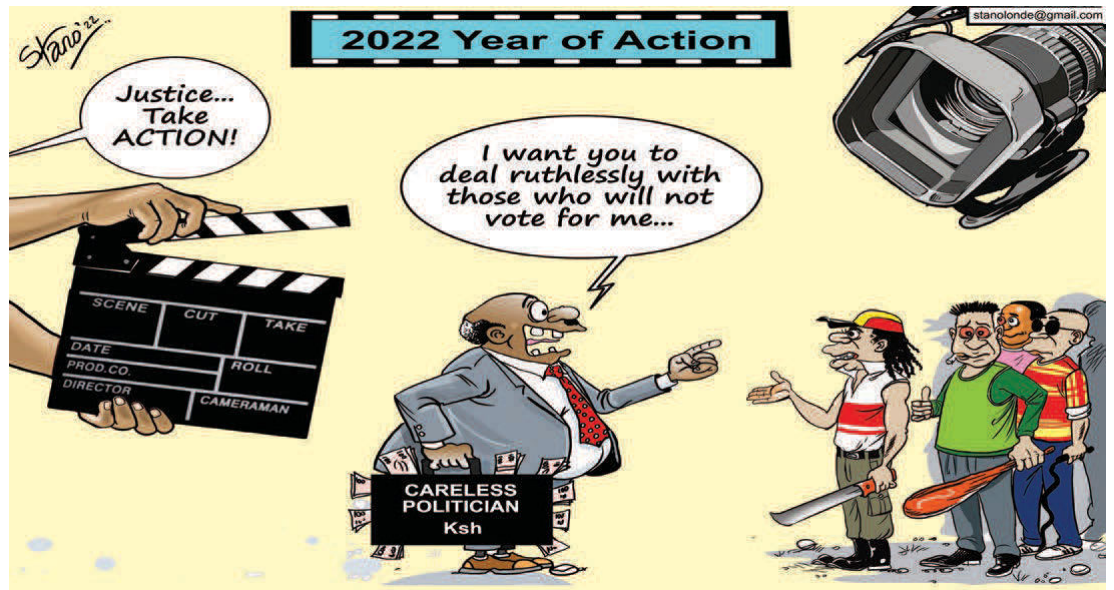
Parliament is supposed to be a House of debate, order and integrity. That cannot be said of our Parliament. Besides chaos, we have read stories about sewers at Continental House being blocked by used condoms. Female MPs are on record accusing their male colleagues of soliciting sex, both within the precincts of the House and on foreign trips.

Stories of corruption in House committees probing various issues of national importance have become themselves a scandal. While we appreciate that Parliament has a number of fairly sober members, the acts of some of their colleagues are dishonourable. More importantly, we hold that the shameful actions by MPs are an insult to the people who sent them to the House.

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

OSCAR WILDE

Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us.



**Reflections from the past as we settle in New Year**

This country is certainly evolving and its institutions are supposed to be maturing. This appears so in some cases while there is retrogression in others. It does require a bit of a historical perspective to place this in context.

Certain institutions have always been strong. One of them is the church. In the clamour for political pluralism, it was not the religious leaders in totality, who came out to press the government to grant citizens their rights, but specifically it was the voice of the church that stood out.

There may have been a few renegade Muslim clerics who occasionally came out with their positions, but they were isolated and at the periphery of the faith's main institutions.

For the church, their clerics were right in the middle of calling for the government to relent and allow citizens to enjoy their rights of association, of speech, and of movement among others.

Such names as Obadia Kariuki, Henry Okullu, Alexander Kipsang arap Muge, Timothy Njoya, David Gitari, Ndingi Mwana wa Nzeki, Maurice Cardinal Otunga and a host of Catholic Priests among others, were right in the middle of this campaign. Many of them paid dearly for their beliefs.

Then there is the group of university teachers and their student who made life difficult for the government in their call for political liberalization. This group probably paid the highest price. Lecturers were exiled, detained, or jailed. Some were fired from their university teaching positions, evicted from university



LEVI OBONYO

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housing and so on. Their students were not spared either.

Some were expelled, others detained without trial, still some were jailed. Titus Adungosi, the peasant boy from Busia who died in jail, still captures the sacrifices of this group. The fire in the belly of some in this group has not gone off. The radicalism of Miguna Miguna speaks to the DNA drawn from this age that even exile could not quench. That zeitgeist survives in men such as James Orengo even in the Senate.

The other group is the media. It has been in this fight since the launch of the radical pamphlet in 1923 agitating for the return of land to the Africans. They did not relent in the late 1940s and even the burning of radical newspapers in 1952 did not kill the spirit. It is something that the media continued with and paid some heavy price in the 1980s and the 1990s.

Some media houses were banned, some publications proscribed, journalists detained without trial or jailed, some foreign ones deported, printing presses were disabled all

in the name of fighting dissent. Few in the journalism profession today remember such names as Pius Nyamora, still living in exile.

As we start this New Year with the promise of elections in seven months' time, it helps to reflect on our journey to free and fair elections and probably wonder, whether some of these institutions that for long stood for the expansion of democratic space still hold on to these ideals.

The church seems now muddled and lost in search of identity. Timothy Njoya among others, in retirement, now watch their successors from the sides. The church is now lost in either seeking wealth or philosophical relevance in the parley of religious community.

The university is essentially stuck in a civil war. It is the battle setting lecturers against their administration or students against the administration, with the main price being the individual welfare. The idealism of yesteryears seeking a better society is no more.

The less said about the media for now the better, the media of today hardly stands out for anything. The television sector is obsessed with looks while the radio is yet to establish what it stands for: raunchy talk or the promotion of otiose personality?

The print media wonders whether it will be there tomorrow while the itching fingers of social media warriors is the epitome of nihilism.

It is worth reflecting what happened to our institutions.

—The writer is dean, School of Communication, Daystar University

# New shipyard will boost industrial, maritime growth

When President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the Mombasa shipyard in December, Kenya entered the league of ship building nations. The new shipyard has a capacity to handle 4,000-tonne vessels and will offer employment to over 10,000 Kenyans.

The shipyard represents the kind of transformational projects that will enable Kenya attain her ambition to be an industrial economy. It is the kind of large-scale investment in infrastructure required to deliver the next wave of economic growth.

Critically, the project will advance the country's industrial and maritime agenda. By describing it as the "backbone of the Blue Economy" Uhuru underlined its significance to the country's growing maritime sector currently valued at over Sh400 billion, about four per cent of the GDP.

The project is also a major boost for the Vision 2030 national industrialisation strategy. The transformative impact of the shipyard will be felt in five major ways.

First is the economic benefits, including creation of thousands of jobs, directly via manpower employed at the site to carry out construction and repair of vessels, and indirectly through the expansive maritime transport supply chain. This includes specialised jobs like maritime engineering services.

Other spillover impacts are port



PETER WAFULA MURUMBA

**Kenya's nascent Blue Economy will require adequate infrastructure.**

services, shipping-related financial and legal services, offshore industries, maritime transportation, fishing, tourism and water sports. All these activities will raise revenue for the country in form of taxes to finance development.

Second, Kenya's nascent Blue Economy will require adequate infrastructure. The new shipyard will integrate into sea mining and fishing, construction of offshore infrastructure and aquaculture facilities.

Mtongwe Shipyard will not only design and build new vessels but also undertake specialised services like vessel repairs and re-fitting. In addition, skills transfer through maritime training programmes will enable the country to rapidly transition into the Blue Economy.

Third, the shipyard is a critical infrastructure supporting the country's shipping and security needs. For example, Kenya Navy vessels are currently re-fitted in places like Spain and the Netherlands. But with the new facility, the country will save an estimated Sh6.8 billion spent on servicing its marine equipment overseas, while developing local ex-

perience in ship maintenance.

Already, many Kenyans have undergone training in specialised welding and other high-value activities. For the Blue Economy to flourish, Kenya needs to develop technical expertise in maritime engineering.

In advanced economies like the US, shipyards serve three intertwined purposes – commercial, security and scientific. Private shippers use the facility to service their vessels thus promoting trade. Since it is based at the Kenya Navy Base at Mtongwe, the Mombasa shipyard serves a crucial naval function besides potentially supporting future ocean-based science research.

Fourth, the multi-agency approach behind the shipyard involving among others, Kenya Defence Forces, Kenya Coast Guard Service, Kenya Railways and the National Youth Service, is an example of how various State agencies can work seamlessly in delivering critical national infrastructure in a timely, cost-effective and transparent manner.

The Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL) established through an Executive Order in 2018 will play a facilitative

role in promoting trade, industry and defence within the country's maritime domain. The Eastern Africa coastline has only four shipyards in Egypt, Djibouti and South Africa. Through KSL, Kenya is positioned to emerge as the new ship-building hub in Africa serving public and private, domestic and regional clients.

Fifth, the shipyard will transform the coastal economy by opening up the region to new investments. Key sub-sectors of the Blue Economy like fisheries which employ many locals will benefit. Private shipyards charge millions of shillings for repair of vessels. The State facility will help bring down the cost of maintenance and encourage more local entrepreneurs to venture into the fisheries industry.

This will also unlock the enormous business potential in Kenya's territorial waters and coastal strip. Providing livelihood and business opportunities to the people of the coast region is critical in addressing poverty and by extension, countering violent extremism.

The long-term economic impact of the shipyard far surpasses its primary function of ship construction and repair and will be felt for many years to come as a legacy infrastructure project of President Kenyatta.

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## ODDLY ENOUGH



### Google Street View exposes mafia fugitive

A Sicilian mafia fugitive who was on the run for nearly 20 years was caught after being spotted on Google Street View. Gioacchino Gammino, 61, was tracked down to Galapagar in Spain – a town near Madrid – after a picture showed a man resembling him chatting outside a fruit shop. Police had suspected he was in the country but had been unable to find him. "The photograph helped us to confirm the investigation we were developing in traditional ways," said Nicola Altiero, deputy director of Italy's anti-mafia unit (DIA). Gammino was going by the name of Manuel, according to Italy's La Repubblica newspaper, and had previously worked as a chef at a restaurant called La cocina de Manu (Manu's kitchen). The Street View that proved his downfall also shows him outside another establishment bearing his fake name, El huerto de Manu – or Manu's orchard. Gammino was the boss of the Stidda mafia group in Agrigento, Sicily, according to La Repubblica. The group is often rivals with the well-known Cosa Nostra mafia. He was investigated in the 1980s by renowned anti-mafia judge Giovanni Falcone – later killed in a bomb attack. Gammino managed to escape from Rome's Rebibbia prison in 2002 while a film was being made there, and a year later was sentenced to life for murder. After his 17 December arrest, Gammino reportedly told police: "How did you find me? I haven't phoned my family for 10 years."

—Agencies



TRUTHIS: We are ungrateful when we are not content with our lot until it is a lot more.

# How fintechs are contributing to economic revival

Financial technology (Fintech) has been a key driver of growth in the financial services sector in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As governments come up with strategies to jumpstart frail economies, fintechs have improved access to financial services to the unbanked and underbanked populations.

The pandemic exposed, and perhaps exacerbated, the financial inclusion gaps among the underprivileged who lack access to financial services, with statistics showing that close to two billion people worldwide do not have access to financial services.

However, according to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), growth in digital financial services in Sub-Saharan Africa has led to a sharp increase in the number of people enjoying access to digital financial services in the region – almost half of 700 million individual users worldwide.

The rapid adoption of mobile technologies is enabling tech inno-



LEON KIPTUM

**Low-income households seem to be the biggest beneficiaries.**

vators to build an infrastructure that is offering the potential of changing how payments are made forever. A 2020 survey by the Central Bank of Kenya shows that digital and mobile innovations will remain critical in responding to the pandemic.

This is especially true now that the demand for inexpensive, secure and convenient financial services is rising across Africa and the world.

Low-income households seem to be the biggest beneficiaries.

From a consumer perspective, fintechs offer financial flexibility through the provision of critical mobile payment solutions that make it easy to transfer money or get loans through mobile devices.

This kind of flexibility has significantly reduced money handling

costs such as fees and interest rates for money transfers and small business loans. This has made e-payments more affordable.

While large organisations such as banks can take months or even years to get innovations into the market, fintechs are now developing rapid solutions for building modern financial structures. These infrastructure is making it easy for anyone to penetrate diverse markets quickly.

To encourage the growth of fintech startups in growing young economies like Kenya, incentivisation will facilitate steady uninterrupted growth from early stages of these businesses. Also, regulators such as Central Bank, Capital Markets Authority, Communications Authority could provide unrestrictive policies that

make it easy for fintech startups to innovate and grow.

Licensing and regulation is key to safeguarding consumer interests but also critical to the rapid churn of innovation. Fintechs especially are banking on the government to ease market entry and, to some extent, play the role of an enabler in doing business.

In addition, fintechs should seek to make important allies for their growth, profitability, and enhanced customer experience. As such, more strategic partnerships between fintechs, banks and payment gateways will offer opportunities to compete in niche markets like the payments solutions space.

In the long run, supporting the growth of digital financial services will be pivotal for unlocking the local market economic opportunities.

It will be interesting to see how the coming innovations and solutions will lead to a more digitised and inclusive economy in Kenya.

— The writer is the Kenya Country Director for Chipper Cash

## #TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



### Honourable fools took the floor

**@jumaf3:** Hope you have seen how the fools we elected in parliament have behaved on the #PoliticalPartiesAct. I would have forgiven them if they were doing that when discussing the high cost of living, health, or calling for someone's head over corruption. But noo... It had to be for them!

### But we're saner at the Senate

**@SenMutula:** First reading on Tuesday. The bill will be committed to a Committee- most likely Justice/legal affairs . public participation to follow within 7 days Public hearing & tabling of report for debate -7 days . Expect nothing short of a robust debate . No helms required at Senate.

### The greed in green

**@casio\_ka:** One thing I'll never wrap my head around is how: if you send money to someone by mistake and that someone has MSHWARI/FULIZA, the money will be used to pay that and on reversal Safaricom will have the audacity to tell you the money cannot be reversed #SafaricomGreed.

### Mt Kenya question is...

**@Naomikibandi:** The conversation has changed in Mt Kenya, saa hii tunautilizana, Wewe Uko Azimio or UDA? Who thought even 1 Kikuyu will even discuss Baba leave alone voting. Baba the 5th.



Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui at a past event. PD/FILE

## Kinyanjui's party faces test as key allies quit

by Noah Cheploen  
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Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui's new political outfit, Ubuntu People's Forum (UPF), is embroiled in its first political test after some of its key associates left for the United Democratic Alliance, which is gaining currency in the region.

Executive Committee Member for Finance Peter Ketyanya has declared that he will vie for Kuresoi South parliamentary seat on the UDA ticket, dealing a blow to the yet to be launched outfit.

While Kinyanjui has, on various occasions, intimated that UPF is going to revolutionise politics in the country by giving it a human face, some members

of his Cabinet eyeing various seats think otherwise.

Upon being asked why he chose UDA and not UPF, the party of his boss, Ketyanya said he had no other option but "obey the ground" noting that majority of his constituents were "Hustlers" and supporters of Deputy President William Ruto.

"There is no option. You have to listen to the ground," Ketyanya said.

Ketyanya's counterpart Raymond Komen (Trade) who is angling to run for the Rongai parliamentary seat is also keen to contest on a UDA ticket.

Deputy President William Ruto has been popularising UDA across the

country in the last couple of months. On the other hand, Kinyanjui has thrown his weight behind ODM leader Raila Odinga.

Although he has declared that he is going to defend his seat, reports abound that Kinyanjui is one of the figures being considered by Raila for the running mate position in the August 9 presidential election.

"You cannot stop people from talking and by the way it is good when people say good things about you. One thing for sure is that I have never said it and if I have something to say, I will say it," Kinyanjui said in a recent interview with Kass TV.

# NMS to deny treatment for unvaccinated

Sub-county hospitals have been told to adhere to the directive barring unjabbed Kenyans from in-person services in State offices

by George Kebaso  
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Nairobi County Government employees have been directed to offer in-person services to only fully vaccinated individuals.

Consequently, all non-vaccinated and even those who have received one dose would not be allowed entry into offices, parks, halls and other facilities managed by the county.

On Wednesday evening, the devolved unit reactivated a national government directive of December 22, 2021, barring unvaccinated persons from accessing State and other social services.

Despite an existing court order to stop implementation of the guidelines, the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) instructed all sub-county medical and public health officers to ensure the directive is implemented to the letter.

NMS Director of Health Dr Ouma Oluga also instructed the medical and public health officers to work closely with multi-agency teams in their respective sub-counties to enforce the directive.

"Reference is made to an update on Covid and response measures dated December 22, 2021 from the Ministry of Health on enforcement of guidelines on vaccination against coronavirus," Oluga said in a letter dated January 5 to all medical and public health officers in the city.

### Liquor outlets

Oluga stated that officials from the multi-agency would be deployed to ensure compliance of the directive in national parks and game reserves, hotels, bars and restaurants.

"You are, therefore, required to work with the multi-agency team at your respective sub-counties to enforce and ensure compliance to the protocols in accordance

with provisions under the Public Health Act Cap 242. Issuance of Covid-19 permits to eateries and liquor outlets must be done in strict adherence to the new guidelines," Oluga added.

Recent upsurge of the Omicron variant, which has seen hospital admissions across the country rise to unprecedented levels, is the reason for the reactivation of the guidelines.

"With the upsurge in Covid-19 infections following the onset of Omicron variant, MoH has issued a directive that all persons seeking in-services should be fully vaccinated," Kagwe had announced in December last year. Even those who are vaccinated but do not possess a relevant proof of vaccination document, will be affected.

The directive comes at a time when a total of 1,226 patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while 25,969 are under home-based isolation and care programme.

### New guidelines

Ministry's latest report on Covid-19 on Wednesday evening showed that 51 patients are fighting for their lives in the Intensive Care Unit while 27 are on ventilatory support. Out of these, 18 are on supplemental oxygen while six are under observation.

"Another 328 patients are on supplemental oxygen and 292 in the general wards. Some 36 patients are in the High Dependency Unit," the CS said.

After the December 21 deadline for unvaccinated Kenyans not to access public and private services lapsed, the government escalated the measures it announced in November.

Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe barred unvaccinated Kenyans from accessing public services by imposing the same restrictions in social events.

"Proof of vaccination will be required in the following settings: all organised events including weddings, funerals, receptions, organised parties, conferences, sports, trade fairs and workshops," the CS said.

On the escalated measures, the CS announced that people attending indoor concerts; theatre, dance and symphony events will also be affected by the measures



NMS Director of Health Dr Ouma Oluga. PD/FILE

## BRIEFLY

### Dwellings have no sewer in Naivasha

None of the informal settlements around Lake Naivasha have a functional sewer system leading to massive pollution of the water body. The informal settlements include Kihoto, Karagita, Kamere, Manera, DCK and Tarambeta, which are home to hundreds of flower farm workers. According to chairman Lake Naivasha Water Resource Users Association Enock Kiminta (pictured), none of the estates around the lake has a sewer system. "The lake is heavily polluted mainly from the informal settlements that rely on latrines and flash floods from Naivasha town whenever it rains," he said. Chairman Lake Naivasha Basin Landscape Association Paul Ruoya noted that there was urgent need to address the issue of sanitation around the industrial park in Mai Mahiu.

—Kirera Mwiti



### Suspect, 26, being held for assault

Police in Ndihiwa sub-county, Homa Bay county are holding a 26-year-old man who allegedly attacked and injured his parents and sister. Pancras Ouma surrendered to the police on Wednesday evening. He is accused of assaulting his father with a machete at Ombasa Village, West Kwabwai location on Monday. Ouma is said to have used the same weapon to attack his mother and the sister, citing a lack of parental love. He is later said to have chopped off two fingers of an aide of area chief. The chief and his aide had gone to arrest him. Yesterday, Ndihiwa Sub-county Police Commander Paul Rioba confirmed that the suspect was being detained for interrogation as investigations into the incident are on going.

—Noven Owiti

### NUMBERS

● As of January 4, a total of 10,310,606 vaccines had so far been administered across the country. Of these, 5,942,632 are partially vaccinated.

● Another 22,885 are doses administered to those between 15 to 18 years while 23,939 are booster doses.

● The Government is working towards vaccinating a targeted population of 27,246,033.

if they are not fully vaccinated, or cannot be able to show proof of vaccination.

Kagwe also said licensed hotels, restaurants and cafes that offer table service - indoor and patio dining - this includes liquor-tasting rooms in wineries, breweries or distilleries must adhere to these measures.

"Pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining); nightclubs, casinos and movie theatres; game parks and reserves, museums, supermarkets, shopping malls and indoor markets and banking halls," he added.

### Public transport

The Health CS' arguments are based on the fact that when he issued the directive in November 21 alongside his Tourism counterpart Najib Balala, it was expected that the cases were going to rise.

"At the time we were issuing directives on the need for vaccination, we expected cases to rise. We were, however, confident that if we had more of our people vaccinated, it would be possible to still manage our situation as many would escape severe disease despite getting infected," he argued.

# Matatu Sacco pulls fleet from road for inspection

Move comes after one of their drivers was involved in an accident early this week

The 2NK Sacco management has taken off all its 800 fleet of vehicles from the road for a three-day inspection by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).

The inspection exercise coincides with a vigorous safety awareness campaign the company has embarked on to sensitise its drivers after an accident that involved one of their passenger vehicles early this week.

The sacco says the inspection to ensure their vehicles are free from any mechanical defects which may risk the safety of passengers.

Briefing the press yesterday, Sacco Chairman James Kahiro said they had to create a sensitisation forum on road safety by involving the Sacco management, the fleet drivers together with the NTSA officials.

"We are here today for a purpose. We have created this forum to share ideas on safety measures on our roads as well as giving the drivers a platform on which to air their views. We want to primarily make a way forward as far as road safety is concerned," said Kahiro.

Kahiro has also said they used to hold similar meetings before Covid-19 struck home forcing them to suspend the forum in line with Ministry of Health safety protocols.

"We used to hold meetings like these before Covid-19 pandemic disrupted all public gatherings. But recently, we have seen the importance of having such a meeting to remind us as matatu operators our roles in observing road safety," Kahiro added.

The Sacco plans to have similar meetings in different towns in the country where their vehicles operate to ensure every driver is sensitized.

Naomi Wamai, one of the drivers who attended the meeting welcomed the move by Sacco terming such meetings a good



NTSA launched investigations into the Webuye accident that involved a 2NK matatu. The Sacco pulled their vehicles from the road to allow inspection of the entire fleet.

forum for sharing ideas on how to transform the industry into a safe transport sector.

"As drivers we have learnt a lot from the National Transport and Safety Authority officers. We have also interacted well by sharing different ideas. We have been reminded of following traffic instructions while using the roads and always being alert on the roads to ensure that our lives and those of the passengers we are ferrying are safe," Wamai said.

### Careless and reckless driving

"We have been taught a lot in order to avoid careless and reckless driving. My call to other drivers is to let them approach driving as a professional career. Let's not demean our work. By doing this we will be happy and comfortable when operating along these roads," added another driver, Joshua Kamau.

Kenya loses an average of 3,000 people to road carnage each year ranking the country among the nations with the high-

est road mortality rates.

By the end of October last year, a total of 3,564 people had lost their lives through road accidents across the country through road accidents. Out of the number, 1,241 were pedestrians while 984 were motorcyclists. Early this week Government spokesperson Colonel (Rtd) Cyrus Oguna announced that 4,579 Kenyans lost their lives to road accidents in 2021.

The spokesperson noted that safety on the roads remains a great concern to the government and attributed many of the incidents to speeding and reckless driving.

"By the end of last year (2021), the country had lost 4,579 lives through avoidable road crashes, with 16,046 nursing injuries. Some of those who perished were students on their way home," he said.

"We are losing many of our people in road crashes, leaving many households without a breadwinner, and children orphaned."

—KNA

## BRIEFLY

### Bunyore elders endorse Ottichilo, Osotsi for top seats

Bunyore Council of Elders yesterday endorsed three aspirants from the community seeking Vihiga county top political seats. Led by their patron Edward Ohare, the Bunyore elders endorsed incumbent, Wilber Ottichilo for Governor's position, nominated MP Godfrey Osotsi and Dr Ruth Bukachi for Senator and Women Representative respectively. The elders said they are convinced that the three leaders will be victorious in the August elections. "After wide consultation, we hereby endorse and give our

blessings to Governor Ottichilo, Osotsi and Bukachi to go and hunt for the seats of Governor, Senator and Women Representative respectively," they said. During the meeting, Ottichilo urged professionals from the county to seek elective seats; especially the MCA slots to enable them participate in the development of the county. Ottichilo said it is high time that professionals from the area vie for elective seats and offer their expertise to transform the county.

— Enock Amukhale



### Seven herders killed in night attack over pasture

Seven herders were on Wednesday shot dead by suspected bandits at Mweronkor following a row of a grazing zone at Kaitho Ka Simba in Tigania East. Residents said tension remains high in the Isiolo-Meru County border after several others are suspected to have been injured while others are missing during the Wednesday night attack. Locals said heavy gunfire was heard on the fateful night at a livestock man-yatta where more than 20 herders from Meru county have been temporarily liv-

ing with their animals. Reliable sources indicate the two groups from Meru and Isiolo counties have been quarrelling over pasture with each claiming ownership of the grazing zone along Isiolo-Meru border. "There have been wrangles between the herders who have been fighting for the grass for their animals at the area so by yesterday while they were sleeping the suspected bandits raided the manyatta shot and killed five men on the spot," said John Mworia, a resident.

—KNA

## Senators admonish counties over poor own-source collection performance

by Hillary Mageka  
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Senators have castigated counties for posting dismal Own Source Revenue (OSR) despite having the potential of collecting billions of shillings to support their budgets and fund their operations.

The lawmakers argued that some counties were losing revenue running into billions due to leakages associated with systems they use. They cited administrative inefficiency, gaps in policy, weak laws and collusion between unscrupulous county officers and cash collection firms.

The legislators yesterday reacted to the dismal performance of their OSR among the 47 counties for the financial year 2019/2020 and



**10** The number of years the devolved units have failed in the collection of own source revenue, a potential Senators say is under utilised

2020/2021.

Led by Homa Bay Senator Moses Kajwang', the politicians alleged that despite the devolved units having huge potential to generate enough almost 10 years into devolution, it remains untapped.

"Even as we ask for more money for county governments, we must ensure and demand accountability for OSR. These people still continue to collect money from women in markets. They have gone ahead to militarise the process," said Kajwang.

Kitui Senator Enock Wambua (pictured) said OSR is one of the biggest problems that lie in the counties.

Wambua says it is a problem that the Senate, perhaps even the next session, should seriously think about.

### DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



ZACHARIAH NJOROGE NJAU

It is with profound sense of sadness that we announce the death of Zachariah Njoroge Njau which occurred on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022.

He hails from Kihingo, Njoro, Nakuru County.

Son to the late Muigai Njau and late Muthoni Njau.

Loving husband to Mary Nyawira.

Brother to the late Mwangi Njau, Ng'ang'a Njau, Njuguna Njau and Njoki Ciengo.

Loving father to Evanson Kamau, Margaret Wanjiru, Zipporah Muthoni, Sammy Muigai, Njogu Njoroge, Paul Mwangi, Anne Wanjiku, late Joseph Maina and Phiomonah Wambui.

He has left behind grandchildren and many great grand children.

The cortege leaves Nakuru War Memorial Funeral Home, Nakuru today, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 8:00am.

Burial service will take place at his home Karima Mutiame village, Kihingo Njoro, Nakuru County.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT

(NO. 13 OF 2019)

#### CHANGE OF USE

The owner of the land parcel L.R. No. Juja/Kalimoni Block 43(Waroma)/16 located at Kalimoni, Juja Sub-County, proposes to change the use from Agricultural to Multi-dwellings (Flats), subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, Members of the public, etc. with any comments and/or objections to the proposed should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT P.O. BOX 2344-00900 KIAMBU

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The registered owners of plot no. Lr No. 3427/21 along Nyeri-Nyahururu Road, proposes to Subdivide & Change User from Agricultural to Residential User. Subject to approval by County Government of Nyeri. Plans and attendant briefs are deposited at county's office for inspection. Individuals, institutions, etc. with comments or objections are requested to submit them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: CECM, LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBANIZATION County Government of Nyeri P.O. Box 1112-10100 Nyeri

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## Residents joy as dispensary opens in Teso

Over 5,000 residents of Amukura West Ward in Teso South sub-county have a reason to smile following the operationalisation of Okwata Dispensary.

The facility which was officially commissioned by Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong is set to benefit thousands of residents who have been trekking several kilometers to neighbouring health facilities to access medical services.

Speaking at the facility during the launch, Ojaamong noted that

his government remains committed in ensuring the attainment of universal health coverage is attained in the county.

He added that the dispensary will provide basic primary healthcare services, emphasising the need for residents to seek treatment at the facility.

“Our core objective in opening the facility is to ensure that much needed health services are rendered to the residents in efforts to address the health challenges. I challenge the community to

embrace it and provide support where necessary,” he said.

“My government will purchase more land for expansion of the facility as well as address infrastructural issues,” the governor added.

The governor was accompanied by the Chief Officer Medical Services Dr Isaac Omeri, Agriculture Executive Dr Moses Osia, Chief of Staff Robert Papa and the County Health Administrator Ali Atemba during the function.

—KNA



Busia County Governor Sospeter Ojaamong (centre) during the opening of the new medical facility. PD/KNA

## Infant's body retrieved from borehole after 11 days

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The body of eight-month-old Fadhilli Rama who fell into a 48-metre deep borehole on Christmas Day in Mtopanga area was finally retrieved yesterday.

The body was recovered at exactly 9.00pm after remaining trapped in the hole for 11 days and 11 days after an exhausting search by Mombasa County fire officers and gallant local volunteers.

“It has been an uphill task but took time to ensure the body was finally retrieved,” said Jefferson Maingi, a volunteer and the last man in the hole who retrieved the body.

Mombasa County Executive in charge of transport Taufiq Balala said the body was presented to the parents for viewing and later handed over to police.

“We thank all those involved in the search and all those who stood by us day and night to ensure the success of this mission. We would have wanted to rescue the child's life but unfortunately it didn't happen... The body has now been handed over to Police and later he will be buried in accordance with Islamic protocols,” Balala said shortly after the retrieval on Wednesday night.

The deceased alongside her mother Lilian Kimote and her elder sister had traveled from their home in Mtwapa to celebrate Christmas and New Year festivities at a family friend - Bernard Opondo's home in Mtopanga when the unfortunate incident happened.

On the fateful Christmas day, the late Fadhilli had dropped into an unfinished borehole that was left unattended in the neighbourhood adjacent to Opondo's house. The deceased reportedly stepped on a rugged piece of synthetic carpet covering the hole.

### BRIEFLY

## MP Kega denounces chaos in Parliament

Kieni Member of Parliament James Mathenge alias Kanini Kega has condemned the recent chaos witnessed in the National Assembly during discussions on the Political Parties (Amendment) Bill 2021. Mathenge who was speaking yesterday on Kameme TV *Rikiratha* (Sunrise) talk show said it is a disgrace for elected members of Parliament to turn the august House into a theatre of the absurd at a time when the electorate expects to see political maturity in their leaders. “What was witnessed on December 28 last year and January 5 during the discussions on the Political Parties (Amendment) Bill 2021 was a shame and a disgrace to the members of Parliament,” he told show host Maina Kihumo. “I strongly condemn the actions of some of my colleagues for turning the house into a shouting arena instead of deliberating the matter on the floor of the house in a honourable manner,” he said.

—KNA

# Experts warn of impending workers mental catastrophe

Resultant cost of screening of employees leaves many suffering from long term depression and stress related to Coronavirus

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Medical experts are warning of a major mental catastrophe in the country if the government and employers do not urgently address the psychological effects that resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The experts say although 70 per cent of Kenyan workers were affected by the pandemic, employers have not constituted measures to address the resultant effects such as depression and stress they warn would continue building up.

Results of a survey done jointly by the Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM) and Chiromo Mental Health hospital in November indicates this would in the near future affect staff production.

The survey shows over 70 per cent of workers in various segments of the country's labour force in public and private workplaces have never been screened for depression by a qualified mental health specialist despite having been affected by the pandemic.

Through HR practitioners, the employers are now increasingly becoming concerned about the number of workers whose mental health status is breaking down.

Joseph Onyango, the IHRM Council national chairman noted the condition is due to the pressures emanating from the Covid-19 pandemic.

“This has however, prompted the institute to partner with Chiromo Mental Health Hospital with an aim of developing a comprehensive policy to address this issue,” he said.

Currently, the policy he said is at public participation stage.

### Baseline survey

The mental health and productivity baseline survey conducted recently among human resource managers also found the cost for depression screening exorbitant. This leaves most of those seeking this service with no option but to manage it quietly on their own.

In the survey, about 80.6 per cent of the HR managers said employees lack access to mental health self-assessment tools.

“Lack of proper policies and guidelines to address mental health; shortage of training to support others deal with their issues,



Dr. Frank Njenga (left) Presidential Adviser on Mental Health with the Institute of Human Resource Management Chairman Joseph Onyango at a Nairobi Hotel. PD/GERALD ITHANA

and slow or lack of prompt management action to matters Mental health,” said HRs during the survey conducted between September and October 15 last year.

Onyango said there is a need for capacity building of managers and staff members on mental health.

“To address this issue, there is also a need to put structures and policies in place that support the well-being of employees that should be facilitated by top management goodwill, and budget allocation for mental health,” he said recently when the Institute awarded the best HR director of the year 2021.

He expressed hopes there will be a working document as soon as possible, so that workers and their employers can start to talk about mental health issues in their work places more openly as a way of finding therapy.

He also called on organisations to mainstream their HR activities with technology which without, companies cannot achieve the optimum in their economic output.

Data at the Ministry of Health shows that depression contributes to 10 per cent of time off work by the employed population with an average of 36 workdays lost per depression episode.

Dr Frank Njenga, the Presidential Adviser on Mental Health confirmed the statistics noting that in recent times, perhaps, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the situation has worsened.

He said the symptoms of depression, such as difficulties in concentrating, making decisions and remembering, are present up to 94 per cent of the time during an episode of depression.

“This causes significant impairment in work function and productivity,” stated Dr. Njenga, one of the guest speakers during the 25th annual national HRM conference in Mombasa last week. The conference's theme was Transition: Anchoring Resil-

ience. The situation, he said, has been worsened by the fact that 50 per cent of the people living with depression are untreated due to stigma and lack of access to care.

The HR practitioners also decried the underfunding of the HR function despite its critical role in the economy.

### Human resource contribution

They called on the government to recognise the HR contribution to the growth of the country and allocate more resources to it.

Eliud Owalo, an HR consultant noted that the HR function is integral in the growth of the economy, and therefore a need to have a keen interest in addressing challenges facing it.

Owalo noted that the need to get HR to play its fundamental role, and also to get recognised at the level commensurate with its contributing component within the economy, is urgent.

“Some organisations operate without a strategic plan, so it makes work very difficult from the HR point of view to determine the staffing component,” he said observing that too much political meddling in the HR function, especially in the public sector, impacts negatively on the HR function.

He called on the government to put more money into skills and capacity building of staff within the public sector.

Wasike Fred, HR director at Isuzu East Africa company was awarded the HR Director of the year 2021.

He said at the company, the HR department is the driver of its performance seeing it scooping top position in the country for the last 9 years. The company has embraced the HR department for its performance.

On his part, Sylvester Kasuku, Nairobi Governor's legal adviser said the area of HR is key for growth and development of any country.

### MENTAL HEALTH WORRIES

● Kenyan workers were affected by the pandemic, employers have constituted measures to address the resultant effects such as depression and stress

● Over 70 per cent of workers in various segments of the country's labour force in public and private workplaces have never been screened for depression by a qualified mental health expert

# Businesshub

**“**This project is a game-changer because it will help the country salvage Sh2b lost from demurrage

## Brighter times ahead as NSE firms end two-year dividend drought

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Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed firms are set to mark the end of a near two-year dividend drought with fresh payments that could whet the appetite of investors back to the bourse.

Unlike the end of 2020 when most top firms including banks recalled dividends. It was only Safaricom that borrowed money to pay dividends to shareholders. However, towards the

end of 2021, most banks, manufacturers and energy sector firms have announced dividends while some have paid shareholders.

KCB Group announced a dividend of Sh1 a share to be paid on January 14, 2021, while Stanchart already paid shareholders Sh5 interim dividend on December 29 last year.

This points out that shareholders in the banking sector are back on track and are set to get their annual payouts to cushion them from inflation. Analysts note that the payment



of dividends return at time when shares are undervalued making the shares even more attractive to investors as they present opportunities for capital appreciation.

### Full-year earnings

“At the moment, we are seeing counters in which we can take advantage of high dividend yields due to reduced prices. We expect to see price growth early this year when these companies announce their full-year earnings and dividend payouts,” said

analysts at Abojani Investments.

In the energy sector, Kengen has announced a final dividend of Sh0.5 per share as the payout is set for February 10th this year.

Kengen which suffered cashflow hitches due to late payments by Kenya Power is also showing that its finances are improving by rewarding its investors.

Carbacid Investments is also among the winners of last year and has paid investors a total dividend of Sh1.60 per share.

## New oil terminal to cut fuel prices, Uhuru says

President assures Sh40b Kipevu project will ensure Kenyans get relief from low fuel costs as a result of adequate supply

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President Uhuru Kenyatta has hinted that the cost of fuel will reduce drastically after the completion of Sh40 billion Kipevu Oil Terminal in March.

Upon completion, the country will double the capacity of handling transit petroleum products starting March, from the current 35,000 tonnes. This will ease the cost of living considering that fuel is a key driver of the economy.

Speaking during an inspection tour in Mombasa yesterday accompanied by a Chinese State Counsellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi, the president said the multi-billion shillings project will ensure that Kenyans get relief from low fuel prices as a result of adequate supply.

“This project will ensure adequate supply of fuel in the country, and by this, therefore, Kenyans will see a reduction of cost of fuel,” Uhuru said.

Last year, the president also set up a task force to cut the cost of power which according to Kenya Power will see the cost of electricity drop by 15 per cent in customers’ January bills.

“The reduction of the cost of electricity will be implemented in two tranches of 15 per cent each; with the first 15 per cent, which will be achieved through initial actions focusing on system and commercial losses being reflected in the December bills, and a further 15 per cent reduction in the first quarter of 2022,” said Kenya Power in a statement.

President Kenyatta said the multi-billion project which will be complete by March this year consists of one offshore island terminal with four berths whose total length is 770 metres and one work boat wharf at the Westmont area for landing.

“This project is expected to fully get operational by March this year, the project



President Uhuru Kenyatta with visiting State Counsellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China Wang Yi during an inspection tour of the ongoing construction of the new offshore Kipevu Oil Terminal at the Port of Mombasa. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU

### TRANSFORMING REGION

● On the standard Gauge railway project, Kenyatta defended the project saying the coastal region has reaped much especially in the tourism sector.

● He said many tourists have resulted to using SGR train, trooping to Kenyan coastal tourists hotels thus benefiting the region.

is significant in the sense that it will sufficiently serve the East African region,” said the President. The facility comes with five sub-sea pipelines, which were buried 26 metres under the seabed to allow for future dredging of the channel without interfering with the pipes.

### Very large vessels

The 770m jetty which was fully funded by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) is the largest of its kind in Africa, with a capacity to load and offload very large vessels of up to 200,000 DWT carrying all categories of petroleum products including crude oil, white oils and LPG.

Speaking at the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) after inspecting progress, Uhuru said the new offshore Kipevu Oil Terminal

which is currently 96 per cent complete will not only enhance supply and cost stability of petroleum products in Kenya but also in the region. “This project is a game-changer because it will help the country salvage Sh2 billion lost from demurrage, due to long queues of vessels waiting to dock, but now the new terminal can accommodate more than two vessels at a go,” the Head of State said.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani warned that the country has been losing a lot of revenue from the delays terming the new terminal a relief to many players and Kenyans at large.

Uhuru hailed Kenya’s partnership with China, saying Kenya will continue to partner with like-minded countries like China for development. “We do not need lectures on what we need, we work with those who need us,” he said.

The new oil terminal, is financed by KPA and constructed by China Communication Construction Company, and can handle up to four vessels compared to the existing one that handles one vessel at a time.

The President identified Dongo Kundu road project and expansion of the Malindi-Mtwapa highway as major infrastructure projects the government is undertaking at the coast.

### BRIEFLY

## Kenya starts transportation of tea via SGR to Port of Mombasa

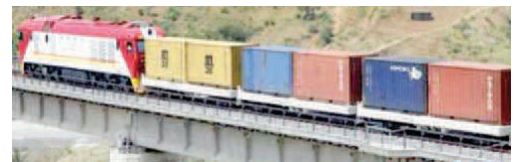
**EXPORTS:** Kenya has commenced transporting tea to the Port of Mombasa using the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) in a move the government calls cost-effective for tea farmers. This follows a partnership deal between Kenya Railways and Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA).

Under the arrangement, KTDA-managed factories will transport their produce via the SGR from Nairobi to the port before they are exported.

Speaking in Mombasa while receiving the first batch of 31 containers carrying 800 tonnes of KTDA tea from Nairobi, Agriculture Principal Secretary Prof Hamadi Boga

said the move confirms that the rail’s ability. “This is a proof that SGR can be used to transport bulk farm produce instead of using the road. It is cheaper, safer and fast,” he said. Tea will be transported from the tea growing counties to the Nairobi Freight Terminal before being loaded onto Kenya Railways wagons and subsequently transported to the Port of Mombasa. Kenya Railways MD Phillip Mainga said this move will see large volumes of cargo transported over shortened transit times due to high haulage capacity and the high speeds of the trains.

—Reuben Mwangi



## C&G posts Sh887m net profit in Q3 on raised sales revenue

**FINANCIAL:** Car & General, a franchise holder for automotive and engineering products has announced a net profit of Sh887 million for the financial year ending September 30, 2021. The results represent a 300 per cent spike in profits, from the Sh274 million made over a similar period in 2020, a statement from the company indicated. The company attributed the results to a 42 per cent increase in turnover to Sh17.1 billion against Sh12.1 billion achieved the previous financial year, on the back of improved transactions which resulted in Kenya sales growing by 55 per cent, while those outside Kenya by 22 per cent.

Uganda and Tanzania now represent over 35 per cent of Group’s sales. Demurrage losses and supply chain constraints led to losses amounting to Sh103 billion and Sh1.4 billion respectively, significantly denting the company’s profitability, the company said in a statement.

“Profitability was significantly impacted by demurrage losses of Sh103 million resulting from global logistical issues and localisation of production. Our cashflow was negatively impacted by supply chain issues resulting in higher paid up stock of Sh1.4 billion,” Car & General said.

—Noel Wandera

## Electric car sales soar, but chip shortage hits market

Sales of electric vehicles soared last year, but the market as a whole failed to recover from the Covid pandemic.

More electric cars were registered in 2021 than in the previous five years combined, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Yet the industry body said much more investment was needed in charging infrastructure.

Meanwhile, an acute lack of computer chips left dealers struggling to get hold of many new conventional models. Overall, 2021 was another dismal year for the motor industry.

Preliminary figures from the SMMT show that some 1.65m cars new cars were registered. That was a small increase over 2020, when the impact of the first Covid-related lockdowns and dealer closures sent sales plummeting.

But it was still the second-worst figure recorded in nearly three decades, and 28 per cent down on its pre-pandemic level. At the beginning of the year, there was a further lockdown, while any hopes of a lasting recovery, were dashed by acute shortage of semiconductors.

—BBC

## Coffee farmers eye boom as demand soars



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Kenya coffee farmers are expected to benefit from a boom this year, thanks to price increase influenced by high demand for clean beans in the international market and interruption of major global coffee producers.

A market report by the secretariat of Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) this week noted that volume of coffee offered through the auction increased by 70.5 per cent as at the end of December, 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020. Chief executive Daniel Mbithi said the average prices increased by 26.64 per cent for the

first three months of the 2021/22 crop year. He said prices went north as well from \$269.55 (Sh30,459.15) to \$341.36 (Sh38,573.68) per 50kg in December 2020 and 2021 respectively.

"This was in response to the upsurge in the US ICE terminal prices that hit a 10-year record high in December 2021 coupled with better quality coffees witnessed at the auction. Since the beginning of the year, ICE futures prices surged by over 80 per cent," Mbithi added.

During Sale 11 of January 5, 2022 average prices increased to \$345.54 (Sh39,046.02) for a 50kg bag compared average price of \$341.36 at the end of December.

# Tanzania on clear path to overturn Kenya lead

New continental study ranks neighbouring country at number six, in list of African nations most endowed with potential

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Tanzania could eclipse Kenya to become the dominant economy in the East Africa region going by the latest findings by a US-based consultancy firm Invesco.

Tanzania ranks at position six with Kenya coming at position 13 in the ranking of African nations most endowed with the potential to succeed. This kicks out Kenya from the top 10 watchlist, despite being the 6th largest economy in the continent, and a premier frontier markets economy.

Dubbed *Africa 2021, a Continent of Opportunity*, the report ranks African nations in terms of potential for growth based on various factors such as working population size, mineral resources, surface area, arable land, electricity production, forestry and fisheries.

"The cross-country comparisons show a ranking of countries for size, demographic dividend, economic structure, industrialisation, urbanisation, stability, business environment, economic potential, adoption of technology, openness to investment, external financing and climate change," says the report.

### Domestic demand

Kenya's growth is supported by agriculture, while weaknesses in services and industry have had a dampening effect on the economy during the period of Covid-19 pandemic.

African Development Bank says domestic demand has been subdued while external demand has neither helped nor hurt growth during that period.

Expansionary fiscal, monetary, and financial policy measures have been introduced to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on businesses and households.

Kenya has lost footing in its main export market in Uganda, losing out to Tanzania

### TOP RANKING

- Nigeria has the biggest population dividend followed by Egypt and Ethiopia while Sierra Leone, Chad and Liberia lead in value addition to agricultural produce.
- The top ranking countries are South Africa, Egypt and Botswana while the lowest ranking countries on the list are Somalia, Comoros and Burundi.



in the wake of long-drawn trade feuds between the two nations.

Tanzania's exports to Uganda has even surpassed Kenya's since April, a possible reflection of the negative impact of the trade fights.

Government data shows that the value of Kenya's exports to Uganda was Sh9.05 billion (\$83.25 million) in April but dropped to Sh7.2 billion (\$66.85 million) in June indicating a period when Tanzania topped Kenya as Uganda's main export market in the region.

As per Invesco's top 10 watchlist, South Africa, Egypt, Botswana, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania, Algeria, Morocco and Cote D'Ivoire emerged tops.

Africa will be the economic and investment story of this century. However, it is a continent of 54 countries, each with its own potential, pitfalls and capacity to absorb different forms of investment, according to Invesco research team.

"The aim of this document is to examine each country in turn and to reach conclusions about the possibility and desirability of investments," they add.

Key factors that weigh down Kenya's ranking is lack of natural resources, but scores well in openness to external investors and size of the country.

Kenya's population growth rate has

dropped from 5 per cent in the 90s to about 2 per cent currently, while its dependency ratio is declining at a faster pace. Kenya's gross domestic product (GDP) has been growing at about 5 per cent in the last decade with neighbours such as Tanzania and Rwanda rising at about 7 per cent.

Another key challenge for Kenya is high cost of electricity which has kept power consumption at 2000MW per year compared to 40,000 in South Africa, 12,000 in Nigeria and Ethiopia's 10,000MW.

Kenya, however, boasts a high intellectual horsepower due to a well-educated workforce that provides the necessary traction for economic development, a feature that is not captured in the survey.

### Falling productivity

The report also indicates that Kenya's GDP has grown rapidly since 2011 like assuming the graph of a hockey stick to hit over 70 per cent of GDP while placing the countries in top 50 most indebted nations.

Kenya's exchange rate relative to the US dollar has also fallen sharply in the previous decades indicating falling productivity and over dependence on foreign manufactured goods while exporting cheap raw materials.

## We'll pay Sh1.4b arrears, Sony sugar management assures anxious workers

**PAYMENT:** South Nyanza (Sony) Sugar Company has asked employees to be patient as it seeks to reduce their accrued arrears estimated at Sh1.4 billion.

Managing Director Stephen Ligawa assured the employees that all will be well soon and thanked them for cooperating with the management during the harsh production times.

"We have started to offset part of the arrears in bits. I assure workers that we will try our level best to reduce the arrears once our production capacity normalises," he said.

The money has accrued since 2019 when the factory's production capacity dipped by almost 60 per cent thus affecting its monthly and annual income. "We are now paying only current salaries. This started in August last year. My appeal is to workers to be calm and bear with us, if situation improves we shall pay," Ligawa said.

Ligawa who spoke to *Business Hub* in his office in Awendo, Migori County, said they will review the payments based on their financial stability, adding that currently they were operating on a tight budget.

He said if the firm was operating normally at its installed capacity in the 1970s to produce 3,000 tonnes of cane per day then Sony would be making about Sh60 million each week. But right now, it's milling less than installed capacity, making it cumbersome to realise its optimal production and revenue targets to meet its

financial obligations.

However, Ligawa disclosed that production capacity is already improving after the recent mini-maintenance.

He said they were now making between Sh10 and Sh11 million each week, because they mill less, but expressed confidence that all will soon change if they improve

Over the years, the company has contributed significantly to the realisation of Kenya's Vision 2030 through sugar production whose current capacity stands at 70 per cent.

### Existing capacity

Ligawa said the company is trying to strategically increase its optimisation of the existing capacity to 3,000 tonnes of cane per day by securing cane availability and supply.

"At the moment our production capacity is oscillating between 2,000 and 2200 tonnes of cane per day. We mill about 200 tonnes of sugar for six days in a week," he explained

But the production is short of the installed capacity of 3,000 tonnes of sugar per day, meaning that the factory is operating below its installed capacity.

Ligawa said main focus now is to strengthen the plant to operate optimally so that they can generate sufficient revenue to pay both farmers, workers and suppliers. "Our aim is to increase the factory's efficiency to pay all debts and suppliers once our operations normalises," he said.

—Kepher Otieno



# Public debt to spike interest rate in Kenya

Institute of Economic Affairs says Kenya's debt made worse by Covid-19 pandemic

by John Otini  
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Public debt rose to a near all-time high globally with Kenya's rising 23 per cent in 2021 as concerns about this could trigger interest rate hikes or a global recession in 2022, International Monetary Fund (IMF) data shows.

According to the IMF data, public debt across the world increased by an average of 19 per cent, but some countries accumulated debt much faster.

In Kenya, public debt jumped from Sh6.5 trillion in 2020 to Sh8 trillion as of September 2021, while borrowing gathered pace, with Kenya further calling for debt relief from Bretton Woods and China.

"Public debt now accounts for almost 40 per cent of total global debt, the highest share since the mid-1960s," says IMF.

## Rising inflation

Due to rising inflation especially in developed countries, it is feared this could trigger interest rate hikes, that could lead to investors dumping emerging market assets, thus hurting local currencies.

Foreign investors control nearly 70 per cent of the turnover at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) in Kenya.

Rising prices of commodities such as oil and consumer goods including cooking oil, wheat and maize have pushed inflation to almost 7 per cent in what could trigger interest

rate rise locally hurting new investments and pushing the proportion of bad loans higher.

This even as National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani downplayed the debt issue last year, saying that Kenya's debt is okay at about 60 per cent of GDP, but recent data shows that public debt is well over 70 per cent of GDP.

"I am not worried about the size of debt, we have borrowed for development, if we continue cutting expenditure, then we shall have a crisis, there will be no liquidity," says CS Yatani.

The CS said they are now keen on borrowing only from multilateral lenders and not in the domestic market.

Yatani said that Kenya's GDP is far below that of Japan whose public debt is well over 100 per cent of GDP.

However Japan has much more cashflow than Kenya and due to its debt the East Asian nation is growing at below 1 per cent per year.

Analysts also recon that in 2022, apart from the public debt challenge, Kenya will come with a number of challenges including elections, Omicron.

"The other factor aside from the political risks is the rising cost of food and energy both locally and internationally," said Reuben Wambui of UNEP Financial Initiatives.

## LIQUIDITY PAIN

● Global economic powerhouses and business moguls including Elon Musk and former IMF executives predict a recession towards the end of 2022, saying rising inflation could put brakes on further borrowing, leading to liquidity problems in emerging markets.

## NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
15.00	10.00	Etiopias Ltd Ord 1.25	13.80	1285	100
420.00	360.00	Kakuzi Ptd Ord 5.00		420.00	
101.00	80.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00	90.00	90.00	200
390.00	260.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ptd Ord 20.00		320.00	
22.60	16.75	Sasini Ptd Ord 1.00	20.25	19.95	2,600
154.75	126.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00		130.75	
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>					
36.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	33.70	30.60	800
<b>BANKING</b>					
11.95	8.60	ABSA Bank Kenya Ptd Ord 0.50	11.80	11.75	128,900
40.00	24.30	BK Group Ptd Ord 0.80	29.30	29.50	7,200
69.00	55.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	60.00	59.75	1,200
55.00	39.25	Equity Group Holdings Ptd Ord 0.50	53.00	53.00	243,200
5.20	3.40	HF Group Ptd Ord 0.50	3.89	3.81	7,100
46.75	20.25	I&M Group Ptd Ord 1.00	21.45	21.45	20,500
50.75	40.00	KCB Group Ptd Ord 1.00	45.90	45.50	87,300
29.00	23.00	NCSA Group Ptd Ord 0.50	25.90	25.55	20,700
99.00	78.00	Stanbic Holdings Ptd Ord 5.00	87.00	87.00	900
142.00	123.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	130.75	130.00	9,100
14.00	11.50	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	13.00	13.00	88,800
<b>COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES</b>					
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ptd Ord 2.50	0.99	0.99	4,500
1.27	0.80	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.99	0.99	4,500
4.90	3.16	Express Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00mm	4.10	4.10	200
0.80	0.80	Homology Entertainment Ptd Ord 0.50	0.80	0.80	1,000
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.83	3.83	300
4.53	3.70	Langhorn Publishers Ptd Ord 1.00	4.00	4.00	1,000
13.80	4.01	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 0.50	4.89	5.06	218,500
26.50	14.35	Nation Media Group Ptd Ord 2.50	19.90	19.40	3,100
4.00	2.50	Sameer Africa Ptd Ord 0.50	2.80	2.80	1,000
20.00	13.55	Standard Group Ptd Ord 5.00	14.90	13.55	100
17.00	13.20	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.25	15.25	1,000
6.29	6.20	Uchumi Supermarket Ptd Ord 0.50	0.23	0.23	41,200
0.24	3.50	WPP Suagroup Ptd Ord 1.00	4.12	4.16	62,800
<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; ALLIED</b>					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Ptd Ord 1.00	5.55	5.55	1,000
41.85	33.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	37.85	37.95	44,600
42.80	19.05	Crown Paints Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00	30.75	30.50	1,100
1.62	1.17	E.A. Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.27	1.22	2,400
9.54	6.00	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	7.02	6.90	1,000
<b>ENERGY &amp; PETROLEUM</b>					
5.10	3.90	KenGen Co. Ptd Ord 2.50	4.13	4.16	47,200
1.99	1.29	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ptd Ord 2.50	1.72	1.71	276,500
5.50	4.50	Kenya Power & Lighting Co 4% Pref 20.00	4.53	4.53	1,000
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Co 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	6.00	1,000
27.50	23.15	TotalEnergies Marketing Kerma Ptd Ord 5.00	24.55	24.70	14,200
7.20	5.44	Umemu Ltd Ord 0.50	6.74	6.74	400
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
8.78	6.50	Britania Holdings Ptd Ord 0.10	7.52	7.50	20,800
5.50	1.94	DIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.15	2.10	64,500
392.00	276.00	Public Finance Ltd Ord 5.00	310.50	316.75	6,300
2.80	2.10	Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.29	2.30	33,800
10.30	6.50	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	7.04	7.04	1,000
12.85	9.00	Sunam Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00	11.55	11.55	1,000
<b>INVESTMENT</b>					
18.00	14.00	Centum Investment Co Ptd Ord 0.50	14.50	14.40	38,200
0.45	0.34	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00mm	0.38	0.39	57,200
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwilo Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	
2.24	1.63	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	1.97	1.97	1,000
1.66	1.08	Trans-Century Ptd Ord 0.50	1.32	1.29	400
<b>INVESTMENT SERVICES</b>					
0.90	7.90	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ptd Ord 4.00	8.20	8.12	4,700
<b>MANUFACTURING &amp; ALLIED</b>					
75.00	61.25	B.O.C Kenya Ptd Ord 5.00	72.00	70.00	400
485.00	420.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ptd Ord 10.00	442.00	442.00	182,000
13.20	10.80	Carbacid Investments Ptd Ord 1.00	10.90	10.90	7,000
194.00	148.00	East African Breweries Ptd Ord 2.00	160.75	163.75	2,800
1.45	1.19	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.29	1.26	100
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00	10.40	10.40	1,000
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	0.27	1,000
33.50	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	27.65	27.65	1,000
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION</b>					
45.25	36.00	Safaricom Ptd Ord 0.05	40.00	39.55	5,136,500
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
7.48	5.90	ILAM FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	6.40	6.02	3,200
<b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>					
1930.00	1780.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	19291	1880.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: UP 1.13 points to close at 171.80  
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: UP 4.06 points to close at 1919.79  
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: UP 12.93 points to close at 3814.87

## MARKET WATCH

### TREASURY BONDS ISSUE



RESULTS OF 91, 182 & 364 DAYS TREASURY BILLS ISSUE 244991, 2422382 & 2372364 DATED 29/11/2021  
The auction outcome is summarized in the table below:

	91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS	TOTAL
Date Date	28/02/2022	30/05/2022	28/11/2022	
Amount Offered (Kshs. M)	4,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	24,000.00
Bids Received (Kshs. M)	3,936.46	2,520.43	9,835.51	16,292.40
Performance Ratio (%)	98.42	25.20	98.35	
Total Amount Accepted (Kshs. M)	3,936.28	2,520.19	6,547.11	13,003.59
Of which: Competitive bids	2,516.33	2,372.29	6,003.11	10,791.86
Non-competitive bids	1,419.95	147.90	544.00	2,111.85
Bid-to-Cover Ratio	1.00	1.00	1.38	1.19
Parquet / Application of Funds				
Colours / Redemption	1,779.40	4,586.90	4,285.40	10,651.70
New Borrowing/Net Repayment	2,156.88	2,066.71	2,261.71	6,485.30
Market Weighted Average Interest Rate	7.182%	7.844%	8.972%	
Weighted Average Interest Rate of accepted bids	7.182%	7.835%	8.944%	
Price per Kshs 100 at average interest rate	98.241	96.240	91.811	

COMPARATIVE AVERAGE INTEREST RATES OF ACCEPTED BIDS

	This Auction (%)	Last Auction (%)	Variance
91 - day	7.181	7.114	0.067
182 - day	7.835	7.747	0.088
364 - day	8.944	8.840	0.104

NEXT TREASURY BILLS AUCTIONS: ISSUE NO. 245091, 2423382 & 2372364 DATED 06/12/2021

TENDER	91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS	TOTAL
Offer amount (Kshs. M)	4,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	24,000.00
Auction Dates & Bids Closure	02/12/2021	02/12/2021	02/12/2021	
Results Announcement	03/12/2021	03/12/2021	03/12/2021	19,991.68
Redemptions				4,608.32
New Borrowing/Net Repayment				

### CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	7.00%	29/11/2021
Inter-Bank Rate	4.38%	05/01/2022
CBK Discount Window	13.00%	29/11/2021
91-Day T-Bill	7.271%	03/01/2022
REPO	4.70%	18/11/2021
Inflation Rate	5.73%	December, 2021
Lending Rate	12.12%	October, 2021
Savings Rate	2.58%	October, 2021
Deposit Rate	6.39%	October, 2021
KBRR	8.9%	27/07/2016

### KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 6/1/2022

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	113.1853	113.0853	113.2853
SW KRONER	12.3717	12.3595	12.3839
STG POUND	152.9909	152.8359	153.1459
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	83.2643	83.1877	83.3409
SAUDI RIYAL	30.1341	30.1055	30.1628
SA RAND	7.0934	7.0832	7.1036
S FRANC	123.2553	123.1195	123.3910
NOR KRONER	12.7349	12.7194	12.7505
KES / USHS	31.2850	31.2132	31.3569
KES / TSHS	20.3207	20.2586	20.3828
KES / RWF	9.1666	9.0481	9.2850
KES / BIF	17.6256	17.5654	17.6858
JPY (100)	97.6030	97.5125	97.6934
IND RUPEE	1.5220	1.5205	1.5234
HONGKONG DOLLAR	14.5135	14.5007	14.5264
EURO	128.0650	127.9318	128.1982
DAN KRONER	17.2097	17.1927	17.2266
CHINESE YUAN	17.7511	17.7339	17.7683
CAN \$	88.4502	88.3686	88.5318
AUSTRALIAN \$	81.2161	81.1387	81.2935
AE DIRHAM	30.8151	30.7841	30.8461

# Kakuzi issues profit warning due to lower prices in key markets

by John Otini  
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Horticultural produce exporter Kakuzi has issued a profit warning due to a sharp drop in avocado production and lower fruit prices in Europe.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed firm warned its current investors, potential investors and the general public of a 25 per cent dip in earnings.

"This profit warning notice arises from trading information, market forecasts and preliminary unaudited financial results that our net earnings for the year ended December 31, 2021 will be at least 25 per cent lower than the one reported the previous



year," Kakuzi said. The firm said the dip in earnings is a result of a seasonal drop in Avocado output by up to 18 per cent coupled with a reduction in prices of fruits in the European markets.

"This is due to oversupply of fruits from Peru and Colombia which impacted the prices at the same period that our fruits were also in the market," said Kakuzi in a statement to investors.

## Diversification

Kakuzi's performance and agri-business in general has always been unstable due to its exposure to seasonal markets.

The company said it continues to invest in product diversification to

## KAKUZI

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mitigate global market volatility that has been its weakness over the years.

"Looking back, the signs were there in the first half report. Things got worse in the second half of 2021, it seems," said Eric Mokaya, Swiss based analyst at Klarna.

In the first half of the year, Kakuzi reported a significant drop in avocado production and expected down-

ward pressure in avocado prices.

Blueberry sales were doing well but tea production returns haven't improved and timber products were also strong.

The company has diversified into multiple crops including macadamia to shield its earnings from cyclical price swings. It also exports timber, beef, animal feed and could add more products in its portfolio.

The counter was trading at Sh420 a share yesterday having gone 9 percent the previous day due to speculative trading. Last year, Kakuzi suffered a blow following reports that it was mistreating its workers at the firm, the story carried in a British daily raised eyebrows risking boycott of Kakuzi's exports.



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## BRIEFLY

### Bolsonaro discharged from hospital in Rio

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro was discharged from hospital on Wednesday, just over 48 hours after he was admitted due to an intestinal obstruction. "Discharged today. Thank you all," Bolsonaro posted on Twitter, along with a photograph showing him sitting on a gurney and giving a thumbs up with doctors by his side at the Vila Nova Star Hospital in Sao Paulo. The 66-year-old president was hospitalized Monday in Sao Paulo, where he underwent a probe treatment that allowed him to avoid a new surgical procedure in the abdominal area due to a partial obstruction of the intestine. Bolsonaro has undergone bowel surgery four times since he was stabbed in the abdomen.

—Xinhua



# Zuma presided over rampant corruption, SA inquiry claims

Judge Zondo slams ex-president, says he helped Guptas capture the State, new report says

■ Johannesburg, Thursday

Scandals and a systematic process of ridding key personnel from important government departments and lucrative State-owned enterprises, then replacing them with close allies and pliant officials were hallmarks of Jacob Zuma's nine-year term as president of South Africa, a damning report has found.

In his mammoth 874-page report into allegations of high-level corruption under Zuma, Judge Raymond Zondo found that the former president advanced the interests of the Indian-born Gupta family and close allies at the expense of the people of South Africa.

Both Zuma and the Gupta family have previously denied any wrongdoing.

The inquiry found there were patterns of abuse at every stage of public procurement and that governance had collapsed at state companies.

#### Tax authority targeted

The process, referred to as "state capture", describes a form of corruption in which businesses and politicians conspire to influence a country's decision-making process to advance their own interests.

The Guptas, who moved to South Africa in 1993, owned a wide-ranging portfolio of companies that enjoyed lucrative contracts with South African government departments and state-owned companies.

They also employed several Zuma family members - including the president's son, Duduzane - in senior positions.

Justice Zondo found that the South African Revenue Services (Sars), once regarded as a world-class tax institution, was one of the key departments targeted for state capture because "its investigatory and enforcement capacity was a hurdle to people involved in organized crime".

Under the leadership of Tom Moyane, a Zuma ally, the institution was systemati-



President Cyril Ramaphosa received part one of the State Capture Commission of Enquiry's findings.

INSET: Jacob Zuma. AFP

#### ZUMA ON THE RACK

● Acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo's state capture report has accused former President Jacob Zuma of fleeing the commission of inquiry because he could not explain how Dudu Myeni was appointed and retained as South African Airways (SAA) board chair for five years

cally and deliberately weakened, the report found.

More than 2,000 highly skilled senior staff members were lost, including investigators who were hounded out through a pervasive culture of fear and bullying.

"Zuma promised the job of Sars commissioner to Tom Moyane well ahead of the appointment being made despite the process then underway to select the appropriate person from amongst a large number of candidates," the report said.

"The only feasible conclusion is that the organization was deliberately captured and President Zuma and Moyane played critical roles in the capture of Sars and dismantling it in the way it was done during Moyane's term as Commissioner.

"What occurred at Sars was inevitable the moment Moyane set foot there. He dismantled the elements of governance one by one. This was more than mere mismanagement. It was seizing control of Sars as if it was his to have," it continued.

The Commission recommends that Moyane "be charged with perjury in relation to his false evidence presented to parliament." No recommendations to charge him with corruption have been made so far, nor has he made any comment in the

wake of the report.

Also heavily implicated is another close Zuma ally and former South African Airways (SAA) Board Chairperson, Dudu Myeni, her son Thalete, and several other former senior SAA officials.

Under Ms Myeni's watch, SAA descended into "an entity racked by corruption and fraud", the report says.

#### Airline 'racked by fraud'

Justice Zondo found that there was "overwhelming and corroborated" evidence that Ms Myeni was unlawfully benefiting from State Security Agency (SSA) resources and enjoyed the protection of undercover operatives, trained overseas in counterintelligence strategies and intelligence gathering.

The report noted that her links to top SSA officials revealed "how powerful Ms Myeni was and how close she was to President Zuma". She has not commented.

Justice Zondo accused Zuma of fleeing the commission "because he knew there were questions that would be put to him which he would not have been able to answer. This is the antithesis of accountability."

—AFP

### Kazakhstan unrest: World powers react

Unrest in Kazakhstan has attracted the attention of the wider region, including neighbouring Russia and China, as well as Western powers, as protests turn deadly. Kazakh officials said on Thursday dozens of anti-government protesters in the main city of Almaty had been killed, claiming they had attempted to storm government offices and police stations overnight. State television reported 13 members of Kazakhstan's security forces had also died, including two who had been decapitated. The developments marked a significant escalation of the continuing political crisis in the vast Central Asian nation, which began during the weekend with protests against a doubling in the cost of LPG.

—BBC

### Iraqi military mark turbulent 101 years

The Iraqi armed forces mark their 101st anniversary on Thursday while embarking on a new chapter in their tumultuous history after the United States formally concluded its combat mission in Iraq on December 31, 2021. The military faces the thorny task of safeguarding the country scarred by conflicts amid multiple challenges, including keeping the continuous threat from armed groups at bay. Initially founded in 1921, the Iraqi armed forces have suffered a series of bloody conflicts in recent decades, such as the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88, the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the Gulf War.

—Xinhua

## Biden attacks Trump's 'web of lies' at memorial

■ New York, Thursday

People across the United States are commemorating the one-year anniversary of the deadly attack on the US Capitol, described by top officials in Washington, DC, as an "unprecedented" assault on the country's democracy.

A mob of former President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol on January 6, 2021, as Congress was meeting to certify Joe Biden's election

victory. Five people died in the ensuing violence, Trump was later impeached for "incitement of insurrection", and more than 725 people have since been charged in relation to the attempt to undermine a democratic transition of power.

Several events are planned in the US capital on Thursday to commemorate the sombre anniversary. US President Joe Biden and vice President Kamala Harris have addressed the nation from the Capitol.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other leading Democrats will later hold a moment of silence on the House floor before leading a discussion about the riot with historians.

A prayer vigil will also be held on Thursday evening.

Some prominent Republicans, including a hand full of sitting lawmakers and party grandees, have criticised their party over its response to the Capitol riot.

—Xinhua



# Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted

Kate Actress, fashion designer Neomi Ng'ang'a and Moet enthusiast Maureen Cohen.



Lifestyle content creator Linda Alexette.



Moet-Hennessy Eastern Africa market manager Alexandre Helaine with digital media consultant Kamal Kaur.

## TO HAPPY ENDINGS

by John Ochieng

Luxury champagne house Moët & Chandon, recently hosted an end of year toast to share the effervescence at the Sankara Champagne Bar in Nairobi. The event aimed at creating unforgettable experiences, celebrating success and life's most memorable moments of the year 2021. Friends, key partners, and media were invited to a special champagne tasting where they got immersed in the luxury world of the Moët and Chandon champagne brand. Among the present were Moët-Hennessy Eastern Africa market manager Alexandre Helaine, Kate Actress, fashion designer Neomi Ng'ang'a and African Elite Group CEO Lucia Musau. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Luxury content creator Sonal Maherali looks the part.



African Elite Group CEO Lucia Musau.

Lynn Kagia and content creator Vonette Orinda make a toast for the good times.



Actress Catherine Kamau-Karanja aka Kate Actress.



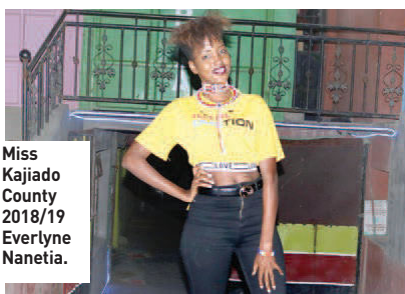
Global digital strategist Nonie Maingi.



Engineer Dr Stephen Wachira with Timothy Ole Timz.



Business women Esther Sulantoi and Hellen Naserian.



Miss Kajiado County 2018/19 Everlyne Nanetia.



Legendary Maasai musician Ole Pakuo.

## Signing off in style

by Manuel Ntoyai

Club Ole Timz in Kitengela recently held a Maa-themed end of year party whose aim was to give its customers a feel of what to expect in 2022. Besides some thrilling performances from artistes such as Ole Kishau, veteran Ole Pakuo and an array of deejays, the hundreds of revellers were treated to loads of mbuzi choma and other African delicacies such as munono and Maasai Soup Dawa. Also present were the club's proprietor Timothy ole Timz, engineer and aspiring politician Dr Stephen Wachira, Miss Kajiado County 2018/19 Everlyne Nanetia, and TikTok sensation Noujah Dennie. PD/GERALD ITHANA



Artiste Star Pepa with TikTok sensation Noujah Dennie.

# THE YEAR AHEAD

The year 2021 was a bumpy one for entertainment industry following the vagaries of Covid-19 pandemic. However, 2022 promises better tidings for the showbiz scenes, as **Chebet Korir** predicts

**T**he future cannot be predicted, not least the future of the showbiz scene in Kenya. It was impossible to make any predictions in 2020, as there was minimal movement, and barely any virtual events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which spiralled into 2021.

However, a ray of hope shines down on us this year, as the country is still adjusting, venues are reopening, concerts are back a big deal and musicians are doing their best to give us quality music as they sparkle with potential and success that cannot be predestined. As this goes on, 2022 is also a political year where we will also see a number of celebrities engaging in the political campaigns.

On November 8, 2021, the Kenya Copyright Board (Kecobo) issued a statement urging musicians who seek to gain from the political activities to be wise by engaging the help of lawyers in negotiating the terms of their services with the politicians. This, said the board, was to ensure that they enter written and legally abiding contracts with the politicians. Well, not all is lost, as this year has the potential of serving the showbiz sector right, if all goes well.

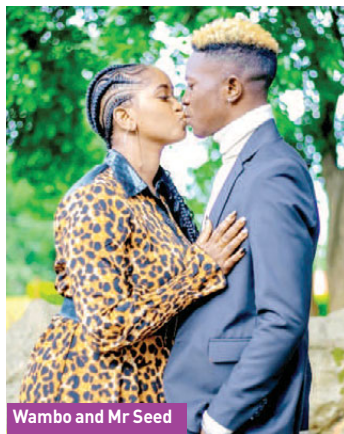
In this regard, here are *Spice's* crystal ball predictions on what 2022 will look like for the Kenya's creative sector.

## Drill music takeover

Drill is a style or trap music that originated from Chicago in the USA and blew up in Kenya in 2020. As it's slowly gaining momentum, the sound will take over this year and also create a mainstream lane for itself. The likes of Wakadinali (Scar, Domani Munga and Sewersydaa) will take drill music to the next level. They have been around for quite some time now as their songs blew up early last year with millions of views and streams on the digital platforms. We predict a good year for them.

Other drill sensations Buruklyn Boyz will release massive hits with new collaborations as well. We will also see new acts showcasing their drill skills and it will be a favourite for many fans. As the new genre will be buzzing in Nairobi, hip-hop will still make it big in 2022, with acts such as Khaligraph Jones taking it to the next level. In 2021, he debuted a single dubbed *Papa Wemba* featuring some of Kenya's hip-hop heads UB, Zaka, Gaza, Agano, Chiwawa, Kenrazy and Visita, which did quite well in the music charts.

We will see more of our hip-hop artists releasing more music, which we can't wait for. The likes of Trio Mio who had a promising year will serve an abundance of club bangers. Probably one of his songs will be used in the political campaigns. Breeder LW and Boutross will also shine this year with some of their addictive hits and collaborations.



Wambo and Mr Seed



Khaligraph Jones



Wakadinali



Diana Marua



Abel Mutua



Nikita Kering



Trio Mio



Vera Sidika

**Women empowerment**

Our local female artistes outdid themselves last year and this year will not be any different. *Sirudi Home* hitmaker Maandy will give us sultry jams in the first quarter of the year and we just can't wait. A possible collaboration with a big artiste is what we would love to hear from her.

Jovial will give us jolly tracks and we will see her music going international. Adasa is a female artiste hailing from the coastal region. She is known for her song *Najikakamua* featuring Benzema. She is one of the best untapped performers from Mombasa and she will surprise us this year as she will grace our screens with her powerful voice and her amazing dance moves. Sai Kenya is also an artiste to look out for, with Xenia Manasseh and Nikita Kering poised to take Kenyan music to global charts.

**The nightlife experience**

Businesses are slowly recovering from the pandemic and the nightlife will be lit this year, as clubs rush to offer exclusive glitz and glam for revellers. Clubs have been sprouting, and by the look of things, there will be more club openings and club appearances.

For instance, the VIP Volume Club located in Shanzu, Mombasa, and owned by former Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko has been the talk of town in the recent times. Word is that they might jet in iconic American R&B group Boys 2 Men for the official launch.

In Nairobi, Casavera Lounge on Ngong Road and co-owned by dancehall and gengetone artiste KRG The Don is also a place to dine and enjoy good music. A number of well-known personalities have made an appearance there including Jamaican dancehall star Konshens. Thika and Kiambu roads are also doing well, with more clubs coming up such as the Skypark Lounge, Paris Lounge, and The Loft, among others.

**End of road for Amapiano**

I believe we've all had enough of the Amapiano sound. It did quite well last year as most events revolved around it. But let's face it, it wasn't here to stay; Kenyans will just move on to the next musical culture that crops up.

**Content without barriers**

Content creation will continue to evolve at a rapid pace. We predict content creators will continuously push for better representation. Abel Mutua has been keeping us glued on our screens with some of his entertaining *Wakurugenzi* stories and this year we want more. Terence Creative will diversify his content, Diana Marua will also give us some fresh family content laced with top-shelf drama, and Eddy Butita will be going mega by releasing more short and lengthy movies.

**Film industry growth**

This year, the Kenyan film industry will take over Africa and beyond. In 2021, we had more than 11 television shows and web series including *Crime and Justice* and *Monica* that did well. We had over 10 feature films such as *Nafsi*, *Just in Time*, and *Baba Twins*, and more than 40 short films including *The Last Christmas*, *Kutu* and *What If*. It feels good seeing our own content being showcased on international streaming platforms and Kenyans will continue to support the local content as it goes a notch higher this year.

**Up-and-coming acts**

Despite being a political year, a lot of up-and-coming acts will have a smooth ride in the first quarter of the year. Jeremy Maina alias Lil Maina has already graced our screens with his addictive track *Kishash*, which has already become a TikTok trend. We predict a good year for him. Maya Amolo is also a fresh face in the music scene. Despite releasing a few singles in 2021 she deserves to shine this year with her

beautiful vocals. Youngster Trio Mio will also continue with his glittering upward projection.

**More album releases**

Wouldn't it be a good way to start off the year with albums? Sauti Sol's Savara recently posted a picture on his Instagram page with the caption, "*Savage Level* Album coming soon." We predict an amazing album release. Otile Brown has also hinted an album release with Tanzanian star Ali Kiba.

**Controversy at it's best**

As they say, controversy sells, and this year the showbiz scene will be full of controversial, scandalous and thought provoking moments. It will be the year where clout chasers will use any means possible to remain relevant.

Diana Marua aka Diana B and Bahati topped charts with controversies in the year that was, and it will not be any different this year. Despite working hard on his music, Willy Paul is quite controversial and we predict a stormier year for him.

As he continues to 'champion' for more local content in our broadcasting stations, clout chasing master Eric Omondi will pick up right from where he left at last year.

**Couples working more together**

For some celebrity couples, mixing business and pleasure leads to great art and Mr Seed and his wife Mimo are a perfect example. Their song *Nafurahi* gained more than half a million views on YouTube and we predict a more magical year for the couple. Power couple Nameless and Wahu also did well last year with their song *Back It Up* and we foresee more releases from them. Diana B is also a new entrant in the music scene and we predict collaboration with her hubby Bahati, probably not what we would want, but time will tell. Brown Mauzo and Vera Sidika will also give us unforgettable releases.



Maandy

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**'Keep your nose off my affairs', Arrow Bwoy warns Jalang'o**

Singer Arrow Bwoy has hit at comedian-cum-radio co-host Felix Odiwour aka Jalang'o. The *Love Doctor* hitmaker told Jalang'o to shut it up and mind his own business after he made claims that Arrow's fiancée and fellow singer Nadia Mukami was hiding a pregnancy. The radio presenter had alleged that Nadia has had a bun in the oven, but she's been wearing oversized sweaters to hide the baby bump. In response, Arrow Bwoy took to his social media where he told Jalang'o to keep off from a business he's not involved in. However, the comedian has reiterated that he has no apologies to make. Keep it here for more on this dramedy.



**Showmax announces next Kenyan Original series**

Showmax has announced its first 2022 original series in Kenya. Titled *Single-ish*, the 13-part drama series will premiere on January 20. Adapted from the South African hit series *Unmarried*, it follows the lives of three women in Nairobi, as they deal with the challenges that marriage, relationships, and their careers throw at them. They are Gathoni Mutua as Sintamei, Minne Kariuki (Mariah) and Faith Kibathi (Rebecca). Produced by Insignia Productions, it also stars Brian Abajah, Michael Munyoki, Lucarelli Onyango, Mburu Kimani, Lenana Kariba, Dora Nyaboke and Jacky Kaboi. Philippe Bresson, who co-directed the series alongside Grace Kahaki and Robby Bresson, says: "I think for the first time we are able to depict real life in an unfiltered way. To me this is real film making, when you are able to tell the story as it should be, so even as the viewer watches it, they will be surprised, shocked and will fall in love with how we tell the story. I don't think there's been any other show that has pushed the boundary in terms of women's issues as we have."

**Tuff Like Iron's new EP tackles crypto currency**

Kenyan artistes and the general public stand to benefit from the recently created *Digital Dread* NFT Extended Play (EP) by Jamaican reggae-fusion musician Tuff Like Iron. The EP is an innovative music and art project that aims to entertain and educate the community about crypto currency through reggae, hip-hop, and world music. Tuff says that 10 per cent of the proceeds from the project will be channeled to charity in Jamaica and the world with food and essentials, through dancehall producer Not Nice's non-profit organisation Yaad N Abroad. She told *Spice*, "Musically, the EP is a magic carpet ride exploring concepts of digital finance to a tropical beat. You are guaranteed to rock and swing, and hopefully learn something! We hope listening to the EP leaves you on an all time high!"



# Boma

Home of Property & Leisure

## Real estate players hopeful about sector growth this year

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**T**he unforbearing economic challenges Kenyans grappled with in 2021 will not slow their zeal to purchase land and put up better houses in 2022, real estate players reveal.

In a country where a majority of its population living in urban centres live in rental houses, the pandemic has been blamed for slowing down the government's bid to bridge the housing gap.

Kenya has an annual housing demand of 250,000 units with an estimated supply of 50,000 units, culminating in a housing deficit of two million units.

Reduced funding to the sector due to general risk aversion during the pandemic has been cited as having contributed to low construction and land purchasing activities.

Many sector players are reported to have closed shop as a result of low business and huge operational costs leaving hardcore firms to survive with few buyers and consequent low profits.

### Expected healthy growth

However, the players say despite the challenges the pandemic ignited a home-buying frenzy as the decade-long housing shortage converged with shifting workplace dynamics and new opportunities for young buyers to pursue their first homes.

Peter Kamau, the CEO Dhahabu Land Limited, while regretting that the pandemic resulted in drastic reduction of the labour force and interruption of

While the industry underwent turbulent times in 2021 occasioned by Covid-19 that caused unprecedented disruption of the economy, realtors are optimistic that Kenyans will double their land purchasing and construction power in 2022

KAMAU

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supply chains causing longer periods in development of projects, he says realtors expect a whirlwind 2022 for the housing market.

He hails Kenyans for learning to survive the hard way and will not delay their investment plans this year, a sign that the sector might experience a healthy growth.

### Buying as a better option

He said that with businesses operating normally across the country, the economy will spring back thereby allowing for wider circulation of money and to that effect trigger increased purchasing power. "The pandemic, like HIV and Aids, is with us and will not be leaving soon. We expect business growth this year to rise and this can only mean people will have money to go for other life goals besides meeting their basic needs," he said.

A report by Knight Frank in December 2020 indicated that as Kenyans look to cut down on their expenses, many were opting to buy houses instead of renting houses. This is because buying is cheaper in the long term as compared to paying rent each month. Additionally, renting a house comes with many uncertainties such as the increase in rent, which is determined by the landlords. "The pandemic gave buy-

ers time to reflect on how they live and use their space, influencing their future buying plans," the report read.

Kamau encouraged his fellow investors to broaden their business scope for extra incomes adding that with the steady state of politics, Kenyans will not fear investing in any part of the country as politicians have assured prevalence of peace post the electioneering period.

"Politics will come and go, but Kenya will remain as one. Kenyans need to know that they have no other country to run to and that they must stand to protect the sovereignty of their motherland. In this case, we expect Kenyans to continue investing without fear of what will happen after the elections," he urged.

To help the country achieve its housing deficit, Kamau revealed that Dhahabu Land Limited will commence construction of houses for customers who have bought land with them.

He maintained that for the government to achieve the affordable housing agenda, a concerted efforts approach alongside public-private-partnership must be embraced to fasten the housing process. "In 2023 however, we will open the forum to all Kenyans, even those who have no land with us. We want to join the government in achieving its dream of according every Kenyan

a decent, affordable housing," he said.

Peter Karoki, the CEO Lifestyle Heights, a property firm with in excess of Sh3.5 billion worth of apartments on its 30-acre apartment complex within Tatu City, a mixed-use real estate project in Kiambu, however, says that while Kenyans will continue to invest, achievement of affordable housing is not tenable before this year when President Uhuru Kenyatta will be exiting office after the end of his two terms.

### Delayed housing agenda

Karoki maintained that although the government has been doing everything possible to aid the real estate sector from further collapse, the pandemic already slowed the pace requiring extension of the timelines that had been set earlier. "We will achieve the affordable housing agenda, but not before August. The dream might delay and the likelihood is that the plan will only be actualised by the next government should it be given priority," he said.

Sharing the same sentiments, Timiza Land Limited CEO Kelvin Muthuri pointed out that 2022 will be a stable year economically and more Kenyans might be pushed to wanting to settle away from urban centres.

Muthuri stated that Kenyans have learnt lessons from the pandemic and have begun to venture in alternative income generating activities, such as farming for survival during crises, such as the Covid-19 pandemic. "After most Kenyans were fired due to the pandemic, most of them rose to look for money elsewhere. Some started farming, others ventured into online business, among other areas. This translates to saying that Kenyans will not be delayed to achieve their housing dream by anything this year. They are and will continue to invest," stated Muthuri.

Despite the optimism from developers, 2022 is poised to also have some unique issues and challenges ranging from unsolved election questions, tight academic calendars that will affect parents' expenditure among other issues.



Sector players are upbeat opening that 2022 will bring new growth for the property market. COURTESY

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## Your clutter-clearing policy for the New Year

With an entire new year ahead, decluttering your home may not seem so much of a big deal. But after January, when that new year energy begins to wane, the prospect of tackling such a big project tends to overwhelm. Start your year with your home feeling more spacious and perhaps more important, you should be feeling more capable of maintaining a clutter-free space



**1. Entrances and junk drawers**  
Get the busiest zones of your home clutter-free this month. Put away stray items in entrances that belong elsewhere. Add extra hooks or shelves if you need them to help corral items.

**2. Laundry, cleaning supplies**  
Cleaning routines are much easier and more pleasant when the supplies you need are neat and orderly. Sheets, towels and other household linens look pleasant if they are neat and orderly.



**3. Kitchen and pantry**  
Toss worn dish towels or cut them up to make rags, sell or give away specially small appliances and tools you seldom or never use and toss expired food and spice.

**4. Holiday clutter**  
As you put away all those holiday decorations, take the time to consider if there's anything you can let go of. Then try to condense everything into a few storage containers to make it easier to find everything for next year.

### THE LOUNGE

**Nickson Otieno** is the CEO at Niko Green, a social enterprise that commits to making healthy and green living reality for all

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## Adequate research and innovation needed to spur green building progress



PHOTO: WILLIAM MURIGI

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**Green building is already recognised in a number of policy frameworks as one of the important means of achieving green growth, and climate change mitigation**

**As a country, how are we fairing in terms of green building adoption and what needs to be done to break hesitancy?**

Regionally, Kenya is leading in mainstreaming the green building agenda in its construction. Civil society has played a critical role in activating national awareness and advocacy on green building. It is because of those actors that now the government and other players are cultivating this ground to ensure that the seeds that were planted are nurtured and grown into mature fruits for the nation's posterity. Green building is already recognised in a number of policy frameworks as one of the important means of achieving green growth, and climate change mitigation. For example, a few green building elements, such as energy efficiency have been integrated into the revised energy regulations, the Draft Revised Building Code. In terms of the practical application of the green building concept, the private sector has fairly understood the business case for building green and takes a leading role in its uptake. Academia is also making a gradual shift by rolling out training programmes (as post-graduate programmes or specialised course units) in environmental design,

as well as constructing new green campus buildings.

**Is the belief that green buildings cost more than traditional houses true?**

It is true that some green building elements cost more at the initial time of construction or installation, however, they end up being cheaper in the long run. On the other hand, there are many other green building strategies that don't cost more or are even cheaper than contemporary alternatives even at the time of construction. For example, by orienting the building properly on-site and designing it to take advantage of natural light and respond to the climatic elements, such as the sun, wind, and rain, choosing locally sourced natural, renewable, and reused materials only require informed and environmentally-conscious thinking, not more money.

**What do we need to do as a country to encourage the adoption of green buildings?**

There is a lot we need to do as a country, such as developing evaluation software tools that are integrated with the normal design and construction management tools, encouraging public green building construction and improving awareness and techni-

cal capacity on green building through strategic and sustained messaging via mass media. There is also need for continuous professional development and reorienting the curricula for built environment professionals, improving incentives for green building products and certified green buildings.

**Where in Kenya can one purchase green building materials and products?**

There are a few manufacturers and distributors that are supplying green building materials. The beginning point would be to ask the consultants you have engaged in your project (architects, engineers) and the suppliers you intend to procure from about the green credentials of the materials they are specifying or selling. Though we are not yet there material-wise, the ongoing development of online directories of green building materials and products will ease the process.

**What is the biggest obstacle in the adoption of green construction materials?**

I would call it the 'Triple-A challenge of access' to green construction materials and technologies. I feel that low investments in research, development, and innovation in the construction sector in Kenya, and the rest of Africa has created a shortage of appropriate, affordable, and locally available green building materials and technologies. It is unfortunate that despite being endowed with a lot of natural resources that could be sustainably processed locally to produce construction materials that are healthy and low in their carbon footprint, we, as a nation and a continent, continue to rely heavily on imported equipment and materials that are developed in industrialised nations.

### BRIEFLY

## Construction of long-awaited Sh3bn Nakuru airport begins

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Construction of the much-awaited Nakuru Airport has finally begun, paving the way for commencement of civilian operations within the Kenya Defence Forces barracks.

The Nakuru Airport will be the end result of a Sh3 billion upgrade of the Lanet Airstrip, which currently serves the military. The project will convert the airstrip into a civilian airport.

The airstrip, which is next to the Kenya Military Academy – about 10 kilometres from Nakuru town will be upgraded in three phases in partnership with the county government.

"Under this arrangement, we shall convert the military facility into a public utility available for use by civilian aircraft," Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui said.

The project, whose ground-breaking was scheduled for 2014, was to be located on 642 acres in the Pipeline area – about 15 kilometres from Nakuru town on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway. The county had proposed two other sites: Naivasha and Njoro. The Naivasha site was found to be an inappropriate choice while the latter was rejected due to poor terrain.

The first phase of the project involves construction of a 1.7-kilometre runway; erection of a fence; construction of taxiways and terminals; a military lounge; air rescue centre; as well as military and civilian gates. It will be completed next year at a cost of Sh400 million. Phase Two will include an extension of Phase One to accommodate larger aircraft. The upgrade will eventually enable flights to start and connect Nakuru to East Africa.

Ultimately, the airport's runway will be extended to 3.1 kilometres and widened to 30 metres.

"Flower farmers, especially in Naivasha, will have a chance to exploit a huge market by increasing their exports to destinations, such as Europe and the US," said Mr Kinyanjui.

Nakuru accounts for 70 per cent of Kenya's flower exports and companies currently rely on refrigerated trucks to ferry flowers to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

The airport will serve both military and civilian passengers once accomplished.

According to Transport Secretary James Macharia, the new airport will promote tourism while easing transportation of farm produce from the county to international markets.

"Works on the Lanet Airport, which entails extending the current runway from 1.1 kilometres to 1.7 kilometres will be completed by June next year," he said.



- 5.00 Inuka
- 5.30 Wake Up, Shape Up!
- 6.00 K24 This Morning
- 9.55 Wisdom Moments
- 10.05 Inuka
- 11.00 Animated Movie: A Venetian Rascal Goes To America
- 12.30 You Were There
- 1.00 K24 News Cut
- 1.30 Jungu La Spoti
- 2.00 Save A Life- Rpt
- 3.00 Brewster The Rooster
- 3.30 Akili And Me
- 4.00 Inuka- Rpt
- 4.30 Bbc Mitikasi Leo
- 4.50 Classic Cartoons
- 5.00 Beatbox
- 6.00 The Secretary
- 7.00 K24 Saa Moja
- 7.30 After Wedding
- 8.00 Kilimo Na Biashara
- 8.30 Inside Serie A
- 9.00 The Loop
- 10.00 Unplugged
- 11.00 PI Preview Show
- 11.30 Movie
- 01:30 Al Jazeera



- 6.00 Ime Ria Rucini
- 7.00 Rikiratha- Live
- 10.00 Riigu Mix- Rpt
- 10.30 Satai
- 11.00 Kurekereria Kodi- Live
- 1.00 Mohoro Gitau- Live
- 1.30 Kayu Ka Ruriri- Rpt
- 2.00 Thirinka
- 3.00 Kiengei Live- Rpt
- 4.00 Ririmbuka- Live
- 6.00 Wendo Wa Gitagathago
- 7.00 Kameme Maturaini- Live
- 7.30 Njunga Ya Muthee Kihenjo
- 8.00 Magerio- Rpt
- 8.30 Save A Life
- 9.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro- Live
- 10.00 Kigoooo- Live
- 1.00 DW



- 12.00 Football Review- Rpt
- 6.00 Morning Express
- 08.00 Life N' Style
- 12.00 Documentary
- 4.00 Mbiu-Ya-Ktn
- 5.00 Baseline
- 6.00 Losing Heaven
- 7.00 KTN Leo
- 7.30 Just Kidding
- 8.00 Food Detectives
- 8.30 New Beginnings
- 9.00 KTN Friday Briefing
- 10.20 Movie

# TIME OUT!



19.30pm AFTER WEDDING



## :::IN THEATRES NOW:::

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA: 13:40, 14:40: **SING 2 3D**  
 ANGA SKY PANARI: 14:40: **SING 2 3D**  
 WESTGATE CINEMA: 11:10: **SING 2 3D**  
 ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA  
 11:30, 14:10, 15:40, 16:50, 18:20, 19:30, 21:00:  
**SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME 3D**  
 ANGA SKY PANARI  
 09:11, 14:35, 17:15, 18:55, 19:50: **SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME 3D**  
 WESTGATE CINEMA  
 10:45, 18:50, 21:30, 14:10, 16:20, 10:40, 13:25,  
 21:25: **SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME 3D**



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

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT! | BY TUM



- ACROSS**
- 1. Damage (6)
  - 7. Pessimistic (8)
  - 8. Hip (anag) (3)
  - 9. Briefly (6)
  - 10. Vases (4)
  - 11. Try (5)
  - 13. Install, establish (7)
  - 15. Spread widely (7)
  - 17. Woody tissue (5)

- 21. Capital of the Ukraine (4)
- 22. Yellow fruit (6)
- 23. Depression (3)
- 24. Slower than sound (8)
- 25. Start a fire (6)

- DOWN**
- 1. Hinder (6)
  - 2. Fruit drinks (6)

## HOROSCOPES



**ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)**  
 When the work is done, they may serve you for a change. You're in the mood to party. You can make gains if you work in conjunction with others.

**TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)**  
 You may find yourself in an opportune position if you are willing to take a bit of a risk. Education may be the answer. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict.

**GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)**  
 Travel and entertainment will be pleasurable. You may not have the same ideas when it comes to what you both enjoy. Join groups of a humanitarian nature.

**CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)**  
 If you haven't already, consider starting your own business. Clear up domestic chores that have remained undone for some time. This will not be the best day to initiate change.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)**  
 Don't reveal any personal details. You will have a great day if you just say what you feel. Don't be too quick to judge.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23- SEPT. 23)**  
 A new relationship can be yours if you get out with friends. Deception may cause disputes you can do without.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)**  
 Romance may be likely if you travel. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash.

**SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV. 22)**  
 The only thing you'll accomplish is a bad reputation. You will be in the doghouse if you are being.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)**  
 Visitors are likely to drop by and chances are, they may even stay a little longer than you want them to.

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)**  
 Spend some time with people who can shed some light on your personal situation. Don't let your family put demands on you.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21- FEB. 19)**  
 Don't let your partner goad you into wearing your heart on your sleeve. Try to be honest when dealing with your mate. If you've been really busy, try to schedule some time to spend with loved ones.

**PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)**  
 You can accomplish a lot if you direct your thoughts toward starting your own small business on the side. You can get a lot done if you get your hands on the right equipment.

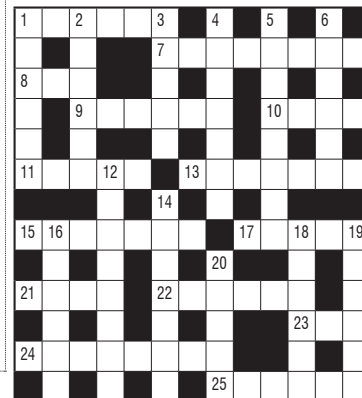


- 5.00 BBC
- 5.30 Gear Up
- 6.00 Good Morning Kenya
- 9.00 Lay'd Back
- 9.30 Classic Tales
- 10.00 Dully and Pals
- 10.30 Mtaani
- 11.00 Beautiful Ceci
- 12.00 Afrusion
- 1.00 Lunch Time News
- 1.30 Business Defined
- 2.00 Kwa Raha Zangu
- 2.30 Ukumbi Wa Kisumu
- 4.00 Club 1
- 6.30 The Great Debaters
- 7.00 Taarifa
- 7.30 Artitude
- 8.00 First Lady
- 8.00 Channel 1 News
- 10.00 Top Masharki
- 11.00 CCTV News
- 12.00 Lay'd Back
- BBC



- 5.00 Password Plus
- 6.00 Am Live
- 8.00 Better Living
- 9.00 On The Wings Of Love
- 10.00 Wild Skin
- 11.00 Ntv Today
- 1.00 NTV At1
- 1.30 NTV Sasa
- 3.00 China Wings
- 3.30 Gina D's Kids Club
- 4.00 NTV At 4
- 4.15 Password
- 5.00 The Beat
- 6.00 Be Careful With My Heart
- 7.00 NTV Ijoni
- 7.30 Wicked Edition
- 8.00 Wild Skin
- 9.00 NTV Tonight
- 10.00 Lit 360
- 11.00 World Cup Daily Highlights
- 12.00 CNN

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- ACROSS**
- 8. Altruistically
  - 9. Lap
  - 10. Could
  - 11. Ignited
  - 12. Wielded
  - 13. Peer
  - 17. Inns
  - 18. Overlie
  - 22. Bizare
  - 24. Stoma
  - 25. Tea
  - 26. Mannequin

- DOWN**
- 1. Watch
  - 2. Allusion
  - 3. Twaddle
  - 4. Oblige
  - 5. Tying
  - 6. Glut
  - 7. Spiders
  - 14. Epilogue
  - 15. Kibbutz
  - 16. Brisket
  - 19. Vienna
  - 20. Drums
  - 21. Banns
  - 23. Zeal



**Africa Cup of Nations poses massive challenges for host Cameroon**

## Morikawa tries to overtake Rahm for No. 1 in Hawaii

**GOLF:** Two-time major winner Collin Morikawa tries to overtake Jon Rahm for the world number one ranking by winning the US PGA Tournament of Champions, which tees off Thursday in Hawaii. World number two Morikawa, the reigning British Open champion, is among 38 players who will begin play in 2022 at Kapalua's 7,596-yard Plantation Course. The 24-year-old American will take the top spot with a victory unless Rahm finishes alone in second. Morikawa could finish as low as third and still topple the Spaniard for number one. "It has been a dream



my entire life to get to number one in the world, but it's not just about getting to number one. It's about sustaining that," said Morikawa.

"Having the opportunity here, it's all in my control. All I can do is try and win the tournament and that's all I'm going to focus on."  
-AFP

## Flamengo secure midfielder Maia's permanent signature

**FOOTBALL:** Flamengo have reached an agreement with Lille to sign midfielder Thiago Maia on a permanent deal, according to media reports in Brazil. The 24-year-old, who joined Flamengo on an 18-month loan in January last year, will be tied to the Rio de Janeiro outfit until 2027, newspaper O Globo said on Wednesday. It added that Flamengo agreed to pay the French Ligue 1 club four million eu-

ros over the three years for Maia's signature. Maia, who has represented Brazil at youth level, is due to report back for pre-season training at Flamengo's Ninho do Urubu headquarters next week.

Flamengo's first competitive fixture of the 2022 season will be a Rio de Janeiro state championship match against Portuguesa on January 26.  
-Xinhua

## Italy's Serie A cancels games due to Coronavirus infections

**FOOTBALL:** Italy's top soccer league on Wednesday announced four games scheduled for Thursday would be at least temporarily cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Serie A said four games Atalanta vs Torino, Bologna vs Inter-Milan, Fiorentina vs Udinese and Salernitana vs Venezia would not be played as scheduled on Thursday after some players and staffers involved in the game tested positive for Covid-19. The cancellations are the first of the current season, though the 2020-2021 season was shortened due to anti-coronavirus measures. A fifth game scheduled for Thursday, Juventus vs Napoli, will be played as scheduled, but at least three players will sit the game out because they have not taken the required health measures to be eli-



gible. According to media reports, the games could be rescheduled if they will have an impact on the championship when the season is over.  
-Xinhua

# Pacers stopped in their tracks

**Nets rally to beat rivals in Irving's NBA season debut, Mavs stun Warriors**

**Los Angeles, Thursday**  
@PeopleDailyKe

Star Brooklyn guard Kyrie Irving (pictured) scored 22 points in an NBA season debut delayed by his unvaccinated status, helping the Nets rally for a 129-121 victory over the Pacers in Indiana on Wednesday.

Irving's first appearance was just one highlight on a night that featured the Dallas Mavericks' 99-82 triumph over the league-leading Golden State Warriors.

The victory in Dallas set the scene perfectly for a post-game ceremony to retire the jersey No. 41 of Mavericks franchise icon Dirk Nowitzki.

In Indianapolis, all eyes were on Irving, who missed the first 35 games of the season. He played just under 32 minutes, scoring 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to help Brooklyn erase a 19-point third-quarter deficit.

"Oh man, it was amazing," Irving said in an on-court interview. Irving remains ineligible to play home games in Brooklyn because of New York vaccine mandates. He is also barred from games at Madison Square Garden and in Toronto, and it wasn't until this month that the Nets decided it would be worth having him on court part-time.

"We were going around signing a bunch of 10-day (contract players) when we have a guy who can play for us, so what's the difference between a 10-day and a guy those are part-time players, too," Nets coach Steve Nash said, calling it an opportunity to "use a resource that we have and that we weren't using."

**Slow start**

Irving's return came at an opportune time for the Nets, who had lost their last three games to slip behind the Chicago Bulls for the Eastern Conference lead.

Irving was in the starting lineup but got off to a slow start as Pacers guard Lance Stephenson playing on a 10-day contract scored 20 points in the first quarter as the hosts took a 37-22 lead.

But Irving warmed up, and capped an 8-0 run with a jump shot at the third-quarter buzzer that pulled Brooklyn within five points heading into the final frame.

"We just wanted to come out with a resilient attitude and do the right things on both ends of the floor," Irving said, calling the first half "horrible."

"We came out the second half with a resolved attitude," he said.

Kevin Durant led the Nets with 39 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. James Harden added 18 points, six assists and five rebounds.  
-AFP

### SELECTED NBA RESULTS:

Kings	102-108 Hawks
Trail Blazers	109-115 Heat
Nuggets	109-115 Jazz
Bucks	111-117 Raptors
Timberwolves	98-90 Thunder
Celtics	97-99 Spurs
Hornets	140-111 Pistons
Magic	106-116 76ers
Pacers	121-129 Nets
Mavericks	99-82 Warriors
Wizards	111-114 Rockets

## Barca come from behind to survive Copa del Rey scare



**Linares, Thursday**  
@PeopleDailyKe

Copa del Rey holders FC Barcelona had to come from behind to avoid becoming the victims of a major cup upset before booking their place in the last 16 of the competition on Wednesday night.

Second-half goals from Ousmane Dembele and Ferran Jutgla (pictured) in the 63rd and 69th minutes, spared Barca's blushes after they had struggled to create a clear

chance against Linares, a rival that plays in the RFEF Primera Division (third tier of the Spanish game.)

### Best player

Linares had already knocked Alaves out of the competition and looked to pressure Barca high up the field and they took the lead in the 19th minute when veteran striker Hugo Daiz headed home a cross from the right. Barca coach Xavi Hernandez brought Dembele into the game for the start of the

second half and the winger, who has yet to sign a new contract, was their best player.

He leveled the score with a left-foot shot in the 63rd minute, which Linares keeper, Brimah Razak could maybe have done better with, and helped stretch the Linares defense. Jutgla scored an excellent goal on the break six minutes later to put Barca ahead, but Linares were close to an equalizer when Cristian Carracedo's curling shot bounced back off the woodwork.  
-Xinhua



## AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS 4 DAYS TO GO

Mola, the mascot of the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) is seen during the trophy tour in the streets of Yaounde on January 5, 2022. The Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) starts on January 9, 2022 in Cameroon after a postponement in 2021. PD/FILE



# Ready for action

Africa Cup of Nations poses massive challenges for host Cameroon

Yaoundé, Tuesday  
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The Africa Cup of Nations, kicking off Sunday in Cameroon after a delay over Covid concerns, is also posing major security, political and organisational challenges for the host nation.

Some were fearing yet another postponement, with African football chief Patrice Motsepe saying late last month that the rapid spread of the Omicron variant in a country with a low vaccination rate is "an enormous challenge".

The African Football Confederation (known by its French acronym CAF) has set down draconian rules that may bar fans from entering stadiums en masse.

Spectators must be fully vaccinated and show a negative PCR test less than 72 hours before a match.

Stadium capacity is set at 60 percent though it will be increased to 80 percent when Cameroon's own "Indomitable Lions" play notably, in the opening match against Burkina Faso on Sunday.

Motsepe, a South Africa mining tycoon, has already acknowledged the

risks presented by a proliferation of false tests.

Covid is already having an impact with Senegal delaying its departure for the tournament, after three players tested positive and tiny Gambia saying it is facing a "catastrophe" because it is not allowed to replace players hit by Covid.

Cameroon, a poor central African country of 27 million people, has officially recorded 1,840 Covid deaths from 110,000 infections, though experts warn of under-reporting.

Few people wear masks and only 2.4 percent of the population has been vaccinated in the country led for nearly four decades by strongman Paul Biya.

## On high alert

The authorities are also struggling with separatist gunmen in the west and jihadist raiders in the north and some fear militants will seize the country's turn in the sporting spotlight to launch attacks.

Security forces in the west are on high alert after armed groups sent threatening messages to teams in Group F, gathering Tunisia, Mali, Mauritania and Gambia.

The four teams are scheduled to play in the coastal town of Limbe, and their training site is Buea, a hotspot of separatist unrest.

"The threats are very serious," Blaise Chamango, head of an NGO in Buea called Human Is Right, told AFP by

## AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS DAILY MATCH SCHEDULE:

### FIRST ROUND

Sunday, Jan 9

**Gp A:** Cameroon v Burkina Faso, 7pm; Cape Verde v Ethiopia, 10pm; both Olembe Stadium, Yaounde

Monday, Jan 10

**Gp B:** Senegal v Zimbabwe, 4pm; Guinea v Malawi, 7pm; both Kouekong Stadium, Bafoussam

**Gp C:** Ghana v Morocco, 7pm; Comoros v Gabon, 10pm; both Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium, Yaounde

Tuesday, Jan 11

**Gp E:** Algeria v Sierra Leone, 4pm, Japoma Stadium, Douala

**Gp D:** Egypt v Nigeria, 7pm; Guinea-Bissau v Sudan, 10pm; both Roumde Adja Stadium, Garoua

Wednesday, Jan 12

**Gp F:** Mali v Tunisia, 4pm; Gambia v Mauritania, 7pm; both Limbe Stadium

**Gp E:** Equatorial Guinea v Ivory Coast, 10pm, Douala

Thursday, Jan 13

**Gp A:** Cameroon v Ethiopia, 7pm; B. Faso v C. Verde, 10pm; both Yaounde (Olembe)

Friday, Jan 14

**Gp B:** Guinea v Senegal, 4pm; Malawi v Zimbabwe, 7pm; both Bafoussam

**Gp C:** Comoros v Morocco, 7pm;

Gabon v Ghana, 10pm;

both Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo)

Saturday, Jan 15

**Gp D:** Nigeria v Sudan, 7pm; Egypt v G. Bissau, 10pm; both Garoua

Sunday, Jan 16

**Gp F:** Gambia v Mali, 4pm; Mauritania v Tunisia, 7pm; both Limbe

**Gp E:** I. Coast v S. Leone, 7pm, Algeria v E. Guinea, 10pm; both Douala

Monday, Jan 17

Cameroon v C. Verde, Yaounde (Olembe); B. Faso v Ethiopia, Bafoussam; both 7pm

Tuesday, Jan 18

**Gp B:** Malawi v Senegal, Bafoussam; Guinea v Zimbabwe, Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo); both 7pm

**Gp C:** Gabon v Morocco, Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo);

Comoros v Ghana, Garoua; both 10pm

Wednesday, Jan 19

**Gp D:** G. Bissau v Nigeria, Garoua; Egypt v Sudan, Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo); both 10pm

Thursday, Jan 20

**Gp E:** Algeria v I. Coast, Douala; E. Guinea v S. Leone, Limbe; both 7pm

**Gp F:** Gambia v Tunisia, Limbe;

Mali v Mauritania, Douala; both 10pm

### ROUND OF 16

Sunday, Jan 23

(1) 2A v 2C, Limbe, 7pm

(2) 1D v 3B/E/F, Garoua, 10pm

Monday, Jan 24

(4) 2B v 2F, Bafoussam, 7pm

(3) 1A v 3C/D/E, Yaounde (Olembe), 10pm

Tuesday, Jan 25

(5) 1B v 3A/C/D, Bafoussam, 7pm

(6) 1C v 3A/B/F, Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo), 10pm

Wednesday, Jan 26

(7) 1E v 2D, Douala, 7pm

(8) 1F v 2E, Limbe 10pm

Quarter-finals

Saturday, Jan 29

(B) Winners 4 v winners 3, Douala, 7pm

(A) winners 1 v winners 2, Garoua, 10pm

Sunday, Jan 30

(C) Winners 7 v winners 6, Yaounde (Olembe), 7pm

(D) winners 5 v winners 8, Douala, 10pm

Semi-finals

Wednesday, Feb 2

Winners A v winners D, Douala, 10pm

Thursday, Feb 3

Winners B v winners C, Yaounde (Olembe), 10pm

Third place

Sunday, Feb 6

Losing semi-finalists, Yaounde (Ahmadou Ahidjo), 7pm

Final

Sunday, Feb 6

Winning semi-finalists, Yaounde (Olembe), 10pm

telephone. Cameroon was chosen in 2014 to stage the African football showcase in 2019 but fell behind with preparations. Egypt stepped in at the last minute to host the event in Cameroon's place.

The 2021 tournament was postponed twice, first because of fears that torrential seasonal rains could affect the tight schedule, and then because of the Covid pandemic.

But major infrastructure projects were also at issue, with the flagship Olembe complex in the capital Yaounde still not fully completed.

Cameroon's hardline President Biya, 88, has looked to the hosting of

the African football fiesta as a way to burnish his international image following his latest disputed election victory in 2018, handing him a seventh term.

Late last month, dozens of activists from the main opposition party were given prison terms of up to seven years for taking part in peaceful protests against his rule.

## Poverty rate

In Yaounde, Biya's portrait often appears besides ads for the football tournament.

"He has always used football as a

political tool to rally Cameroonians and surf on their success," said Jean-Bruno Tagne, author of "The Tragedy of the Indomitable Lions."

Some in the opposition and civil society have also denounced "the indecency" of the cost of organising the cup in a country whose poverty rate has hit nearly 40 percent and a third of the population lives on less than two euros a day, according to the World Bank.

"If Cameroon wins, Cameroonians can forget everything. But if it goes badly, there will need to be scapegoats and heads will certainly roll," political scientist Stephane Akoa said. -AFP

AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS 4 DAYS TO GO

# Man on a mission

Bissouma returns as Mali eye strong Africa Cup of Nations showing

Johannesburg, Thursday  
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Brighton midfielder Yves Bissouma has made peace with Mali coach Mohamed Magassouba and is set to be a driving force behind the bid to go far at the Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon from Sunday.

He fell out of favour in 2018 and a shoulder injury prevented him being considered for the 2019 Cup of Nations in Egypt, where Mali made a disappointing last-16 exit.

While it would be stretching optimism to believe Mali can go all the way, they seem certain to secure a top-two finish in a section including one-time champions Tunisia, minnows Mauritania and debutants the Gambia.

Here, AFP Sport puts the spotlight on the four Group F contenders. The group winners and runners-up are assured of last-16 places while the best four third-placed teams from the six sections also qualify.

**Mali**

Mali have regularly punched above their weight, finishing second, third twice and fourth three times in 11 appearances at the African football showpiece.

While not among the favourites in Cameroon, a squad including Bissouma and Southampton forward Moussa Djenepo from the Premier League are certainly capable of reaching the quarter-finals.

In most of the six groups finishing first carries a huge advantage as the table toppers then face a third-placed team in the round of 16.

Group F is different. The winners will likely face title-holders Algeria or the Ivory Coast while the runners-up would have a theoretically easier task against the Group B runners-up, possibly Guinea.

**Tunisia**

The Carthage Eagles hope a frustrating start to preparations is not a sign of things to come as the floodlights went out just minutes into a training session near Tunis and did not come back on.

Tunisia are an incredibly consistent team as they have now qualified for an unrivalled 15 consecutive Cup of Nations tournaments from 1994.

During that time the north Africans have been champions once, runners-up once, semi-finalists twice and quarter-finalists six times.

Having reached the semi-finals in Egypt three years ago, the expectations of supporters will be that a team captained by Saint-Etienne forward Wahbi Khazri will go at least as far in Cameroon.

**Mauritania**

After reaching the Cup of Nations finals for the first time in 2019 and then qualifying for back-to-back appearances, the fortunes of Mauritania nosedived.

Expected to be competitive recently in a World Cup group including Tunisia, Equatorial Guinea and Zambia, they fared woefully, collecting just two points from a possible 18 and finishing last.

French coach Corentin Martins, who had been in charge since 2014, was fired and compatriot Gerard Buscher, elevated from his technical director role, did not last long after a poor Arab Cup showing.

Another Frenchman, Didier Gomes Da Rosa, has taken over and will do well to plot a victory over the Gambia and secure possible qualification as one of the best four third-placed finishers.

**Gambia**

Gambia, who began the 2021 Cup of Nations qualifying competition as the only west African country never to reach the finals, have finally made it with Belgian coach Tom Saintfiet getting much of the credit.

They needed a penalty shootout to oust minnows

Djibouti in a preliminary tie, then topped a group including fellow qualifiers Gabon, surprise flops the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Angola.

"Tom brought discipline and structure to our game," says captain Pa Modou Jagne, a veteran defender who plays in the Swiss lower leagues.

A coronavirus outbreak at a training camp in Qatar has wreaked havoc with preparations, forcing the Scorpions to cancel warm-up matches against Cup of Nations title-holders Algeria and Syria. -AFP



Mali player Yves Bissouma during a previous match. He will be a key figure for Mali at the continental showpiece. PD/FILE

GROUP F TEAM FACTS:

**TUNISIA FACTFILE:**

**Popular name:** Carthage Eagles  
**Rankings:** 4 Africa, 30 world  
**Captain:** Wahbi Khazri  
**Coach:** Mondher Kebaier  
**Qualifying results:** Libya 4-1 5-2, Equatorial Guinea 2-1 1-0, Tanzania 1-0 1-1  
**Scorers:** 3 - Seifeddine Jaziri, Saïfeddine Khaoui, Wahbi Khazri, 1 - Anis Ben Slimane, Mohamed Drager, Youssef Msakni, Ellyes Skhiri, own-goal: Carlos Akapo (GEQ)  
**Previous appearances:** 19  
**Best placing:** Champions 2004  
**Squad:** Goalkeepers: Ayman Dahmen (CS Sfaxien), Ali Jemal (Stade Tunisien), Farouk Ben Mustapha (Espérance), Behcir Ben Said (US Monastir)  
**Defenders:** Ali Abdi (Caen/FRA), Dylan Bronn (Metz/FRA), Mohamed Drager (Nottingham Forest/ENG), Dussama Haddadi (Malatiaspor/TUR), Mohamed Amine Ben Hamida (Espérance), Bilal Ifa (Club Africain), Ali Maaloul (Al Ahly/EGY), Hamza Mathlouthi (Zamalek/EGY), Omar Rekik (Arsenal/ENG), Montassar Talbi (Rubin Kazan/RUS)  
**Midfielders:** Ghailene Chaalali, Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane (both Espérance), Issam Jebali (Odense/DEN), Seif-Eddine Khaoui (Clermont/FRA), Wahbi Khazri (Saint-Etienne/FRA), Aïssa Laidouni (Ferençvaros/HUN), Hannibal Mejbri (Manchester Utd/ENG), Hamza Rafia (Standard Liege/BEL), Ellyes Skhiri (Cologne/GER), Anis Ben Slimane (Bronby/DEN), Naim Słiti (Al Ittifaq/KSA)  
**Forwards:** Seifeddine Jaziri (Zamalek/EGY), Youssef Msakni (Al Arabi/QAT), Yoann Touzghar (Troyes/FRA)

**MAURITANIA FACTFILE:**

**Popular name:** Chinguetti Lions  
**Rankings:** 23 Africa, 103 world  
**Captain:** Abdou Ba  
**Coach:** Didier Gomes Da Rosa (FRA)  
**Qualifying results:** Morocco 0-0 0-0, Central African Republic 2-0 1-0, Burundi 1-1 1-3  
**Scorers:** 1 - Diallo Guidileye, Mokhtar el Hacem, Aboubakar Kamara, Bakary N'Diaye, Mamadou Niass  
**Previous appearances:** 1  
**Best placing:** Last in group  
**Squad:**  
**Goalkeepers:** Babacar Diop (Nouadhibou), Mohamed el Mokhtar (Douanes), Mbacke Ndiaye (Nouakchott Kings)  
**Defenders:** Houssen Abderrahmane (Royal Francs Borains/BEL), Aly Abied (Valenciennes/FRA), Abdou Ba (Al Ahly Tripoli/LBA), Harouna Abou Demba (clubless), Diadie Diarra (Goi/FRA), El Hassen Houbeibib (Al Zawaraa/IRQ), Souleymane Karamoko (Nancy/FRA), Abdoukader Thiam (Boulogne/FRA)  
**Midfielders:** Mohsen Bouda, Mohamed Soueid (both Nouadhibou), Khassa Camara (NorthEast Utd/IND), Ibrehima Coulibaly (Le Mans/FRA), Yacoub Sidi Ethmane (V Club/COD), Goussouma Fofana (Cluj/ROM), Beyatt Lekweiry (Douanes), Abdallah Mahmoud (Istra/CRO), Almiqe Moussa Ndiaye (Goi/FRA), Mohamed Delah Yali (clubless)  
**Forwards:** Adama Ba (Renaissance Berkane/MAR), Pape Ibrnba (Le Havre/FRA), Oumar Camara (Beroe Stara Zagora/BUL), Souleymane Doukara (Giresunspor Kulub/TUR), Aboubakar Kamara (Aris Thessaloniki/GRE), Hemeiya Tanji (Nouadhibou), Idrissa Thiam (Concorde)

**MALI FACTFILE:**

**Popular name:** Eagles  
**Rankings:** 9 Africa, 53 world  
**Captain:** Hamari Traore  
**Coach:** Mohamed Magassouba  
**Qualifying results:** Guinea 2-2 0-1, Chad 3-0 2-1, Namibia 1-0 2-1  
**Scorers:** 1 - El Bilal Toure, Mohamed Camara, Moussa Djenepo, Moussa Doumbia, Sekou Koita, Adama 'Malouda' Traore, own-goal: Issiaga Sylla (GUI)  
**Previous appearances:** 11  
**Best placing:** Runners-up 1972  
**Squad:**  
**Goalkeepers:** Djigui Diarra (Young Africans/TAN), Ismael Diawara (Malmo/SWE), Ibrahim Mounkoro (TP Mazembe/COD)  
**Defenders:** Senou Coulibaly (Dijon/FRA), Mamadou Fofana (Amiens/FRA), Massadio Haidara (Lens/FRA), Boubacar Kiki Kouyate (Metz/FRA), Falaye Sacko (Vitoria Guimaraes/POR), Issiaka Samake (Horoya/GUI), Moussa Sissako (Standard Liege/BEL), Charles Traore (Nantes/FRA), Hamari Traore (Rennes/FRA)  
**Midfielders:** Yves Bissouma (Brighton/ENG), Mohamed Camara (Salzburg/AUT), Lassana Coulibaly (Salernitana/ITA), Aliou Dieng (Al Ahly/EGY), Amadou Haidara (Leipzig/GER), Romenique Kouame (Troyes/FRA), Diadie Samassekou (Hoffenheim/GER), Adama 'Noss' Traore (Hatayspor/TUR), Hamidou Traore (Giresunspor/TUR)  
**Forwards:** Kalifa Coulibaly (Nantes/FRA), Moussa Doumbia (Reims/FRA), Moussa Djenepo (Southampton/ENG), Ibrahima Kone (Sarpsborg/NOR), Lassine Sinayoko (Auxerre/FRA), Adama 'Malouda' Traore (Sheriff Tiraspol/MDA), El Bilal Toure (Reims/FRA)

**GAMBIA FACTFILE:**

**Popular name:** Scorpions  
**Rankings:** 46 Africa, 150 world  
**Captain:** Pa Modou Jagne  
**Coach:** Tom Saintfiet (BEL)  
**Qualifying results:** Djibouti 1-1 1-1, Angola 1-0 3-1, Democratic Republic of Congo 2-0 1-1, Gabon 2-1 1-2  
**Scorers:** 3 - Assan Ceesay, 2 - Bubaccr Jobe, 1 - Modou Barrow, Musa Barrow, Pa Modou Jagne, Abbie Jallow, Suleyman Marreh, Babaccr Sanneh  
**Previous appearances:** 0  
**Squad:**  
**Goalkeepers:** Baboucarr Gaye (Rot-Weiss Koblenz/GER), Modou Jobe (Black Leopards/RSA), Sheikh Sibi (Virtus Verona/ITA)  
**Defenders:** Omar Colley (Sampdoria/ITA), James Gomez (Horsens/DEN), Pa Modou Jagne (Dietikon/SUI), Saïdy Janko (Real Valladolid/ESP), Mohammed Mbye (Solvesborg/SWE), Baboucarr Sanneh (clubless), Noah Sonko Sundberg (Ostersund/SWE), Ibou Touray (Salford City/ENG)  
**Midfielders:** Ebou Adams (Forest Green Rovers/ENG), Musa Barrow (Bologna/ITA), Yusupha Bobb (Piacenza/ITA), Ebrima Colley (Spezia/ITA), Ebrima Darboe (Roma/ITA), Ablaye Jallow (Seraing/BEL), Suleyman Marreh (Gent/BEL), Dawda Ngum (Bronshov/DEN), Ebrima Sohana (Fortunel), Steve Trawally (Ajman/UAE)  
**Forwards:** Muhammed Badamosi (Kortrijk/BEL), Modou Barrow (Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors/KOR), Assan Ceesay (Zurich/SUI), Dembo Darboe (Shakhtar Soligorsk/BEL), Lamin Jallow (Fehervar/HUN), Bubaccr Jobe (Norby/SWE), Yusupha Njie (Boavista/POR)

## Kibai nominated for Soya awards in the persons living with disability category

by Edwin Otieno  
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Double World Deaf Athletics champion Simon Kibai and Tokyo Paralympics women's 1,500 metres T11 bronze medallist Nancy Chelangat are among the nominees for 2021 Sportsmen and Women Living with a Disability.

The winners in the two categories will be announced during the 2021 Sports Personality of the Year Awards (Soya) on January 25 at the Bukhungu Stadium, Kakamega. The gala date had initially been set for January 19, but was moved to 25th due to logistical issues. This will be the first time the Soya Gala is being hosted in the Western region.

This year's awards are sponsored by Kakamega County, Lotto Foundation, CPF Financial Services, National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and Safaricom.

Kibai, who men's the 10,000m and 5000m titles at the Fourth World Deaf

Athletics Championships held August 23-28 at the Lublin Athletics Stadium in Poland, will battle three others athletes for the top honour.

They are Erick Sang and Felix Kipruto, who represented Kenya at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games and Wilson Bii, who won silver in 1,500m at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai in February.

Kibai claimed the 10,000m gold on the first day of the championships in Poland in season's best 29 minutes 44.44 seconds before leading David Kipkoge to a 1-2 finish in the 5,000m final in another season's best of 14: 25.19.

The 34 year old Kibai holds the 5000m Deaflympics record of 14:02.90.

Sang, guided David Korir led Wilson Bii to a Kenya 1-2 sweep in the 1500m T11 race in Dubai in 4: 17.10 seconds before bagging silver in 5,000m at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in March in Tunis, Tunisia in 15: 59.62.

## Makolanders, Mathare, ready to start life in FKF Women Div One

by Gibo Zachary  
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Former Football Kenya Federation Women Premier League (FKF-WPL) sides Makolanders, Mathare United Women, Kibera Girls Soccer, Eldoret Falcons, Oserian Ladies, and Sep Oyugis are all set to start life in the FKF Women Division One League that kicks off today.

Makolanders who were relegated last season after 28 years in the women's topflight football, start life in uncharted territory when they host Soccer Sisters at Camp Toyoyo Stadium in Jericho and head coach Michael Okanga has challenged his players to show the urge to get back to the premier league.

"It's a new experience playing down here and my thinking is, we can match the challenges and hopefully get back to the top-flight



Fatuma Nyambura of Kibera Soccer Ladies FC (R) shields the ball from Eunice Gathigia of Mathare Utd Women during a past WPL match at the weekend. PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA

football next season. Coach Florence Dua and I are building a new young team, and our target is to go back to the premier league by end of the season," Okanga told People Sports.

Mathare Women and Kibera Girls Soccer have similar ambi-

tions and are also kicking off their campaigns at home as they host Limuru Starlets and Mukuru Talent respectively at NCCA Komarock Ground and MYS Ngong Road, while Mombasa Ladies will be hosting Sunderland Samba at Makande Primary School.



Geoffrey Kamworor leads a group of athletes during a past local cross country championship race. PD/ DAVID NDOLO

# Kamworor eyes history

Elite runner targets ninth title at Police Cross Country Championships in Nairobi today

by Amos Abuga  
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Geoffrey Kamworor will be going for a record ninth victory during the Kenya Police Service Cross Country Championships this morning at the Ngong Racecourse. In the women's 10km race, athlet-

ics enthusiasts will witness a new winner after defending champion Sheila Chelangat pulled out of competition.

Kamworor a former two time World Cross Country winner says he is eager to stamp his authority once again during the Championships.

Kamworor sealed a record eighth victory at the Kenya Police Service Cross Country Championships last year in 29: 22.3 seconds, beating Josphat Kiprotich from CIPU and General Service Unit's

(GSU) Casinos Masinde to second and third places in 29:52.6 and 30:13.0

"Competing during Police Championships is something that I enjoy alot. I have had memorable wins over the years. So, I will be keen to get another title on Friday," said Kamworor who is also eyeing the national championship on January 22 as well as the World Cross Country Tour on February 12.

### Failed to compete

It will be Kamworor's first race after finishing fourth at the Valencia Marathon in 2:05:23 on December 5 last year. Kamworor failed to compete at the Tokyo Olympic Games despite his trailblazing men's 10,000m victory in 27:01.06 during the Kenyan trials on June 18 at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani.

Injuries from a 2020 road accident re-

curred, forcing him to withdraw from the Tokyo Olympics. Kamworor will take on World 10,000m bronze medallist Rhonex Kipruto, who is the current 10km world record holder, Commonwealth Games 3,000m steeplechase silver medallist Abraham Kibiwott and seasoned Titus Mbishei.

Others in contention are Michael Kibet, Edwin Bett and former world 1,500m champion Elijah Manang'oi, who is making a comeback from a two-year doping ban.

In the women's race, World 5,000m silver medallist Margaret Chelimo, who won the Police title in 2019 and Edith Chelimo, are back and will be joined by 2015 champion Stacy Ndiwa, 2014 Africa cross country champion Janet Kisa and World 3,000m steeplechase champion Beatrice Chepkoech.

2013 world 5,000m silver medallist Mercy Cherono are some of the other athletes in contention.

In 2021, Chelangat from Central led from gun to tape to retain her senior women's 10km title after clocking 33:34.5 to beat Hyvin Kiyeng to second place in 33:39.5.

Edith Chelimo, came third in 33:40.5 followed by Margaret Chelimo in 33:48.7.

Commonwealth 800m champion Wycliffe Kinyamal, 2013 World 800m champion Eunice Sum, 400m athlete Maureen Thomas and Mary Moraa will feature in the mixed relay.

# A night to forget

Conte endures a miserable return to Stamford Bridge as Chelsea cruise to Cup semis first leg win over woeful Spurs

been as good as over by now. Two goals clear at half-time, Chelsea had enough opportunities to dispatch Tottenham in the second half.

Timo Werner had a fabulous one on one chance with Hugo Lloris, but failed with his attempted lob. Hakim Ziyech smashed a volley over at the far post. Romelu Lukaku hit a tame shot straight at Lloris late on.

It gives Tottenham a glimmer of hope they scarcely deserve. This was a tired, lifeless display, short on goal-scoring opportunity, long on defensive mayhem.

If there was a negative for Chelsea it is that both of their goals were created as much by Tottenham's ineptitude as their own attacking flair. It will have felt good for the home crowd to be crying 'ole' as Chelsea passed around their opponents with five minutes to go, but superior possession is no replacement for the hard currency of goals.

nothing going forward and were calamitous at the back. Chelsea scored twice and lame defending played a huge part in both goals. Chelsea were good, yes; but Tottenham made them look better and more efficient.

They were ahead within five minutes from the first real attack of the game and it says something that of the four Tottenham mistakes that contributed to Chelsea's opener, the least culpable individual was Davinson Sanchez, who actually turned the ball into his own net.

The goal was credited to Kai Havertz, and understandably so. His shot may have been going in despite Sanchez's forlorn attempt at prevention and it maintained the German's excellent record in this competition. Havertz has scored five goals in three Carabao Cup appearances for Chelsea and six in 42 Premier League games. If he scored league goals at his League Cup rate he'd have 70, and be the most prolific forward in English football.

But this goal wasn't really about him. It was about how many errors Tottenham could pack into one passage of play. Plenty, as it turned out. There was the one where Japhet Tanganga hit a sloppy, loose pass to Emerson Royal on the right. Then there was the one where Royal wasn't alive to the danger posed by this and was nailed instantly by Marcos Alonso.

Then, after Chelsea's left-back played a lovely through ball to Havertz, Tanganga allowed himself to be shrugged off in the tackle by the Chelsea man, before the resulting shot rebounded off Sanchez and into the net. So three errors; four if anyone believes Sanchez could have done much about the ricochet.

Havertz hurt himself in the execution and went to the side to have strapping applied to the fingers of his right hand. He seemed to be directing the medics over what should be done, too. He clearly didn't intend missing this. It is not every day a defence like Tottenham's comes along.

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## MATCH FACTS AND PLAYER RATINGS:

### CHELSEA (4-2-2-2):

Kepa 7; Azpilicueta 6.5 (Vale 90min), Sarr 6.5, Rudiger 7.5, Alonso 7; Saul 6.5, (Loftus-Cheek 7.3, 6), Jorginho 7; Mount 7 (Kovacic 7.3, 6), Ziyech 6 (Pulisic 7.9); Lukaku 6.5, Havertz 7 (Werner 4.6, 6.5).

Scorers: Havertz 5, Davies (og) 34.

Booked: Sarr.

Manager: Thomas Tuchel 7.

### TOTTENHAM (3-4-3):

Lloris 6; Tanganga 5.5, Sanchez 6, Davies 6; Royal 6, Hojbjerg 6, Skipp 5.5 (Winks 7.3, 6), Doherty 4.5 (Ndombele 4.6, 5); Moura 5.5 (Gil 8.0), Kane 6, Son 6 (Lo Celso 7.9).

Manager: Antonio Conte 5.5

Referee: Craig Pawson 6.

There was a time when Tottenham looked to have the measure of Chelsea. Not anymore. Times change. They certainly have in the lilywhite corner of north London.

Three years ago, almost to the day, a Harry Kane penalty separated these teams at the same stage of this competition. It was the third straight game in which Tottenham had beaten Chelsea. Since then, no more. Chelsea won the second leg, and progressed to the final on penalties and in eight meetings after that, Chelsea have won six and drawn two.

Worryingly for Antonio Conte (pictured), his players and employers, this was one of the easier victories in that sequence. Indeed, Thomas Tuchel will be rather upset that there is anything resembling a contest at all next week. It should have

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1.	09/01/2022	13:30	Konyaspor vs Sivasspor	2.46	3.14	2.94	20:00	4959	Trabzonspor vs Yeni Malatyaspor	1.37	4.77	7.95
2.	09/01/2022	14:30	Empoli vs Sassuolo	2.49	3.71	2.60	20:30	1511	Annecy FC vs Bourg Peronnas	2.29	3.13	3.23
3.	09/01/2022	15:00	Brest vs Nice	2.90	3.40	2.37	20:30	1689	Saint Brieuc vs Boulogne	2.54	2.98	2.98
4.	09/01/2022	16:00	Rayo Vallecano vs Betis	2.49	3.36	2.81	20:30	2573	Avranches vs Le Mans	2.75	3.10	2.65
5.	09/01/2022	16:30	Cagliari vs Bologna	3.17	3.32	2.28	20:30	3203	Orleans vs Sedan	2.04	3.34	3.64
6.	09/01/2022	16:30	Torino vs Fiorentina	2.57	3.43	2.67	20:30	5061	Red Star vs Laval	2.22	3.14	3.38
7.	09/01/2022	17:00	Clermont Foot vs Reims	2.44	3.16	3.01	20:30	5138	FC Bastia Borgo vs Chateauroux	3.73	3.23	2.05
8.	09/01/2022	17:30	Hertha BSC vs FC Koln	2.69	3.39	2.54	20:30	5738	Chambly vs Concarneau	3.39	3.14	2.21
9.	09/01/2022	19:05	Nantes vs Monaco	3.19	3.29	2.26	20:45	5445	Helmond Sport vs Dordrecht	1.71	4.17	4.17
10.	09/01/2022	20:15	Malaga vs Sporting Gijon	2.46	3.09	2.99	21:30	5143	Santa Clara vs Sporting Lisbon	8.15	4.57	1.38
11.	09/01/2022	20:30	Alaves vs Athletic Bilbao	3.27	3.07	2.36	22:30	2545	Exeter vs Portsmouth	3.39	3.49	2.09
12.	09/01/2022	20:30	Genoa vs Spezia	2.29	3.31	3.16	22:30	3704	Bayern Muenchen vs Borussia Muenchengladbach	1.40	5.40	6.20
13.	09/01/2022	20:30	Roma vs Juventus	3.09	3.33	2.32	22:45	1826	Edinburgh City vs Elgin City	2.37	3.25	2.85
14.	09/01/2022	22:30	Ponferradina vs Zaragoza	2.46	3.09	2.99	23:00	3570	Bordeaux vs Marseille	5.62	4.42	1.53
15.	09/01/2022	23:00	Villarreal vs Atletico Madrid	2.85	3.20	2.55	23:00	3703	Swindon Town vs Manchester City	24.25	8.89	1.10
16.	09/01/2022	23:30	Las Palmas UD vs Almeria	2.80	3.10	2.60	23:00	4606	Roda Kerkrade vs MaasTricht	1.26	6.38	8.97
17.	09/01/2022	23:30	Belenenses vs FC Arouca	2.60	3.05	2.85	23:00	4696	Amorebieta vs Tenerife	3.49	3.19	2.15

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# MATCH SCHEDULE

STARTING 9TH JAN 2022

9TH 7PM	 CAMEROON	V	BURKINA FASO		 NIGERIA	V	EGYPT		7PM 11TH
9TH 11PM	 ETHIOPIA	V	CAPE VERDE		 SUDAN	V	GUINEA-BISSAU		10PM 11TH
10TH 4PM	 SENEGAL	V	ZIMBABWE		 ALGERIA	V	SIERRA LEONE		4PM 11TH
10TH 7PM	 GUINEA	V	MALAWI		 EQ. GUINEA	V	IVORY COAST		10PM 12TH
11TH 4PM	 MOROCCO	V	GHANA		 TUNISIA	V	MALI		4PM 12TH
11TH 7PM	 COMOROS	V	GABON		 MAURITANIA	V	GAMBIA		7PM 12TH

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