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## Who gains from new varsities fees edict?

While parents have something to smile about, administrators rue the cuts, warn that institutions might shut down in the long term.

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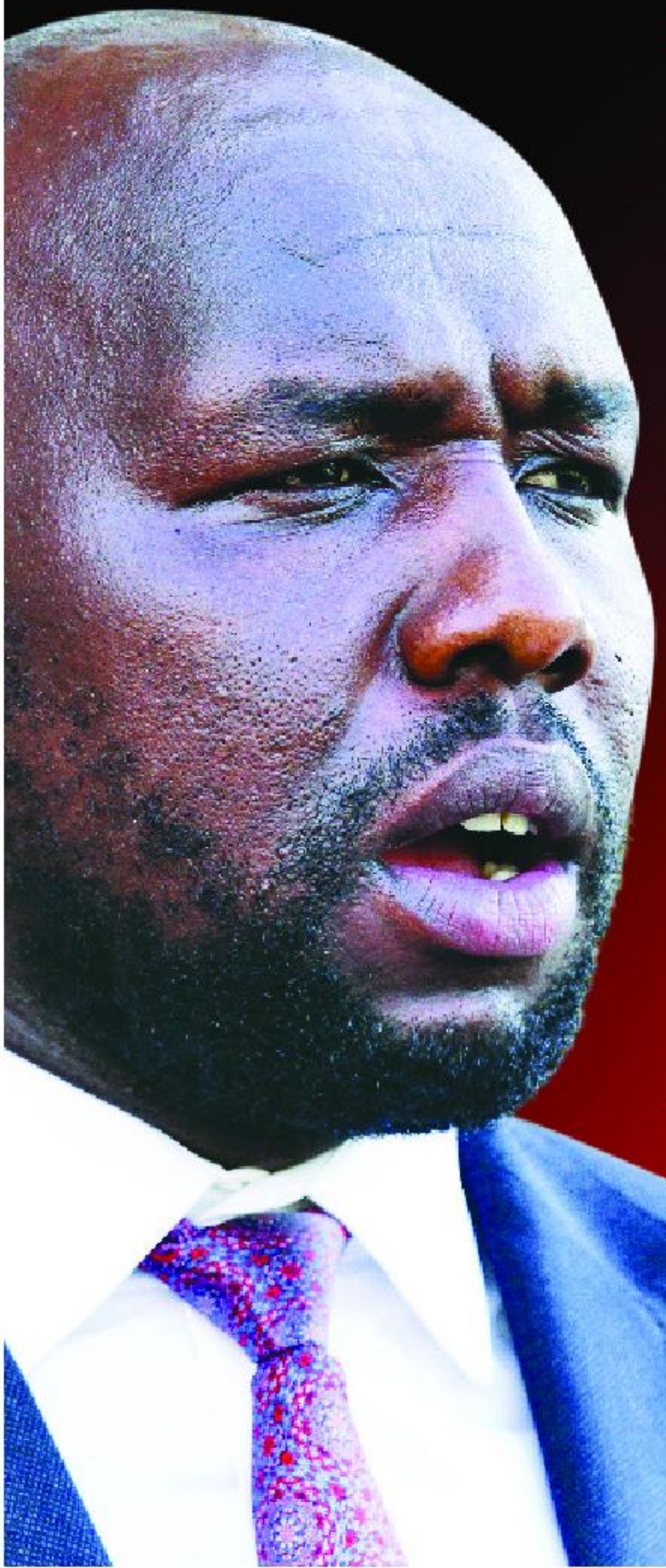
## Teen star ready to light up Chan

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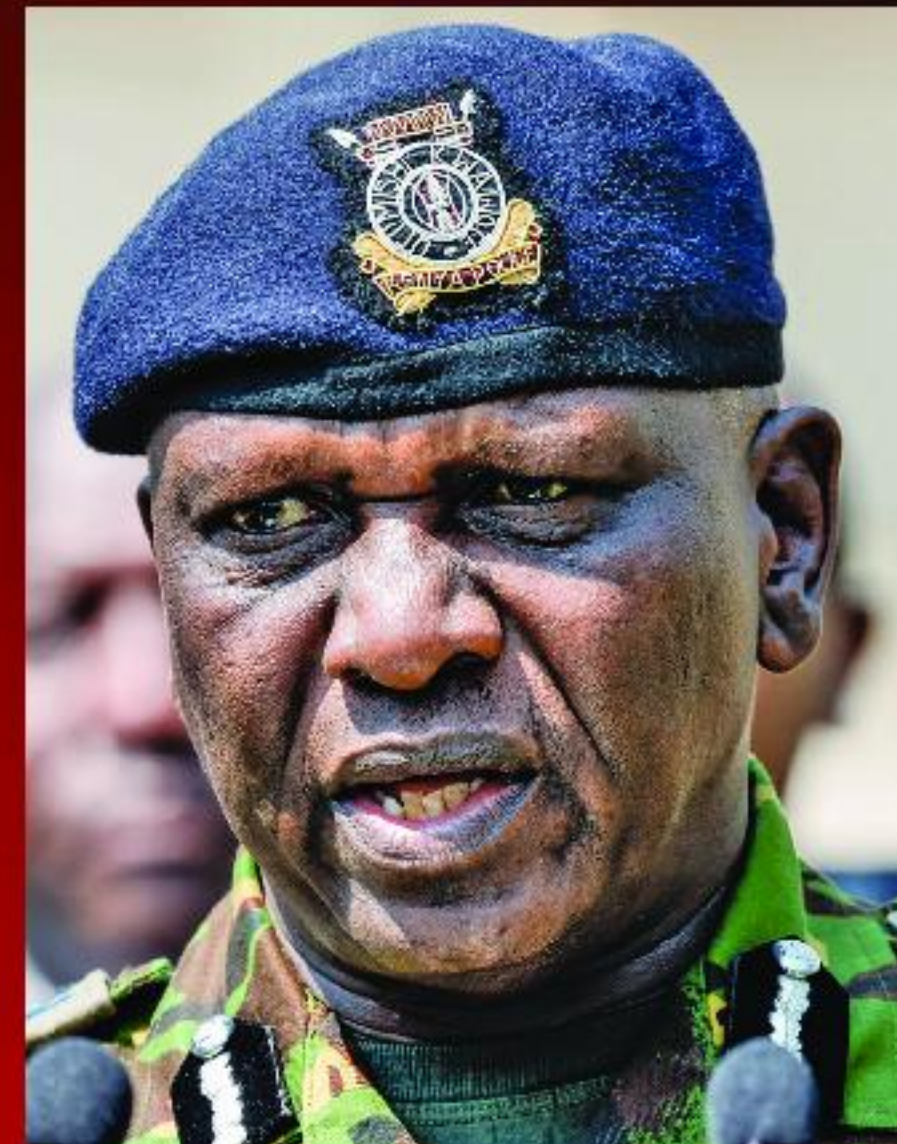


# Time to face justice

**IN THE SOUP** A legal firestorm is closing in on top State officials as the government faces mounting accusations of crimes against humanity over the brutal crackdown on Gen Z protestors. Presidential aspirant and gospel musician Reuben Kigame has filed a petition asking the court to, among other things, find the security chiefs responsible for the deaths of over 100 Gen Z protestors—a crime, he argues, warrants adjudication at the International Criminal Court. PAGES 6&7

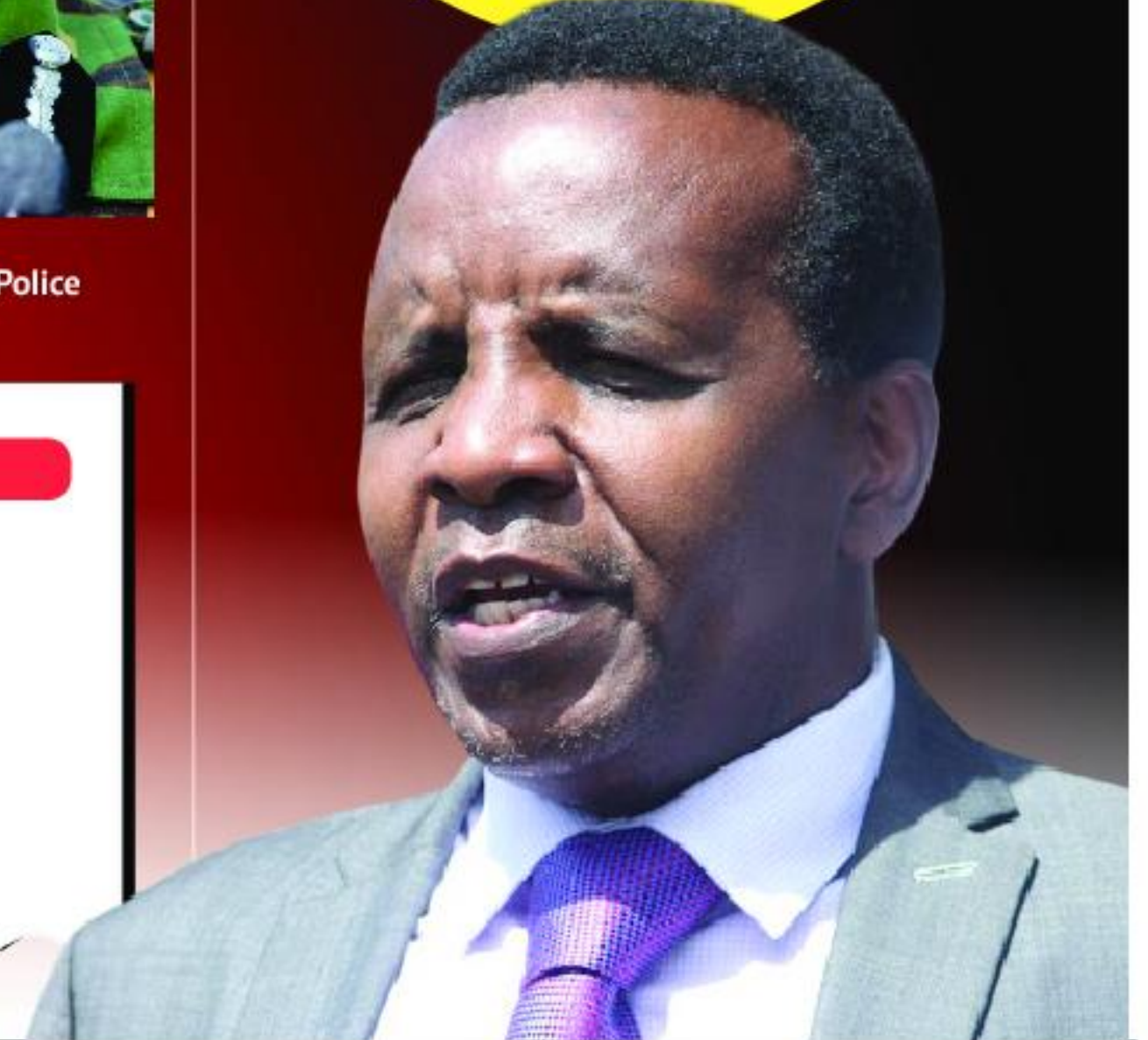


Mohamed Amin, DCI boss



Douglas Kanja, Inspector General of Police

“The country cannot turn a blind eye to the recent murders, torture and abductions of its citizens exercising their rights to protest, as it goes against the very core values of the nation.”  
Reuben Kigame, Presidential aspirant



### List of civilians, in petition, who lost their lives:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Rex Kanyike Maasai     | 6. Sila Sawe             |
| 2. Brian Lemaiyan Kasaine | 7. Ryan Mwendwa          |
| 3. Austin Makhoha         | 8. Anthony Kimeu         |
| 4. Kelvin Madanga         | 9. Ericson Kyalo Mutisya |
| 5. Kennedy Onyango        | 10. Caroline Shiramba    |

Kipchumba Murkomen, CS Interior

# Elon Musk's X and CA fight off indecency, hate speech claims

► Felix Kibet argues that X has facilitated the spread of harmful content.

► He claims the platform has failed to monitor, curb growing prevalence of harmful content.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

Social media giant X and the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) are urging the court to dismiss a case hinged on spread of harmful content, including pornography, hate speech, and privacy violations. In their separate replies to the case filed by a Kenyan citizen, the Elon Musk company, and the Authority argue that there is no evidence to show any infringement of the Kenyan Constitution.

X's group product platform safety and integrity manager Jarrod Doherty claims that the firm has ensured that no explicit content is passed to the social media users.

Doherty says the platform has an option of reporting fake accounts, photos and videos circulated without consent or even abuse.

"I believe that the petitioner is seeking to tarnish the first respondent's reputation and prejudice its business by making baseless accusations against the first respondent. I pray that this petition and applica-

tion be dismissed and the petitioner be ordered to meet the first respondents cost," Doherty replies in his court papers filed by Hamilton and Mathews Advocates.

On the other hand, CA Director General David Mugonyi says there is no claim against the Authority. Mugonyi says the authority does not regulate social media.

Instead, he asserts that the government has made laws to ensure Kenyans' safety within the ecosystem.

Mugonyi says some social media platforms have their servers in the country but they mirror those installed in the United States of America and China.

The CA director argues that there was an attempt to put in place a law to regulate social media but the law was never passed.

In the case, Felix Kibet alleges that X allows users to create accounts under false names, using other people's identities and photos and that this has resulted in the spread of harmful content, including pornography, hate speech, and privacy violations.

His lawsuit claims the platform has failed to monitor and curb the growing prevalence of harmful content. Kibet, a frequent user of X, says that the platform has allowed inappropriate content to flourish in the country, undermining Kenyan societal values and breaching both local and international laws.



Communications Authority of Kenya Director General David Mugonyi. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

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This social media platform is being used to spread pornography, incite violence, promote hate speech, and violate personal privacy. It is a blatant disregard for our country's values and laws.”

Felix Kibet, petitioner

He argues that X's management, has prioritized profit over the safety and well-being of Kenyan users by tolerating offensive and illegal material.

"This social media platform is being used to spread pornography, incite violence, promote hate speech, and violate personal privacy. It is a blatant disregard for our country's values and laws," Kibet argues in his court papers.

"Kenya is a nation built on respect for human dignity and the rule of law, and this behaviour is tearing at the fabric of our society."

Kibet says the platform's permissiveness has led to an increase in malicious online behaviour, including defamation, harassment, and the publication of explicit content.

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## ECONOMY

# State tells Kenyans to brace for higher fuel prices

Kenyans should prepare for higher fuel prices next year as the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) implements the last phase of the Cost of Service for the Supply of Petroleum Products (Cossop).

Cossop, which was first introduced in 2018 to cushion oil marketing companies (OMCs) by introducing profit margins between the importers and the dealers (retailers) in phases, has increased the cost from Sh4 in 2018 to an all-time high of Sh17 in 2025.

This was revealed when the Senate Energy Committee chaired by Siaya Senator Oburu Odinga took Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi to task on why the price of fuel products has been increasing steadily despite the decrease in the global prices.

Senators sought to know why the cost of a litre of petrol is retailing at Sh186.31 in Nairobi while the same product costs Sh161.80 in Kigali, Rwanda- a landlocked country getting its fuel from Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Senate Minority Whip Ledama ole Kina accused the petroleum regulator of collecting more money and promoting OMCs to have more profits at the expense of the Kenyan consumers.

"I have a problem with Epra since 2017. The margin for the oil marketing companies was at Sh4 which was being divided between the companies and retailers. By 2024-25, the margins are now being shared at Sh11 and Sh6 respectively," argued Ledama.



Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi.

Epra Petroleum and Gas Director Edward Kinyua was at pains to explain why the Authority has in the last five years increased the margins, pushing the cost of fuel products to a staggering Sh186 per litre of petrol.

Kinyua said Cossop was conducted

in 2023, increasing the margins at the same time the Roads Maintenance Levy was increased from Sh18 to Sh25 last year, pushing the cost of fuel further.

He, however, defended the increase in margins saying that the increase could not have been implemented in one phase.

"I would like to tell Senate that you cannot implement the increase in one phase, otherwise the price of fuel would have been out of the reach for many households. We have already done the worst, the next increase will be negligible," said Kinyua.

Ledama said that the shilling has constantly been stable against the dollar and questioned why the taxes are 101 per cent of the landed cost. [Edwin Nyarang]

## Briefing

### NAIROBI. GOVERNORS YET TO SUBMIT BUDGETS TO COB

■ Controller of Budget (CoB) Margaret Nyakang'o says majority of county governments have not submitted their budgets to her office for scrutiny and approval. Nyakang'o said budgets of 13 other counties, besides Nairobi and Kisii, are undergoing review while the remaining 32 are yet to finalise their budgets. This means that counties that have not yet submitted their budget, or are pending approval, cannot receive funds until their budgets are cleared by the CoB. Governors have complained of delay in funds disbursement. [Irene Githinji]

### VIHIGA. MBALE HIGH PARENTS HOLD PROTEST

■ Parents of Mbale High School yesterday staged a peaceful demonstration to protest what they termed as poor management following the institution's recent indefinite closure after student unrest. Dozens of parents went to the school but were denied entry by police who had cordoned off the compound. The school was first closed on May 26 after a violent rampage and on July 22 after a dormitory fire. The parents are now up in arms over what they describe as a toxic learning environment for their children. The school administration said they are still investigating the issue. [Brian Kisanji]

### NAIROBI. NORTH EASTERN GETS SH97B ROAD PROJECT

■ The North Eastern region is set to benefit from a Sh97 billion road project. The World Bank funded Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP) seeks to improve trade, enhance mobility and improve internet connectivity in the region. In a statement on Monday, the programme's communications advisor Mohamed Ahmed also disclosed that the project has received Sh96,927,351,000 (\$750 million) credit from the International Development Association through the Kenya National Highways Authority. HoAGDP is one of six flagship projects under the World Bank-supported North and North Eastern Development Initiative. [Okumu Modachi]

### KILIFI. MURKOMEN TOLD TO HIRE SHAKAHOLA OFFICERS

■ Residents of Chakama are asking Interior CS Kipchumba to fill three administrative posts in the area that have remained vacant for over one and a half years. The office of the Chakama Deputy County Commissioner and Shakahola and Bofu sub-chiefs have remained vacant despite the 2023 assurance by the then CS Kithure Kindiki to fill them. Kilifi County's Adu Ward MCA Samson Zia and elders of the area said that the administrators will help curb rising cases of religious extremism that is wreaking havoc in the area. The nearest police station to Shakahola is about 50 kilometres away. [Marion Kithi]

# School driver who defiled pupil gets life after appeal

▶ Vincent Korir's 25-year defilement sentence replaced with life imprisonment.

▶ Judges found trial, High Court decisions legally sound and justified.

JULIUS CHEPKWONY, NAKURU

For nearly seven years, Vincent Korir, a school driver, has never rested, moving from one court to another, challenging a court decision that sent him to jail for 25 years.

Korir had been sentenced to serve 25 years in jail by a Kericho Court for defiling a 6-year-old girl in a judgment delivered on March 13, 2020.

He allegedly committed the offense on March 24, 2018, in Bureti Sub-County, Kericho County.

Korir, as per court records, had been handed over the minor by her mother to take her to school.

The minor's mother went back home after she boarded the vehicle. The minor in her testimony told the court she was the only passenger aboard the vehicle that had tinted windows.

She said the man drove for a short while and parked the vehicle before he could pick up other school children and defiled her.

Korir was, however, aggrieved by the trial court decision and lodged an appeal at the High Court and the appeal was dismissed. Undeterred, he approached the Court of Appeal on a second appeal and filed his notice of appeal on June 25, 2021. In his appeal, he faulted the High Court judge for failing to subject the evidence to fresh scrutiny and thereby arriving at an erroneous decision.

He added that the sentence meted out was harsh and excessive and prayed that his appeal be allowed, and the conviction be quashed.

The appellate court heard the appeal on April 30, 2025. Court records indicate



## AT A GLANCE

### March 24, 2018

Vincent Korir, a school driver, defiles a 6-year-old girl on Bureti, Kericho. The minor was the only passenger in the tainted school van early morning.

### March 13, 2020

Kericho court sentences Korir to 25 years in prison for the offence. Korir's appeal at the High Court dismissed.

### June 25, 2021

Korir files second appeal with the Court of Appeal.

### April 30, 2025

Justices John Mativo, Mwaniki Gachoka, and Weldon Korir heard the case. The State sought to enhance the sentence.

### July 31, 2025

Court of Appeal declares the 25-year sentence unlawful, and substitutes it with a life sentence.

that before hearing the appeal, Korir was notified of a notice of an enhanced sentence by the State.

"The Court gave the appellant a warning, cautioning him, that if he elected to proceed with his appeal, his sentence

would be enhanced to a lawful sentence if this Court upheld his conviction," read the judgment by the Appeal Court judges.

Conscious of the same, and confirming to the Court that he understood the meaning and tenor of the warning, the appellant elected to proceed with his appeal.

Korir noted that the investigations done were too shoddy to create a direct linkage between him and the commission of the offence, adding that his mitigation was improperly rejected.

The State, in opposing the appeal, said that all the ingredients of the offence of defilement were proved. The DPP urged the court to take into account the minor's evidence, which confirmed that the man had sexually assaulted her in a school van on a Saturday.

Court of Appeal Judges John Mativo, Mwaniki Gachoka and Weldon Korir, in their judgment, ruled that the findings of the trial and High Court were sound and dismissed the appeal for lack of merit. They set aside the 25-year sentence and substituted it with life imprisonment.

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## Briefing

### TURKANA. VILLAGE ON THE EDGE AFTER BANDITS INJURE HERDER, STEAL 300 GOATS

■ Tension has gripped Loyapat village, Turkana South after a bandit attack on Tuesday left one herdsman seriously injured and 300 goats stolen. Assailants, believed to be from West Pokot County, attacked the village in Lobokat Ward. Aroo Sub-County Police Commander Donald Seilor confirmed a gunfight erupted between the armed bandits and local National Police Reservists. "One herdsman was shot in the abdomen," Seilor reported. "He was rushed to Kainuk Health Centre before referral to Lodwar County Referral Hospital for specialised care." **[Lucas Ngasike]**

### NAIVASHA. POLICE RECOVER BHANG WORTH SH1.3M IN OPERATION, ARREST TWO SUSPECTS

■ Police have recovered bhang valued more than Sh1.3 million following a sting operation conducted on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway. During the incident near the Delamere shop, two suspects were arrested and the van transporting the bhang towed to Naivasha police station. The recovery comes weeks after police seized bhang worth over Sh7million that was in transit from Kisii. **[Antony Gitonga]**



### MIGORI. POLICE LAUNCH INVESTIGATIONS AFTER BUSINESSMAN IS KILLED IN HIS SHOP BY THUGS

■ Police in Migori are investigating the killing of a businessman at his shop in Nyabohanse, Kuria West Sub-County. Kuria West Sub-County Police Commander Reuben Bett said they are pursuing leads to apprehend the culprits. The trader was attacked by unknown assailants who struck him with a blunt object before fleeing on a motorcycle. No items were stolen during the incident. Bett assured residents that police will thoroughly investigate to determine the motive and bring the killers to book. Residents have urged the police to enhance security in the area. **[Anne Atieno]**

## COURTS

# DPP seeks to revive officers' abduction case

The abduction and enforced disappearance charge against officers from the disbanded Special Service Unit (SSU), Kenya Wildlife Service, and National Intelligence Service has been dismissed at the magistrate's court.

However, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Renson Ingonga now seeks to revive the charge at the High Court as an alternative to murder.

The officers, among them Chief Inspector Peter Muthee Gachiko, Inspector James Kibosek, and 13 others, were initially charged with the disappearance of Mohamed Zaid Kidwai and Zulfiqar Khan from India and Nicodemus Mwanja from Kenya on July 22, 2022. They were later charged with murder.

Before High Court Judge Francis Rayola, prosecutor Augustine Gacharia said introducing abduction as an alternative charge would ensure ancillary offences are not overlooked.

"Do we file other charges alongside a murder charge?" posed Justice Rayola. "No. Traditionally but we need to change. Other offences go unpunished. What happens to ancillary offences? They go unpunished." Defense lawyers Clinton Mwale and Steve Ogola opposed the move, citing an earlier High Court

order requiring the DPP to drop or abandon the abduction charges. They argued that the DPP failed to comply with Justice Abigail Mshila's directive, leading to the dismissal of the charges by Magistrate Gideon Kiage. Ogola also accused the DPP of "forum shopping" and said the matter is now pending at the Court of Appeal. The court was also divided over the officers' bail.

Justice Rayola directed both parties to submit arguments ahead of a ruling on September 8. He also scheduled the murder trial to begin the first week of November. **[Kamau Muthoni]**

## WPP | SCANGROUP PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of WPP Scangroup Plc wishes to inform the public of the resignation of Mr. Dominic Grainger as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 31st July 2025.

Mr. Grainger steps down from the Board following his retirement as Chief Executive Officer, WPP Specialist Communications (UK). He has served on the Board of the Company since 2018.

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Grainger for his commitment and significant contributions, which have positively shaped the Company's growth and strategic direction throughout his tenure.

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Winniefred Jumba  
Company Secretary  
WPP Scangroup PLC  
31st July 2025

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# Students get relief after fees cut, but varsities stare at harder times

► Higher Education PS Beatrice Inyangala says new fees range from Sh11,628 to Sh150,000 annually.

► Vice chancellors warn funding delays and fee cuts threaten universities' operations and sustainability.

LEWIS NYAUNDI, NAIROBI

The government has lowered tuition fees for university students, but in doing so, has pushed the institutions, already wallowing in Sh85 billion debt, into a deeper financial mess.

Starting September, student fees will be slashed by up to half, easing the burden on parents but in the same breath denying public universities billions in capitation funds.

Vice chancellors argue that the near 50 percent reduction in course costs is a double blow to public institutions already struggling to stay afloat.

"The old model or what we referred to as the DUC (Differentiated Unit Cost) was not the problem. The real issue is the government's failure to honour its funding promises. We are already witnessing delays in remitting funds for last year's students," a VC from a top public university told the Standard.

Another VC warned that universities face an even deeper crisis if the government fails to meet its obligations, even as fees are reduced.

On Thursday, it emerged that the government is yet to remit Sh17 billion in tuition fees for students from last year. This adds to the existing Sh85 billion debt owed to public universities.

With no fresh funding allocation to match the lower tuition revenues, universities are staring at deeper deficits, stalled projects, unpaid salaries, and a possible breakdown in academic operations, sources within top institutions warn.

Higher Education PS Beatrice Inyangala on Wednesday released a cir-

## Revised fees structure

Cluster	Programme Description	Minimum Fees (Sh)	Maximum Fees (Sh)
1(a)	Medicine – Pre-Clinical	12,960	51,840
1(b)	Medicine – Clinical	22,371	75,000
2(a)	Dentistry – Pre-Clinical	12,960	51,840
2(b)	Dentistry – Clinical	22,371	75,000
3(a)	Veterinary Medicine – Pre-Clinical	12,343	49,371
3(b)	Veterinary Medicine – Clinical	20,546	75,000
4(a)	Pharmacy – Pre-Clinical	12,343	49,371
4(b)	Pharmacy – Clinical	19,152	75,000
5(a)	Architecture – Part I (Architectural Studies)	12,960	51,840
5(b)	Architecture – Professional (Part II)	14,472	57,888
6	Engineering, Surveying	14,256	57,024
6	Built Environment and Design (Construction, Real Estate)	12,960	51,840
7	Urban and Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture, Design, Computing	14,400	57,600
8(a)	Health Sciences: Nursing, Clinical Medicine (BSc), Medical Laboratory Science and Technology, etc.	13,082	52,326
8(b)	Psychology, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Environmental Health, Community Health and Development	11,401	45,603
8(c)	Food Science and Technology, Food and Nutrition	9,720	38,880
8(d)	Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Wildlife Science and Management	11,628	46,512
9	Applied Sciences & Education (Science and Technology): Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Biomedical Sciences, Applied Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Technical Sciences, Statistics, Actuarial Science, etc.	11,628	46,512

cular directing universities to implement the new fees directive without a mention of the debts owed to the institutions.

"Public universities are hereby directed to adopt the new fees schedule, effective September 1 for first year as well as continuing students. All public universities are further directed to update their admissions and finance portals to reflect the revised fees of academic programmes," the circular reads.

The communication by Inyangala is another attempt to review the controversial university funding model that sparked public outrage prompting the President to lead the crisis management.

The initiative marks the third attempt by the government to refine the model that was adopted in September 2023.

In her circular, the PS said the review was reached after consultation with other stakeholders.

"In direct response to concerns

raised by students and their families, the Government has lowered fees payable by students across all academic programmes," Inyangala said.

In the circular, the lowest fees directly paid by the student's family (household contribution) in university will be Sh11,628. On the other hand, the highest fee charged to a student will be Sh150,000.

The most expensive course, currently Medicine, that initially cost 612,000 even after a mandatory 15 per cent discount, has been reduced to Sh450,000.

## SH85B

AMOUNT of money the government owes public universities in capitation funds. The government is yet to remit Sh17 billion in tuition fees for students from last year.

This means, students joining university to pursue Medicine in September will pay Sh162,000 less than students admitted last year.

However, VCs who spoke to *The Standard* said the effect of reduction on fees and programme cost, though is good news to parents, exposes the public universities which will now be required to plug the deficits.

To cost a programme, the universities look at the number of students, the equipment required, the staff, course duration, the books and resources among other things required to teach the course.

For instance, under the medicine programme, universities estimate the total cost of teaching a student at Sh612,000.

The good news, however, is that the courses cost reduction and fees review brings uniformity in the university fees paid across all public institutions.

Previously, each university was at liberty of deciding the fees paid

for each of their programmes; this led to disparities and also saw some universities charge close to double for the same programmes in different institutions.

With the new directive starting next month, students pursuing medicine will pay a maximum of Sh150,000 as fees annually. (See table)

This means this category of students with the highest household contribution will pay Sh75,000 each semester.

They will be entitled to 40 percent scholarship and can apply for up to 20 percent of student loan.

But the most needy medicine student will now pay Sh44,742 annually. This translates to Sh22,371 each semester.

Students who will pay the least fees (household contribution), will be studying Bachelor of Arts, humanities, social sciences, economics, geography, literature, political science, history, will pay as low as Sh11,628 per year for their degree course.

This means a student will only pay Sh5,814 each semester. Those with the highest household contribution in the same courses will pay Sh23,256 per semester. This means, the student will pay Sh46,512 each year.

However, despite the reduction of tuition fees, the cost of other functions such as accommodation, examination, books, co-curricular and medical services will remain unchanged.

It also emerged that the new directive by Inyangala are mere amendments to the contested new funding model, which the government is fashioning to mirror the DUC that was scrapped to give way to the new model.

VCs who spoke to *The Standard*, said that the review is a step back as it mirrors contested fees paid before the introduction of the new funding model.

However, of big concern is the government's failure to pay the pending debts and commitment under the new model which now seems to be swept under the carpet with the new circular. This, it emerged, could strain the cash strapped universities.

On Thursday, Vice Chancellor's Committee chairman Prof Daniel Mugendi, said the move was meant to ease the burden on parents without compromising the quality of education.

Mugendi, who doubles up as the University of Embu VC, said the review looked into variables that could be reviewed after the initial costing.

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## ACCOMMODATION

# UoN to review hostel fees after students protest over high costs

The University of Nairobi (UoN) has bowed to pressure on on-campus accommodation costs, announcing plans to review them downwards.

In a memo to students, the UoN's management said that a meeting on July 29 adopted a report on reviewing the hostel fees that would be communicated by August 6.

"The recommendations are being processed for final approval by various governance organs of the University," the memo by John Orindi, the

university's Director of Corporate Affairs, read in part. "We implore all students to understand that university decisions are guided by various policies and regulations which must be adhered to."

The move follows widespread outcry over a hike in accommodation fees, which soared to more than Sh40,000 per year last August.

Last week, the university's students' association threatened to shut down the institution if

the accommodation fees were not reverted to Sh6,000.

"We are here because we are in pain and have nowhere to sleep. We are here to announce that the University of Nairobi will not admit first-year students this year," said Troy Rusana, the student body president, in a statement that also warned of disruptions in Nairobi's Central Business District if the issue is not resolved.

Many other universities have increased

accommodation fees, prompting criticism from different quarters. Lawmakers have also opposed the increases.

Senators asked the Education Ministry to justify high university hostel fees amid economic hardship. Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna warned the hike risks female students' safety and called for an audit of hostel suitability, repairs and plans to bridge the gap between students and available spaces. [Brian Otieno]

**KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED**  
**INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA ON 27 MAY 2025 UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT CHAPTER 486, LAWS OF KENYA**  
**(COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER PVT-PQ158DVM)**

**THE CAPITAL MARKETS ACT**  
**(CHAPTER 485A, LAWS OF KENYA)**

**REGULATION 4(3) OF**  
**THE CAPITAL MARKETS (TAKE-OVERS & MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2002**

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION BY KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED (KALAHARI OR THE OFFEROR) TO ACQUIRE: 1) 13,144,442 ORDINARY SHARES IN EAST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT PLC (EAPC OR THE OFFEREE) FROM ASSOCIATED INTERNATIONAL CEMENT LIMITED, AND 2) 13,180,442 ORDINARY SHARES IN EAPC FROM CEMENTIA HOLDING AG**

**1 Introduction**

1.1 Pursuant to regulation 4(3) of the Capital Markets (Take-overs & Mergers) Regulations, 2002 (the "Take-over Regulations"), Kalahari hereby announces that on 31 July 2025, it served a notice on EAPC, the Capital Markets Authority ("CMA"), the Nairobi Securities Exchange ("NSE") and the Competition Authority of Kenya ("CAK") to acquire:

1.1.1 13,144,442 ordinary shares (the "AIC Sale Shares") in the issued share capital of EAPC from Associated International Cement Limited (AIC), a company registered in accordance with the laws of England with registration number 00470173, and whose registered office is at Bardon Hill, Bardon Road, Coalville, Leicestershire, England, LE67 1TL (AIC) (the "Proposed AIC Acquisition"); and

1.1.2 13,180,442 ordinary shares (the "Cementia Sale Shares") in the issued share capital of EAPC from Cementia Holding AG, a company registered in accordance with the laws of Switzerland with registration number CHE-107.867.696 and whose registered office is at Grafenauweg 10, 6300 Zug, Switzerland (Cementia) (the "Proposed Cementia Acquisition").

The AIC Sale shares and the Cementia Sale Shares together are referred to as the "Sale Shares".

AIC and Cementia together are referred to as the "Sellers".

The Proposed AIC Acquisition and the Proposed Cementia Acquisition together are referred to as the "Proposed Transaction".

**2 The Offeror**

2.1 The Offeror is an investment vehicle that has specifically been incorporated for the purpose of making the Offer. The Offeror is registered in the Republic of Kenya with registration number PVT-PQ158DVM under the Companies Act, Chapter 486, Laws of Kenya whose registered office is at ALN House, Eldama Ravine Close, Off Eldama Ravine Road, Westlands, P.O. Box 764 - 00606, Nairobi, Kenya.

2.2 The Offeror is a subsidiary of Pacific Cement Limited (Company number 219881) which holds 90% of the paid-up shares in the Offeror and Comercio Et Consiel Limited (Company number 221514) which holds 10% of the paid-up shares in the Offeror.

2.3 The following are companies related to and associated with the Offeror:

Name	Country of Incorporation	Shareholder and Percentage Shareholding	Principal Activities
Pacific Cement Limited	Mauritius	Edhah Abdallah Munif - 100%	Investment holding company
Comercio Et Consiel Limited	Mauritius	Edhah Abdallah Munif - 100%	Investment holding company
Bamburi Cement PLC	Kenya	Amsons Industries (K) Ltd: 100%	Manufacturing of cement
Amsons Industries (K) Ltd	Kenya	i. Amsons Industries (T) Ltd - 90% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Investment holding company
Camel Oil (T) Ltd	Tanzania	i. Abdallah Munif Nahdi - 50% ii. Amsons Group Trading DMCC - 40% iii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products.
Amsons Industries (T) Ltd.	Tanzania	i. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 80% ii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iii. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Manufacturing of cement, lime plaster and of gain mill products.
East Africa Warehousing (T) Limited	Tanzania	i. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 80% ii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iii. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Freight transport by road.
Camel Oil Limitada -Mozambique	Mozambique	i. Abdallah Munif Nahdi - 70% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10% iii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iv. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products - Main Activity.
Kalahari Trans Zambia Limited	Zambia	i. Camel Oil (T) Ltd - 90% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Freight transport by road and cargo handling.

**The Offeree**

3.1 EAPC (registration number: C15/54) is a public limited liability company incorporated in Kenya in 1933, and whose registered office is situated at LR No. 337/113/1, Namanga Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 40101-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

3.2 EAPC is listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange and trades under the ticker symbol "PORT".

3.3 EAPC owns an integrated cement plant located on the outskirts of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Its brands include Blue Triangle Cement, its longest-standing brand in the market, and Green Triangle Cement, an innovative product designed with less clinker and lower energy consumption, providing a sustainable alternative that meets the growing demands of environmentally-conscious customers in the construction sector. Other brands in its product portfolio include Falcon Cabro, Olympia Cabro, Tri-Hex Cabro, Cosmic Cabro and Brick (Quad) Cabro.

3.4 EAPC has a long history of working with the local communities in the areas in which it operates via its corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. EAPC's CSR initiatives focus on three key pillars: education, environmental stewardship, and water provision. It has identified three primary communities where its operations have the most impact: Kibini Hill and Bissil in Kajjado County, and Athi River in Machakos County. Additionally, EAPC responds to urgent philanthropic requests and unforeseen natural disasters, such as floods and famines, as part of its broader community engagement efforts.

3.5 EAPC owns 100% of East African Portland Cement Uganda Limited.

3.6 As set out in EAPC's annual report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the details of EAPC's current top 5 shareholders as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are set out below:

S/N	Name of Shareholder	Percentage of shares held
1.	Bamburi Cement Plc	12.5%
2.	Associated International Cement Limited	14.6%
3.	Cementia Holding AG	14.6%
4.	The National Treasury	25.3%
5.	National Social Security Fund	27%
<b>Total for the Top Five Shareholders</b>		<b>94%</b>
<b>Other Shareholders</b>		<b>6%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

**The Sellers**

4.1 AIC is presently the owner of the AIC Sale Shares that are the subject of the Proposed AIC Acquisition and the AIC Sale Shares amount to approximately 14.60% of the total issued share capital of EAPC.

4.2 Cementia is presently the owner of the Cementia Sale Shares that are subject of the Proposed Cementia Acquisition and the Cementia Sale Shares amount to approximately 14.60% of the total issued share capital of EAPC.

**5 Current shareholding by Kalahari and related parties in EAPC**

5.1 The Offeror does not hold any shares directly in EAPC.

5.2 Bamburi Cement Plc (a related company to the Offeror) holds approximately 12.5% of ordinary shares in EAPC. Mr. Edhah Abdallah Munif indirectly holds shares in Bamburi Cement Plc through Amsons Industries (K) Ltd.

5.3 None of the directors of the Offeror hold directorships in EAPC.

**6 Share Purchase Agreement**

6.1 Kalahari entered into a share purchase agreement with the Sellers on 31 July 2025 pursuant to which each of the Sellers have accepted Kalahari's offer to purchase the Sale Shares and agreed to sell the Sale Shares to Kalahari, the ("SPA") subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

6.2 Completion of the Proposed Transaction will be subject to all the conditions set out in paragraph 11 below having been satisfied or (to the extent legally capable of waiver) waived and the SPA completed in accordance with its terms. The conditions of the SPA are outlined in paragraph 11 below.

**7 Completion**

7.1 Pursuant to the SPA, closing shall take place five (5) business days following the first business day on or by which all the conditions in the SPA as more particularly set out in paragraph 11 below have been fulfilled (or waived to the extent legally capable of waiver).

**8 Consideration**

8.1 The consideration for the Sale Shares is **KES 27.30 per Sale Share**, payable in USD as determined in accordance with the SPA.

**9 Application for exemption from making a take-over offer**

9.1 Kalahari does not intend to make a general offer to acquire all the voting shares in EAPC following the Proposed Transaction, and will apply to the Capital Markets Authority for an exemption from the requirement to make a take-over offer to all shareholders of EAPC.

9.2 Kalahari does not intend to delist EAPC from the NSE after completion of the Proposed Transaction.

9.3 Consequently, pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Take-over Regulations, Kalahari shall submit an application to the Capital Markets Authority for a written exemption from compliance with Regulation 4 of the Take-over Regulations on the grounds that such exemption shall: (i) facilitate the Proposed Transaction that is an acquisition for the purpose of a strategic investment in a listed company that is tied up with management or other technical support relevant to the business of such company; and (ii) there are circumstances which serve the public interest, by ensuring that Kalahari, as a long-term strategic investor, assists EAPC in achieving its strategic objectives whilst deepening the capital markets regime which is vital for Kenya's economic prosperity.

**10 Persons acting in concert, current holdings and agreements with holders of voting shares**

There are no persons acting in concert with Kalahari and Kalahari does not have an option to acquire any additional shares in EAPC. The Sellers and Kalahari have entered into the SPA.

**11 Conditions**

11.1 Completion of the Proposed Transaction will be subject to the fulfilment (or waiver to the extent legally capable of waiver by the written agreement of the Sellers and Kalahari) of the conditions precedent listed below:

11.1.1 obtaining competition approval from the relevant competition authority provided that if such approval is given with any conditions, then such conditions are acceptable to Kalahari in accordance with the terms of the SPA;

11.1.2 the granting of an exemption by the Capital Markets Authority to Kalahari under Regulation 5 of the Take Over Regulations from the obligation to make a mandatory takeover offer for EAPC;

11.1.3 in respect of the mining licence held by EAPC, notification to and the granting, by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs of its written approval to the change of control of EAPC in accordance with Section 51 (6) and (7) of the Mining Act (Chapter 306 of the Laws of Kenya) (the **Mining Licence Approval**), provided that if such approval is given with any conditions provided that if such approval is given with any conditions, then such conditions are acceptable to Kalahari in accordance with the terms of the SPA;

11.1.4 if the Proposed Transaction is capable of being executed as a block trade, approval having been obtained from the NSE and CMA (the **Block Trade Approval**), or if the Block Trade Approval is not granted by the NSE or CMA, the granting of an approval from the CMA to implement the sale of the Sale Shares as a private transfer in accordance with section 31(1A) of the Capital Markets Act and regulation 57(d) of the Licensing Regulations (the **Private Transfer Approval**);

11.1.5 if required by the CMA, Kalahari procuring the publication by EAPC of the circular to the shareholders of EAPC in relation to the Private Transfer Approval application pursuant to the Capital Markets Act; and

11.1.6 if Kalahari elects for the balance of the Consideration to be to be financed rather than paid in cash, Kalahari shall provide the Sellers with an unconditional, irrevocable on-demand guarantee from a licensed and reputable bank, in a form and substance acceptable to the Sellers, to secure the payment of the balance.

Dated 01 August 2025

By Order of the Board of Directors

*A. Assen*

For and on behalf of KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED

# Kigame: Four top security bosses must face justice for Gen Z deaths

► Gospel singer-cum-activist seeks approval to privately prosecute Interior CS and three police chiefs.

► Kigame alleges the Director of Public Prosecutions failed to initiate criminal proceedings against the four.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

Renowned gospel singer and activist Reuben Kigame yesterday sought court approval to privately prosecute Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, accusing him of crimes against humanity during the 2024-2025 Gen Z protests.

Kigame is accusing Murkomen, Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja, National Intelligence Service Director-General Noordin Haji and Director of Criminal Investigations Mohamed Amin of orchestrating and permitting extra-judicial killings, abductions, enforced disappearances, torture, and the systematic suppression of peaceful protestors who took to the streets to oppose the Finance Bill 2024, rising cost of living, and corruption in government.

In the petition filed at Milimani High Court, Kigame argues that these crimes occurring between June 2024 and July 2025 warrant immediate prosecution and accountability.

He seeks court permission to prosecute the officials, alleging that the Director Of Public Prosecutions (DPP) failed to initiate criminal proceedings against the security chiefs.

"The petitioner notified the first respondent [DPP] of his inaction which constitutes a dereliction of duty and called upon him to exercise his independent mandate without fear, favour, prejudice, or political consideration," the court filing reads.

"The first respondent has neither responded to the petitioner's letter nor taken any action."

Kigame is also seeking a declaration from the court allowing him to initiate proceedings at the International Criminal Court, stating that the State's response constitutes crimes against humanity under the Rome Statute.

"Unless the perpetrators are prosecuted at the earliest opportunity, there will be a clear likelihood of a failure of public and private justice," he said,

"A grave social evil is being allowed to flourish unchecked because of the inaction of the pusillanimous prosecutor or police force guilty of a capricious, corrupt or biased failure to prosecute."

Kigame's petition includes a detailed account of State-sponsored brutality during the protests that erupted in response to the Finance Bill 2024, which proposed steep tax increases.

He claims that at least 100 people were killed, while more than 400 others were injured in what he termed a "widespread and systematic attack against a civilian population."

"These killings involved the intentional use of live ammunition against non-violent civilians," the petition reads.

"Numerous individuals were forcibly abducted by persons believed to be State agents or acting under state authority."

"Some were arrested, tortured and released while some were arrested, tortured and killed," he says.

"At least 61 individuals have been detained at different police stations countrywide, most of them in Nairobi County."

Kigame further cites the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), which reported 39 confirmed deaths, 361 injuries and 39 abductions in its press release dated July 1, 2024.

"Despite the High Court prohibiting the use of tear gas on peaceful protesters in Constitutional Petition No E009 of 2024, police deployed heavy use of tear gas," Kigame states.

"Specific targeting of medical centres, which had been set in and around the central district."

The petition details the State's orders and political messaging. For instance, CS Murkomen reportedly issued a de facto "shoot-to-kill" order.

Kigame's motion emphasises the systematic nature of these actions, arguing that they form part of a widespread and coordinated attack on a civilian groups engaged in lawful protest and political dissent.

Kigame is also seeking orders directing the DPP to surrender the prosecution file within 14 days.

"An order granting the petitioner leave to commence private prosecution and compelling the National Intelligence Service and Directorate of Criminal Investigations to release all evidence of ballistics, CCTV, autopsy reports and to provide witness protection to survivors and families."

The KNCHR confirmed that six



A protestor clashes with police during demonstrations against the Finance Bill, 2024 on July 16 last year. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

## THOSE WHO DIED

- 11. Kennedy Odhiambo Maina
- 12. Ernest Kanyi
- 13. David Shaban Baraza
- 14. Emanuel Giggs Tata
- 15. Ibrahim Kamau Wanjiru
- 16. Denis Otieno Oduor
- 17. Wilson Sitati
- 18. Brian Kimathi
- 19. Clinton Mwavali
- 20. Mathew Njorge
- 21. Unidentified Young Male
- 22. Joash Ombati
- 23. Kenneth Njeru
- 24. Bernard Kiplagat
- 25. Brian Ezra Odhiambo
- 26. Mike Kihunga Nyaguthi
- 27. Kevin Mwawasi
- 28. Erick Kayoni Shieni
- 29. Kevin Ochieng
- 30. Duncan Onsongo
- 31. Francis Kipkorir Sawe
- 32. Bernard Mungai Nduati
- 33. Beasley Kogi
- 34. Evans Kiratu Karobia
- 35. Anthony Macharia
- 36. Chris Gitonga
- 37. Cholding Malang
- 38. Denis Juma
- 39. David Chege
- 40. Credo Oyaro
- 41. Denzel Omondi
- 42. Carlton Mwangi
- 43. Phantaleo Nakara
- 44. Braxton Omae Magesi
- 45. Bencost Onyango
- 46. John Boidras
- 47. Timothy Muchui Kalenywa
- 48. Wycliffe Kane Mwendu
- 49. Daniel Kakai
- 50. Timothy Miheso
- 51. Charles Owino
- 52. Alex Muteti
- 53. Denis Libanga
- 54. Shaquille Obieng
- 55. Abdikadir Saadia
- 56. John Musili Mulwa
- 57. Reagan Ouko
- 58. Ian Ochieng Juma
- 59. Tilen Odhiambo
- 60. Isaac Njuguna Mbugua
- 61. Samuel Mutisya
- 62. Bridgit Njoki Wainaina (Minor 12 yrs, class 7)
- 63. Laban Mwangi Kagunda
- 64. Ian Mungai, MKU Law Student
- 65. Dennis Mutuma Mwangi
- 66. Ephantus Kamau
- 67. Brian Kimutai Bitok
- 68. Issa Paul Mburu
- 69. Moses Tobiko
- 70. Jeremiah Oscar
- 71. Joseph Kagiri
- 72. Mwangi
- 73. Peter Anthony Kariuki
- 74. Peter Mjemga
- 75. Elvis Musavi
- 76. Paul Makori
- 77. Peter Gachanja
- 78. Joseph Wangai
- 79. Anita Kendi
- 80. Peter Macharia
- 81. Edward Ndambiri
- 82. James Gachera Wambugu
- 83. Julia Kariuki
- 84. Felix Macharia
- 85. Daniel Kabiru Mwangi
- 86. Evans Ndandu Muthoni
- 87. Julius Muli
- 88. Peter Macharia
- 89. Elisha Muthoka
- 90. Abdul Juma
- 91. Dennis Mutuma Mwangi

protesters were shot and killed outside Parliament. Police allegedly used live ammunition, rubber bullets, and water cannons, even after court orders had forbidden excessive force.

"Police conduct included heavy concealment of identity, which was marked by the widespread use of balaclavas, masks, and unmarked vehicles," Kigame's petition states.

Despite mounting public outrage and a court-ordered reversal, the Communications Authority had instructed TV stations to stop broadcasting the protests, violating constitutional guarantees of press freedom.

"This action directly violates Article 34(2) of the Constitution, which guarantees media freedom and prohibits state interference," says Kig-

ame, citing Article 35(1)(b) on access to public information.

On June 25, protests reignited. Despite public statements by Murkomen and Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura that it would be "business as usual," Parliament and State House were barricaded with razor wire.

The death of blogger and teacher Albert Ojwang' while in police custody inflamed tensions. During subsequent protests, a vendor, Boniface Kariuki, was shot by police at close range. Three officers were later charged with Ojwang's murder.

"Most fatalities and injuries resulted from police firing at protesters," the petition asserts.

"As of June 26 2025, a total of 16 people were reported killed, and over 400 were injured."

Kigame has also highlighted that many protest organisers were abducted or went missing, with some found dead under suspicious circumstances.

He also referenced controversial statements by government allies that may have fuelled State brutality.

According to Kigame, President William Ruto reportedly directed police to "shoot protesters on the leg," while Murkomen allegedly issued a de facto "shoot-to-kill" order.

"More than 100 peaceful protesters and bystanders have been extrajudicially killed. Many were subjected to severe torture, and several remain unaccounted for," the petition reads.

He urges the court to act in the face of the DPP's "culpable failure" to prosecute the state officials.

"The country cannot turn a blind eye to the recent murders, tortures and abductions of its citizens exercising their rights to protest, as it goes against the very core values of the nation."

The petition is pending hearing. [ngitonga@standardmedia.co.ke](mailto:ngitonga@standardmedia.co.ke)

# Lawsuits pile against the State over atrocities

► More than 14 petitions and inquests have been filed in relation to Gen Z protests.

► According to the activists, the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions and investigative agencies have been compromised.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

**A** growing tide of legal action is sweeping across courts, with the government squarely in the crosshairs over the brutal crackdown on Gen Z protestors.

Since June 2024, numerous cases have been filed seeking justice for extra-judicial killings, abductions, torture, and State-sanctioned brutality.

Now, the spotlight is on Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and Deputy Inspector-General of Police Eliud Lagat, both named in recent petitions calling for their removal from office.

Currently, Murkomen faces two petitions by Reuben Kigame, civil society groups and human rights lawyers demanding the immediate removal of the CS for his alleged incitement of lethal force against protestors.

In the first petition, the Katiba Institute, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), and the Independent Medico-Legal Unit wants the Milimani High Court to declare Murkomen unfit to hold public office citing what they term as “reckless, unlawful, and unconstitutional” directives.

During a tense press briefing on June 25, 2025, during the first anniversary of the Gen Z uprising last year, Murkomen was caught on video urging security forces to “deal decisively” with protestors, adding, “shoot if you must.”

The remarks drew instant backlash from human rights defenders and protestors alike, many interpreting them as direct shoot-to-kill orders.

“This is not rhetoric. When a Cabinet Secretary issues violent instructions, people die,” says lawyer Eileen Imbosa in the case.

“He must be held personally responsible for the bloodshed that followed.”

The killing of 25-year-old blogger and Gen Z activist Albert Ojwang’ in police custody in June 2025 became a national flashpoint, one that ultimately forced Lagat to step aside.

## Kigame’s case

■ **Allegations of crimes against humanity:** Officials permitted extra-judicial killings, abductions, enforced disappearances, torture, and systematic suppression of peaceful protesters.

■ **DPP failures:** The public prosecutor failed to initiate criminal proceedings against the officials despite being notified of their inaction, which Kigame describes as a “dereliction of duty.”

■ **Evidence of State-sponsored brutality:** Petition cites at least 100 deaths and over 400 injuries during the protests, with 39 confirmed deaths, 361 injuries, and 39 abductions reported by the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights as of July 1, 2024. It highlights the use of live ammunition, tear gas, and water cannons despite a High Court ruling.

■ **Violation of constitutional rights:** State’s actions, including Murkomen’s alleged “shoot-to-kill” order and restrictions on protests, violate constitutional protections under right to peaceful assembly and media freedom.

■ **Request for international prosecution:** Kigame seeks a court declaration allowing him to initiate proceedings at the ICC.

■ **Demand for evidence and accountability:** Court orders to compel the National Police Service and DCI to release evidence and to provide witness protection for survivors and families. It also wants DPP to surrender the prosecution file within 14 days.

■ **International condemnation:** The petition references a statement by envoys from 12 countries, including US and UK.

Ojwang’ was abducted from his home by plainclothes officers in the middle of the night.

Days later, his body was found at the Nairobi Funeral Home bearing signs of torture: broken ribs, deep lacerations, and internal bleeding. An autopsy painted a damning picture of State-sanctioned brutality.

Five human rights activist Julius Odogoh, Khelef Khalifa, Francis Auma, Peter Agoro and Eliud Matindi have since filed a public interest petition calling for Lagat’s prosecution and permanent removal from office, citing command responsibility and “wilful concealment of extrajudicial acts.”

“Albert’s death was not an accident. It was the result of a violent policy executed from the top,” say the activist

According to the activists, the office of the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions and investigative agencies have been compromised and are dragging their feet on the

matter. “The investigative and prosecutorial agencies have acted capriciously, corruptly, and in a blatant manner in failing, refusing and declining to investigate and prosecute the Deputy Inspector General of Police,” the court papers state. They argue that private

prosecution is the only viable path to justice in the wake of Ojwang’s death, which has ignited public outrage and renewed calls for police accountability.

Despite mounting evidence, State officials have repeatedly denied wrongdoing. Interior

Ministry officials dismissed enforced disappearance claims as “politically motivated,” while Inspector General Douglas Kanja stated that “all arrests are lawful and documented.”

But more than 14 petitions and inquests have been filed in

relation to the Gen Z protests.

The Katiba Institute and Law Society of Kenya have filed petitions challenging, illegal arrests, and targeting protesters based on appearance who were wearing black, or carrying water.

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## THE INSURANCE ACT (CAP. 487, LAWS OF KENYA)

### INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AMALGAMATION OF GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS

#### SANLAM GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED and JUBILEE ALLIANZ GENERAL INSURANCE (K) LIMITED

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Sections 114 and 118 of the Insurance Act (Cap 487, Laws of Kenya) of the intention of **Sanlam General Insurance Limited**, a private limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Kenya with reg. no. C.24129 and whose address for the purposes hereof is Sanlam Tower, Off Waiyaki Way, P.O BOX 60656-00200 Nairobi, Kenya (the **Vendor**) and **Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited**, a private limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Kenya with reg. no. PVT-8LUYEXV and whose address for the purposes hereof is Sanlam Tower, Off Waiyaki Way, P.O. Box 66257-00800 Nairobi, Kenya (the **Purchaser**) to apply to the Insurance Regulatory Authority (the **Authority**) for its approval, pursuant to Section 113 of the Insurance Act (Cap 487, Laws of Kenya), to the transfer by the Vendor to the Purchaser with effect from 31 December 2023, of all those insurance policies issued by the Vendor in relation to its general insurance business of all classes, and for the Purchaser to accept those insurance policies issued by the Vendor in relation to its general insurance business and amalgamate the same with the Purchaser’s general business (the **Portfolio Transfer**).

Copies of a statement setting out particulars of the Portfolio Transfer and a copy of the draft business transfer agreement relating to the Portfolio Transfer, are available for inspection at the following locations for a period of not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

- Sanlam General Insurance Limited head office located at 12th Floor, Sanlam Tower, off Waiyaki Way, Westlands, Nairobi, P. O. Box 60656-00200, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Sanlam General Insurance Limited’s website at <https://sanlam.co.ke>
- Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited’s website at <https://jubilee-allianz.com>
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  - Nakuru:** Sanlam General Insurance, Posta Tower, 2nd Floor, Moi Road
  - Mombasa:** Sanlam General Insurance, Sanlam House, Ground Floor, Off Mikindani Road
  - Kisumu:** Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited, Jubilee House, Ground Floor, Ang’awa Street.
- The offices of the Insurance Regulatory Authority located at Zep-Re Place, 2nd Floor, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya; and
- The Insurance Regulatory Authority’s website at <https://www.ira.go.ke>
- The Legal Advisers Anjarwalla & Khanna LLP located at ALN House, Eldama Ravine Close, Off Eldama Ravine Road, Westlands

In connection with the Portfolio Transfer, Sanlam General Insurance Limited and Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited will ensure that all personal data is handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act, (Cap 411C, Laws of Kenya) and all applicable data protection laws and regulations, and appropriate safeguards will be implemented to protect the rights and privacy of data subjects.

Any person (including an employee, director, shareholder or policy holder) who has reasonable grounds for believing that he/she/it will be adversely affected by the carrying out of the Portfolio Transfer is invited to, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, write to the Authority through email: [commins@ira.go.ke](mailto:commins@ira.go.ke) or make oral representations through Toll Free number 0800724499, stating the grounds on which he/she/it believes he/she/it will be adversely affected by the carrying out of the Portfolio Transfer.

Dated: 1 August 2025

**Sylvester Nzioka**  
Principal Officer  
Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited

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# Please forgive me: Stevo appeals to Yemeni friend's family 15 years on

► Munyakho was referring to Abdi Halim, his colleague who lost his life after an altercation.

► His is the voice of a man who has lived in the shadow of death for a decade and a half.

JACINTA MUTURA, NAIROBI

When Stephen Munyakho, popularly known as Stevo, settled for an interview with journalists to tell his story at their home in Katani in Machakos, his voice was raspy and strained. Not just by the weather, but by the weight of deep memories he carried.

It was not just the voice of a man who had simply come home, but that of someone who had lived in the shadow of death for nearly 15 years.

And after he made special recognitions for everyone who contributed to the mission to bring him back home, Stevo expressed his deep regrets for the incident that led to the death of his workmate and a close friend.

"I really feel for that family. I hope that they forgive me," he said.

Stevo was making reference to the family of Abdi Halim, his late Yemeni colleague who lost his life after an altercation at their workplace in Saudi Arabia and, consequently, led to his conviction and placement on death row.

Stevo revealed that the fight was salary-related. He demanded for his salary and a misunderstanding arose between him and Halim, who was in the accounts department, leading to the deadly fight.

"I was supposed to go and collect my salary, but he was not willing to let me go. I ended up getting angry. He used words that were not very good and which I could not take. He is the one who started the fight," Stevo said.

He said Halim stabbed him on the hand and on the thigh, and in return, he too stabbed Halim on the chest.

"The knife was his. After he used it on me, I used it on him..." he said, emphasising that it was not intentional.

"I never ever thought someone could die in my hands. It was my first fight in my life... I was known to be a peacemaker and my mother can testify," he said.

According to Stevo, Halim's death was as a result of delayed medical attention, leading to excessive bleeding.

That incident that occurred on April 9, 2011 marked the beginning of nearly decade-and-a-half ordeal in Saudi Prisons system that offers few second chances.

Stevo never had the chance to mourn publicly, he never got to say



Stephen Munyakho and his mother Dorothy Kweyu during a media interview. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

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*I would really like them to know how sorry I am for what transpired. I also wish that as days go by, they forget that incident.*

Stephen Munyakho

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AMOUNT Stevo was expected to pay to the family of a friend who died after an altercation.

goodbye to his friend and never got to say sorry to the bereaved family. Until now.

"The widow, the children... I can imagine the state they are in without their sole provider. I didn't get a chance to pass my condolences under the circumstances I was in. But I hope that through this media, I can send my belated condolences to the family of the Mujahids. And may

the soul of my friend rest in peace. What happened is very regrettable," he said.

Stevo said the death pained him since he was known to the family as a friend.

"The eldest daughter, Susan, is someone I held in my arms. She was still a toddler when I started working there. She knows me very well," he said.

"I would really like them to know how sorry I am for what transpired. I also wish that as days go by, they forget that incident and carry on with their lives without me being in the picture as a contributor to the death of Halim," he regretted.

## Economic migrant

Like many economic migrants, Stevo left Kenya in search of greener pastures in 1996, only to find himself entangled in a justice system he didn't fully understand and irreversible consequences of a brief misunderstanding.

He recalled how they would 'wake up to darkness' in prison, a code word used by inmates facing death row to mean that one of them had been taken for execution.

"I thank God I was able to keep my sanity. In my first year, more than 100 people were taken out. That was very traumatizing because you would be eating and joking with somebody and the next minute, they just take him away from you," Stevo recounted.

"I think it is something that should be addressed. There should be some

sort of seclusion so that even if one of you is taken away, the rest you should not know," he opined.

Having been in three prisons, Stevo said out of 480 inmates in the first block, more than a half were facing a death sentence.

Through the crushing isolation and fear, Stevo leaned on faith, eventually converting to Islam. He said he became determined to understand the Sharia legal system that had condemned him.

At first, Stevo was sentenced to a five-year sentence for manslaughter before it was reviewed to death after the bereaved family appealed the case.

"I never imagine I would be sent to the gallows. I believed God would intervene and see that the sentence that I was given was not meant for me. What made me not lose hope is when I converted to Islam," he said.

He narrated how one prison officer, upon hearing his story, told him: This imprisonment had been written for you even before you came out of your mother's womb. There is no way you could have escaped it.

Those words, though harsh but grounding, helped him surrender to a higher purpose and he began to believe that perhaps, his ordeal had a meaning beyond the prison walls.

"If it was the decree of God, who am I to challenge? I went into the books of Sharia law to understand the change in the rulings and sentencing. And that is how I went into reading the Quran," he said.

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NAIROBI

## Nduta's death sentence reduced to life in Vietnam

The Foreign Affairs Ministry has announced that the death sentence handed to Kenyan Margaret Nduta Macharia in Vietnam has been commuted to life imprisonment, a significant reprieve for her and her family.

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei said the Vietnamese Supreme Court, sitting in Ho Chi Minh City, reduced her sentence following Kenya's diplomatic intervention.

"The Kenyan government has been working round the clock on this issue, and even with this development, we are still exploring diplomatic avenues to secure her release," he said.

Nduta, 37, was sentenced to death in March after she was arrested in Vietnam with two kilos of narcotics, her case sparking public outcry in Kenya, with many calling for government intervention. She had arrived on a delayed connecting flight when the arrest took place and charged but later filed an appeal.

"This is a major reprieve for Nduta and her family. She now has a chance to live and could still stand a chance for clemency from the Vietnamese President," a source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Her legal team is believed to have cited recent amendments to Vietnam's penal code, which exempt certain drug trafficking offences from the automatic death penalty, a factor that may have influenced the court's decision.

Nduta's twin sister, Rose Mary Wambui, who spoke to The Standard by phone upon receiving the news back home, expressed mixed feelings. "It's not easy! I am not too sure how I feel about this news at this stage. On one hand, it's a reprieve, but on the other, I still feel much needs to be done. I want my sister back," she stated.

"The last time I spoke to my sister was two years ago, my real sister, born on the same day. Since she left, my life has never been the same again. I pity my mother as well, who wails every day," she added.

According to Wambui, the family still pleads with the government to intervene and see her repatriated back home.

"This is our only plea. We are better off if she is tried back home, where we can see her and visit her. It's disheartening," said Wambui.

Back in March, amid rising public pressure and anxiety over her impending execution, PS Sing'oei said he contacted Vietnamese authorities to request a stay of execution and open the door for diplomatic negotiations.

Concerned Kenyans had also petitioned the government to push for Nduta's repatriation. [Francis Ontomwa]



# Nairobi protests Tanzania's new rules on traders

► Kenya has warned Dodoma's action may hinder ongoing regional economic cooperation in the East African Community.

► Trade Cabinet Secretary suggested possible retaliatory measures, accusing Tanzania of vilifying foreign investors.

**BRIAN OTIENO, NAIROBI**

Kenya has formally complained to Tanzania over orders restricting foreigners from engaging in 15 categories of small-scale business activities.

In a statement, East African Community Principal Secretary Caroline Karugu warned Tanzania's move risked "undermining regional economic integration efforts under the East African Community (EAC)."

The targeted businesses, whose licences the President Samia Suluhu's government directed licensing authorities against renewing, include mobile money transfers, tour guiding, small-scale mining, on-farm crop buying, beauty salons, curio shops and establishing radio and TV operations.

"Kenya has noted that the order is inconsistent with key provisions of the EAC Common Market Protocol, particularly Articles 13(1), 13(3) a, 13(5), 13(8) and 13(9), which guarantee the free movement of persons, services, and the right of establishment for citizens of partner states," said Karugu.

Tanzania's Trade Minister Selemeni Jafo amended the Business Licensing Act, a move he said would see Kenya's neighbour reap more large-scale foreign investments and have its small and medium-scale businesspersons protected.

On Wednesday, Presidents William Ruto and Yoweri Museveni decried the various challenges to doing business in the region.

Ruto said that persistent non-tariff barriers had hindered the flow of goods and frustrated "the objectives of regional integration under the EAC framework."

Museveni, on an official visit to Kenya, said East African nations must open up their markets to EAC neighbours, even as he urged countries with coastlines to grant more access to landlocked ones.

Similarly, Lee Kinyanjui, the Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry, hinted at retaliation, calling out Tanzania for criminalis-



East African Community Principal Secretary Caroline Karugu. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

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**Lee Kinyanjui**, Trade Cabinet Secretary

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"The Business Licensing Order, which seems to be criminalising lawful EAC investments, will hurt both our economies. It is, therefore, critical, in the spirit of EAC, that bilateral engagements be held to resolve these issues.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, too, opposed the move, saying Ruto would work the issue out with Suluhu "diplomatically."

Karugu also faulted the heavy penalties targeting foreigners found flouting the directive. Among the penalties are a fine of not less than Tsh10 million (about Sh500,000), a six-month jail term, the revocation of visas and residence permits.

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**FALLOUT**

## Varsity staff revolt against 'dictatorial' union leadership

A section of Kenya University Staff Union (Kusu) members have faulted the union's national leadership, accusing it of dictatorship, betrayal, and abandonment of its core mandate.

Officials led by Kusu branch Secretary Joseck Alwala accused Secretary-General Charles Muhaya, of presiding over a union that no longer represents the interests of its members.

"Kusu has become a personal project," Alwala declared.

At a press briefing held at Kibabii University in Bungoma, Alwala said: "It no longer serves the interests of its members. Instead, it operates like a private entity where dissent is punished and dialogue discouraged."

Founded in 2004 to represent non-teaching university staff especially those in job groups five to 15, Kusu now faces allegations of authoritarian leadership and internal sabotage.

Members claim that the union's governance structures, including branch committees, the National Executive Committee, and the National Governing Council, have been systematically weakened.

Critics argue that under Dr Muhaya's leadership, the union has abandoned democratic practices in favour of top-down micro-management and political interference.

Among the grievances raised are the arbitrary suspension of elected officials at Moi, Kibabii, and Maseno universities, and efforts to dismantle branches deemed politically inconvenient.

**[Juliet Omelo]**

**COURTS**

## Expert: Shakahola victims not poisoned

A toxicologist yesterday told a court samples taken from bodies exhumed from Shakahola Forest did not have traces of poison or toxic substances.

However, the expert, David Ngumbao, declined to state whether the bodies were transported from elsewhere to be dumped or buried inside the forest in Malindi, Kilifi County.

Ngumbao, a government expert, said he took soil, kidney and liver samples from some bodies to establish if they died from ingestion of poison or chemicals.

More than 400 members of Good News International of self-declared pastor Paul Makenzi died from starvation inside the forest.

The victims were allegedly

forced to starve to death. Makenzi and 92 other suspects are facing manslaughter and murder cases for the deaths.

The prosecution says that the victims were either strangled, were hit by a blunt object, or starved to death.

On Tuesday, a 15-year-old witness told the court that Makenzi and his disciples forced the victims into a fasting bay made of black polythene bags to hasten their death.

The court was also told that after the children had died, women would follow, with the last being Makenzi's wife.

The last group to fast and die were men, and Makenzi was to be the last in line.

**[Kelvin Karani]**

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The County Assembly Public Service, Devolved Units, Administration and Community Cohesion Committee invites the members of the public and all other interested stakeholders to share their views during the public hearing on **The Mandera County Peace Building and Conflict Management Bill, 2025** as scheduled hereunder;

S/No	Constituency	Venue	Date	Time
1.	Mandera East	Mandera Peace Hall	08/08/2025	9:00 am

Presentation(s) may be made orally during the public hearing or by way of written memoranda to the Office of the Clerk, Mandera County Assembly, P.O. Box 408-70300 Mandera or email to [clerk@manderaassembly.go.ke](mailto:clerk@manderaassembly.go.ke) on or before 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at noon.

A copy of the Bill can be downloaded from the Mandera County Assembly [website www.manderaassembly.go.ke](http://www.manderaassembly.go.ke)

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## WISER Kenya project: Empowering communities through Climate Information Services and early warning systems

# A nation on the climate frontlines

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In the vast, open landscapes of Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands—where rivers like the Tana snake through sun-scorched plains—climate change is no longer a distant threat. It is a reality.

In these communities, where people still depend on seasonal rains for their livestock, crops, and livelihoods, climate shocks have grown more frequent, more intense, and far more devastating.

The drought of 2023 withered pastures and cracked earth beneath the hooves of thirsty cattle.

Barely a year later, the floods of 2024 surged through villages and farms, sweeping away homes, lives, and hopes with equal force.

As River Tana burst their banks and the land shifted from parched to drowning, the message became impossible to ignore: Kenya must build resilience—not reactively, but proactively.

It was against this backdrop of crisis and urgency that the Weather and Climate Information Services (WISER) Kenya Project was born from WISER Africa programme. WISER Kenya initiative emerged as a beacon of transformation—where data meets dignity,

and forecasts become lifesaving tools. Its mission: to turn early warnings into early action, particularly for the country's most vulnerable.

Launched in November 2024, WISER Kenya is not just another weather program—it is a comprehensive climate resilience strategy.

Funded by the UK government through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and implemented through the UKMet Office, the project is implemented by a coalition of powerhouse institutions: IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD), and the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), in collaboration with various government agencies, including the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA).

"From the outset, the project took a bold approach: climate services should not only be scientifically accurate but inclusive, accessible, and actionable," notes the project manager, Dr. Philip Omondi.

With a focus on the Lower Tana River basin, the project seeks to improve the availability, access, and use of climate and early warning information, while supporting inclusive planning and deci-

sion-making.

"This project is about saving lives and livelihoods by ensuring that no one is left behind when disaster strikes," Dr. Omondi notes. "We're focusing on Gender, Equity, and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations, and building systems that actually work for the vulnerable communities in Tana River and Garissa Counties."

Whether it was a pastoralist in Garissa or a farmer in Tana River, WISER sought to make sure everyone—regardless of gender, education, or ability—could receive, understand, and act on climate warnings.

The project responded directly to the trauma of recent years. The 2023 drought had displaced thousands and caused widespread hunger. Then came El Niño-related floods in 2024, which killed over 170 people, displaced more than 500,000, and destroyed 17,000 acres of farmland.

This cycle of devastation demanded more than emergency aid. It demanded systems that could see the future coming—and prepare for it.

Kenya's recent history paints a vivid picture of why such a project is urgently needed. A prolonged drought between 2019 and 2022 left many regions struggling with

food insecurity, water scarcity, and livestock losses. Then in late 2023, catastrophic floods swept through much of the country, causing widespread destruction.

These extreme weather events underscore a harsh reality: traditional systems for forecasting, preparation, and response are no longer sufficient.

"The gaps in climate information services have been glaring," Dr. Omondi explains. "People either receive warnings too late or don't understand them, and marginalized communities often don't receive any information at all."

To fill this gap, WISER Kenya focuses on five transformative pillars: The first is improving the reach and equity of climate information. Through a strong gender, equity, and social inclusion (GESI) considerations, the project ensures vulnerable populations—including women, the elderly, people with disabilities (PWDs), and remote communities—are not only recipients of climate information but also co-design and co-create climate information.

The second pillar is enhancing the timeliness and actionability of early warnings. By developing localized Early Warning Sys-

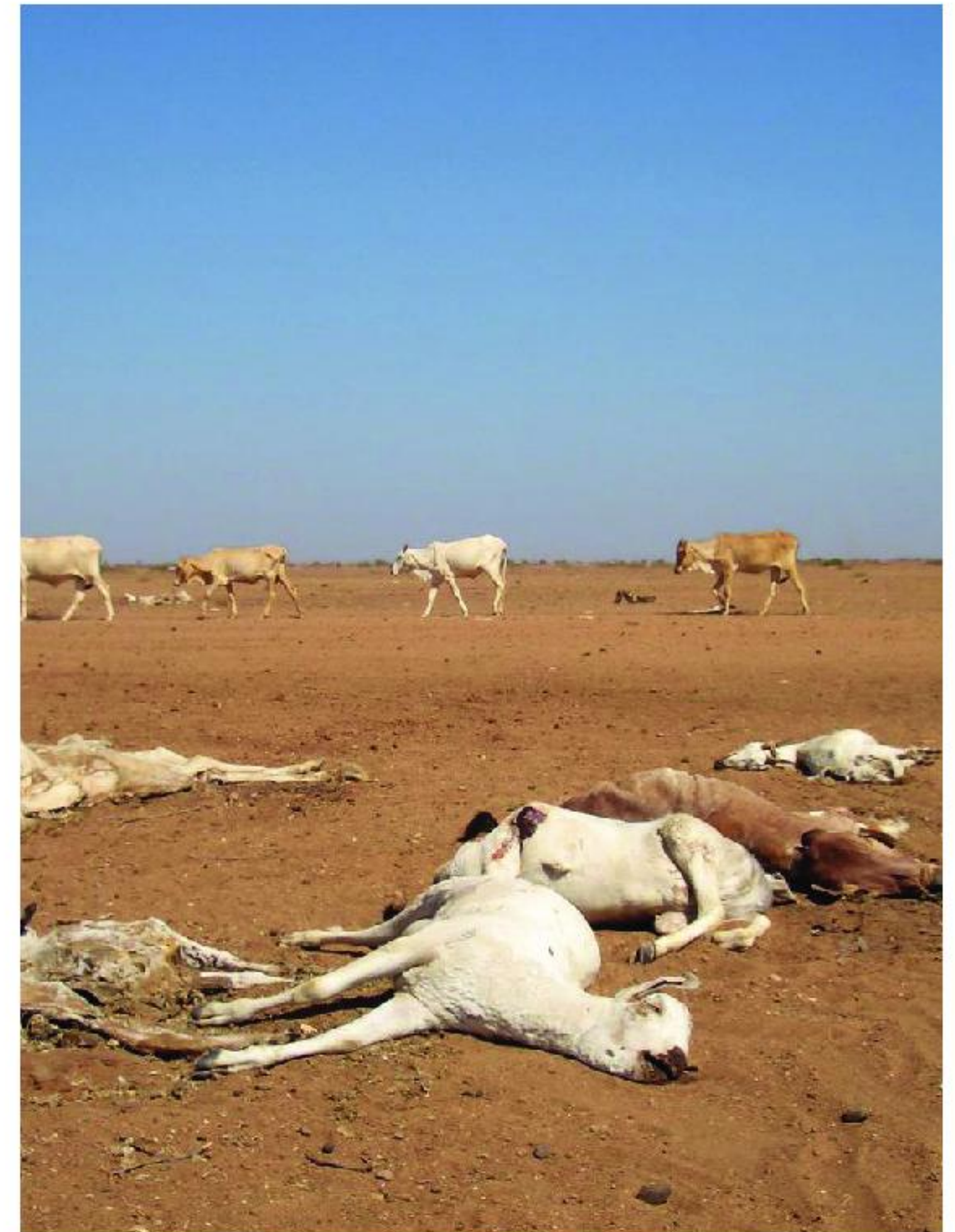
tems (EWS) that communicate in clear, trusted, and culturally appropriate ways, the project enables communities to take preemptive action.

Increasing preparedness and response capacity comes third; From training to the provision of physical resources, WISER Kenya is building the ability of local institutions and individuals to act before disasters escalate.

WISER Kenya project also focuses on Anticipatory Actions before a disaster occurs thus reducing losses and damages, with a goal to address the impact of floods, droughts, and other hazards through systems that prioritize foresight over reaction.

At the heart of WISER Kenya's strategy is also a sophisticated set of forecasting tools.

"The Standardized Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) was used to monitor drought conditions, while the Weather Research and Forecasting Hydrological (WRF-Hydro) Model predicted flood risks with remarkable precision" explained Dr. Omondi. "Providing up to three days of advance warning in high-risk zones like the Tana River basin."



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He said the models were not developed in isolation. They were co-produced with communities and local experts, blending science with lived experience. Technical workshops were held to refine these tools, establishing thresholds such as an SPEI score below -1.0 to trigger drought response or specific river levels to prompt flood evacuations.

During the March–May 2025 floods, WRF-Hydro issued forecasts that enabled the Kenya Red Cross to evacuate 2,000 households in Tana River before the waters rose. Relief supplies were prepositioned, and thanks to this Anticipatory Action initiative, displacement was reduced by 40% compared to the previous year.

Similarly, in Garissa, the project used SPEI triggers to activate Forecast-based Financing (FbF) through the Kenya Red Cross in February 2025. About 5,000 pastoralist households received emergency animal feed just before drought conditions peaked—preserving 70% of livestock herds that would have otherwise been lost.

### Inclusion as a pillar of resilience

Perhaps the most profound achievement of the WISER Kenya Project is its unwavering focus on equity and inclusion. Climate resilience, it insists, must be shared resilience.

In many Kenyan communities, women carry the heaviest burden during climate disasters—walking longer distances for water, caring for the sick, and rationing food. Yet, historically, their voices have been absent from planning tables.

### WISER changed that narrative.

Through Participatory Scenario Planning (PSP) workshops held in Tana River and Garissa, women, youth, and people with disabilities were invited to shape the very climate services they would later use. Their insights—on water availability, grazing cycles, and coping strategies—were not just heard, but embedded into early warning systems.

Additionally, the project prioritized communication accessibility. Weather bulletins were translated into local languages and aired via radio; colorful, visual forecasts were distributed in markets and schools. These efforts ensured that 60% of women and youth in the project areas received and understood early warnings.

In some communities, the results were revolutionary. Women-

led groups used forecasts to establish community seed banks, planting flood-tolerant crops and distributing seeds to neighbors. In doing so, they not only fed their families but also created a ripple effect of knowledge and empowerment.

### A tapestry of partnerships: collaboration in action

WISER Kenya is a living testament to the power of partnerships. Its impact stems from the seamless cooperation of meteorologists, humanitarian workers, government officials, and community leaders—each playing a vital role in a larger resilience puzzle.

Through quarterly technical working group meetings, data-sharing protocols were established among ICPAC, KMD, KRCS, and NDMA. This allowed real-time integration of climate, socioeconomic, and gender-disaggregated data into platforms like the East Africa Hazards Watch (EAHW). Decision-makers, from county governors to Red Cross volunteers, could now visualize hazard impacts and coordinate response strategies like never before.

Beyond borders, WISER Kenya engaged with regional forums like GHACOF (Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum), ensuring Kenya's progress informed—and was informed by—its neighbors. The project's training programs reached over 200 professionals across agriculture, water, health, and disaster sectors, building a nationwide network of climate-literate actors.

Ultimately, the WISER Kenya Project proved that early warnings do not merely inform—they empower. When delivered early and in the right format, they allow people to act, protect, prepare, and survive.

### The human face of forecasts

On a humid morning in Garissa, a woman tunes into a local radio station as the sun rises. The announcer, speaking in Somali, explains that rainfall will be delayed this season and advises pastoralists to move livestock to higher a new grazing place. It's more than just a weather update—it's a lifeline.

This is the true power of the WISER Kenya Project: turning distant data into intimate knowledge, and transforming uncertainty into preparedness.

In forums like the Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF) and National Climate



Outlook Forum (NCOF), the inclusion of women, youth, and PWDs in forecast co-design has ensured that weather and climate information is more relevant and usable. One such initiative, the Lower Tana Flood Alert WhatsApp group, now serves as a critical node for real-time updates, allowing residents to prepare in advance.

Participatory forecast development has not only increased trust but also led to localized, sector-specific adaptation strategies.

Recognizing the technical nature of forecasting, the project conducted training for local institutions on tools like WRF-Hydro for hydrological modeling and SPEI for drought prediction. This training is equipping KMD staff, KRCS personnel, and county officers to deliver more precise and actionable climate services.

This enhanced technical proficiency has improved flood and drought forecasts for the Tana River Basin, increasing community confidence in early warning systems.

Through its vulnerability mapping exercise, WISER Kenya produced detailed, validated maps that have become essential decision-making tools. The County Government of Tana River, in particular, has requested support in developing a PWD Policy that includes climate information access.

Concrete steps have been taken to mainstream climate risk data into planning and policy frameworks, signaling a shift from reaction to resilience.

Climate change disproportionately affects women and girls, yet they are also uniquely positioned to drive solutions. WISER Kenya

ensures that women are not only included but play a leadership role in shaping early warning systems.

“By integrating GESI into every step—from design to delivery—we’re ensuring that women and other marginalized groups are not just heard, but empowered,” Dr. Omondi emphasizes.

### Pilot to policy: towards a resilient future

While the project has seen notable success, it has also surfaced important gaps and challenges:

The project exposed critical policy gaps that Kenya must address to scale resilience. These include:

- Fragmented early warning systems at county and national levels.
- Limited integration of gender and disability data in climate planning.
- Underinvestment in anticipatory action frameworks at the subnational level.
- Weak feedback loops between local communities and national meteorological services.

However, WISER also offered clear remedies:

- Expand EWS tools like SPEI and WRF-Hydro to all ASAL counties.
- Institutionalize GESI-focused PSP workshops and Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) campaigns by 2027.
- Invest in real-time data systems and digital infrastructure to support forecasts.
- Train an additional 500 personnel across NMHSs and disaster sectors by 2026.

The emphasis on data cannot be overstated. From baseline surveys to hydrological modeling, data collection underpins every aspect of the project.

“Our decisions are grounded in real-world data—climate vulnerability maps, forecast models, and ground-truth observations,” Dr. Omondi explains. “But we also recognize the challenges in accessing historical datasets, which is an area that needs investment.”

The goal is to ensure county governments are not only recipients of data but active users, informing infrastructure planning, emergency response, and land use.

From digital platforms like WhatsApp and Kobo Toolbox to sophisticated modeling tools like WRF-Hydro, technology plays a vital role in extending the reach and accuracy of early warnings.

“We’re seeing how mobile platforms can democratize access to life-saving information,” says Dr. Omondi. “But we must also tackle challenges like digital illiteracy and infrastructure gaps.”

However, Kenya's journey to climate resilience is far from over, but thanks to WISER Programme in Kenya, the path forward is clearer. It is a path defined by science and solidarity, by early warnings and early action, and above all, by the conviction that no one should be left behind when the rain comes—or when it doesn't.

As the climate crisis accelerates, projects like WISER Kenya offer more than just hope—they offer a replicable blueprint for how data, inclusion, and local knowledge can converge to protect people, property, and the planet.

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## KERICHO

## Governor and deputy in fresh Sh80m dispute

Kericho Governor Erick Mutai is facing fresh corruption allegations, just months after surviving an impeachment bid. This time, his deputy, Fred Kirui, is accusing the governor of orchestrating fictitious payments amounting to Sh80 million.

The payments were allegedly made irregularly by senior county officials to at least 35 companies without adhering to procurement procedures, and no goods or services were delivered in return.

Eng Kirui claims the payments violated procurement laws and has petitioned the County Assembly Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Soin MCA Albert Kipkoech, to investigate the alleged theft of public funds.

The allegations are damaging to the governor, who narrowly survived impeachment in October 2024. In response, Dr Mutai accused Kirui of malicious intent, suggesting that the allegations are a political maneuver to advance Kirui's own ambitions for the governorship.

"I have suffered. I have been running this office while my deputy has been absent since we took the oath. I last saw him in office nearly three years ago. Where was he when the

money was allegedly being stolen? Now he suddenly resurfaces to claim money was siphoned," Mutai posed.

The governor criticised Kirui's approach, stating that the matter should have been addressed internally rather than through the media. "Instead of holding a press conference, he should have summoned relevant officers and asked for an explanation. There was no need to go public," Mutai added.

Despite their differences, Mutai expressed his trust in the Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a thorough investigation and promised appropriate action based on its findings. "The County Assembly report will reveal the truth. If public funds were indeed stolen, I will not hesitate to fire those responsible," he said.

Mutai also claimed the implicated chief officers and county executive committee members are cleared, he would reconsider how to deal with what he described as Kirui's continued disruptions. "We must decide what action to take against someone who keeps causing upheaval. I was elected democratically and that must be respected," he added.

The deputy governor has also contacted the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and Senator Aaron Cheruiyot, urging further investigations. He insisted he would not back down from his allegations. "Payments were made to certain companies without following procurement laws under the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act of 2015. Moreover, no goods or services were delivered," he said.

Kirui emphasized that such practices damage public trust, undermine leadership, and constitute economic crimes against the people of Kericho. While appearing before the Ad Hoc Committee, Kirui defended his decision to go public, asserting that he has a solid case supported by his own research. [Nikko Tanui]



Kericho Governor Erick Mutai. [File]

## NAIROBI

## Parliament orders special audit into Nock's Sh3b deal with Rubis Energy

Parliament has directed the Auditor General to audit operations of the National Oil Corporation, which they described as "technically insolvent".

MPs also questioned the legality of Nock's Sh3 billion partnership with Rubis Energy Kenya. The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy chair David Pkosing decried financial mismanagement, rising debt and opaqueness in operations at the agency.

"The National Oil Corporation is no longer a going concern. We are staring at a dead agency that can neither

meet salaries nor sustain operations," said Pkosing who emphasized on urgent intervention.

The Auditor General is required to look into the corporation's dealings, with a focus on circumstances under which Rubis Energy was brought in as a strategic partner.

It will also assess financial and legal implications of the partnership, including whether the Sh3 billion capital injected by Rubis to boost Nock's operations constitutes a loan and guaranteed by the Treasury. The audit is to be tabled before Parliament by August 14. [Josphat Thiong'o]



Deepak Kamani, Rashmi Kamani, David Onyonka, Joseph Magari and Dave Mwangi before the Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi on March 29, 2016. [File, Standard]

## Kamanis, ex-PSs not off the hook in Sh3.5b scam

► High Court set aside magistrate's ruling that had given the five clean bill of health.

► DPP has established a *prima facie* case involving procurement of security equipment.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

Businessmen Deepak Kamani, his brother Rashmi Kamani and three former Permanent Secretaries have suffered a major blow after the High Court quashed their acquittal in the Sh3.5 billion Anglo Leasing scandal.

Yesterday, Milimani Anti-Corruption Court set aside the January 19, 2024 acquittal of the Kimani brothers and former PSs Joseph Magari (Finance), Dave Mwangi (Provincial Administration), David Onyonka (Home Affairs).

Judge Benjamin Musyoki ordered all accused persons be put on their defence for five charges of corruption relating to the procurement of security equipment worth multi-billion shillings from abroad.

"I hereby set aside the acquittal by the trial Magistrate of January 19, 2024, and order the accused persons be put on their defence on counts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7," Justice Musyoki ruled.

The court found that the Director of Public Prosecutions had established a *prima facie* case showing the project, which involved supply of security equipment, was irregularly authorised by the PSs and former Interior Minister Chris Murungaru, without any budgetary allocation.

"There is a letter dated December 5, 2003, in which the former PS of Finance, at paragraph three, sug-

gested that there was no budget for the project and was seeking to utilise supplier credit arrangement. In my opinion, that meant there was no appropriation for the credit financing for that year," the judge noted.

Justice Musyoki also pointed out that although the contract was signed on December 2, 2003, there was no involvement or consultation with the National Police Service, the intended beneficiary, or then Police Commissioner Edwin Nyasemba, who was not even called to testify. The court criticised the prosecution for failing to call key witnesses, including former Interior Minister Murungaru, to explain whether the agreement he executed had been budgeted for.

Despite this, the judge faulted Murungaru himself for failing to provide proper policy guidelines once the contract received approval from the then Attorney General.

The judge was particularly concerned about the payment trail of the funds. Though the supplier was Sound Day Corporation, the payment was made not to it, but to Apex Finance Corporation, an offshore company linked to the Kamani family. "The money was not paid to the supplier, but to Apex Finance Cor-

poration... Apex was not a party to the contract, although the contract provided that the money was to be paid to its account," the judge said.

"Apex did not, on the face of the evidence, provide any service at the receipt of the same money. It must be explained, especially when it comes from government funds."

He added that Kamani brothers must explain why they received Euros 1.2 million (Sh190 million) from the transaction, noting they had previously denied links to Apex Finance, registered in Mauritius on January 8, 1998.

"There is evidence that Kamani's were directors of the company when it was incorporated in Mauritius... There are also declarations of trust dated October 13 2001 by shareholders of Apex showing that they held the shares as nominees of the respondents," he stated.

The judge dismissed the Kamani brothers' claim of ignorance regarding Apex, stating: "No person is better placed to answer those issues than the respondents. They must convince the court that they were not aware and did not have reason to believe that the money was improperly transferred to the account, to which they were linked."

The court heard that Sound Day Corporation and Apex Finance, both tied to the Kamanis, were single-sourced by the government to supply security equipment for the Kenya Police Forensic Laboratory.

However, there was no evidence that the equipment was delivered. The judge further noted that the contract was signed on behalf of the supplier by one Brian Mills, a person of interest later removed from the proceedings by the DPP.

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Benjamin Musyoki, Judge

# New loan model is daylight theft, leaders say

► Opposition slams the securitisation financing approach as robbery of public resources.

► They warn that the Special Purpose Vehicles are run by 'faceless' technocrats'

**NDUNGU GACHANE AND MOURICE ODIWOUR, NAIROBI**

The Opposition wants Parliament to halt President William Ruto's securitisation financing model, terming it unconstitutional since it was done without parliamentary debate or approval.

Led by Azimio leaders Kalonzo Musyoka who is also Wiper Democratic Party leader and Martha Karua of People's Liberation Party, they said introduction of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in the securitisation approach was allegedly meant to conceal government's criminal operations.

"These (special purpose vehicles) are run by faceless technocrats and unaccountable corporations. The primary objective of these vehicles is to divert public resources away from

Parliament, the Auditor-General, and the people. This is daylight robbery; it is shameless thievery the likes of which no nation has ever seen or should witness," Karua said.

They said the securitisation funding approach was a betrayal of public trust and a direct violation of the Public Finance Act. Describing the new model as a reckless scheme to sell off Kenya's future, Karua called for an independent audit into all SPVs handling public resources.

Despite the Opposition's criticism of the funding model, President William Ruto described it as "innovation and sophistication that is now driving financial solutions that respond to the evolving needs of both the public and private sectors."

"Most importantly, it confirms our capacity to mobilise substantial domestic capital to finance strategic national priorities, reduce our reliance on external borrowing and strengthen Kenyan economic resilience," Ruto said during the listing of the Linzi Asset backed security at the Nairobi Securities Exchange.

At the same time, the Opposition accused the government of allowing importation of 25,000 metric tons of sugar claiming it had been declared



Opposition leaders Martha Karua and Kalonzo Musyoka address the press in Nairobi yesterday. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

unfit for human consumption at its port of origin. "We are aware of a cargo of 25,000MT of sugar that recently landed in Port of Mombasa. These 25,000 MT of sugar are already on their way to a Western Kenya sugar factory to be repackaged and sold to unsuspecting Kenyans," Karua added.

She added: "This is a criminal regime that not only resorts to willful violence against its people, resorts to physically harming its populace unfit for public consumption of goods, but also attempts to limit its people via willful and defunding education which is a right."

Criticising Treasury CS John Mbatia's remarks that the government could no longer sustain free primary and secondary education, the opposition said the move was an affront to the Constitution. Article 43(1)(f) guarantees the right to education for everyone, while Article 53(1)(b) specifically ensures every child's right to free and compulsory basic education.

"Hence defunding education is not only insensitive but unconstitutional. We must tell the illegitimate Ruto regime that Kenyans want education, health and other basic needs, not handouts in the name of empowerment," the leaders said in a statement.

They also called for prosecution of Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen and Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja whom they accused of abetting "assassination attempts" on them. They called on the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) to take the evidence they presented to the body seriously.

"We expect IPOA to treat this evidence with the grave importance it deserves, any attempt to take the life of any human, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or rank, ought to be condemned strongly," they said.

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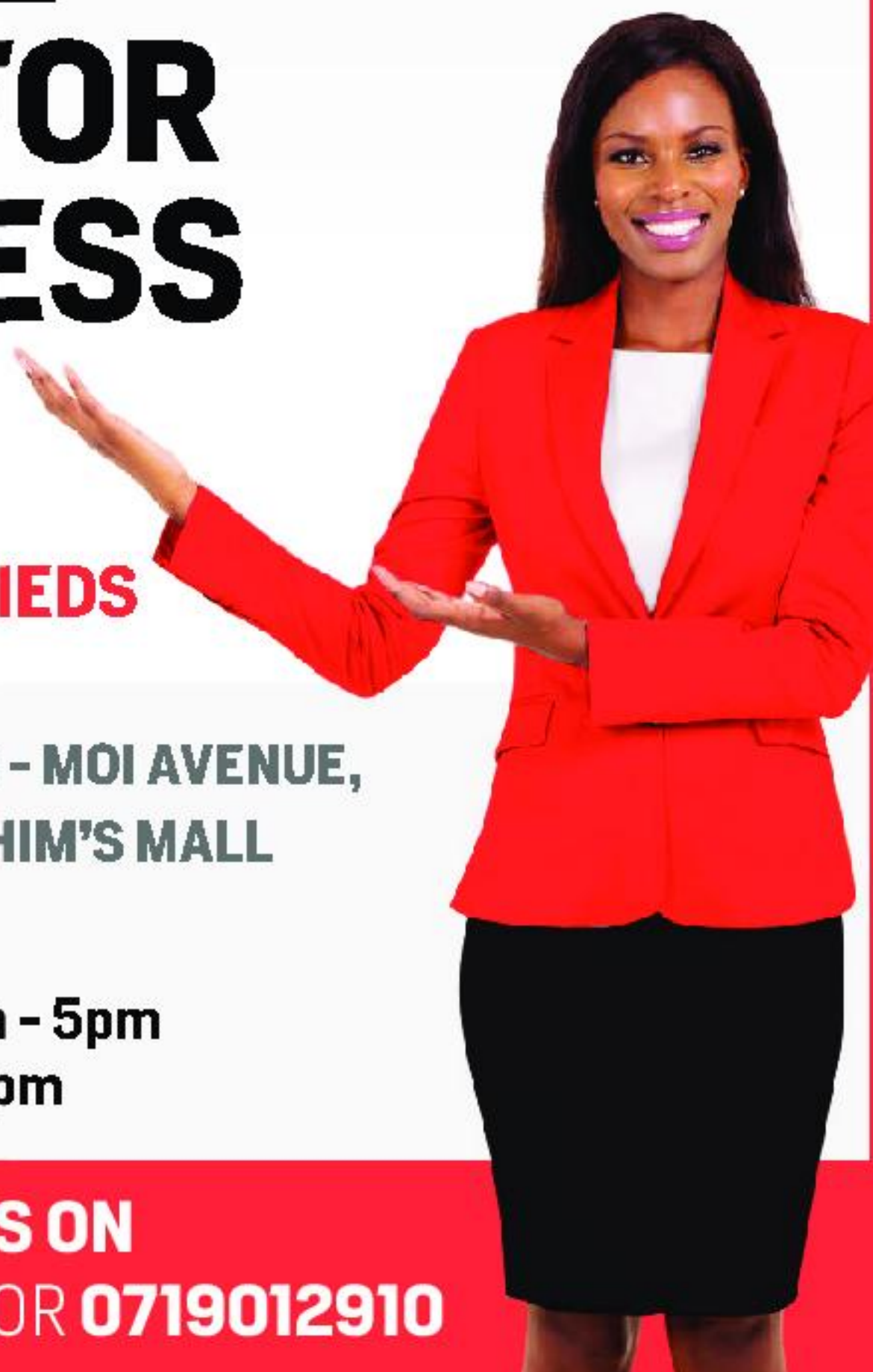
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SUBCOUNTY	DATE	VENUE	TIME
Emuhaya	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Elukongo Church of God.	9:00AM
Luanda	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Luanda PAG Church.	9:00AM
Vihiga	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Gavalagi Friends Church.	9:00AM
Sabatia	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Itenji PAG Church.	9:00AM
Tiriki East	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Senende Friends Church.	9:00AM
Tiriki West	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Boyani Salvation Army.	9:00AM

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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING.**



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## EDITORIAL

### EACC now has more teeth to deal with corruption

A new law that bars public officers from engaging in business with the government is the right step in the fight against corruption.

The Conflict of Interest Bill, signed into law by President William Ruto on Wednesday, prohibits public officers from engaging in business that could influence the decisions that they make in their official duties, and bars them from holding interest in companies that transact with their offices. Other requirements include declaration of wealth by the officers every two years. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has been charged with enforcing the law and will have powers to institute forfeiture proceedings for unexplained assets.

This law has been long in coming, and faced considerable resistance from various parties along the way. It is no secret that public officers are among the largest traders with the government through proxies, and some brazenly through their own registered companies, in clear contravention of ethical practice. Government employees have normalised giving contracts to their relatives and associates to the extent that public services have deteriorated as the officers seek to enrich themselves. The fact that this law was necessary makes it clear how deep the rot is in public offices.

Just this week, the National Treasury and EACC had a joint forum on the state of corruption in the country and how to combat it. At the forum, Treasury CS John Mbadi repeated the claim by former President Uhuru Kenyatta that Sh2 billion is lost daily due to corruption in government. That is over Sh700 billion annually, almost 30 per cent of the country's revenue from taxes. It is galling that this money is being lost while taxpayers have been squeezed to breaking point by the same government.

The new law, if implemented to the letter, will help to stem the level of graft and possibly refocus public officers to their key responsibilities. With the threat of punishment, they could become hesitant to dip their hand in the cookie jar. EACC now has no excuse whatsoever, it must swing its sword ruthlessly and slay the graft dragon.

### Punish the 'big people'

Revelation by Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, that several containers bearing tobacco laced with dangerous drugs imported into the country have been seized, is shocking. More shocking is the fact that the tobacco is said to have been imported by "big people". The State agencies that impounded consignments should be lauded for forestalling a major health crisis.

Although Mr Duale has not revealed the nature of the dangerous drugs, there is need to reveal the names of the "big people" behind the dangerous consignment and take them to court so that they can be punished. The government must step up efforts to protect Kenyans from profit-hungry businesspeople who have no regard for human life.

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# Sixth president will be chosen before voters cast their ballots



MICHAEL NDONYE

In every election cycle, millions of Kenyans queue to cast their ballots, believing they are electing their next president. But do they?

But based on my long study of presidential politics, let me share an inconvenient truth: The winner is rarely chosen at the ballot. Instead, three powerful agencies decide long before the ordinary voter steps into the polling booth. Who are they? This theory may ruffle feathers, but it explains why I'm often confident in predicting presidential outcomes, and why some contenders never quite stand a chance. The first truth is that becoming president, the world over, is not the same as winning any other seat.

Gubernatorial, senatorial, or parliamentary contests are accessible to all, but the presidency is guarded by forces designed to produce very specific outcomes. That's why, even when a candidate seems popular, the gods of the system may retain or reject them. It's by design.

Presidential power flows from the top

down. The presidency is shaped not by public popularity alone but by deeper, invisible currents. Let's explore the three agencies that determine who will be Kenya's head of state every five years.

The first agency is what I refer to as the Boardroom Conclave. The first step is not the campaign trail. It's the boardroom. Here, coalition of partners and party leaders gather to 'anoint' a presidential candidate. For instance, the current Kenyan opposition conclave consists of Rigathi Gachagua, Kalonzo Musyoka, Martha Karua, Eugene Wamalwa, and Justin Muturi, among others.

Despite the public preference, it's these leaders who will meet behind closed doors and review names and interests. Once a preferred candidate is selected, a symbolic "white smoke" is sent to supporters, and the campaign begins.

Later on the voting day, voters will queue to confirm a decision that was made long before the ballot. Was the people's choice truly theirs? The answer is no.

What about the presidential running mate? The flag-bearer picks them. Let me give a case we all know. In 2022, it is widely known that Raila Odinga preferred Martha Karua despite push-back from President Uhuru Kenyatta. William Ruto chose Rigathi Gachagua, even though the conclave preferred Kithure Kindiki. Once endorsed, the presidential candidate is no longer under the control of the conclave. Who then does the candidate submit to?

That takes us to the second agency. I will call it the internal deep state. This agency never queues at polling stations. Made up of

financial and political interests, this group operates behind the scenes. They hold the purse-strings to elections. Presidential campaigns cost billions, and someone must foot the bill.

They do, but with conditions. They inform the boardroom conclave, "We'll support this one, not that one." Coalitions comply, knowing that without funding, they cannot compete. This agency doesn't care for ideology; it selects leaders with whom it can do business with. In this sphere, politics is give and take. Their money works for them. They do not queue to vote; neither do they register as voters.

The third agency is the international deep state. This agency is global and lethal. It doesn't vote either, but its voice carries enormous weight. They are foreign interests that often influence the internal deep state, ensuring their strategic concerns are safeguarded by whoever takes power.

This group 'observes' the election process, and their reports shape public perception. If they say an election was "free and fair," the world, and even local institutions, accept it. If they declare it flawed, the legitimacy of the outcome is crumbled. Does that sound familiar?

So, I ask Kenyans, does your preferred candidate satisfy these three agencies? The international deep state? The internal financiers? The boardroom conclave? Verily I tell you, in the end, the ballot is not where power begins but where it is ratified. And that is the political chessboard!

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## PALAVER

As fuel prices continue to rise, says Erick Chimwani [erickchimwani619@gmail.com], the ripple effects are being felt in every corner of the economy. "From increased transport costs to the soaring cost of food and essential goods, ordinary households are bearing the brunt. Many families now have to make tough choices between feeding their children, paying school fees or commuting to work. The pain is real and it's hitting the most vulnerable the hardest. The government's silence or vague justifications only add to the frustration. It is time for real intervention."



The term 'Honourable', says Githuku Mungai githukumungai@gmail.com, these days does not seem to mean much when you consider some of the things some of the Kenyan Members of Parliament utter mostly at public functions. "This is of course if we want to be honest people who call hypocrisy by its name. Honourable means 'bringing or deserving honour'. Honour means 'high respect'. Who is fooling whom?"

Mpox, a relatively unfamiliar disease, requires more than just media coverage for effective public awareness, according to Valyn Omito [omitovalyn@gmail.com]. "Community outreach programmes, school health talks, workplace seminars, and integration into public health campaigns are vital. Training community health workers to educate residents door-to-door can ensure accurate information reaches everyone, especially in rural areas."

Pipeline, one of Nairobi's most densely populated estates, reeks literally and figuratively, according to Eric Ambuche [ericambuche.50@gmail.com]. "Mountains of garbage choke its narrow paths. The stench of rot hangs in the air, as residents manoeuvre between filth and frustration. And while the trash festers, City Hall turns a blind eye. Pipeline is a mirror of what happens when urban mismanagement meets bureaucratic arrogance. Nairobi deserves better."



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## Should city hawkers' customers be arrested too?



YES

IDA MUMEITA, CITY RESIDENT



## This will end unauthorised hawking

If the County Government of Nairobi expects to achieve faster and efficient results in its effort to rid the Central Business District of the hawking menace, it must enforce compliance through holding the hawkers' customers to account. This proposal by Nairobi County Environment and Public Health Chief Officer Geoffrey Mosiria might sound too punitive but it is the ultimate cure for eradicating unauthorised hawking. It

takes two to tango; pursuing both the vendor and the customer is fair. It is a standard procedure of the law enforcement that any person who colludes with an offender has their share of blame, and should likewise be prosecuted. For example, when law enforcement officers raid drug dens, they arrest and prosecute both vendors and their customers. The same case should apply to hawking. When a city of Nairobi's stature becomes a playground for hawkers, there are high chances that insecurity and disorder will reign. Arresting customers will make them to stop buying from the hawkers.

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## That is giving askaris a new cash cow

City county enforcement officers must not arrest or harass those who buy from hawkers. Such a policy must not be allowed to take effect because it is even prone to abuse by rogue enforcement officers. Allowing askaris to arrest residents who buy stuff from hawkers within prohibited areas will allow corruption to thrive. Those who have lived in Nairobi understand the complex nature of hawking and the behaviour of some hawkers.

Lumping up the hawkers with their customers would be a dangerous approach to the whole issue. If the county government has banned hawking in certain areas of the city, it is their role to ensure no hawker operates there. City residents should not be the ones to determine which hawker has complied with the law or not. If anything, the city receives thousands of visitors on a daily basis, including foreigners. How will a foreigner or a visitor know which laws exist in the city? In my view, arresting the customers would extremely be unfair, unreasonable and unjustified. Deal with the hawkers and stop dragging city residents on such matters.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

## NACADA'S SHOCKER

## New alcohol regulations are likely driven by politics, not harm reduction

If there is one thing that has become glaringly obvious under President William Ruto's regime, it is this: Sense does not guide policy anymore - control does. And the latest nationwide crackdown on alcohol confirms it.

On July 30, 2025, the government announced a sweeping ban on alcohol sales across a stunning range of spaces, from supermarkets, restaurants, residential areas, petrol stations, to even online platforms. The sale of alcohol is now prohibited in virtually every public and private setting imaginable. The policy also goes further to muzzle expression. Influencers, celebrities, and media personalities are now banned from promoting or even endorsing alcohol online.

This is not a health policy, and it is not harm reduction. It looks like is a political move.

Dr Ruto's administration has been dogged by citizen protests, economic frustrations, and outrage over a raft of oppressive policies, including the last year's withdrawn Finance Bill. The streets have filled with people demanding dignity, accountability, and justice. So, what does the government do? They introduce moralistic bans that pretend to protect us but reek of State overreach, distraction tactics and suppression.

It's not the first time Kenya has faced an alcohol problem. But how governments respond tells us everything we need to know about their intent.

Let's rewind to 2010.

President Mwai Kibaki, faced with a growing crisis of illicit brew consumption, chose a different route. Instead of banning alcohol, he appealed to brewers to create low-cost, safe alternatives like Senator Keg, which quickly became a hit among low-income Kenyans. The State

Nyamani Matiko,  
Writer

offered tax relief to breweries to make beer affordable, safe and regulated. They did this because they understood the economic realities of everyday Kenyans. Kibaki's approach was informed by harm reduction, economic logic, and public safety, not by populist grandstanding which is common with this regime.

History is rich with lessons too.

In the United States, the Prohibition era (1920-1933) was a well-documented failure. The intention was to curb alcohol-related crime and improve health. Instead, it gave birth to organised crime empires, made alcohol more dangerous through home brewing, and wiped out a massive stream of tax revenue. The policy was so disastrous it was repealed in just 13 years. People didn't stop drinking, they just drank illegally, secretly, and more dangerously.

Kenya has had its share of tragedies with unregulated brews, countless deaths from

chang'aa and other home-brewed poisons. Any serious policy should begin by tackling the root causes, poverty, unemployment, addiction, not by punishing legal access while pushing the vulnerable further underground.

This new policy does not offer safer alternatives. It doesn't talk about rehabilitation, education, or access to mental health services. It doesn't invest in public campaigns. It simply bans, silences, and monitors.

We must ask, who benefits from this? Certainly it's not wananchi.

If anything, this feels like a litmus test by the regime, to see if the people are still angry enough to rise. Or perhaps it is a diversion, a sudden fire to move our eyes away from the larger inferno of poor governance, taxation injustice, and police brutality.

But it fits a pattern. Just days ago, the same government shamelessly declared that it could no longer sustain free education. This was a cornerstone policy of the Kibaki era that opened up access to learning for millions of children across Kenya. That announcement, like this alcohol ban, is not about lack of resources, it is about lack of will.

Piece by piece, policy by policy, this regime seems hellbent on undoing everything the Kibaki worked to build, be it economic empowerment for the poor, universal education, and practical, people-first governance.

The Ruto administration isn't just failing to lead, it is working in reverse. While Kibaki met problems with pragmatic solutions and national dignity, this regime meets them with bans, slogans, and spectacle.



## LAW &amp; ORDER

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# IEBC can facilitate recall of MPs even without an enabling law

In a recent communique, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) asserted that it cannot facilitate the recall of Members of Parliament (MPs) under Article 104 of the Constitution due to the lack of enabling legislation. Citing a 2017 High Court decision that nullified some sections of the Elections Act on grounds of discrimination, the IEBC pleads legislative paralysis as its excuse for inaction. This position, while technically accurate in a narrow statutory sense, is dangerously misleading and legally regressive in the context of the Constitution.

IEBC's claim amounts to a reversion to colonial-era legal formalism. This is the same doctrine under which rights were not rights unless validated by Parliament, a thinking that subordinated constitutional authority to legislative whim. Such a posture contradicts the entire *raison d'être* of the Constitution; that is to rupture from the past and inaugurate a transformative, rights-centric constitutional order.

The constitutional right to recall elected representatives is enshrined in Article 104. The provision is direct, unambiguous, and self-executing. It states: "The electorate under Articles 97 and 98 have the right to recall the Member of Parliament representing their constituency before the end of the term of the relevant House of Parliament." It does not say "subject to enabling legislation." It is not framed as an aspirational goal. It is framed as a sovereign power vested in the people.

The IEBC seeks claims that it is shackled until Parliament deigns to act. This elevates statute above the Constitution and places the leash of legislative grace upon a fundamental right. To be sure, Parliament has passed the procedure under the Elections Act, what was invalidated was the requirement to obtain a court judgment before recalling an MP, which was of course a politically pre-designed hurdle to impede the right to recall under Article 104.

The stand by IEBC is offensive to the transformative vision of the Constitution. Kenya's post-2010 constitutional framework is not a mechanical system of legal check boxes but a living charter of values, principles, and direct mandates. Take public participation under Article 10 as an example. No specific statute governs the exact mechanics of how public participation should happen in all settings, yet it is widely understood to be binding and judicially enforceable.

In *Doctors for Life v Speaker of the National Assembly* (South Africa, 2006), the Constitutional Court held that public participation need not await statutory guidelines to be enforceable. Similarly, Article 104 can and must be interpreted in this value-driven, purposive fashion. Then enters the scholarship of Karl Klare, the intellectual godfather of transformative constitutionalism. Klare argued that transformative constitutions "presuppose a participatory, egalitarian political culture" and are meant to 'trans-



IEBC Chairperson Erustus Edung Ethekeon. [File, Standard]

form society's unjust legacy' through creative, non-formalistic interpretation. The Constitution of Kenya fits this mold precisely. It mandates fidelity to purpose, not ritualistic legal procedures. By citing the absence of legislative guidelines as a reason to paralyse constitutional implementation, IEBC fails this transformative test.

Closer to home, consider the jurisprudence of Justice Mumbi Ngugi, who has been unrelenting in her rejection of formalism in rights interpretation. In *Centre for Rights Education and Awareness v Attorney General* [2013], she found that constitutional interpretation must favour the enforcement of rights and where ambiguity exists, the interpretation that best secures access to justice must prevail.

This ethos justice over procedure is what IEBC refuses to embrace. The High Court decision in *Katiba Institute v AG* did not nullify Article 104. It merely invalidated discriminatory procedures outlined in the Elections Act. That judgment should have emboldened the IEBC to engage creatively with constitutional duty, not use it as an alibi for inaction. If Parliament's silence creates a procedural



*If MPs are the only class immune from citizen recall because they have refused to legislate the path for their own removal, we have turned constitutional accountability on its head.*

vacuum, IEBC has the authority indeed, the constitutional obligation to design interim administrative measures to give effect to Article 104.

This is not alien to our system. In *Judges and Magistrates Vetting Board v Kenya Human Rights Commission* (2014), the Court of Appeal affirmed that constitutional mandates do not go into abeyance for want of legislation. Moreover, the idea that legislative silence can suspend citizen sovereignty is not just absurd, it is dangerous. It entrenches impunity. If MPs are the only class immune from citizen recall because they have refused to legislate the path for their own removal, we have turned constitutional accountability on its head.

What IEBC must understand is this, in a post-2010 legal order, fidelity to values trumps procedural convenience. The people are the original sovereigns, and constitutional rights must be interpreted to promote not defer their enjoyment. The commission should not wait for Parliament to draft an Act in its own image. Instead, it should actively facilitate recall through open frameworks, public participation, and judicial guidance. That is what a courageous, transformative commission would do. Let us call this reluctance by its true name, institutional cowardice. And it must not stand.

To claim paralysis in the face of a clear constitutional imperative is to betray not only the Constitution but also the democratic project it seeks to build. The right to recall is a direct expression of people power. It does not require a permission slip from the very political class it seeks to discipline. The path forward is simple: IEBC must abandon colonial deference to legislative inertia and embrace its role as a proactive guardian of constitutional democracy. That is not just its power, it is its duty to the people of Kenya.

## Economy

## Insurance is a key tool for securing our financial future



JUDITH ODHIAMBO

Kenya's economic story is one of resilience and ambition, shaped by both promise and pressure. Across the country, households are navigating an increasingly complex financial landscape. Inflation is steadily eroding purchasing power and evolving tax policies have left many with less to save or invest. Traditional safety nets are under strain, revealing a growing vulnerability across income levels.

This reality reflects what experts call a "protection gap", the space between the risks people face and the safeguards available to them. That gap widens with every medical emergency, loss of employment or business disruption that leaves families scrambling for support. While informal support systems like chamas and extended families still play a role, they are no longer enough to withstand the scale and frequency of today's risks.

Insurance offers a scalable solution. It provides the structure needed for financial resilience. It allows individuals and businesses to plan without fear, recover without delay, and invest in the future with confidence. Rather than grappling with the fallout of crises, insured households and businesses can move forward with stability and dignity.

In well-insured economies, protection is the quiet enabler of progress. Insurance is a platform for continuity, ensuring that health shocks do not derail education plans. It helps entrepreneurs bounce back after a fire or theft, and supports breadwinners in safeguarding their dependents, even in their absence.

The conversation around financial security in Kenya must shift from reactive crisis management to proactive wealth protection. As economic pressures mount, insurance is no longer a luxury or an optional expense; it is a fundamental infrastructure for sustainable prosperity.

Kenya's youthful, increasingly digital population presents a tremendous opportunity to embed insurance into everyday financial life. Many young people already use mobile money and short-term lending platforms. Bundling health, asset, and life coverage into these services can normalise protection from a young age, cultivating lasting financial habits that improve outcomes across lifetimes.

Early adoption brings tangible benefits. Young adults who start early enjoying lower premiums and broader coverage options. Just as important, they become stewards of financial literacy, encouraging their families and communities to think long-term and plan proactively.

There is also immense untapped potential in Kenya's informal sector, which contributes over 80 per cent of employment. Historically underserved by insurers, this sector is now seeing change. Micro-insurance products, pay-as-you-go models are making insurance more relevant, and affordable. For a mama mboga or a boda boda rider, insurance tailored to daily income patterns can mean the difference between temporary setback and permanent loss.

Still, the data paints a sobering picture. Over 85 per cent of Kenyans rely on out-of-pocket payments for medical care, often draining savings and/or resorting to fundraising. Less than 10 per cent have life insurance, exposing millions to financial instability after loss of income. Many households fall into poverty following a serious illness, injury or death in the family.

For Kenya to make meaningful progress, we must embed insurance into the national economic agenda. That means simplifying products and positioning insurance as essential and not a luxury. It must become part of daily life, not an afterthought.

*Ms Odhiambo is Group Head of Distribution, Liberty Kenya*



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### HOT ON X

## Missing activist finally found

**@Standard Digital:** Activist Mwabili Mwangodi found dumped in Kinondo area, Diani, taken to a hospital in Mombasa for a check-up, family confirms; his valuables stolen.

**@omar\_:** This is heart-breaking, seeing another person suffer like this is again.



**@ejnyamogo:** Abductions, torture, extrajudicial executions, rape and corruption are the new definition of East Africa. However, the demand for justice remains alive.

**@Shemology:** The only viable explanation for this abduction is that it was ordered- and likely done in collaboration with Kenyan authorities.

**@griffinlew62172:** I've never seen a government as this current one, trust me!

**@KamauD33:** One day, we will all get justice in this country. We will.

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### FROM THE WEB

## 30,000 enlisted for Kazi Mtaani

**Standard Digital:** Some 30,000 youths have been onboarded into Kazi Mtaani initiative in an induction ceremony that saw thousands throng Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi.

**Antony Mwandoe:** Honestly, Uhuru had more.

**Dennis Otondi:** We want it here in mashinani Kisii Bomachogechache Kineni.

**Robin Ondieki:** This is a good move to engage youth.

**Myke Man Ndush:** I thought Kenya Kwanza scrambled this project?

**Ishmael Juma Adera:** A fish and bird may fall in love but the two cannot build a home together.

**Bonnie Motivator:** Nice, but for how long are they going to work?

**Emmanuel Hinzano:** Still, the Sugoi journey is unstoppable.

**Debrune Francisco:** He told us he had better plans than kazi mtaani.

**Jackson Mutuku:** Whatever he does, the song is one term.

### NATIONAL TRAGEDY

## Police execution of youths, killing of patients in hospitals and other signs of a sick country

Patients are murdered in hospitals, children are shot in the comfort of their homes, young men are dragged out of their dwellings and executed, inmates die in police custody, students are murdered at school, and yet we carry on as if nothing is wrong. Where is the outrage?

What we are witnessing is not simply a breakdown of public institutions, it is a betrayal of the very foundations of justice, compassion, and accountability. Hospitals, once sanctuaries for healing, are becoming crime scenes. Homes, once places of safety, are turning into death traps.

Police cells, meant to uphold the law, have become execution chambers where truth goes to die. Schools have become graveyards for dreams and more innocent lives, we must ask ourselves, who is safe?

When a child cannot be safe in their own bed, who will protect the nation's future? When a patient dies not from illness but from violence, what has become of our healthcare system? When the custodians of law become agents of injustice, who then will deliver justice? When students die before their dreams, in the hands of their so-called mentors, who will teach our children?

These are not isolated incidents. They are symptoms of a system infected with indifference and impunity, a system where the poor, the voiceless, the powerless are disposable. The mothers who bury their sons and daughters. The fathers who never receive answers. The families left to mourn in silence.

It is not enough to hashtag tragedy after tragedy. We must ask harder questions. Who is responsible? Who is benefiting from the silence? Who is emboldened every time we move on too quickly? We demand a nation where accountability is not a privilege of the elite, but a right for every citizen, rich or poor, with or without connections. We demand hospitals that protect, not kill. We de-



mand law enforcement that defends, not destroys. We demand leadership that listens, not one that gaslights or hides behind spin.

Until then, we will raise our voices. We will mourn loudly. And we will not let the blood of the innocent dry without justice. Because if we don't speak, who will?

This betrayal by the police, teachers, doctors and any figure in authority shakes the very foundation of justice, safety and dignity. These deaths are not just personal losses but societal failures. They demand truth, accountability and reform, not silence and cover ups.

**Dina Lilly Kondoa, Communication Specialist**

## Raising legal drinking age good for Kenya

National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse's (Nacada) recommendation to raise the legal drinking age from 18 to 21 is a progressive and necessary measure to protect Kenyan youths from the dangers of alcohol abuse. This policy aligns with global best practice and reflects a commitment to long-term public health by reducing addiction, and safeguarding future generations.

Scientific research shows that the human brain continues developing until the mid-20's, and early alcohol consumption can cause irreversible damage to memory, decision-making, and emotional control. By delaying legal access, we give young adults more time to mature, lowering risks of dependency and poor life choices linked to underage drinking. Furthermore young individuals are often more vulnerable to the negative effects of alcohol, including increased risk of accidents, injuries and long-term health problems. Raising the drinking age can help protect this vulnerable group.

Many countries globally, like the United States of America have a legal drinking age of 21, thus raising the age in Kenya as proposed by Nacada, aligns the country with the global standards. **Ashley Margret Nyawade, Rongo University**

### EAC

## Tanzania should rethink decision to ban traders

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu's decision to bar foreigners from engaging in small-scale businesses has sparked outrage in Kenya and raised serious concerns about Tanzania's commitment to the East African Community (EAC). The directive targets sectors such as salon and beauty services, retail trade, street vending, and tour guiding—activities that many East Africans depend on for daily survival.

This move appears to contradict the EAC's Common Market Protocol, which guarantees the free movement of

people, goods, labour, and services across member states. It risks undermining long-standing diplomatic and trade relations between Kenya and Tanzania.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, bilateral trade between the two countries is valued at over Sh107 billion annually. Tanzania should urgently reconsider this directive and engage in dialogue with EAC partners to safeguard both regional integration and the livelihoods of low-income traders. **Sharon Jebet, Nairobi**

### HEALTH

## Eradicate cultural, societal barriers to breastfeeding

The first week of August is globally recognised as World Breastfeeding Week, a time when health practitioners, caregivers, and all those in health and clinical-related fields come together to raise awareness, support lactating mothers, and most importantly, promote breastfeeding as a foundation for lifelong health and well-being.

This year's celebration under the theme "Prioritise Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems" calls for renewed efforts to highlight barriers associated with breastfeeding. According to the reports released by the State Department

for Public Health and Professional Standards, bottle-feeding has increased by 12 per cent. This means that three out of 10 mothers in Kenya have opted for bottle-feeding over breastfeeding. This is a worrying trend, and action must be taken.

As Kenya joins the global community in marking this year's World Breastfeeding Week, improving breastfeeding rates is a crucial public health issue. This means that a cross-government approach is required to get rid of all barriers to healthy breastfeeding, rooted in cultural and societal norms.

**Wafula Meshack, Corporate Communicator**



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## EABL profit jumps 12pc to Sh12b as board approves Sh8 dividend

► Brewer attributes growth to higher sales, lower costs and foreign exchange gains.

► This marks a 12.2 per cent growth compared to Sh10.87 billion last year.

ESTHER DIANAH, NAIROBI

**E**ast Africa Breweries Ltd has recorded a net profit of Sh12.19 billion for the year ending June 2025. This marks a 12.2 per cent growth compared to Sh10.87 billion recorded in the same period last year.

The brewer, whose volume rose two per cent, attributed the growth to increased sales, lower finance costs and foreign exchange gains.

In the period ending June, EABL pumped up its full-year dividend by 14.3 per cent year on year to Sh8 per share, marking a third consecutive year the firm has increased dividends.

The dividend per share is Sh5 as proposed by the board. According to the alcohol manufacturer and distributor, illicit alcohol in the market has negatively impacted the operating environment.

"The business continued to navigate external pressures, including proliferation of illicit alcohol, sustained input, cost inflation and declining consumer spending driven by reduced disposable income," said EABL chief executive Jane Karuku.

She called for stronger regulatory enforcement and collaborative action to safeguard consumers and legitimate players in the sector.

Ms Karuku said that all three markets - Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, where the firm operates in recorded growth, fortifying business position across the region.

"In Kenya, interest rates declined while the Shilling appreciated against major currencies, reversing the depreciation experienced in the prior year," she said.

Chief Financial Officer at EABL Risper Ohaga said despite the positive results for the year, the business experienced pressure between January to June this year on



EABL Group CEO Jane Karuku (right) with Chief Financial Officer Risper Ohaga during the release of the 2025 full-year financial results in Nairobi. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

consumer spend. The brewer has experienced a contraction of mainstream spirits as consumers drop off into illicit. "When people can't afford it, they go off legitimate quality products and start to buy products that are unregulated, untaxed and harmful for their health," Ms Ohaga said.

The stabilisation of the Kenya shilling from last year, peaked at Sh162 to about Sh129 and Sh130 this year. "The tough part is the pressure

on consumers. We've seen spending reduce, and we've seen consumers go off into illicit."

Ms Ohaga. The brewer however noted that the macroeconomic environment across the region remained stable, with steady economic growth recorded.

In the period under review, net revenue grew four per cent to Sh128.8 billion while volume grew two per cent as both beer and spirits registered growth across markets.

According to the brewer, foreign exchange gains and lower finance costs realised through the reduction of both debt and interest rates, offset the impact of one-off costs during the year.

Total debt (including overdraft) reduced by Sh8.3 billion, contributing to lower finance cost. While mainstream spirits recorded a decline, premium brands recorded growth.

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### SH128.8

BILLION

NET revenue growth during the period under review.

### TRADE

## Israel Chamber of Commerce to boost trade ties with EA

Israel has unveiled the East Africa-Israel Chamber of Commerce to foster trade, investment and innovation.

The strategic collaboration aims to strengthen economic ties in the region. The chamber will provide a platform for enterprises, institutions, investors and government agencies from both regions to engage in commercial, technological, and policy-driven partnerships.

It will operate through a digital-physical model, offering services from business matchmaking, trade facilitation, knowledge transfer, to market access support with a focus on agriculture, energy, water, digital health, cybersecurity, and fintech.

"There are many opportunities in this region. This is an important one. We look forward to bridging technology with finance," said Israeli Ambassador to Kenya Michael Lotem.

The Eastern African countries set to be part of the deal include Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Malawi, Seychelles, Rwanda, the DRC, and South Sudan.

According to Nairobi Securities Exchange Chief Executive Frank Mwititi, the opportunities that exist extend beyond Kenya to the greater East Africa region. "We needed to fashion a chamber that speaks to the whole region," he said.

The benefits for the region include access to Israeli solutions, export support, market entry facilitation, capacity building, and business exposure.

For Israel, the benefits span from a soft landing in East Africa, business development assistance, matchmaking, visibility, and government policy engagement. [Kelley Otieno]

### ENERGY

## KenGen starts geothermal exploration in Tanzania's Mbeya region



German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck (centre) joins State officials and investors in a tour of Olkaria last year. [Antony Gitonga]

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has begun geothermal exploration in Tanzania. Over thirty workers, including senior engineers are Mbeya region to initiate this project.

Tanzania now joins Zambia, Ethiopia, Eswatini, and Djibouti as countries benefiting from KenGen's expertise. This initiative aligns with the commitments established in the Paris Climate Agreement (2015), aimed at helping countries reduce their carbon emissions, limit global temperature rise, and address climate-related disasters.

In a company bulletin, it was reported that the workers are on-site to set up a drilling rig.

"This marks an exciting new chapter as our geo-

thermal drilling team embarks on a high-stakes international mission, the first under our landmark contract with Tanzania Geothermal Development Company," the bulletin stated.

KenGen chief executive Peter Njenga said the company has been granted exploration rights in both Zambia and Tanzania, while drilling operations continue in Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Eswatini.

He said KenGen will leverage its technological expertise and decades of experience to assist these five countries in transitioning to clean energy sources. "We successfully supported Ethiopia and Djibouti, and our next stops will be Eswatini and Tanzania, both of which have high geothermal

energy potential," he stated.

KenGen also announced progress in the revamp of the Olkaria geothermal power plant in Naivasha, which is now in its final phase.

The company reported the successful delivery and installation of the third and final steam turbine generator unit at the Olkaria I power plant.

Once fully operational, the plant will contribute an additional 63 megawatts to the national grid.

Design and Construction Manager Isaac Maina said the delivery of all three turbine generator units was completed within the original project timeline, despite logistical challenges posed by the Covid-10 pandemic. [Antony Gitonga]

<b>Crude oil</b> 69.60 -0.40(-0.57%)	<b>Gold</b> 3,356.40 +3.60(+0.11%)	<b>BitcoinUSD</b> 118,484.85 +96.49(+0.08%)	<b>Euro/USD</b> 1.1428 +0.0021(+0.1876%)	<b>FTSE 100</b> 9,180.49 +43.55(+0.48%)	<b>Nikkei 225</b> 41,069.82 +415.12(+1.02%)	<b>S&amp;P Futures</b> 8,742.80 -13.60(-0.16%)	<b>NASDAQ Futures</b> 23,794.75+ +314.25(+1.34%)
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**Tops & Flops**

SAMEER	7.76	8.52	9.79%
EA PORTLAND	44.60	47.50	6.50%
FLAME TREE	1.20	1.26	5.00%
OLYMPIA	4.03	4.23	4.96%
LONGHORN	2.46	2.58	4.88%
EA BREWERIES	226.00	210.75	-6.75%
SAFARICOM	27.40	26.30	-4.01%
NATION MEDIA	13.70	13.40	-2.19%
KAPCHORUA TEA	345.00	339.50	-1.59%
KQ	5.10	5.02	-1.57%



**Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market**

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
<b>AGRICULTURAL</b>					
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	12.05	11.70	3,700
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00		439.00	-
350.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	339.50	345.00	5,700
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME		310.00	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	15.15	15.20	5,400
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	245.50	245.00	7,800
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.90	24.05	100
<b>BANKING</b>					
20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	19.50	19.50	693,500
38.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	35.50	35.90	1,300
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	79.50	77.50	29,400
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	50.50	50.25	427,200
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.78	7.80	148,600
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	36.65	36.95	176,100
48.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	47.40	47.35	664,600
67.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	66.25	66.00	128,900
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	177.25	177.00	9,900
320.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	316.25	315.00	8,400
18.35	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	17.00	17.00	396,200
<b>COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES</b>					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00SME	0.94	0.90	57,400
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	4.20	4.20	200
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	5.02	5.10	566,200
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	2.58	2.46	3,800
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.83	1.83	16,200
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.40	13.70	3,000
8.52	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	8.52	7.76	309,200
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.52	6.60	1,100
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	14.50	14.50	13,300
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarkets Plc Ord. 5.00, COM	0.29	0.29	485,900
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.57	2.55	6,500
<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; ALLIED</b>					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00		54.00	-
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		39.60	-
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	-
55.75	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	47.50	44.60	2,300
<b>ENERGY &amp; PETROLEUM</b>					
7.52	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	7.36	7.40	1,989,800
12.40	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	11.30	11.35	502,000
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.10	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	25.50	25.45	10,100
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	9.60	9.58	504,400
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
8.98	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.54	8.54	510,100
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	3.40	3.39	186,300
254.75	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	244.00	239.00	3,200
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.21	2.22	577,700
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.90	10.90	2,600
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.10	7.98	2,600
<b>INVESTMENT</b>					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	11.65	11.50	8,300
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.63	0.61	85,000
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME		1,500.00	-
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	4.23	4.03	10,700
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	-
<b>INVESTMENT SERVICES</b>					
10.00	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	9.52	9.66	21,000
<b>MANUFACTURING &amp; ALLIED</b>					
95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	90.00	89.50	200
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	400.25	402.00	19,700
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	21.70	21.60	4,400
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	210.75	226.00	254,600
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.26	1.20	35,500
77.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorn Plc Ord 5.00SME		67.50	-
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	20.10	20.00	1,000
6.80	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	5.92	6.26	60,600
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION</b>					
27.50	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	26.30	27.40	6,087,800
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00		20.00	-
<b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>					
3330.00	1880.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	39951	4080.00	-
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF		761.00	-

**EARNINGS**

**Acorn posts Sh457m half-year profit on rent increases**

Acorn Investment Management Ltd (AIML) has reported a profit growth of 32 per cent to Sh457 million for the half year ended June 30, 2025.

AIML is the Reit (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Manager of the Acorn Student Accommodation Development Reit (ASA D-Reit) and the Acorn Student Accommodation Income Reit (ASA I-Reit) - the entity behind the Qwetu and Qejani student accommodation.

ASA D-Reit is the developer of the projects, while ASA I-Reit buys the completed projects and manages them.

According to financials presented by AIML, the ASA I-Reit net income rose to Sh251 million during the period compared to Sh164 million in the same period last year.

This growth is driven by a gain in value of investment properties as a result of rent increases and operational efficiencies.

It adds that the ASA I-Reit has prioritised a reduction in both the quantum and cost of local bank debt for 2025.

"In July 2025, the Reit successfully reduced its total debt from Sh2.5 billion to Sh1.9 billion and lowered its weighted interest rate from 17 per cent recorded at the end of 2024 to 11.1 per cent in July 2025. The resultant savings are expected to reflect in the full year results," the statement says.

The statement noted that despite macroeconomic headwinds, the ASA I-Reit remains committed to delivering consistent returns to investors.

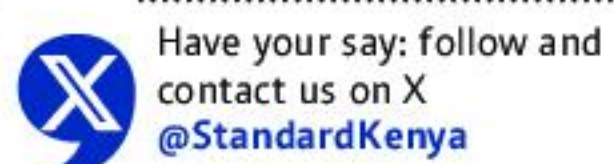
"Demonstrating this commitment, the Reit has declared its 9th consecutive half-year distribution since inception in 2021 of Sh0.29 per unit," the statement says.

Executive Director for AIML Mathew Maina said since its inception in 2021, the ASA Reits have continued to demonstrate sustained growth and return despite the significant volatility in the market environment over this period.

"In 2024, the ASA D-Reit achieved a total return of 13 per cent and the ASA I-Reit seven per cent. Based on the 2025 half-year results, the Reits remain on course to deliver improved returns in 2025, driven by debt optimisation, keeping projects on plan and increasing occupancy across the portfolio," he said. In the period, ASA D-Reit recorded a net income of Sh205 million compared to Sh181 million in the same period in 2024.

"(This was) driven by gains in value of investments such as Qejani at Hurlingham, Qwetu and Qejani at Kenyatta University and Qejani at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, which were completed on time and budget and are now operational," the statement says.

[Graham Kajilwa]



**Exchange rates**

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE		
JAPANESE YEN (100)	86.8136		
US DOLLAR	129.2394	SWEDISH KRONER	13.2365
STERLING POUND	171.5071	NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.5691
EURO	147.8693	DANISH KRONER	19.8127
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.1919	INDIAN RUPEE	14.757
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.7392	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.4639
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	19.8469	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	99.8527
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.1758	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4528
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	23.0657	CHINESE YUAN	17.9705
AE DIRHAM	35.1859	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	83.5920
CANADIAN DOLLAR	93.5365		
SWISS FRANC	159.1030		

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS

**Unit Trusts**

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE		
Kuza Fixed Income Fund Ksh	11.94%	12.68%		
Kuza Shariah Momentum Special Fund Profit	8.79%			
GenAfrica Money Market Fund Ksh	10.86%	11.40%		
Etica Money Market Fund Ksh	11.37%	12.04%		
Etica Fixed Income Fund Ksh	12.49%	13.30%		
Etica Special Wealth Fund - Class A Ksh	12.71%	13.55%		
Etica Special Wealth Fund - Class C Ksh	13.05%	13.94%		
Etica Shariah Fund Ksh	7.32%	7.60%		
Etica Shariah Fund USD	3.38%	3.44%		
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.97%	9.39%		
CIC Money Market Fund	8.42%	8.75%		
CIC Fixed Income Fund	10.47%	10.99%		
CIC Wealth Fund	7.00%	7.00%		
CIC Dollar Fund	4.55%	4.65%		
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
ICEA LION (KES) FIXED INCOME FUND	117.51	117.51		
ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	141.73	141.73		
ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	137.18	137.18		
ICEA LION USD FIXED INCOME FUND	104.41	104.41		
African Alliance Managed Fund Ksh	22.5061	21.1964		
African Alliance Equity Fund ksh	191.5218	179.8593		
African Alliance Fixed Income Ksh	11.7243	11.3461		
Kuza Momentum Special Fund Ksh	134.01	134.01		
Apollo Balanced Fund	157.43	151.03		
CIC Equity Fund	7.11	6.93		
CIC Balanced Fund	6.83	6.68		
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund	7.56	7.56		
Sanlam Balanced Fund	25.20	25.20		



**NUMBER OF THE DAY**

**SH362M**

**EQUITIES:** The bourse closed with 15 million shares valued at Sh361.7 million compared to 23.9 million shares valued at Sh680 million posted yesterday.

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX Down 3.45 points | NSE 20-SHARE INDEX Down 12.17 points to close at 2558.63

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## Canada to recognise Palestinian state at UN General Assembly

► In September, the world won't just watch the UN, it will watch Canada.

► Carney's move is already costing him at home and in Washington.

AFP, OTTAWA

Canada plans to recognise a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly in September, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Wednesday, a major policy shift that drew an angry response from US President Donald Trump and was rejected by Israel.

Carney said the move was necessary to preserve hopes of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a long-standing Canadian goal that was "being eroded before our eyes."

"Canada intends to recognize the State of Palestine at the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2025," the prime minister said.

This makes Canada -- a G7 nation -- the third country, following recent announcements by France and the United Kingdom, to signal plans to recognize a Palestinian state in September.

Carney said the worsening suffering of civilians in Gaza left "no room for delay in coordinated international action to support peace."

Israel blasted Canada's announcement as part of a "distorted



Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand listens to Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney speak during a press conference at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on July 30, 2025. [AFP]

campaign of international pressure," while Trump warned that trade negotiations with Ottawa may

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Wow! Canada has just announced that it is backing statehood for Palestine. That will make it very hard for us to make a Trade Deal with them,”

Donald Trump, US President

not proceed smoothly.

"Wow! Canada has just announced that it is backing statehood for Palestine," the US president wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"That will make it very hard for us to make a Trade Deal with them."

Asked by reporters if there was a scenario where Canada could change its position before the UN meeting, Carney said: "there's a scenario (but) possibly one that I can't imagine."

Canada's intention "is predicated on the Palestinian Authority's commitment to much-needed reforms," Carney said, referring to the body led by President Mahmoud Abbas, which has civil authority in parts of

the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Carney said his plans were further predicated on Abbas's pledge to "hold general elections in 2026 in which Hamas can play no part, and to demilitarize the Palestinian state."

With Wednesday's announcement, Carney positioned Canada alongside France, after President Emmanuel Macron said his country would formally recognize a Palestinian state during the UN meeting, the most powerful European nation to announce such a move.

The Israeli embassy in Ottawa said "recognizing a Palestinian state in the absence of accountable government, functioning institutions, or benevolent leadership, rewards and legitimizes the monstrous barbarity of Hamas on October 7, 2023."

The PA's Abbas welcomed the announcement as a "historic" decision, while France said the countries would work together "to revive the prospect of peace in the region."

Canada's plan goes a step further than this week's announcement by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. Starmer said the UK will formally recognize the State of Palestine in September unless Israel takes various "substantive steps," including agreeing to a ceasefire in Gaza.

Carney stressed that Canada has been an unwavering member of the group of nations that hoped a two-state solution "would be achieved as part of a peace process built around a negotiated settlement between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority."

### Briefing

#### US. EX-AIRMAN WHO KILLED FAMILY TO BE EXECUTED

■ A former US Air Force sergeant who killed his wife and two young children is to be executed by lethal injection in the southern state of Florida on Thursday. Edward Zakrzewski, 60, pleaded guilty to the June 1994 murders of his wife, Sylvia, son Edward, 7, and daughter, Anna, 5. His wife was beaten with a crowbar, strangled with a rope and struck with a machete. The two children were hacked to death with the machete, which Zakrzewski had purchased during his lunch break after being informed that his wife planned to divorce him. Zakrzewski fled to Hawaii and changed his name following the murders but turned himself in four months later after being identified by friends on a television show called "Unsolved Mysteries." Zakrzewski is to be executed at 6pm (2200 GMT) at the Florida State Prison in Raiford. [AFP]

#### FIJI. DIABETES-RELATED SURGERIES ON THE RISE

■ The Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva has reported over 560 diabetes-related foot surgeries in the first half of this year, with nearly 30 percent being major amputations. Dr Sela Koyamaibole confirmed these alarming figures, highlighting the urgent need for greater public awareness and early intervention to save both limbs and lives, local media reported on Thursday. Koyamaibole said the hospital is managing the high number of cases through a multidisciplinary team approach, involving vascular surgeons, diabetes specialists, nurses, and wound care professionals. [Xinhua]

#### LONDON. MAN HELD AFTER SUSPECTED POISONING

■ UK police said they had arrested a 76-year-old man on suspicion of administering poison after eight children at a summer camp were taken to hospital. Emergency services were called to the camp in the village of Stathern over a "report of children feeling unwell", Leicestershire police said in a statement. A triage centre was set up to assess all the youngsters and "eight children were taken to hospital as a precaution and have all since been discharged", the police added. The man in custody is being questioned on suspicion of "administering poison/a noxious thing with intent to injure/aggravate/annoy". Leicestershire Police added that they had also referred themselves to a police complaints watchdog over their handling of the incident. [AFP]

### SWEDEN

## Jihadist jailed for life over pilot burned alive

A Stockholm court on Thursday handed down a life term to Swedish jihadist Osama Krayem over the murder of a Jordanian pilot burned alive by the Islamic State (IS) group in Syria, which sparked international outrage in 2015.

The Swedish court was the first to try a person over the infamous killing.

Judge Anna Liljenberg Gullesjo said in a statement that "the investigation has shown that the defendant was at the execution site, uniformed and armed, and allowed himself to be filmed."

While noting that video evidence showed that another man actually lit the fire "thus directly

caused the death of the Jordanian pilot," the judge said "defendant's actions contributed so significantly to the death of the victim that he should be considered a perpetrator."

Krayem, who is already serving long prison sentences for his role in the Paris and Brussels attacks in 2015 and 2016, was given a life sentence for "serious war crimes and terrorist crimes"

On December 24, 2014, an aircraft belonging to the Royal Jordanian Air Force crashed in Syria.

The pilot, Maaz al-Kassasbeh, was captured the same day by IS fighters near the central city of Raqqa and was burned alive in a cage sometime

before February 3, 2015, when a slickly-produced video of the gruesome killing was published, according to the prosecution.

Liljenberg Gullesjo added that Krayem's actions consisted of "guarding the victim both before and during the execution and taking him to the cage where he was set alight while still alive." The court also awarded compensation to the parents and siblings of the Jordanian pilot, amounting to 80,000 Swedish kronor (Sh1.1m) each.

Prosecutors have been unable to determine the exact date of the murder, but the investigation has identified the location. [AFP]

# TV GUIDE



## KTN TV

- 5:30 AM COMMAND YOUR MORNING
- 6:00 AM THE SITUATION ROOM
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- 11:00 AM YANAYOJIRI
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- 9:00 PM FRIDAY BRIEFING
- 10:00 PM FOOTBALL SLIP
- 11:00 PM RASHA RASHA
- 1:00 AM ALJAZEERA



7:00PM KTN LEO | 9:00PM KTN PRIME



## CITIZEN TV

- 5:00 AM PAMBAZUKA
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- 4:15 PM KALI NIKALI
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- 7:00 PM NIPASHE WIKENDI
- 7:30 PM NNEEMA
- 8:00 PM THE STORY OF JUANA  
(LA HISTORIA DE JUANA)
- 9:00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT
- 10:00 PM 10 OVER 10
- 11:00 PM 10 OVER 10
- 12:00 AM AFROSINEMA
- 1:00 AM FRIDAY NIGHT RPT
- 4:00 AM PAMBAZUKA



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WITH SHIKSHA ARORA
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- 6:00 AM FIXING THE NATION
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- 3:30 PM GALAXY KIDS
- 4:00 PM BEATZ AND BUZZ
- 6:30 PM NTV MASHINANI
- 7:00 PM NTV JIONI
- 7:40 PM THE SACCO WAY
- 8:00 PM #TTTT
- 9:00 PM NTV WEEKEND EDITION
- 10:00 PM THE TREND
- 12:00 AM ALJAZEERA



## BERUR FM

- 4:00 AM BERUR TAB KARON
- 6:00 AM TAAITAB BERUR
- 10:00 AM TINY TINY BOISIET
- 2:00 PM KOITAMA
- 7:00 PM KABUREITO



## SPICE FM

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- 11:00 AM SUGAR & SPICE
- 3:00 PM SPICE DRIVE
- 7:00 PM AFTER HOURS



## RADIO MAISHA

- 4:00 AM SAFARI
- 6:00 AM MAISHA ASUBUHI
- 10:00 AM STAARABIKA
- 12:00 PM KONNECT
- 3:00 PM MAISHA JIONI
- 7:00 PM RHUMBAREPUBLIK
- 11:00 PM MAISHA COCKTAIL



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- 6:00 AM NEW DAWN
- 8:00 AM K24 THIS MORNING
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REPEAT
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- 10:30 PM BEAT BOX
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**Virgo - Aug 23 - Sep 22**  
Even your dreams may be telling you something important. There could be a conversation about a personal matter or simply some extra thinking about the past that stands out now. A surprise meeting or venue, smell, or situation can bring back powerful memories.



**Libra - Sep 23 - Oct 22**  
Although looking the other way can soothe you temporarily, you can't honestly fool yourself over time. Aim to work on putting illusions about people behind you as much as possible, since it's better to love a person for who they are and not what you dream them to be.



**Scorpio - Oct 23 - Nov 21**  
Duties and responsibilities keep you rooted for now, but there are always workarounds if you look for them. The more emotionally invested you are in a situation, the harder it is to be objective about it. Be sure to take care of yourself while you take care of everyone else and avoid over-committing out of guilt.



**Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21**  
You may not see a person or relationship clearly. As well, it can be difficult to get a firm commitment or definite answers to your questions from others. Try not to make permanent decisions right now since waiting things out makes better sense for the time being.



**Capricorn - Dec 22 - Jan 19**  
There can be a yearning for something more from your connections. However, channeling your energies into a creative pursuit and the determination to be in charge of your own happiness can take you places now. This way, you avoid putting pressure on a relationship to be something it's not.



**Aquarius - Jan 20 - Feb 18**  
Don't undersell yourself, but avoid pinning all of your hopes on something when what's in front of you is something you can appreciate just fine. Take time coming to conclusions. In fact, time can be one of the best tools for testing a theory or perception, as with time, reason tends to set in.



**Pisces - Feb 19 - Mar 20**  
Keep in mind that blocks are temporary but contain valuable lessons. It's a good time to pause to reflect rather than advance. It's brief and may help you redirect your energies more efficiently. Aim to invest your emotions in something you already have rather than pin your hopes on something attainable.



**Aries - Mar 21 - Apr 19**  
Your desire for security, comfort, and peace in your love life and your domestic life is active these days with Venus in your home and family sector. Still, today, you may feel a little unfulfilled or yearning for more than the usual or ordinary. You're also particularly sensitive to imbalances in your personal life.



**Taurus - Apr 20 - May 20**  
It's helpful to note that people may not be very forthcoming or generous today while working through their own issues. Transportation or communications may be unreliable for now. You might become infatuated with ideas, objects, or people, but you are unlikely to see these things clearly.



**Gemini - May 21 - Jun 21**  
Aim to tame any fears you may have and try to slow down. Caution is just fine right now, however, especially with a Venus-Neptune square later today that can take you in the opposite direction--wishful thinking could cloud your judgment. It's wise to double-check fine print.



**Cancer - Jun 22 - Jul 22**  
It may be that it's time to recognize the limitations of specific projects or efforts and understand what needs to go so that you can move forward lighter and happier. Take steps to avoid paying too much for something or making promises that are difficult to fulfill.

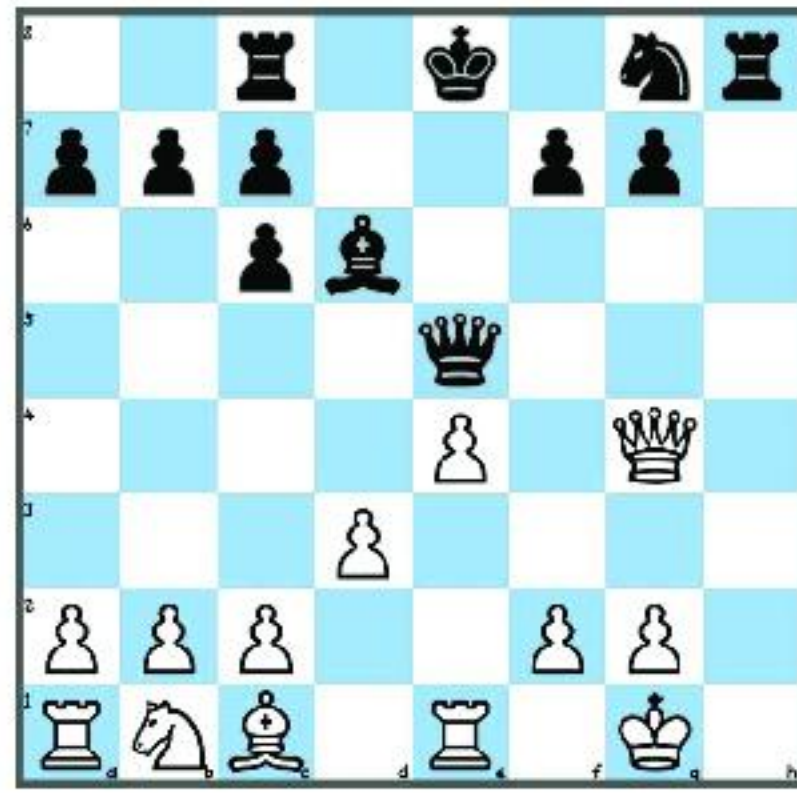


**Leo - Jul 23 - Aug 22**  
While you may feel misunderstood, it's essential to remember that letting go of unhealthy illusions can ultimately put you in a more empowering position. Look for the lesson if things are slowing down, reaching a speed bump, or not going as planned. Eventually, you'll worry less about problems and easily sniff out opportunities.  
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**CHESS**

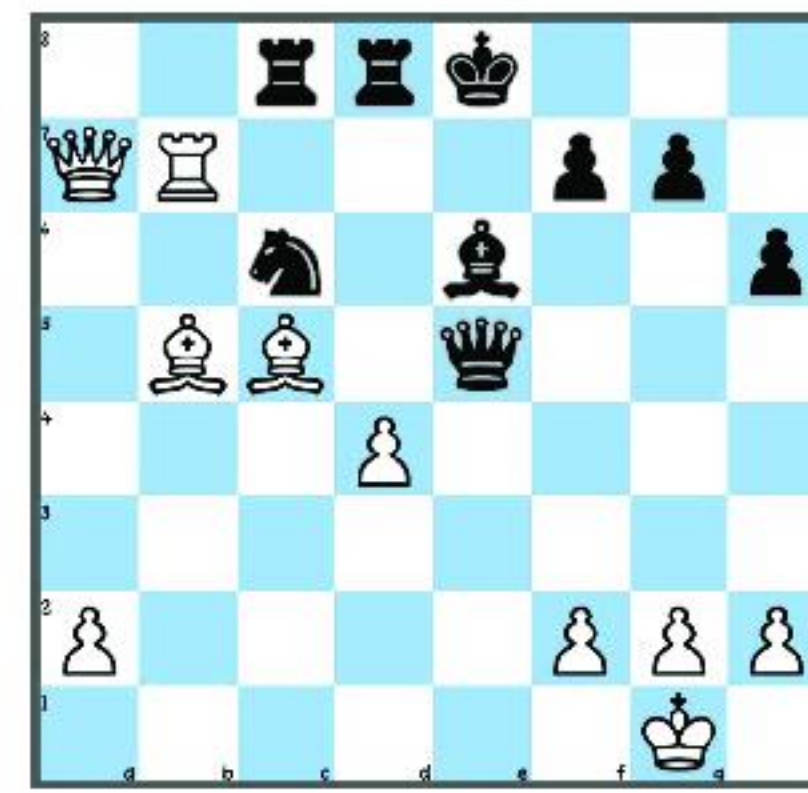
**Easy puzzle**

Black mates in 2 moves.



**Intermediate puzzle**

White mates in 3 moves.



**Thursday's solution**

Easy:  
1. Qg7+ Kxg7  
2. Rxg6#

Intermediate:  
1. Nf8+ Kh8  
2. Qh7+ Rxh7  
3. Rxh7#

**SOLVIT**

C	B	H	J	11
E	G	D	F	27
A	B	G	A	27
H	J	E	F	17
21	19	26	16	

**Difficulty**

The letters have a distinct value between 1 and 9. Two of these values and the totals horizontally and vertically have been given. Solve all the values.

**Today's Clues**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
		2	6					

**Thursday's solution**

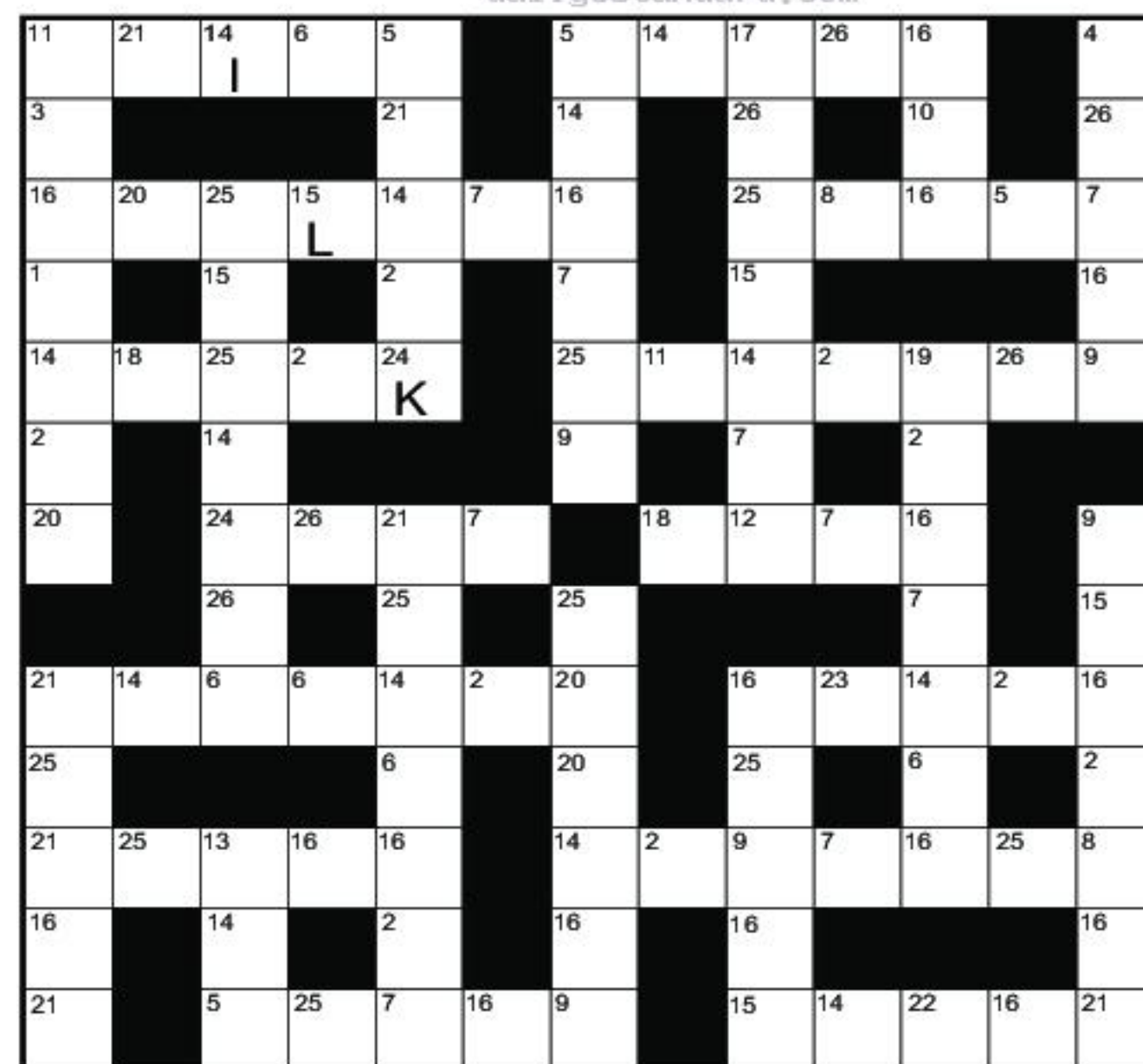
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
2	9	5	7	3	8	4	1	6

**CODEWORD**

**CLUE**  
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Crack the code and solve the crossword. Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**Thursday's solution**

1	Y
2	J
3	E
4	W
5	I
6	C
7	S
8	G
9	U
10	L
11	Z
12	V
13	D
14	A
15	P
16	X
17	O
18	R
19	B
20	N
21	K
22	H
23	Q
24	T
25	F
26	M

**By Kham**



**KAKURO**

11	3	36	16	29	11
9			3		
	7		21		
	24				22
36	12				
3			8		
7			12		

The totals for the rows and columns are given on the left for the rows and above for the columns in the shaded boxes. The single digits which give the totals are used only once e.g. 10 = 1, 2, 3, 4 or 1, 4, 5 or 2, 3, 5 etc but not 2, 2, 6 or 1, 1, 8 or 3, 3, 2

**Thursday's solution**

6	4	40	3	29	9
	1	5		2	1
10	3	7	4	1	3
	20	9	7	8	5
	23	8	9	6	
20	13				
	7	6	3	4	14
7	5	2	14	5	9
4	1	3	8	3	5

**SUDOKU**

9			7					8
7				6				
8				9	7	6		
2	8		9	3				4
				1			2	
			7		8	1		
4		8						7
	5							8
	2	7		6	3			

**Thursday's solution**

3	9	5	2	7	1	4	6	8
1	6	7	4	5	8	2	9	3
2	4	8	3	6	9	1	5	7
8	2	4	9	3	6	5	7	1
5	7	6	1	8	4	9	3	2
9	3	1	7	2	5	8	4	6
4	8	9	6	1	7	3	2	5
6	1	2	5	9	3	7	8	4
7	5	3	8	4	2	6	1	9

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."**

**Margaret Mead**



# Water, Hygiene & Sanitation

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## Banking on Water: How NBK's 'MajiKonnnect' is transforming Kenya's water sector financing

► As the taps begin to flow in once-forgotten corners of Kenya, Majikonnnect is proving that smart finance can do more than build infrastructure—it can water the roots of resilience, equity, and hope for generations to come

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Kenya faces a significant challenge in financing universal access to clean water and sanitation. With the clock ticking toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the country must bridge a staggering Ksh99.5 billion financing gap over the next seven years—equating to an annual shortfall of about Ksh42 billion.

Despite the urgent needs, more than 90% of Kenya's water sector funding comes from public and donor sources. The private sector, meanwhile, contributes less than 2%—a pattern that mirrors trends across many developing countries. Globally, investment in water and sanitation stands at just 0.5% of GDP for most low- and middle-income nations. According to the World Bank, this amounts to \$164.6 billion annually, still far below the estimated \$300 billion needed to meet SDG 6. Africa alone faces an annual shortfall of \$30 billion; Kenya's share of this deficit is about \$5.5 billion.

Further compounding the financing challenge are operational inefficiencies. In Kenya, non-revenue water—water that is produced but not billed due to leaks, theft, or metering issues—accounts for a loss of 42–50%. That's an annual economic bleed of Ksh11.9 billion. Add to this frequent leadership transitions, governance instability, and weak financial management, and you have a high-risk environment that repels traditional commercial lenders.

But out of these hurdles, innovation is taking root.

One initiative that's transforming Kenya's water sector is MajiKonnnect, a flagship program by the National Bank of Kenya (NBK) aimed at unlocking private capital for water and sanitation enterprises. Launched with a vision of breaking through rigid financing models, MajiKonnnect is tailored to address the sector's unique risks and needs.



"The sector is highly undercapitalized from a commercial standpoint," says Dennis Ndonga, Relationships Manager, water, sanitation and hygiene at NBK. "We saw an urgent need for a financing model that goes beyond conventional banking."

Unlike traditional loans, MajiKonnnect offers flexible terms: discounted interest rates, longer repayment periods, and acceptance of unconventional collateral—such as water drilling rigs. The program also partners with the African Guarantee Fund, enabling risk-sharing mechanisms that cover up to 75% of the lender's exposure. This is especially empowering for women-led businesses and youth entrepreneurs, groups historically sidelined in the financing ecosystem.

One standout beneficiary is Rose Namachanja, Director, Brurero Enterprises Ltd., a woman-led company specializing in borehole drilling.

"Without NBK's support, I couldn't have accessed the equipment that transformed my business," Namachanja says.

Before joining MajiKonnnect, Brurero managed to drill just four boreholes annually. Today, they complete five every month—a tenfold increase in

output. This dramatic growth isn't just about revenue; it's reshaping communities. In regions where Brurero operates, clean water has driven higher school attendance, better hygiene standards, and improved agricultural yields.

"MajiKonnnect didn't just fund equipment," she adds. "It gave me the chance to transform lives."

Despite such success stories, many challenges remain. Most water utilities in Kenya lack the tangible, bankable assets necessary to qualify for loans. Governance issues, poor financial records, and unpredictable policy shifts continue to dampen investor confidence.

Ndonga emphasizes that the sector needs a more stable and transparent regulatory environment to unlock long-term private investment. He's optimistic, however, about the role of innovation in turning the tide.

"Technology is helping us build confidence," he says. "From smart meters and AI-powered leak detection to solar-driven water pumps, modern tools are increasing efficiency and making water enterprises more bankable."

This model of catalytic financ-

ing is gaining traction globally. In 2024, multilateral development banks mobilized \$19.6 billion for water-related projects, with \$14.4 billion directed toward low- and middle-income countries. Yet private-sector involvement remains disproportionately low.

To close the gap, financial experts are leaning on blended finance models—combinations of public, private, and philanthropic capital. Instruments like green bonds, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and impact investing are increasingly being explored to unlock sustainable water investments. Still, such mechanisms come with risks.

"A poorly structured PPP can deepen inequality if safeguards for transparency and affordability aren't built in," warns Ndonga.

Globally, the water investment gap is vast. Of the \$114 billion needed annually to meet water goals, only about \$28.4 billion is currently being deployed, leaving a financing chasm of \$85.6 billion. Innovative approaches, including voluntary carbon markets that tie water projects to climate benefits, are being trialed to diversify funding sources.

The climate crisis is intensifying the urgency. Shrinking glaciers, receding aquifers, and un-

predictable rainfall patterns are threatening the water security of over two billion people worldwide. Kenya is already feeling the strain, making the case for climate-resilient infrastructure stronger than ever.

MajiKonnnect is built with resilience at its core. Its supported projects emphasize sustainability—leveraging renewable energy, digitized systems, and climate-aware designs. These elements not only reduce operational costs but also help safeguard investments against the long-term impacts of climate change.

"Financing water isn't just about building pipes," Ndonga reflects. "It's about building systems of trust, equity, and sustainability. Every drop must count."

Kenya's experience shows that when financing mechanisms are inclusive, adaptive, and aligned with community priorities, they can do far more than construct infrastructure—they can drive lasting transformation. As programs like MajiKonnnect scale through strategic partnerships, there's growing hope they could serve as blueprints across the continent.

For now, the challenge is scaling up. That means more engagement from commercial banks, stronger policy frameworks, and international cooperation that prioritizes long-term impact over short-term gains.

What MajiKonnnect proves, however, is that change is possible—and already happening. With innovative financing, Kenya is not only investing in water infrastructure; it's investing in dignity, opportunity, and a more resilient future.



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**LOST** title Kagaari/Weru/12160

**LOST** title Kagaari/Weru/13994

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**LOST** title Kihingo Likia block 1/144 Peter Icuqa Gachoka

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**LOST** title IR 254813 LR 29699

**LOSS** of title I.R. 61755, L.R. NO. 209/10899

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**LOST** title deed No. Molo South/Langwenda Block 11/25(Kang'ei)

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**LOST** Title: Ngeria/Chepyakwai Block 4(Kilibwoni)/4 Paul Kipteigong Cheseret

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NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE:  
The registered owner of plot number LR NO 4903/1159 located off kabati pro gas road at kabati, Would like to change use of the land from Agricultural to a mixed use development comprising of light industrial, commercial and residential development subject to the approval by the Murang'a County Government. Individuals and Institutions with any objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:  
**THE CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
P.O. BOX 52-10200  
MURANG'A.  
Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga Kelvin Ritho Reg. No. 0270

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(d))  
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE  
The owner of parcel L.R. No. Kajjalo/Kaputiei North/113698 situated in Kitegola town off Namanga road proposes to change use from agricultural to educational institution (ECD, primary & junior school) subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjalo. Individuals, institutions etc with objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days to:  
**The CECM - Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development,**  
County Government of Kajjalo,  
P.O. Box 11-01100,  
Kajjalo.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner(s) of plot No. Ngong/Ngong/110678, situated in Kerarapon Drive 1 off Kerarapon Road proposes to Change use from Agricultural to Residential Maisonettes, subject to approval by County Government of Kajjalo.  
Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) etc. with objections/comments to the proposal to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The CECM Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, Urban Development & Municipalities,**  
County Government of Kajjalo,  
P.O Box 11-01100, Kajjalo.

#### FORM PLUPA/DC/3(r.3)(3)(x)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019)  
CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of Dagoretti/Riruta/8935 located in Dagoretti, along Ngong Road in Nairobi City County, intends to Change its Use from Single Dwelling Residential to Commercial and Petrol Service Station subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**CECM, BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING**  
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
P.O Box 30075,  
NAIROBI, KENYA.  
Name of Registered Planner:  
Plan. Kelvin Ritho Gitonga (0270)

#### FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3) (3) (x)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The owner(s) of Plot No. Miti mingi/ Mbaruk block 3/9011 located in Nakuru West Sub-County wishes to change the user of the parcel from Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling(Flat) subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Any individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

**CECM - LAND PHYSICAL PLANNING HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU  
P.O. BOX 2870-20100,  
NAKURU  
Physical Planner: Onesimus Musyoki  
Reg. No 0229  
DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019  
EXTENSION OF USER**

The registered owners of Plot No. 1160/722 (NAIROBI BLOCK 148/150) located in Karen Area along Kasuku Close, seeks approval to extend its user from residential to include Professional Office (Doctors) subject to approval by the Office of the Nairobi City County Government. Individual(s), institution(s) and Organization(s) with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The County Secretary,**  
Nairobi City County Government,  
P.O. BOX 30075-00100,  
NAIROBI.  
Planner Chris Omare-0065

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 OF 2019  
CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner(s) of plot No. Ngong/Ngong/29005, situated in Ongata Rongai off Magadi Road proposes to Change use from Agricultural to Institutional Development (Church and School), subject to approval by County Government of Kajjalo.

Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) etc. with objections/comments to the proposal to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The CECM Lands, Physical Planning, Housing, Urban Development & Municipalities,**  
County Government of Kajjalo,  
P.O Box 11-01100,  
Kajjalo.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owners of Plot L.R No. Nyeri/ Municipality Block 7/332 located in Nyeri Municipality, Kangemi area proposes change its use from Residential (One Private Dwelling) to Multi-dwelling subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri.  
Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:  
**The CECM - Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development**  
County Government of Nyeri,  
P.O. BOX 1112-10100, Nyeri.  
Name of the Registered Planner: Martin Wanyamu Muriuki Reg. No. 0227

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL AND LAND-USE PLANNING ACT, 2019  
AMALGAMATION & CHANGE OF USE**

The owner(s) of plots Nos. 11478/16-18 located on Mirema Drive in Roysambu area near USIU propose to amalgamate and change their use from Residential to Mixed use (Bar and Restaurant, Shops, Car wash and Airbnb) subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations e.t.c with concerns or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

**The CECM, Built Environment and Urban Planning**  
Nairobi City County  
P.O. Box 30075-00100  
Nairobi  
RPP: J.N.GACHANJA REG No: 0173

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019  
CHANGE OF USER**

The owner of Plot No. NBI/BLK 138/1488 - Opposite Tessara Bistro -Mirema. Along Mirema Drive proposes to change the user of the plot from Single dwelling unit to Commercial cum Residential Use (Shops and Flats) subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning,**  
Nairobi City County Government  
P.O. Box 30075- 00100,  
Nairobi

#### FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(x)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 (No. 13 2019)  
CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner/s of Parcel No. NAIROBI/ BLOCK 11/132, situated off Waiyaki way, in Loresho area, Westlands sub-county, wishes to Change the Use from Single dwelling unit to Multi-dwelling units (Townhouses) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to:

**The CECM - Built Environment and Urban Planning,**  
Nairobi City County,  
P.O Box 30075 - 00100,  
Nairobi.  
Physical Planner: Onesimus Musyoki  
Reg No: 0229

#### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (CAP 303)**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE**

The registered owners of Plot No. Nairobi Block 40/838 located along Muranga Road in Ngara area propose to extend its lease term subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**CECM; Built Environment and Urban Planning,**  
Nairobi City County  
P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi

Name of registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri Mugambi Reg. No.: 0323

#### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019 (No.13 of 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of land Parcel No. Kimini/Kimini Block 2/Wekhonya/496 located along the Kitale - Webuye road wish to change the use of their land from Agricultural to Light Industrial Use (Petrol Service Station) SUBJECT to approval by the County Government of Trans Nzoia .  
Individuals, Institutions, organizations with comments or objections are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen 14 days of publication of this notice to:  
**The County Executive Committee Member -Lands, Housing and Urban Development**  
County Government of Transnzoia  
P.O Box 4211-30200  
Kitale

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT NO. 13 OF 2019  
CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot No. RUIRI KIU BLOCK 2/14568 located at Ruiru Bypass Ruiru Sub-County, is proposing Change of Use of this property from Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions and any other interested parties with any material objections to the proposed development are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:-  
**County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Land Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development**  
County Government of Kiambu,  
P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.  
RPP: Kelvin Ritho Gitonga; Reg. 0270  
DATE:29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT NO. 13 OF 2019  
CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot No. Kiambaa / Ruaka / 5048 located at Kiambaa Sub-County, is proposing Change of Use of this property from Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions and any other interested parties with any material objections to the proposed development are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:-  
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P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.  
RPP: Kelvin Ritho Gitonga; Reg. 0270  
DATE: 09<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT AT MILIMANI  
NAIROBI

CHILDREN CASE NUMBER EB74 OF 2021

SOLANGE MUNEZERO

PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

VERSUS

EVARESTE ZAYIMANA

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

Pursuant to Court order issued on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

by Hon. Dr. Alice Machira

TO: EVARESTE ZAYIMANA

NAIROBI

TAKE NOTICE that a claim has been filed in the Children's Court case number MCCHCC/EB74/2021, in which you are named as the Defendant. Service of summons on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the summons and the Plaintiff may be obtained from the children's court registry or chambers of the undersigned advocate through [vushajanicco@rckkenya.org](mailto:vushajanicco@rckkenya.org).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT should you not enter appearance in the matter, the Plaintiffs may proceed to apply for judgment in default against you without further notice.

Dated at Nairobi this 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

DRAWN AND FILED BY:

Janice Gillian Vusha

C/O Refugee Consortium of Kenya,

Haki House, Ndemi Road, Off Muringa Road

Kilimani, Nairobi,

P.O Box 25340-00603,

NAIROBI

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**  
 The owner of Plot No. **Nairobi/Block 34/169** located along Ojijo Close in Westlands area, Nairobi City County, proposes to change its use from **Single Dwelling Unit to Multi Dwelling Units (Apartments)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:  
**CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.**  
**Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249**

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED AMALGAMATION & CHANGE OF USE**  
 The owner(s) of plots Title No: **Nairobi/Block 38/215 & Nairobi/Block 38/702** located along Limuru Road in Ngara area, Nairobi City County, proposes to amalgamate and change their use from **Single Dwelling unit to Commercial Cum Residential Multi-Dwelling Units(Apartments)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:  
**CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.**  
**Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF USER**  
 The registered owner of **Plot L.R. No. 4953/631** off factory road in Thika West sub county, proposes to **Extend Use** to include a **solar power plant** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions or members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** from the date of this notice to:  
**The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Physical Planning, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, County Government of Kiambu, P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.**

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**(THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, No. 13 of 2019)**  
**CHANGE OF USE**  
 Pursuant to the provisions of The Physical and Land Use Planning Act, No. 13 of 2019, the registered owners of plot **Title No. Nairobi/Block 15/717 (Original No. 330/1180)** situated along **Gitanga Close, off Gitanga Road, in Thompson Estate; Westlands sub-county** in Nairobi City County are applying for **Change of Use** of the property from **single dwelling to commercial cum residential (apartments)** subject to approvals by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: -  
**The County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.**  
 Dated: 31/07/2025  
**(Planner: Shadrack K. Mbuta: PPRB Reg. No. 0332)**

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned M/V below by Public Auction.  
**ON FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 FROM 10.00AM OUTSIDE OUR YARD "SECTION 58" NAKURU.**  
**NAKURU CMCC CASE NO. E929 OF 2022.**  
**JULIUS KAMAU MUTHANWA VS MARY MUTHONI MUCHOKI & 3 OTHERS.**  
**M/V REGNO. KDE 870L SUBARU S.WAGON.**

**CONDITION OF SALE**  
 1. Cash at the fall of the hammer  
 2. Sale is as it is basis.  
 3. Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
 IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF KENYA  
 AT MOMBASA  
 MCCC/E721/2021

TRANSFREIGHT LOGISTICS LIMITED  
 ..... PLAINTIFF  
 -VS-  
 AQUA MARINE SEALIFE CO.LIMITED  
 ..... DEFENDANT

TO:  
 1.Aqua Marine Sealife Co. Limited,  
 P.O. Box 16691-80100,  
 Mombasa.  
 2.Kim Jin Woo.  
 3.Ramadhani Abdalla Vyombo.

**SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT**  
 (Pursuant to court order on issued on 10th July, 2025)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** this matter is coming up for oral examination of yourselves; Kim Jin Woo & Ramadhani Abdalla Vyombo being the directors of the defendant on 1st day of September 2025 at 8:30a.m or in the forenoon at the Chief Magistrates' Court at Mombasa.

You are hereby required (personally) to appear before this Court on 1st day of September 2025 until your presence is dispensed with by the Court

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Under instructions received from our principals the financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction at our offices the under mentioned motor vehicle(s) as follows:

S/NO.	M/V REG. NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD/PLACE	AUCTION DATE	TIME
1	KDA 284M	Nissan Note	Tassia Storage Yard	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	10.00AM
2	KAU 033Y	Mitsubishi Truck	Absolute Storage Yard	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	10.00AM
3	KCY 244E	Suzuki Swift	Absolute Storage Yard	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	10.00AM

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
 Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.  
 a. Bidders to view and verify asset on normal working hours with prior arrangement.  
 b. Sale subject to reasonable reserve price.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 1. Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025 at MOCO AUCTIONEERS KISII at 10:30 a.m.**

REG.No.	MODEL	VENUE
KBU 506J	NISSAN XTRAIL	MOCO AUCTIONEERS KISII

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
 Cash at the fall of the hammer

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Under instructions from our principals, we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **12<sup>th</sup> August 2025** at Valuers Yard Roaster from **11:00 Am.**

REG NO:	MODEL	YOM	VIEWING PLACE
KCP 220R	MAZDA BONGO	2007	VALUERS YARD ROASTER

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
 1. All interested buyers are requested to verify the details for themselves.  
 2. The auctioneer has the right to reject the bid without giving any reason.  
 3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.  
 4. Sale is subject to reserve price.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Duly instructed our principals the financier, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction by Public Auction-by Public Auction-  
**ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD, FROM 10:30AM.**  
**FINANCIER: BARON CAPITAL LIMITED**

Reg. No.	MAKE/MODEL	STORAGE YARD
KBW 787Q	TOYOTA PREMIO	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD
KCP838B	TOYOTA AXIO	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD
KCJ999U	TOYOTA BELTA	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD
KBR989A	SUBARU OUTBACK	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD
KBR468R	HYUNDAI SANTA FAE	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD
KBL720Q	LAND ROVER	THE YARD BY BARON ALONG MAGADI ROAD

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
 Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 Duly instructed by our Principals the Financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction:  
**ON FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT OUR OFFICE WHICH IS LOCATED AT DEVELOPMENT HOUSE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR RM 211 MOI AVENUE NAIROBI STARTING FROM 10.30 A.M.**

M/V REG NO.	MAKE/MODE	COLOUR
KBS 261S	SUBARU LEGACY	WHITE
KCS 794M	NISSAN VANETTE	BLACK
KDD 910B	NISSAN TEANA	WHITE
KCF 228U	SUBARU	SILVER

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
 • Sale subject to reasonable reserve price  
 • All interested purchasers are requested to view on prior arrangements.  
 • Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.  
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## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LANTANA SKY TERRACES APARTMENTS IN WESTLANDS, NAIROBI COUNTY.

Pursuant to section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Lantana Sky Ltd**, proposes to construct a 16 storey (2No. basements, ground plus 16No. Floors) residential building with a total of 128 units (32No. One-bedroom units, 64No. Two-bedroom units and 32No. Three-bedroom units) rooftop amenities including swimming pool, gym, plying areas, lifts and staircases and other associated facilities and amenities on plot L.R. No Nairobi/Block 4/213 along Lantana Road in Kileleshwa location, Westlands sub-county, Nairobi County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

S/n	Possible Impacts	Mitigation measures
1	Air Pollution	1. Regular sprinkling of water on work areas and access roads to prevent fugitive dust violation 2. Careful screening of construction site to contain and arrest construction-related dust 3. Regular and prompt maintenance of construction machinery and equipment to minimize the generation of hazardous gases 4. Use environmentally friendly fuels such as low-sulfur diesel 5. Restricting heights from which materials are to be dropped, as far as practicable to minimize the fugitive dust arising from unloading/loading 6. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as nose masks, goggles, to the workers in dusty areas within the site 7. Scaffold the site
2	Noise pollution	1) Ensure construction works are carried out only during the daytime i.e. from 0800hrs to 1700 hrs. 2) Ensure that all workers are provided with and wear PPE at all times 3) Ensure the use of suppressors or noise shields on noisy machinery and equipment 4) Ensure regular and prompt maintenance of the machinery and equipment to suppress frictional noise. 5) Operate noisy machinery only when necessary and switch them off when not in use 6) Drivers to avoid unnecessary hooting and honing.
3	Solid and liquid waste	1. Direct all liquid waste to the sewerage system 2. Engage services of a registered NEMA waste handler to dispose of the waste regularly at approved disposal points 3. Segregate waste at the site, recyclable/reusable materials, and hazardous waste for appropriate disposal 4. Sensitize workers on the reuse of materials where feasible
4	Increased water demand	i. Drill a borehole to supply water for the development in both construction and occupation phase ii. The contractor should use water bowsers and tankers to bring in water for construction activities such as during periods of high-water demand. iii. Install water conserving taps that turn-off automatically when water is not in use. iv. Encourage water reuse/recycling during construction and occupation phases. v. Roof catchments of building should be provided with rainwater harvesting systems (gutters, down pipes and water storage facilities) to enhance collection and storage of the resulting run-off. Such water can be used in watering flower gardens, general cleaning etc vi. Provide notices and information signs to sensitize on means and needs to conserve water resource for instance Keep/Leave the Tap Closed.
5	Traffic congestion	1. Employ traffic marshals to control traffic in and out of the site 2. Ferry building materials during off-peak hours 3. Provide billboards at the site/entrance to notify motorists and the general public about the proposed development 4. Enforce speed limits for construction vehicles, especially along the roads leading to the site 5. Employ well-trained and experienced drivers 6. Ensure that the vehicles comply with axle load limits 7. Implement recommendations of the TIA report
6	Health and safety of workers	1) Ensure construction works are limited to daytime only 2) Provide PPEs to the workers and ensure that they wear them at all times 3) All workers shall be sensitized before construction begins on how to control accidents related to construction 4) Keep a record of the public emergency service telephone numbers including Police, Fire brigade, and Ambulance at strategic points 5) Provide first aid kits at strategic places on the site 6) Prepare a comprehensive contingency plan before construction begins on accident response
7	Fire	1. Provide fire fighting equipment at strategic points within the site 2. Ensure regular maintenance of fire fighting equipment 3. Sensitize the workers on fire risks and train them on first aid skills 4. Prepare an effective emergency response plan 5. Provide emergency numbers at strategic points within the site 6. Use of signage at strategic places within the site such as "No smoking signs"

A full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

1. Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Environment and Climate Change,  
Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry,  
NHIF Building, 12th Floor,  
Ragati Road, Upper Hill,  
P. O. Box 30126-00100,  
NAIROBI

2. Director General  
National Environment Management Authority (NEMA),  
Popo Road, off Mombasa Road  
P. O Box 67839-00200  
NAIROBI

3. County Director of Environment,  
NAIROBI COUNTY

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at [www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke).  
NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. No. NEMA/EIA/5/2/2355.

Comments can also be e-mailed to [dgnema@nema.go.ke](mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke)

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SERVICED APARTMENTS ON PLOT TITLE NO. NAIROBI/BLOCK 34/319, ALONG MUTHITHI ROAD IN WESTLANDS, NAIROBI COUNTY.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Western Palace Investment Limited**, proposes to develop a 26-storey (2No. basements, ground and Mezzanine floor plus 25No. floors) serviced apartments block comprising a total of 406No. Serviced apartment Units (138No. studios, 168No. one bedroom, 92No. two bedroom, 8No. three bedroom units), gym, kids play area, sauna, games room, laundry, restaurant and a swimming pool, parking spaces, lifts and staircases, other associated amenities and facilities on plot L.R. No. Nairobi/Block 34/319 along Muthithi Road, in Westlands, Nairobi County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Proposed mitigation measures
<b>Soil Erosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control earthworks.</li> <li>Install drainage structures to control flow of storm water.</li> <li>Ensure and management of excavation activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Loss of Vegetation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only area earmarked for development should be cleared.</li> <li>Plant trees, shrubs and flowers on remaining open spaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes in hydrology/impended drainage/deep excavations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of drainage structures</li> <li>Install cascades to break the impact of water flowing in the drains</li> <li>Ensure efficiency of drainage structures through proper design and maintenance</li> <li>Provide gratings to the drainage channels</li> <li>geotechnical survey shall be conducted and the recommendations thereof followed.</li> <li>There shall be no blasting during excavation</li> <li>methodology for excavation has been generated as required by NCA</li> </ul>
<b>Air pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stockpiles of earth should be sprayed with water or covered during dry seasons</li> <li>Provide dust masks for personnel in dusty areas</li> <li>Sensitize construction workers on pollution control measures</li> <li>Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials</li> </ul>
<b>Noise pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install suitable barriers to shield compressors and other small stationary equipment where necessary</li> <li>Display signs to indicate construction activities</li> <li>Maintain all equipment</li> <li>The working hours should be in line with NEMA licensing conditions to Admissions of Noise Prevention and Control Rules 2005, Legal Notice no. 24 regarding noise limits at the workplace as well as NEMA Noise Excessive Vibration Pollution Control Regulations, 2000</li> </ul>
<b>Public health, occupational health and safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train staff/workers on occupational health and safety.</li> <li>Provide full protective gear &amp; workmen's compensation cover in addition to the right tools and operational instructions &amp; manuals during construction.</li> <li>Design of sewerage system should be as provided in the plans and should be constructed to approved size and design, standard and of approved materials.</li> <li>Ensure use of standard construction materials and to the specifications. Avoid undesirable, substandard, hazardous or unauthorized materials during construction &amp; maintenance.</li> <li>Sensitized staff on social/health issues such as drugs</li> </ul>
<b>Road traffic disruption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No overloading of trucks and good driving practices to be practiced.</li> <li>Justifiable access point to be provided.</li> <li>Use of appropriate &amp; legible signage.</li> <li>Employment of formal flagmen/ women to ensure the public safety.</li> <li>Follow the recommendations of the traffic management plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Insecurity and social impacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of security guards, CCTV cameras, security lights and other security apparatus during the entire project cycle.</li> <li>Construction work timings shall only in line with the NEMA licensing conditions</li> </ul>
<b>Increased Water Usage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>alternative water source shall be provided. The proponent shall drill a borehole at the proposed site</li> <li>Management of water usage. Avoid unnecessary wastage.</li> <li>Recycling of water at the construction phase where possible.</li> <li>Make use of roof catchments to provide water i.e. for general purpose.</li> </ul>
<b>Increased generation of waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>waste optimization at source.</li> <li>Monitoring the fate of disposed wastes to ensure they are legally land filled at a recognized controlled site.</li> <li>Waste management regulations of 2006</li> </ul>

A full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

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A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at [www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke).

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments **within thirty (30) days** from the date of the publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2359**

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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M/V REG NO	MODEL	VIEWING YARD
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Duly instructed by our principal in the matter of distress for rent we shall sell by public auction on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025** all the properties mentioned below at **Pangani auction centre** starting at **11:00 a.m.**

**LANDLORD VS HASSAN MALINGHA**

Wooden TV stand, 32" Sony TV, 4 wooden stools, 7 seater sofa set, Floor carpet, a wooden coffee table, 4 burner cooker Mika, 2 door fridge Hisense, Washing machine Hisense.

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Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned Goods and motor vehicle on **8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025** at 10.30am or soon thereafter **PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE 2. STARTRUCK CAR YARD, KIAMBU ROAD.**

- DISTRESS FOR RENT LANDLORD -VS- CALVINE YALA**  
4 microphones, 5 speakers, keyboard, mixer, assorted plastic seats, generator, speaker stand, power amplifier, keyboard stand, 3 office chairs, 3 office tables, water dispenser, pulpit, assorted cables + recorder.
- MILIMANI SCCC CASE NO. E5992 OF 2024**  
**PAUL WANDIMI KIHIA -VS- PAUL ONYANGO, SUPER METRO LIMITED & CO-OP FLEET AFRICA LEASING LIMITED**  
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KDE 032P (ISUZU BUS NQR)

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by the Chief Magistrate's court at Naivasha we shall sell the under mentioned Motor vehicle by public auction:

**ON FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT STARTRUCK CAR YARD STORAGE LIMITED AUCTION CENTRE ALONG KIAMBU ROAD NEXT TO FOURWAYS ESTATE STARTING FROM 10.30 A.M.**

**NAIVASHA CMMCC NO 898 OF 2018**

**JANET MORAA -VS- HILLSPARK INVESTMENT CO. LTD**

M/V REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KBZ 327B	BUS/COACH SCANIA	GREEN

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by our principal the financier, we sell below listed motor vehicle by public auction on **8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025** at **STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS**,

FINANCIER VS ALI IBRAHIM MOHAMED		
MV REG NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KCQ 470J	TOYOTA PASSO	STARTRUCK STORAGE
FINANCIER VS MADRON OTIENO OCHIENG		
KCR 343W	SUZUKI SWIFT	STARTRUCK STORAGE
FINANCIER VS JULIUS KANYUIRA MACHARIA		
KCH 614C	TOYOTA SUCCEED	STARTRUCK STORAGE

**CONDITION OF SALE**

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**MOTOR VEHICLE FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

Acting on the express instructions of our **PRINCIPALS - THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned repossessed **MOTOR VEHICLE ON FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT LEGACY CONNECTIONS LTD (STORAGE LEASING AND AUCTION FACILITIES- NAKURU), STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.**

REG. NO	MAKE/ MODEL	LOCATION	Y.O.M
1. KDJ 386F	TOYOTA PASSO	LEGACY CONNECTIONS LTD (STORAGE LEASING AND AUCTION FACILITIES- NAKURU)	2015

**CONDITIONS OF SALE:**

- Viewing can be done at THE LOCATION INDICATED ABOVE to verify the details, as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our principals AS SALE IS "ON - AS - IS - WHERE - IS - BASIS".
- Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh. 100,000.00 in form of a BANKER'S CHEQUE drawn in the name of PERSIAN AUCTIONEERS to obtain a bidding number.
- The declared purchaser must deposit 25% of the purchase price by close of business auction day and the balance paid within seven (7) days from the auction date, failure to which the money received including the deposit will be forfeited.
- Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.



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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by our principal, the landlord, we shall sell by public auction the under-mention Motor vehicles on **8<sup>th</sup> August 2025** at cannon tower, Moi Avenue Mombasa, starting from **10am**

- LANDLORD- V- SOUD KAJEMBE**  
One Motor vehicle registration Number T525 BSQ Make Toyota Noah, not moving
- LANDLORD V- MOMBASA LOGISTIC**  
one big office desk, three computers, one office desk, one shelf, one executive chair, one water dispenser, one printer/ scanner, one printer/copier, one office chair.
- Duly instructed by our principal Concorde motors, under disposal act of an collected goods Act (Cap 38) of the Laws of Kenya and in reference to gazette notice No. 8686 of 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 starting from 10:30am** at the yard of Concorde Nyali Mombasa Motor vehicle registration Number KBX 195V make Toyota Prado

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- Viewing to be done at Concorde yard and Matrix yard during normal working hours and purchasers verify the details by themselves as these are not warranted by our principal or the Auctioneer as sale is "on -as-is-where -is -basis"
- Both yards shall bear storage charges up to three (3) days after the date of auction. Any further accrued storage will be borne by the buyer.
- Sale will be subject to reasonable reserve price and the full amount for vehicle bided shall be paid before release of any vehicle.
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by our principal, the financiers, we shall sell the undermentioned motor vehicles by public Auction on **8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 from 10.30am AT ALL CARS YARD MOMBASA.**

NO	MAKE	REG No.	DEBTOR NAME	YARD
1	BMW (320 I)	KDK 967G	WALLER RIHEMA	ALI CARS YARD MOMBASA.
2	TOYOTA (LEXUS RX270)	KCZ 638P	ALEPH EXCELLENT INVESTMENTS LIMITED	ALI CARS YARD MOMBASA.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Bidders to view and verify details on normal working hours with prior arrangements.



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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Under Instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned properties at Yamuko auctioneers yard in Kisumu on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Starting at 10.30 a.m.**

**1. IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT (CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA) LANDLORD VRS Phelister Odongo.**

Six soaf set, One small drum 210 litres, One wood stand/Clothe rack, Three mattresses, Assorted Utensils, One metal Double bed, One wooden bed, Two coffee tables, Two plastic chairs, One large mirror, One jiko for charcoal, One stove.

**CONDITIONS FOR SALE**  
Cash at the fall of the Hammer



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**PUBLIC AUCTION : PUBLIC AUCTION**

Under Instructions received from the Decree Holders we shall sell the under Mentioned Movable Properties by Public Auction

**ON Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 OUTSIDE OUR T.TEN BUILDING OFFICES AT 10.00 A.M. OR THEREABOUTS**

- MACHAKOS CMCC CASE NO E559 OF 2021**  
SIMON NZIOKI NZOMO =VRS= DANIEL MAKAU MUIINDE  
One Motor TUKTUK Reg No. KTW 246C
- MACHAKOS SCCC CASE NO E736 OF 2024**  
FLORENCE MWIKALI MUTUA =VRS= MICHAEL MULI MUSYOKA & JOHN MURIGI NYAMBURA  
One motor vehicle Tuk Tuk Reg No. KTWB 83BT
- MACHAKOS SCCC CASE NO E887 OF 2024**  
THOMAS WAMBUA PETER =VRS= MICHAEL KINUTHIA MUTISYA  
One Motor Vehicle Reg No KBR 581E
- MACHAKOS CMCC CASE NO E549 OF 2021**  
JUSTUS VONZA KILONZO =VRS= MARTIN MWENDWA MULWA  
One motor vehicle Reg No KCW 619G Toyota Hiace

**CONDITION FOR SALE**

- All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranty by Financier or the Auctioneers.
- Must be paid in **CASH** or **BANKER'S CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer
- Sale is subject to reserve price. Viewing as from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

- Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS CIVIL CASE NO. E727 OF 2024 EVALINE MUNYIVA-VS- JUSTUS KIPLAGAT, BRIAN MUTUA** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday August 08, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBX 430D TOYOTA AVENSIS**
- Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT THIKA CIVIL CASE NO. 708 OF 2014 ABEL MUSOMI KENNEDY -VS- BLUE NILE ROLLING MILL LIMITED** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday August 08, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBW 8536 TOYOTA PROBOX**
- Duly instructed by **THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT KANDARA CIVIL CASE NO. E188 OF 2023 REWEL MWANGI WAIRIMU -VS- MARTIN CHEGE MANGARA, DAVID NJOROGE GAKUHA** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday August 08, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCD 004C TOYOTA HIACE**

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- All interested bidders are required to view the property/items and verify details for the auctioneer does not warrant these
- Sale is subject to reserve price. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public Auction the below mentioned goods on **8<sup>th</sup> August 2025** starting from **10:30 am** at our yard in Bamburi

**THE LANDLORD -VS- HEADLAM MWADILO WANJAI**  
SET OF SOFA, DINING TABLE & 6 CHAIRS, TV, FRIDGE, GASCOOKER & CYLINDER.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

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Duly instructed by our principals, the landlord we shall sell the under mentioned distressed goods by public auction on **9<sup>th</sup> August 2025** starting **10:00am** at Startruck Auctioneers investment Yard kiambu road

**DISTRESS FOR RENT: LANDLORD - VS - PAUL NJOROGE T/A ZUGG LOUNGE**

Tables, Metallic Bar Chairs, Plastic Chairs, Bar Benches, JBL Speakers, Yamaha Amplifier, Equalizer, JBL Sequence Controller, Music mixer, Pool Tables, Pool Table sticks, Assorted types of wines, Assorted types of spirits, Assorted Types of canned beers, Assorted Types of Bottled Beer, Crates of Soda, Empty Crates, 46 inch Samsung TV, 42 inch LG TV, 40 inch Samsung TV, 50 inch LG TV.

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**WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
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## Why top marathon names opted for individual races

► An expert says the move by top marathoners not to take part in World Championships raises questions about who has the say between manager and the federation.

► Marathoners such as Sawe and Wanjiru have been confirmed for Berlin Marathon while others such as Obiri and Lokedi are yet to reveal their races this season.

**STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET**

**W**ith 2020 Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir and last year's Berlin Marathon runner-up Vincent Ngetich leading the 2025 World Athletics Championships squad to Tokyo, surprise names featured in the selected team.

Big names in the classic distance decided to compete in other well-oiled races, raising questions.

Ngetich will be teaming up with Erick Sang and Kennedy Kimutai in the men's marathon while Jepchirchir will have the company of Jackline Cheron and Magdaline Masai in the women's category.

Before the selection of the marathon team on July 22, names of a number of marathon big shots popped up whenever athletics enthusiasts debated on possible casts in the list of long distance stars to be enlisted to fly Kenyan colours in Tokyo.

For example, the fastest and arguably the best marathoner in the world this year, Sebastian Sawe will not be representing Kenya.

In status, Sawe comes second after former world record holder Eliud Kipchoge, who will also not be flying Kenyan colours in Tokyo.

The 29-year-old, who will be competing in his third marathon at the Berlin World Marathon Major on September 21 was among charges rooted for by fans

for the international assignment.

Former Tokyo Marathon champion Rosemary Wanjiru was also among names that featured as pundits made their predictions.

Wanjiru is however returning to Berlin, where her impressive marathon career began in 2022.

She finished second in Berlin with a time of 2:18:00 on her debut. Six months later, she won the Tokyo Marathon, and in 2024 she was runner-up there with her current personal best of 2:16:14.

Wanjiru, who trains in Iten missed out on Team Kenya to the Tokyo Olympics last year and was touted to make the team this time.

Hellen Obiri, who bagged an Olympic bronze medal last year was tipped (by fans) for the World Championships assignment given her experience, winning two titles in 5000m and a silver in 10,000m as well as a bronze in 1500m.

Obiri, 35, is so far one of the most decorated women in distance running, who has won world titles in indoor track, outdoor track and cross country plus the Boston and New York City Marathons.

After a second place in Boston, Obiri, who runs for the On Athletics Club in Boulder, Colorado, went ahead to chalk up victories in Great Manchester Run 10km and the New York Mini 10km in May and June and her next move remained guarded.

At the New York 10km race, Obiri covered half of the hilly course in a blistering 15:09 and walked away with \$10,000 (Sh1.2 million) in prize money.

John Korir and Sharon Lokedi, who savoured victories at the Boston Marathon in April, were almost obvious inclusions according to observers.

It is not clear whether Korir will be defending his Chicago marathon title later in the year.

Kipchumba Byron, a sports expert and athletics tactician said the missing out of long distance stars who have been tested at the global championships



Kenya's Sebastian Sawe crosses the line to win the men's race at the 2025 London Marathon on April 27. [AFP]



Olympics marathon bronze medalist Hellen Obiri. [AFP]

raises questions on who has control over athletes' participation in national duty between managers and the federation, which is mandated to select Team Kenya.

"At what point does the interests of a nation become inferior to individual decisions by athletes and managers? Do managers have more leverage in making decisions? If the managers have more say, then our national pride is at stake," Dr Kipchumba told Standard Sport yesterday.

He, however, says the surprise names in the Kenyan marathon squad might be a blessing in disguise.

"The surprise talents can be tuned to be underdogs in a tactic of pulling surprises at the World Championships because the other nations have little knowledge about their running techniques," added Kipchumba.

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### KENYAN MARATHON TEAM TO TOKYO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### MEN

- Vincent Ngetich
- Erick Sang
- Kennedy Kimutai

#### WOMEN

- Peres Jepchirchir
- Jackline Cheron
- Magdaline Masai



2024 CHAN AUGUST 2-30



Harambee Stars defender Abud Omar (right) during a friendly match against Kenya Police FC at Police Sacco Stadium on July 26. [FKF Media]

# Harambee Stars captain Omar eager to impress on home soil

► Kenya will kick off their campaign on Sunday against DR Congo at Kasarani.

► Omar rallies Kenyans to come out in numbers.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

**H**arambee Stars captain Abud Omar says Kenya is fully prepared for the upcoming 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) as the team gears up for their opening match against DR Congo this Sunday at the refurbished Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani.

Kenya, who are in Group A alongside heavyweights Morocco, Zambia, Angola and DR Congo, have been camping for nearly a month under coach Benni McCarthy as they aim to impress on home soil.

"We have camped for three weeks, now almost a month preparing for the games," Omar said during a training session at Police Sacco Stadium on Wednesday.

"We are fully ready and I want to also thank the coach for guiding us and ensuring that the team is fit, ready and united."

The Chan tournament kicks off tomorrow with an opening ceremony at the Benjamin Mkapa International Stadium in Tanzania before hosts Taifa Stars take on Burkina Faso in the first match.

Kenya will begin their campaign the next day, hoping to get off to a positive start in front of a home crowd.

McCarthy's boys will finally enjoy home support after more than two years of playing their matches away due to CAF's suspension of local stadiums over poor standards.

## HARAMBEE STARS CHAN FIXTURES

Kenya	v DRC, Kasarani	August 3
Angola	v Kenya, Kasarani	August 7
Kenya	v Morocco, Kasarani	August 10
Zambia	v Kenya, Kasarani	August 17



*It's always important to start brightly, but no matter the result, it is not always the end of the world. Argentina began with a defeat during the Qatar World Cup but finished as champions, so we must be strong mentally no matter the outcome of the first games."*

**Benni McCarthy**,  
Harambee Stars  
coach



During this period, Harambee Stars hosted games in Uganda, Malawi, South Africa, and Ivory Coast, often playing without their passionate fans.

"It's a great feeling to play in front of our fans after a long time," Omar said.

"The past two to three years have been hectic playing our home matches away from home. Our fans are always great, the 12<sup>th</sup> man on the field who motivates us when things are not going according to plan, and it is good to have them back."

He called on Kenyans to turn out in large numbers: "I want to rally all Kenyans to come out in numbers on Sunday and support the team when we face DR Congo in our opening match."

Omar, who will captain the side in his first major tournament at home, also emphasised his role in mentoring younger players in the squad.

"We are mentoring these young players," he explained.

"Every player has big dreams and would once wish to get to play in Europe, Asia and other African leagues. This is their time to shine and they know. The important thing is to play as a unit, and everyone shines."

For McCarthy, a good result against DR Congo will be crucial for building momentum in the tournament.

"We are going to have one of the greatest starts by ensuring we win on Sunday against DR Congo," McCarthy said.

"It's always important to start brightly, but no matter the result, it is not always the end of the world. Argentina began with a defeat during the Qatar World Cup but finished as champions, so we must be strong mentally no matter the outcome of the first games."

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## Fans urged to turn up for Kenya games in numbers

Kenyan football fans have been urged to turn up in large numbers as Harambee Stars prepares to take on double champions DR Congo in their opening fixture of the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) at Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi on Sunday.

Football Kenya Federation (FKF) yesterday indicated that they have given the national team the best preparations possible and expect them to outmaneuver the Congolese, who are out to lift the coveted trophy for the third time.

DR Congo arrived in the country in the wee hours of Thursday, ready for the crunch tie against Stars.

"Kindly show up, show up in national team colours, show up with your families and friends," FKF president Hussein Mohammed told Kenyans ahead of the contest.

"We are proud of Harambee Stars, we have given the team the best preparations we can, we are hopeful they will deliver in this tournament."

Mohammed noted that the federation has unveiled Harambee Stars replica jerseys that retail at Sh1500 that fans can grab on their way to the stadium.

SportPesa CEO Ronald Karauri pledged 5,000 free jerseys to local fans who will be gracing the Harambee Stars matches during the month-long tournament involving local-based players.

Both SportPesa and FKF on Thursday unveiled a vision in Nairobi seeking to propel Harambee Stars to the 2030 Fifa World Cup. Part of the dream was the unveiling of a Sh1.12 billion sponsorship of the FKF Premier League by the gaming firm for a period of ten years.

"Sh85 million will go towards the 2025/26 FKF PL season that kicks off in September," Karauri stated.

The company returns to FKF PL after it abruptly pulled the plug on all its sports sponsorships in the country in 2019.

"60pc of the sponsorship will go directly to the clubs in the FKF Premier League as grants, with the remaining 40pc allocated to administrative and operational costs to ensure the efficient running of the competition," Karauri indicated.

"Before then, our goal was to take Kenya to the World Cup, and now we are glad to have restarted the journey with this partnership."

While hailing the gaming firm for the kind gesture, Mohammed said the groundbreaking deal means well for Kenyan football. **[Ochieng Oyugi]**



FKF President Hussein Mohammed (right) and SportPesa CEO Ronald Karauri during yesterday's event in Nairobi. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



# Battle for national glory

► Champions Butere Red Commandos clash with Kobala Mixed as Madira face off with Nasokol.

► Holders Oyugi Ogango renew rivalry with former winner Kaya Tiwi in netball contest.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, KAKAMEGA

The battle for this year's Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) National Term Two games titles will hit fever-pitch as teams battle for final slots in Kakamega today.

Debutants Agai Mixed Secondary School from Nyanza will square it out with Rift Valley's St Joseph's Boys High School Kitale in boys' football duel.

Agai finished second in Group A behind homeboys Musingu High School after falling 1-0 to their hosts in a tightly contested match at the Mumias Complex.

St Joseph's also maintained a good run to top Group B with nine points after winning all their preliminary encounters. Defending champions Highway Secondary School from Nairobi and Kirangari Secondary School were all square in all aspects with a committee set to separate the two sides based on cards picked.

The duo had four points each and had played to a 3-3 draw. Musingu will only know their opponent after the decision is made.

Defending girls' football champions Butere High School will lock horns with Nyanza's Kobala Mixed Secondary School in hunt for a final slot. The unbeaten Red Commandos must beat Kobala to remain on course to retaining their title. Butere have had a good run and are yet to lose or concede a goal.

They topped Group A with nine points while Nasokol Girls, who tackle Madira Girls, finished second with four points. Madira led Group B with nine while Kobala had six.

Former national and East Africa volleyball champions Malava Boys High School will lock horns with Nyanza's Gogo Mixed Secondary School in their last four duel.

Malava, who returned to the national stage after many years in the cold, rallied from two sets down to beat Coast's Mwaluphamba Secondary School 3-2 (15-25, 23-15, 25-12, 25-18, 15-13) to win all their matches and top the pool with eight points.

Mwaluphamba will face off with holders Cheptil High School from Rift Valley in the other semi-final. Malava coach Shadrack Tovoko said they are handling one game at a time with the aim of playing in tomorrow's final.

"It is good to be back on the national stage and we are hoping for the best and focusing only on the task at



Malava Boys High School in action against Mwaluphamba Secondary School during this year's national secondary school Term Two games yesterday, in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]



St Peter's Boys High School rugby Sevens player Reagan Williams (left) in action against Koyonzo High School yesterday, in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

hand. It took us long to build a team after the exit of senior players and the Covid-19 break worsened the situation for us, but we are finally here," Tovoko said.

Reigning girls' volleyball champions Kwanthanze Secondary School from Eastern will clash with old foes Soweto Academy from Nairobi.

Kwanthanze, who are seeking to retain their title, won all their B matches to book a date with Soweto, who finished second with six in Group B. East Africa champions Kesogon Secondary School from Rift Valley will play home side Bishop Sulumeti Girls High School.

In netball, defending champions Oyugi Ogango Girls Secondary from Nyanza will renew rivalry with former holders Kaya Tiwi Secondary School from Coast.

Oyugi Ogango will be looking to extend their good run against Kaya Tiwi who they beat 58-20 in the preliminaries of last year's games.

Kaya Tiwi on the other hand will be out to avenge their loss and also qualify for the finals and make amends for last year's lackluster show that saw them finish a distant sixth.

The second semis encounter will see Rift Valley champions St Joseph's Girls High School Kitale clash with



# down to last four



Ruiru Girls tactician reacts as her team played Dr Charles Mulley in Kakamega yesterday. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]



Ayaan Quadros of Oshwal Nairobi returns a shot during the national secondary school Term Two games in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

## Today's fixtures (semi-finals)

### Football

#### Boys

■ Agai Mixed v St Joseph's Kitale

#### Girls

■ Butere Girls v Kobala Mixed

■ Madira Girls v Nasokol Girls

### Volleyball

#### Boys

■ Cheptil v Mwaluphamba

■ Malava v Gogo Mixed

#### Girls

■ Kwanthanze v Soweto Academy

■ Kesogon v Bishop Sulumeti

### Netball

■ Oyugi Ogango v Kaya Tiwi

■ St Joseph's Kitale v Bukhokholo

### Rugby 7s (quarters)

#### Boys

■ Bwake v Musingu

■ Koyonzo v Nairobi School

■ Bungoma High v Lenana School

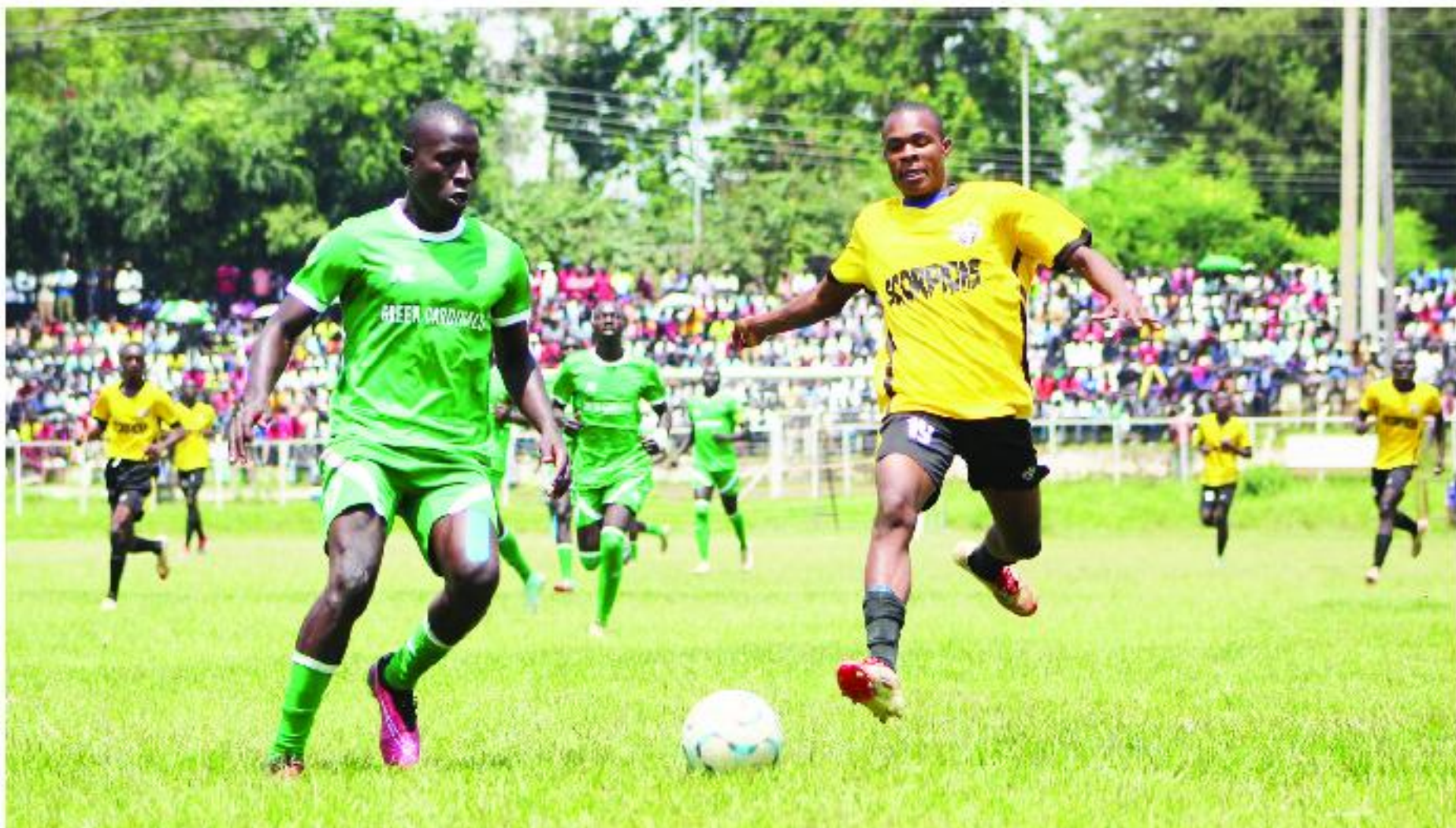
■ St Mary's Yala v St Peter's Mumias

home girls St Monica Bukokholo.

Bukokholo finished second in Group A with four points behind unbeaten Oyugi Ogango who had six. St Joseph's topped Group A with six points while Kaya Tiwi was second with four from two wins and a loss. [emburugu@standardmedia.co.ke](mailto:emburugu@standardmedia.co.ke)



Mumias Muslim Boys take part in Lacrosse against Kabsabet Boys High School in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]



It was action galore in the boys football contest as Agai High School and Musingu High School faced-off in Mumias. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]



Highway Secondary School's Alvin Oloo leaves his marker for the dead in their football match. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

## Briefing

### TRADE. NATIONAL GAMES LEAVE KAKAMEGA RICHER

■ Hosting secondary school games has become the desire of many counties due to financial gains that come with such championships. When hosting the games, the hospitality and transport industries as well small-scale traders are top gainers. David Wekesa, a hotel manager, said that this is the first time they are operating at full capacity in a long time. "Times are hard and we rarely get guests but we are very grateful that our facility is fully booked for the national games and we are optimistic that we will have more capacity during the East Africa games." [Elizabeth Mburugu]

### FANS. BATTLE OF DRUMS GAIN MOMENTUM



Fans cheering their teams during national school games in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

■ As teams tussle for wins on the pitch at the ongoing games, a different kind of showdown rages on along the sidelines as fans rally behind their favourite schools. The battle of the drums has taken centre stage at the games with Nyanza and Western teams having the most entertaining cheering squads. Matches pitting teams from the two regions that call themselves *mashemeji*, meaning in-laws, are not without drama as their diehard fans exchange friendly fire, aiming to help their side win by beating their drums louder. [Elizabeth Mburugu]

### FUTURE. COACHES HUNT FOR TALENT IN KAKAMEGA

■ Renowned coaches are on a talent hunting mission at the ongoing secondary schools national Term Two games. Kariobangi Sharks coach William Muluha, KCB Bank's women volleyball coach Japheth Munala are among tacticians who are in Kakamega to look for talented players. In addition to the tacticians, there are officials scouting for various local clubs. Former Malkia Strikers captain Mercy Moim and KCB Bank skipper Edith Wisa are also here to mentor the youngsters. [Elizabeth Mburugu]

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## Teen sensation Odongo ready to light up Chan

► He sat for his national exams last year, but on Sunday he's set to make his Harambee Stars debut against DR Congo.

► Shabana forward was part of Kenya's provisional squad for the U20 Afcon in Egypt.

CAFONLINE, NAIROBI

Just a year ago, Austin Odongo was sitting national exams in Homabay County. Now, the 19-year-old is preparing to line up for Kenya at the African Nations Championship (Chan) 2024, marking a remarkable rise from schoolboy footballer to national team prospect.

Odongo is not just one of the youngest players at the tournament — he is also one of the most intriguing stories.



The striker, who recently completed Form Four (the final year of secondary school in Kenya), has been named in the final 25-man Harambee Stars squad for Chan — a competition that exclusively features players from domestic leagues.

And he has done it after just one season in top-flight football.

"I was really delighted when I received the call-up. It was a great reward after a good first season with Shabana," Odongo told *CafOnline.com*.

"I felt really motivated even to know that the coach thought about me and I could provide solutions to his striking force. I am looking forward to this opportunity and to give my all for the team if given a chance."

### From youth captain to Kenya premier league standout

Odongo's breakthrough came during a youth tournament organised by the Ministry of Sports, where he captained Homabay County to the title and caught the



eye of scouts. Offers followed from various Kenyan Premier League clubs, but he chose Shabana FC, a fan-favourite side steeped in history, for his debut campaign.

He didn't disappoint — scoring seven goals and registering two assists in just the second leg of the season.

"It was a really great experience of learning at Shabana. There was a lot to do in my debut in the Premier League and I am delighted with how I performed," he said. "It was great that I managed to settle in quickly and the club also gave me freedom and a conducive environment to work. I feel I have grown much since then and I am ready to move to the next level." Odongo's

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### Second chance at national duty

Odongo was part of Kenya's provisional squad for the U20 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) in Egypt, but narrowly missed out on the final selection.

That setback seems to have fuelled his hunger — and this time, he's made it.

The youngster is among those hoping to inspire Kenya in their Chan debut, and their opening match against DR Congo at the Moi Sports Centre Kasarani could be the stage for his international debut.

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### Player Profile

- Name: Austin Odongo
- Club: Shabana FC
- Age: 19
- Position: Striker



## MORE TEAMS JET IN FOR CHAN EXTRAVAGANZA



DR Congo players after arriving at JKIA yesterday for the 2024 Africa Nations Championship. The two-time champions face Kenya in the Group A opener at Kasarani Stadium on Sunday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]



Angola players after landing at JKIA, Nairobi yesterday for the 2024 Africa Nations Championship. They are in Group A alongside hosts Kenya, Morocco, DR Congo and Zambia. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

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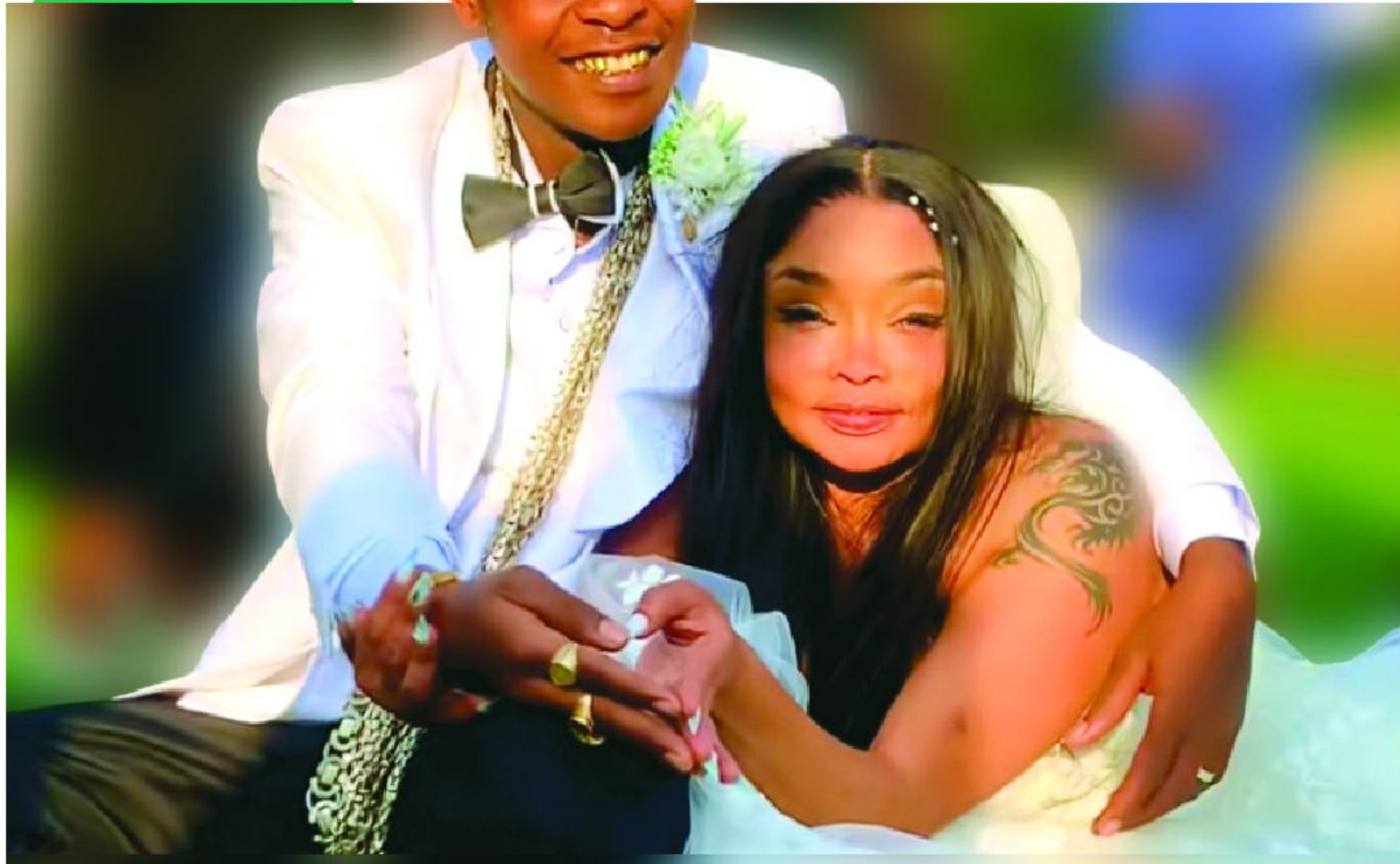
# Quiet Exits

Celebs who quit the  
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# STREET MEETS Posh

IT WAS LOUD, IT WAS FLASHY AND THE CLAIMS AROUND IT OUTRAGEOUS. THIS WAS THE WEDDING BETWEEN VJ PATELO AND HIS LOVE DIANA, **MOLLY CHEBET** WRITES

A unique wedding recently captured the internet's attention, sparking a mix of reactions from Kenyans. It was the lavish ceremony of VJ Patelo, a 26-year-old upcoming musician, who married his partner, Diana, in a wedding that blended luxury with a distinct Nairobi street style. There was an energetic entourage of Nairobi youths who turned the high-end event into a vibrant display of street culture and loyalty. From the vibe in the videos to the outfits of the guests and the attitude of all those involved, quirky might just be the word for it.

And not just because the bride appeared to be much older than the groom: Younger men engaging in a relationship with older women is not a new concept.

Rather, it was the air around it all.

The groomsmen arrived dressed sharply in sleek black suits, crisp white shirts, and bow ties, topped off with fashionable sneakers and caps.

They pulled up to the venue in a luxurious white limousine, laughing and enjoying drinks, setting an energetic tone for the celebration.

Their bold street style blended surprisingly well with the opulent surroundings, creating a wedding atmosphere that truly broke from tradition.

At the event, guests were treated to a vibrant display of streetwear, including flashy imitation brands, striking accessories and lively urban slang.

A widely shared video captured a young man, exuding Nairobi charisma, stating: "Rada ya vijana ni umoja. Sura mbaya lakini roho safi." Another chimed in with a heartfelt observation about unity and support.

The groom himself looked dazzling in a white tuxedo jacket, white shirt, black trousers, bow tie, black dress shoes, and several silver chains.

His bride was equally stunning in a flowing, backless white gown.

In an interview by media personality Oga Obinna, the enthusiastic Patelo dropped jaws as he confidently, and outrageously, claimed that the wedding cost a staggering Sh500 Million.

Even Obinna asked if he could elaborate more but didn't give further information about the budget.

The flamboyant 'Last Man' hit maker added

## SPOTLESS

The groom himself looked dazzling in a white tuxedo jacket, white shirt, black trousers, bow tie, black dress shoes, and several silver chains.

that his outfit cost Sh1.7 Million while his ten friends' matching attires cost Sh2.2 Million.

And as for the cake? It wasn't your average tiered treat. The couple claimed it was specially imported from Dubai, and it lit up. Literally. "That cake was not a normal cake. It was imported from Dubai and it had lights," Patelo added proudly.

However, the bride insisted that Patelo was the man of her dreams and praised his youthful energy and charisma. She added that she was drawn to his "ungwash", a slang term for bad-boy charm.

The smiling wife said that her wedding dress from Dubai cost Sh1.6 million.

When asked about their ages, Patelo said that he was 26 while Diana was 29 leaving netizens skeptic of her age.

Nonetheless, the couple seemed happy regardless of their evident age gap.

### Simba Corp hosts the 720 Music Lab

This is a sonic explosion as 720 Music Lab at Simba Corporation Aspire Centre Nairobi brings hosts an electrifying night headlined by South Africa's Gqom heavyweight's deejays LAG and FUNKY QLA tomorrow. From the gritty streets of Durban to the dance floors of the world, these pioneers are redefining African electronic music, and now they're coming to shake Nairobi. Expect a night of hypnotic rhythms, bass that hits your soul, and vibes that unite the tribe. Charges are from Sh2,000.

### The Throwback 2.0

Get ready to rewind the clock and relive the golden era of music at Throwback 2.0; where classic hits meet modern energy in one unforgettable night at The Alloy, Nairobi, tonight and headlined by the turntable assassins Kim, Shaky and Forest. Entry is from Sh2,500.

### The Konpa Night

This is a night where two cultures meet for endless energy. This is a special edition of Konpa meets Afrolatin vibes in collaboration with the Dala Afrolatin Festival. Njerai, The Gentlemen, deejays D'Cure, Ricks, Jam Mixmaster, Dan and lam Mwikali Bobonaya are the headliners at Muze, Nairobi, tonight. Charges are Sh1,500.

### Sun, Sand and Sound

This is a party that blends African rhythm and beach luxury at Nyali International Beach Hotel, Mombasa, tomorrow. Entry is Sh1,000.

### Short and Sweet Reggae Fest

This is a festival night of roots, rhythm, and irie vibes featuring live performances from Selectress Glow, deejays Ronnix, Charra, Chris Ferrari, emcees Kotkot, Cyro, Kaboom, J Mras Nesta, GJ, and Giri Galgaloh at Carnivore, Nairobi, tomorrow. Charges are from Sh500.

### Heartstrings' 'Wrong Number'

Multi-award winning theatre outfit Heartstrings Entertainment continues its 2025 calendar with its latest a rib-cracking life changing play dubbed 'Wrong Number,' at Alliance Française Auditorium, Nairobi, throughout this weekend. Sammy Mwangi is the director. Entry is Sh1,000.

### The Ndoa Literature Play

They came to say I do...but before the cake, came confession. Ndoa is no ordinary wedding; it is what happens when a wedding meets 'maandamano' and Kenya meets herself at the altar with secrets spilling faster than gossip, and love is put on trial literally. The play goes down tonight at Sarakasi Dome, Nairobi, with tickets retailing at Sh1,000.

### Kifo Kisimani

Hive of Theatre, aka Hive of the Arts, has set up its latest production: a bold and timely revival of Kifo Kisimani the acclaimed Swahili play by celebrated Kenyan writer and academic, Prof Kithaka wa Mberia at Shah Jain Bhavan, Nairobi throughout this weekend. Set in the fictional community of Butangi, Kifo Kisimani follows Mwelusi, a fearless citizen who dares to resist the brutal dictatorship of Mtemi Bokono. Through sharp dialogue, rich symbolism and vivid characters, the play explores oppression, betrayal, nationalism and the human cost of liberation. Charges are Sh2,000.

### The Wine Fair 2025 Edition

Sample global wines from over 100 brands complemented with masterclasses from sommeliers, live deejay and artiste performances at Nairobi Street Kitchen, Westlands, Nairobi tomorrow. Charges are Sh1,500. Indulge responsibly.

### The Jazztified

The eclectic East Africa's premier jazz fusion band, the Jazztified, host its trademark live music performance this and every Friday at Geco Café, Nairobi. There is no cover charge.

## SPOTLIGHT

# LET SPIRITS Speak

JUOGI WUOYO IS A KENYAN-BORN ARTISTE WHO CREATES MUSIC AS A SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL CONDUIT, BLENDING ANCESTRAL LUO SOUNDS WITH GLOBAL INFLUENCES. HIS ALBUM 'IDHI NERDY' TELLS IT ALL, **BONIFACE MITHIKA** WRITES

**J**uoGi Wuoyo whose name translates to "Spirits Communicating" says he is more than a musician. He is a vessel, a medium channeling ancestral energy through sound.

Born in Kenya and navigating a life split between here and Ireland, his music bridges the ancient and the modern, the spiritual and the experimental.

Known for infusing vintage Luo instrumentation with global languages and experimental beats, he has carved out a distinctive artistic identity grounded in both cultural preservation and personal expression.

"I chose the name JuoGi Wuoyo to reflect my expressions as a conduit of the spiritual realm," he says. "Art itself is spiritual. All artistes are possessed and thus they get to convey whatever they hold inside to the audience."

Despite living abroad, JuoGi remains rooted in his homeland. "Not much changed," he says of Ireland's influence.

"It just gave me a different perspective. The sounds from my rural place are still my integral source of inspiration from birds, animals, wind, markets, dirges, hymns, and the antique sounds of benga, nyatiti, and Ohangla."

This grounding in Luo heritage is more than a nostalgic homage which he describes as an urgent mission. "We can't afford to let our culture erode. Oral tradition has always preserved our identity. There are songs, that are vessels of history."

His view of artistry is deeply spiritual as well as cultural. "In the Luo spheres, artistes are just like healers or rainmakers. You'll often hear musicians say 'Thum gir juogi', meaning the spirits must choose you to be an artiste."

His first album, *Idhi Nerdy*, embodies these beliefs. The title itself is a corrupted version of the Luo greeting 'Idhi Nade' (How are you?) which seeks to spark a deeper emotional awareness.

"We ask 'how are you' just to get the default 'I'm fine,'" he explains. "I wanted us to go further and really check in with each other emotion-



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## NERDY AFFAIR

His second offering, 'Idhi Nerdy 2', builds on the original with what he calls "residual thoughts from the first album."

ally, psychologically, physically."

The album became a platform to explore personal loss and generational memory. "Tracks like 'Obila' and 'Jabatha' were deeply personal as I dedicated them to my late father," he says.

One of the standout tracks on the album is 'Otenga' featuring Rebi. "It samples sounds from my grandfather, Oketch Konyanyo. He passed recently. We were jamming last year with his nyatiti. I recorded it on my phone, and Kwame turned it into a tune."

Producers like Kwame Miguda (also known as Logical Truth), Orony (MC Spook), and Bassman were crucial in shaping the making of the album.

"Kwame understands my playlist. He'd just conjure beats and send them over," he says. "Bassman was introduced to me by Coster Ojwang, and he made beats right there in the moment."

His choice of collaborators is no accident either. "These are artistes that I know personally and we have performed together from way back in Kisumu where my art journey started. Rebi has been an obvious voice in my albums, very soulful, she always brings the magic. Coster has taken the wave and is currently a juggernaut in the music scenes, Nyasanje has that spiritual sound, Chain Lamar can rap and sing effortlessly," he explains.

Linguistically, JuoGi uses Dholuo, Swahili, Sheng, English, French, and Spanish "It's not often a conscious decision, rhyming becomes about sound, and Dholuo is very poetic and musical. You have more material to work with."

For him, the balance between experimentation and spirituality is intuitive. "There's no great mystery to it. It depends on my headspace. I like to experiment but I always inject culture into it to see how it blends."

Despite being a nurse by profession, JuoGi sees music as a form of therapy mostly for himself. "That's how I depressurize. I'm not a commercial artiste. So only those who resonate with my art get to enjoy it."

But his message is clear and intentional. "Let's be compassionate. Let's listen more, be less judgmental," he says.

His second offering, *'Idhi Nerdy 2'*, builds on the original with what he calls "residual thoughts from the first album. My connection grows each day thus this is a continuation of the first concept, mostly produced by Kwame again."

*'Idhi Nerdy 2'* experiments with soulful harp strings, Luo drum patterns, and incantations. French, Spanish, Lingala, and even German join the multilingual palette.

One notable track, 'Chieng' featuring Coster Ojwang fuses Lingala and Dholuo with surprising fluidity.

The heart of the album is 'Sikruok Maber' featuring Omondi Ochuka.

"It's deeply poetic, a voice for the oppressed. It speaks against government injustice, political violations, oppressive laws," he says.

Ultimately, JuoGi Wuoyo's music is an open channel; a conduit for memory, emotion, protest, and healing. "I hope someone gets inspired and passes the energy to the next person, let's make it contagious," he says.

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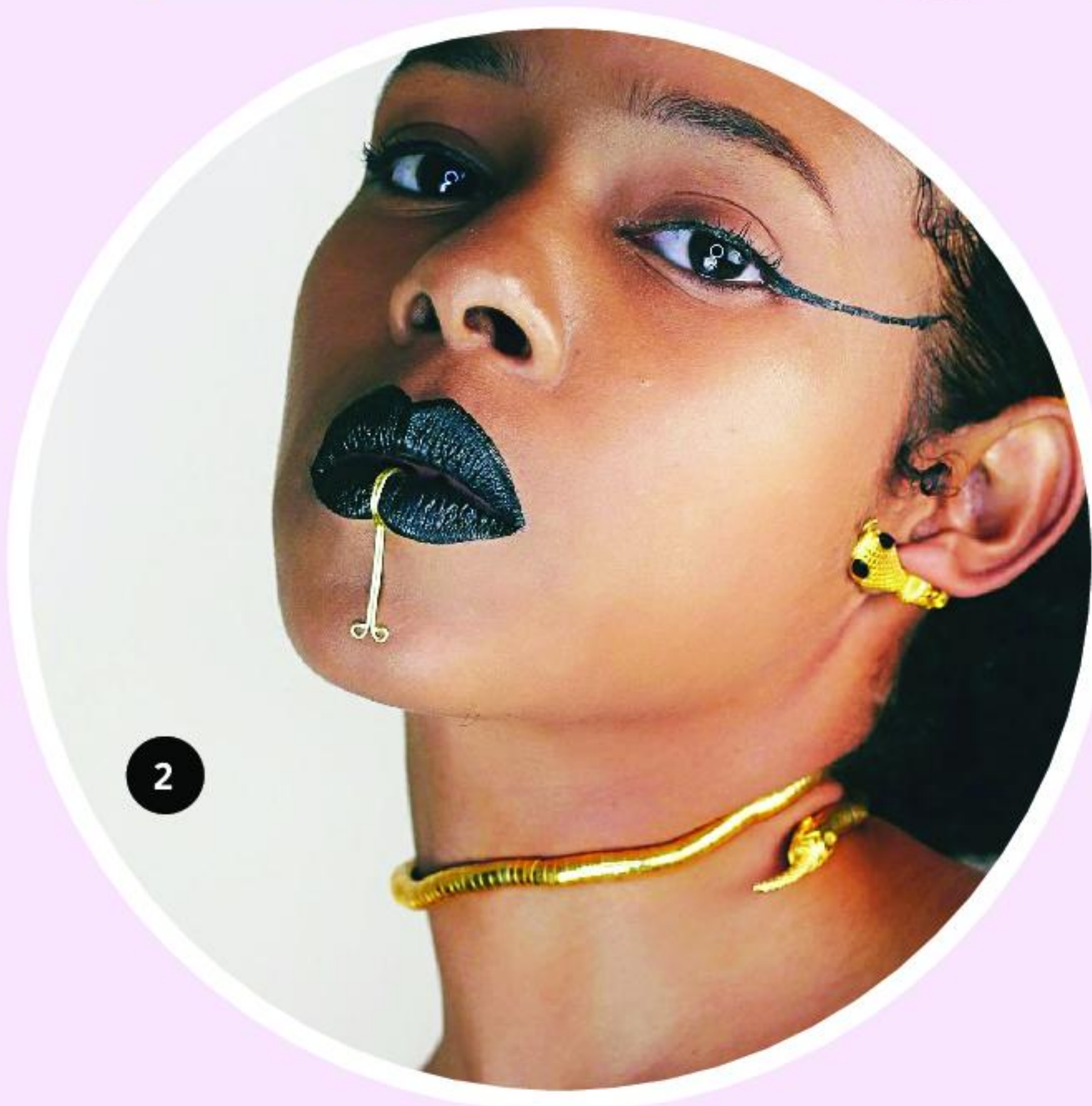
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# LIP SERVICE



**PHOTO 1**  
Those gold spiked lip accents are designed to stand out.

**PHOTO 2**  
This piece paired with that fierce black lip is a whole mood.

**PHOTO 3**  
Minimalist but mighty, this silver curved lip cuff is the ultimate quiet statement. It's sleek, clean and effortlessly cool, adding an avant-garde touch without screaming for attention.

**PHOTO 4**  
This elongated silver wire lip cuff is a statement maker regardless of its simplicity. Its minimalist design is undeniably ahead of the curve.



PULSE NEWS

# RECKLESS MIKA

**S**ammy Okore, once the shy Tosh in Kenya's beloved TV series *Machachari*, has come a long way from his child-actor days, sharing the screen with stars like Lemuel Malik and Tyler Mbaya.

Now 25, Sammy is stepping into the spotlight with his breakout role as Mika in youth drama *Reckless*.

As Mika, a party-loving teen whose reckless street race triggers a tragic accident, Sammy delivers a performance charged with adrenaline and emotion, impacting both his character and his older brother, played by Brian Abajah.

Off-screen, his charisma shines through as a self-proclaimed ladies' man, currently navigating a "situationship" while keeping his DMs open.

His journey to *Reckless* has been shaped by mentors and personal passion. His father, now head of production at Standard Group, sparked his career with his first audition, serving as a guiding light in the unpredictable entertainment world.

During his *Machachari* days, Sammy was men-

tored by the legendary Arabron Osanya, whose wisdom fueled his love for acting.

"He took me under his wing and mentored me during those early days as a child actor, shaping my passion and approach to acting," he says.

Fast forward to *Reckless*, director Gilbert Lukalia helped Sammy fully embody Mika, with candid side chats filled with laughter and lessons that left a lasting impact.

The high-octane street racing scene, shot at 10pm along Nairobi's Southern Bypass, stands out as a career highlight.

"This scene is one of the biggest highlights of the show and my career."

Working with a stunt driver, he says he felt an adrenaline rush akin to scoring a winning goal in a football match, an unforgettable thrill he calls 'pure magic.'

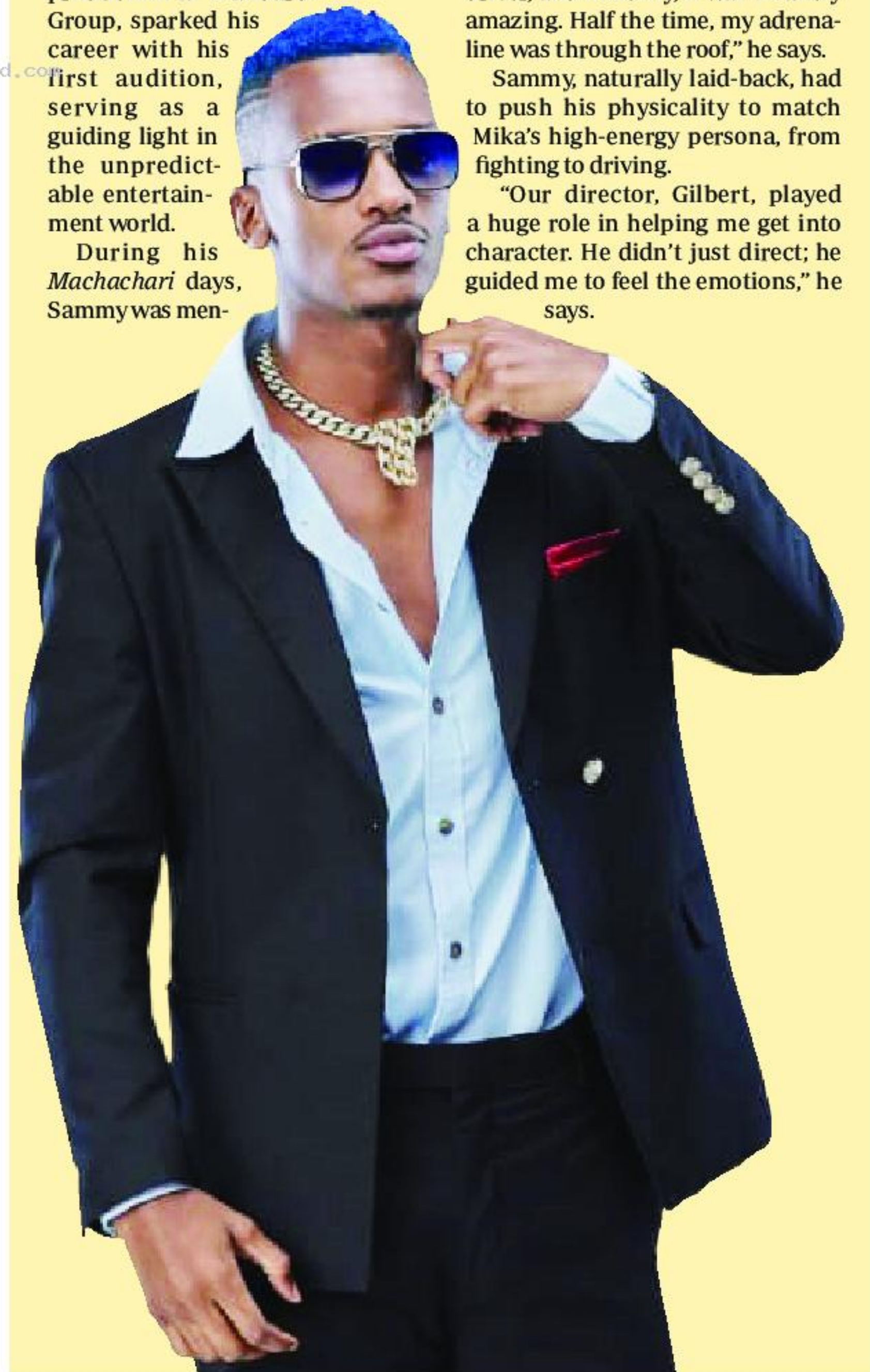
"I got to work closely with a stunt driver, and honestly, it was insanely amazing. Half the time, my adrenaline was through the roof," he says.

Sammy, naturally laid-back, had to push his physicality to match Mika's high-energy persona, from fighting to driving.

"Our director, Gilbert, played a huge role in helping me get into character. He didn't just direct; he guided me to feel the emotions," he says.



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## COVER STORY

# THEY CAME, THEY SAW, THEY LEFT

WHILE MOST ARE ATTRACTED TO FAME LIKE MOTHS TO THE LIGHT, SOME CELEBRITIES HAVE CHOSEN TO WALK AWAY FROM THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR, **MKALA MWAGHESHA** WRITES



**W**hen British RnB singer Craig David sang 'I'm walking away, from the troubles in my life, I'm walking away, oh, to find a better day,' he wasn't describing the industry he was a big part of, or that he would also take time away from it.

At one point, when one of his albums bombed, he moved to Florida to focus his attention away from music and onto weightlifting and the party scene.

When Talia Oyando quit showbiz in her late 20s, she pointed out that she needed to breathe; take time off to enjoy what her peers were doing.

"I needed time to find myself," the multitasking showbiz personality who had become famous at 17 explained. "I got into the entertainment industry when I was very young and I did not get to live my young life fully. I never got to do things a young girl should do."

The reasons can vary from health to family, rediscovering oneself to rebranding. But for some, like Ousmane, there is no explanation needed for life choices.

The year is 2003. Of the many jams Kenyans are bumping to, some form Ogopa, others from Homeboyz Productions, a handful from Mandugu Digital, and a pocketful from Blue Zebra, a diminutive artiste by the name of Ousmane is making dancefloors bounce with a hard-hitting dancehall/kapuka song titled 'Dunda'.

One of the few leading artistes with a leaning towards reggae, Dunda scooped a Chaguo la Teeniez (CHAT) award for the artiste born Wanjohi Maregwa, before he went on to win Best Reggae Act award in the 2005 Kisima Awards.

A supreme writer with the right vocals and the perfect tone for serenades, he would go on to release his biggest track ever, VIP Love, a proper lover rock reggae jam about the regrets of losing a lover and wanting them back.

He would do a compilation album titled 'Rising Sun,' that also had, among other songs, 'Little Star' and 'Nuks'.

But by the mid 2010, Ousmane was nowhere to be seen; not on gigs, not on television, his memory only kept alive by his radio hits, reggae deejay mixes and YouTube searches.

## Henrie Mutuku

Henrie Mutuku is best remembered as the soft-voiced singer next to the baritone and gruff of Rufftone on 'Usichoke,' a gospel hit that deserves its place in the top 10 best songs ever recorded in contemporary Kenya. In fact, the song was so big that it catapulted her to two Kisima awards in 2003 and a Kora Award nomination in the same year.

Her first album, 'Simama,' had, besides 'Usichoke,' other hits including 'Manzi Wa Maana,' and 'Amini'.

Already, and still, a morally upright Christian who sang about the 'perfect' Christian girlfriend, Henrie disappeared from the scene, choosing the pulpit and church service over the performance stage and TV screens.

"I wanted to take some time just to reflect, soul search and focus on God. I felt that there was too much going on in the gospel industry," she explained to The Standard a decade ago,



## PULSE NEWS

## MOE WILLIE'S 'UMEGOMA' STRIKES EMOTIONAL CHORD

**M**oe Willie is a Tanzanian artiste making his mark on the Bongo Flava scene as a multi-talented star.

As a singer, dancer and a skilled instrumentalist on both guitar and piano, he brings a talented package to his music, setting him apart from many of his contemporaries.

Born William Frednand Machenchewa he launched his musical path in 2019. For the next several years, he navigated the industry as an independent artiste.

This was when he developed his signature sound and sharpened his performance skills outside of a major label structure, building a foundation for his future.

His hard work and potential were recognised this year, when he became the first artist to sign with Wings Music.

The new Tanzanian label was founded with the specific mission of finding and elevating East African talent.

With the backing of his new team, he has been releasing music to a growing audience. He introduced this new chapter with the single 'Mahaba' in February this year, followed by his most recent track, 'Umegoma', last month.

His latest release speaks about the pain of love that he went through after being left by his partner.



when she reappeared with a new song, 'Langu,' and then later dropped an album titled 'Tena'.

Pushed on, she elaborated what she found most unpalatable about the industry – the showmanship.

"When I first got into music I just wanted to make music to guide people during praise and worship. However, with time I felt that gospel was turning into a showbiz industry and having done my job I had to step back."

Laid back, soft-spoken and candid, her exit was a loss for an industry that had more showbiz than content, an industry that was growing exponentially and one that was sustained at the turn of the 2010 by its gospel offshoot.

Though she walked away, 'Mrs Maina' is still active on social media, sharing gems every few days, posting on X just this week, "I'm a sinner in need of grace, saved by grace, kept by grace, trusting that God's grace in Jesus Christ will lead me (and others who believe in Jesus Christ) to his eternal home."

### Nasty Thomas

There is no 'Uhaah! Naamka kume kucha napita mamangina nasikia "nipe shilingi!"' without Nasty, the one-half member of Ogopa DeeJays' *Deux Vultures*.

Calling the group a one-hit wonder for Monalisa is selective amnesia for the duo that also rapped 'Katika', 'Kinyaunyau', 'Kapatikana' among others.

The original bad boys of showbiz, the tall and lanky duo were everywhere, part of Ogopa's extensive roster, until they were not. In the late 2000s, the group broke up, and Nasty never touched a microphone again. In the early 2010s, Nasty Thomas, born Thomas Gonzanga, flew to Oslo, Norway, and never looked back, permanently settling in the Nordic country as with his then Norwegian girlfriend.

By 2017, he was rumoured to be working as a fitness trainer, flooding his Instagram page with photos of life on the fast lane, indicating he was scooping life away from showbiz with a bigger spoon.

But before he left Kenya, he was involved in a romantic scandal with his then girlfriend Deliah Ipupah, and wife Josephine Njeri, leaving one divorced and the other carrying his pregnancy. Nasty business.

### Daniel Day-Lewis

Set to feature on *Anemone*, a 2025 film directed by his son Ronan Day-Lewis, this will mark the first time one of earth's most talented, celebrated and awarded actors returns to screen after a seven-year absence.

The British star, recipient of almost every top award available in his career, and a knighthood for 'services to drama', he has twice retired from acting, the first time to take up an apprenticeship as a shoe-maker in Italy.

Explaining his decision then, he said, "I need to believe in the value of what I'm doing. The work can seem vital, irresistible, even. And if an audience believes it, that should be good enough for me. But, lately, it isn't."

### Daft Punk

By the time the masked magicians were calling it quits in 2021, the duos' disgust for fame was always apparent. Everything about the French duo was shrouded in mystery, from performing with metallic helmets, to remaining anonymous for more than a decade after they hit the scene in the 90s.

They chose whom to work with, and when to make an appearance, a far cry from the typical celebrity who can't keep away from the dazzling flashlights and the back pages of tabloids.

Supremely talented, influential and universally appreciated, the decision to walk away had them on an eight-minute video literally walking away, titled *Epilogue*.

"I love technology as a tool [but] I'm somehow terrified of the nature of the relationship between the machines and ourselves," Thomas Bangalter explained on why they walked away after 28 years of hiding behind masks to 'ensure anonymity and deflect media hounding.'

### J.D. Salinger

The talented writer was more comfortable in a small town in New Hampshire than the lights and glamour of book launches.

"I am kind of paranoid in reverse; I suspect people of plotting to make me happy," he was once quoted saying. Unlike other creators who walked away from fame, he stayed far away from it, writing up to the point of his death in 2010, a fact many didn't know because he published his last novella in a magazine in 1965.

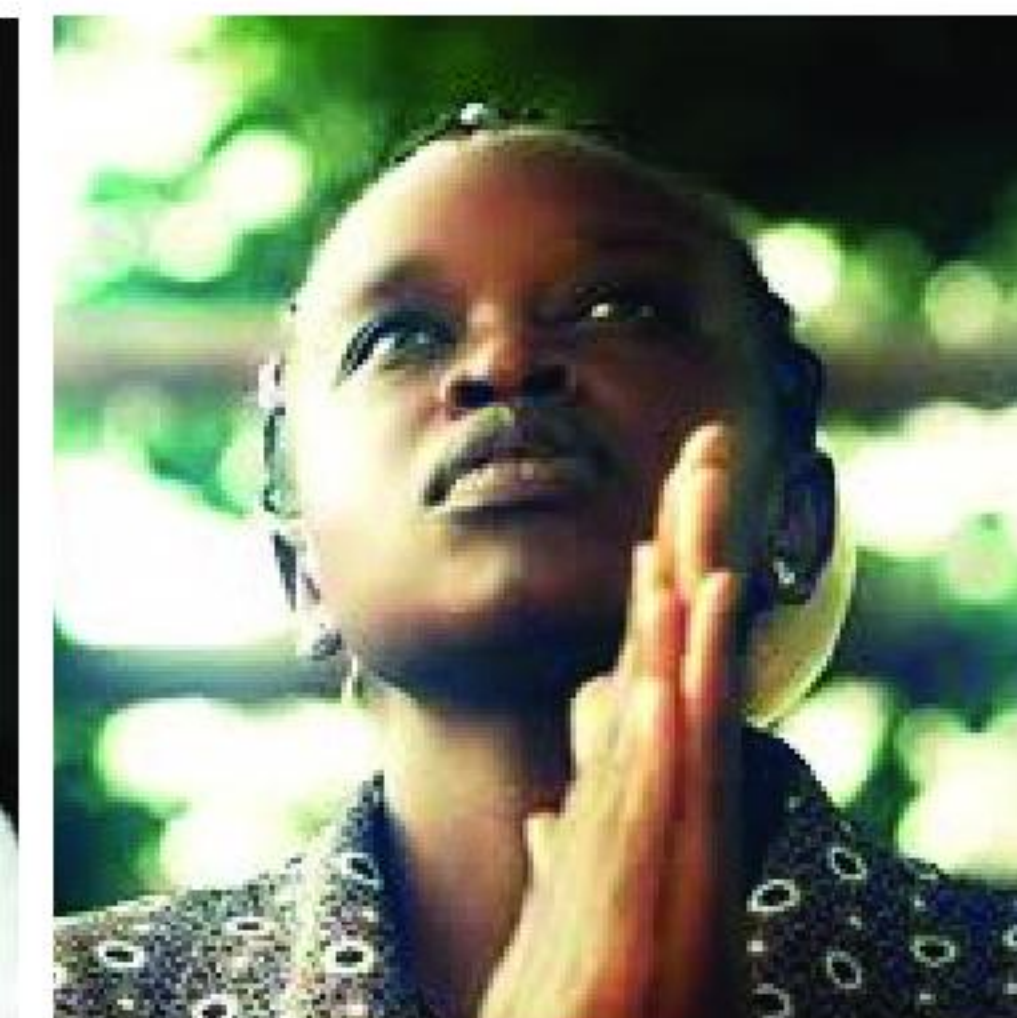
On how he fiercely guarded his privacy, *The New York Times* reported, "Not even a fire that consumed at least half his home on Tuesday could smoke out the reclusive J.D. Salinger, author of the classic novel of adolescent rebellion, *The Catcher in the Rye*. Mr. Salinger is almost equally famous for having elevated privacy to an art form."

### André 3000

The one-half member of Outkast has always been an awkward connoisseur of the limelight, outrageous and expressive on video, mild and shy of fit. Outkast ceased because of André, an exceptional rapper who chose his peace over fame, rapping 'Well I'm disgusted with this world, and I can hardly breathe, and told so many lies, don't know what to believe,' on T.I's *Sorry*.

A top 10 rapper in many critically acclaimed lists, the reclusive rapper released an 87-minute flute jazz album in 2023 titled 'New Blue Sun', a man after his own pace and style.

New Blue Sun was André's fresh solo material in over 17 years.



## THAT ROCKED



Celebrated musician Kidum thrills fans during The Perch relaunch in Nairobi. [Photo Courtesy]

# MOMBASA GOES *Caribbean*

AS CARIBBEAN PARTY INFUSED THE NYALI BEACH OF MOMBASA WITH VIBRANT JAMAICAN VIBES, THE PERCH WAS OPENING IN NAIROBI, JOACKIM BWANA WRITES

Mombasa city was over the weekend lit with Jamaican vibes as the first-ever Caribbean Brunch party happened by the beautiful beaches of the leafy suburb of Nyali.

Lovers of the Caribbean culture and music were treated to a sundown-to-sunset party by the beach with coastal and Caribbean delicacies and music by top DJs, including DJ Andy, KACE, TM, and Tadguo.

According to Kevin Owando, co-founder of Caribbean Brunch Kenya, the party is all about the music, the culture, and the cuisine.

"We saw a shift from people going to the club to out-of-town parties while searching for unique experiences where they find like-minded people. If you love reggae, dancehall, or soca calypso, this is the place to be," he said.

Owando said the event that is one year old started in Lavington, Nairobi, at a place called Kiban Court with about 40 people, then grew to 80, and now in Nairobi it attracts about 2000.

"We brought the experience to Mombasa because when you think about the region, es-

pecially Watamu and Diani, they are very hot right now, and we wanted to bring the first-ever authentic Caribbean experience because it is all about the beach. In Nairobi we always do it in a limited enclosed space," said Owando.

Brenda Njoroge, a lover of Caribbean music and culture since high school, said Caribbean Brunch is an innovative space that has a niche audience that loves Caribbean food, music, and culture.

"Caribbean Brunch is for the people and by the people. The selection of artistes and DJs focuses on the Caribbean vibe. This gives people a chance to enjoy and listen to music they want," said Njoroge.

According to Jeremy Odhiambo, head of people and culture at Caribbean Vibe, the Caribbean Brunch target audience is people from 20 to 35 years old.

Odhiambo said there is a younger audience who are getting into the culture and enjoying the music. He said that culture has to be passed onto the next generation.

"Even the music we play, we start from the 90s to date. We also try to incorporate Caribbean food into our portfolio to give the experience one can get in Barbados and Jamaica."

He said they used to host

small events monthly in Nairobi, which grew into bigger events.

"The Caribbean has always been known for sea and ocean, and the Indian Ocean being the only theme in Kenya, it was a good destination to host it; hence, the beach view and the sea background," said Odhiambo.

## The Perch

And in Nairobi, the popular Kingfisher Nest Hotel announced the grand reopening of its signature dining venue, The Perch, following a two-year renovation. The colourful event was attended by top celebrities and industry players.

The relaunch was celebrated last week with an exclusive gathering of distinguished guests, including industry leaders, influencers, and key stakeholders from Nairobi's vibrant hospitality sector.

"Our vision was to elevate The Perch into a destination that seamlessly blends modern elegance with culinary excellence," said Anil Shah, Chairman of Kingfisher Nest Hotel.

"The Perch is now positioned as a multi-functional venue ideal for elevated dining, business networking, and curated events. It perfectly complements the broader hospitality proposition of Kingfisher Nest," remarked Ashish Sharma, CEO of Thrive Hospitality.

It offered an exclusive experience for lovers of reggae, dancehall, and soca-calypso fused with a culture of vibrant colours and Afro-Caribbean or Jamaican cuisines.

## VIDEO REVIEW

Mkala Mwaghesha



## TIKI TAKO

**Artiste:** Matata x Mejja  
**Video:** Katabira Films  
**Audio:** Woud Omollo/Mixedbychopz  
**Rating:** 9/10

The tag at the end says, "No AI was used in the making of this video", and I am certain none was used.

On visuals, Matata never miss, and this is just one of the tens of times when the group had transcended music and made a film, as always.

Every shot is hilarious, and if it's not hilarious, it's quirky, and if it's not quirky, it's cinematic. No prop is wasted, and not a single cast haphazardly used.

Every single element is thought out to a T, probably why they have two T's in Matata.

The song is centred around 'nyash', but don't be fooled, the video is a visual storyline that packs and punches much more; artistic expression, edgy choreography, appropriate and timely culture appropriation, and high fashion that celebrates the urban Kenyan youth.

It's four minutes of little gems and loud nuggets, four minutes that you will have to spend again and again to get a feel of what a music video should be about. And at the end, you will feel deceived, like your own eyes missed out on something.

Which is what Matata is about, layers of absolute cinema.

**N.B:** The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and not necessarily those of Pulse Magazine.

**RATING BAROMETER** 5: Average  
1-2: Not worth your time 6-7: Good  
3-4: Needs work 8-10: Excellent