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Medics to down tools

HEALTHCARE IN TURMOIL With doctors, clinical officers, and laboratory staff threatening to rally behind their striking Kiambu colleagues, who have been on strike for four months, the country is staring at a paralysis of services that could plunge patients into unprecedented suffering. **PAGE 6**



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Rabble rouser SGs



LOOSE TONGUES Kenya's political parties are reeling from a new wave of indiscipline as Secretaries General, once trusted to be the official voices of their movements, morph into political mercenaries. From ODM's Edwin Sifuna to Jubilee's Jeremiah Kioni and UDA's Hassan Omar, the misuse of party logos and platforms to settle personal scores is fuelling bitter contradictions, sowing confusion, and raising questions over whether party leaders or their renegade secretaries truly speak for the rank and file. **PAGE 4**

MPs want former NHIF boss, staff arrested over loss of public funds

► Legislators say Geoffrey Mwangi and other top officials should be held accountable.

► MPs say cost of a car park project rose from Sh970 million to Sh3.9 billion.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

Lawmakers are now calling for the prosecution of officials of the defunct National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

While considering a report of the National Assembly's Public Investment Committee on Social Services and Agriculture, MPs said the officials, including the former Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Mwangi, should be held accountable for the loss of public funds.

"There's a car park built at community next to NHIF tower, one that is reported to have cost 337 per cent of its original cost. This is not only illegal but criminal. There is no way this house can sit and adopt reports and nothing is ever done. Those officers at NHIF who varied a contract to 337 percent, the DCI and EACC should take action against specific officers at the defunct NHIF. Otherwise, we normalize corruption and normalize theft and it will become easy for people to pilfer public resources and walk away scot-free," said Leader of the Majority Party Kimani Ichung'wah.

The lawmaker claimed that Mwangi had now set his sights on elective politics bolstered by pilfered funds.

"You can see the former CEO of NHIF is all over pretending to be running for a governor's seat. How can you be running for governorship in Nakuru county on pilfered funds? We must not use elective public of-



NHIF Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Mwangi during the launch of universal health cover plan on June 29, 2018. [File, Standard]

ice to clean people who have pilfered funds. This House through the committee of implementation must make sure that Jeff Mwangi must answer to the outright theft of public resources," he said.

His Homa Bay Town colleague Peter Kaluma said the car park in question was supposed to take up Sh970 million, but the contract price rose to Sh3.9 billion.

"The contractors and people who were in charge of the funds are still

walking free out here and some intent to run for public office, yet we've had instances where Kenyans were unable to access healthcare."

He noted that despite the inflated cost, the project is at 20 per cent completion. "These are people who should be in jail. The chairperson ought to have recommended immediate arrest of the officials by EACC."

The issue of the billions owed to suppliers in pending bills by NHIF was discussed. Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo advocated for a slash in funding for institutions found to be mismanaging public money.

"Some of these departments that are grossly mismanaging public resources should suffer the consequence of budget cuts because otherwise they feel nothing."

Kaluma also came to the defense of SHA, which has had mixed reviews across the country.

"People have been saying that NHIF was better because SHA is not working... When things are working, let us say that they are working. When there are teething issues let us address them. But to those who keep saying let's go back to NHIF, you see why," said the MP.

Suba South MP Caroli Omondi called for the criminal liability for those who violate national values and the Constitution.

"Our public accounts and investigative committees should emphasize this breach so that public servants who conspire to pilfer public resources are held liable. In future, the reports should single out individuals who have derelicted from their duties so they can be dealt with," he said.

The committee chairperson, Emanuel Wangwe, backed the calls. The committee is expected to either adopt or reject the report today.

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SH3.9
BILLION

COST of the ongoing construction of a car park, from an initial cost of Sh970 million.

HEALTH

Probe rising cases of poor baby nursing care, senators told

Senators have been asked to investigate the deteriorating nursing care for newborns in health facilities following numerous complaints.

Nominated Senator Hamida Kibwana said failure to provide crucial services exposes newborns to preventable complications including sepsis, hypothermia, feeding problems and in severe cases, avoidable neonatal deaths.

In a statement before the plenary, she sought to have the Ministry of Health address the matter.

"The Senate Health Committee should address strategies put in place to strengthen supervision, accountability and continuous professional training for nurses providing neonatal care," said Kibwana.

She noted that neonatal mortality rate was 21 per 1,000 live births in 2022, far from the Sustainable Development Goals target of 12 deaths.

"The Senate Health Committee should also address the dispute between the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Council (KMPDC) and the county governments on the regulation of ambulances and emergency medical services," said Kibwana.

The Council of Governors has faulted KMPDC for issuing a public notice seeking to regulate ambulance services despite provision of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution that places the health function under the county governments.

According to the notice, counties are to register all ambulances providing emergency medical services as well as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, ambulance operators and other healthcare workers involved in pre-hospital care.

The directive also stated that failure to comply would result in prohibition from operating ambulances or offering emergency medical services.

[Edwin Nyarangi]

HEALTH

We have improved maternal medical scheme, Ruto tells Uhuru

President William Ruto has told off his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta over his recent remarks on Linda Mama programme.

Ruto yesterday said although Linda Mama was good, it has been replaced with a better Linda Jamii initiative.

"What wrong have we done in replacing a good programme with a better one. Linda Mama was only catering for the mother while Linda Jamii will now cater for the whole family," said the President in Kajiado after commissioning the second phase of the Umma University.

Linda Jamii was launched in June under the Social Health Authority and covers the mother, children and spouses.

"Linda Jamii covers care in ICU and HDU, for mothers and newborn, while Linda Mama only covered for just an ordinary ward. Now, which

is the better health care program?" said Ruto.

At the same time, the President defended the government's electronic procurement system, maintaining that it would remain in place despite growing opposition.

He pointed out that the platform was the most effective tool to eliminate corruption.

"We will cut government expenditure by up to 40 per cent once the electronic procurement system is fully implemented," he said.

"There is some resistance by brokers and agents who have profited from the previous system. But we are not turning back on this matter. We must protect the public money."

On the country's prosperity, President Ruto said he would not relent in his focus to ensure Kenya meets its transformation agenda.

He pointed out that the country has "danced for far too long with mediocrity", saying there

was need for Kenya to aim higher.

President Ruto said it was disheartening that countries like South Korea, which were at par with Kenya in terms of development in the early 1960s, are now "ahead of us and are funding us to meet our development needs".

"South Korea and Kenya had the same GDP per capita in 1963. But South Korea's economy is now 20 times larger and the country has lent Kenya KSh80 billion to build the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology at Konza Technopolis University," he said.

He said the difference between South Korea's advancement and Kenya's is not about resources but leadership.

"For far too long, we have made peace with mediocrity, the ordinary, the usual and the average when others are doing things differently.

That's why we need to ask ourselves what others did right and where we went wrong," he said.

On education, President Ruto said the government is empowering institutions of higher learning to shape a new generation of skilled, ethical and innovative graduates ready to tackle national pressing challenges.

He said the current global challenges require graduates who are ready to create jobs and leverage technology to solve the various challenges facing the country.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale said more than 627,000 mothers have benefited under Linda Jamii, adding that Linda Mama owed hospitals Sh5.6 billion by 2022.

He added that for C-section, Linda Jamii pays Sh34,200 and a three-day hospital stay, nearly double Linda Mama's Sh17,500.

[Peterson Githaiga]

Dalmas eulogised as gentle political giant

► From crafting national reforms to mentoring young leaders, his influence ran deep.

► Friends, rivals and family alike remembered him as a principled visionary who led with empathy and intellect.

JAMES WANZALA, NAIROBI

Former Finance Minister Dalmas Otieno was yesterday eulogised as a development-focused, intelligent, and humble man who always sought solutions.

At a memorial service held at Don Bosco Catholic Church in Upper Hill, Nairobi, politicians and mourners remembered the former Rongo MP as someone who never left a meeting without offering a way forward.

Otieno served under the leadership of former Presidents Daniel arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki, and Uhuru Kenyatta. Until his death, he was the Vice Chairperson of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) during its second term.

He is survived by three wives, one of whom, Jane, predeceased him. Patricia and Dorothy fondly recalled him as a devoted husband and father.

“My husband was many things, including a dedicated father,” said Patricia, who recalled they first met at Rapogi High School where both were prefects in the boys’ and girls’ sections.

Amid laughter, she shared how Otieno used to leave her love letters hidden in a garden on campus and even instructed two girls to ensure



Pallbearers carry the body of former Finance Minister and Rongo MP Dalmas Otieno during his requiem Mass at Don Bosco Catholic Church in Nairobi yesterday. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

no other boy spoke to her.

“Dalmas was a very handsome man. He gave me problems with women looking at him, but I played it cool. I am born again and not jealous,” she said, drawing more laughter.

Dorothy, the third wife, described how Otieno transformed her life: “He tied me into the dynamite of what I am today and I thank him for everything.” He leaves behind 14 children, one of whom predeceased him. He will be buried in Rongo tomorrow.

Eliud Owalo, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the President, recalled Otieno’s generosity.



During Moi’s time, he was among the few never rebuked. He was calm and chaired meetings with clarity and purpose.”

Fred Gumo, Former Westlands MP

While Owalo was a second-year student at Kenyatta University, Otieno wrote him a Sh6,000 cheque to pay fees and later offered him pocket money and a job developing a strategic plan for his constituency.

Owalo credited Otieno with coining the acronym CORD and co-chairing its coalition board. “He listened more than he spoke. And when he finally spoke, the meeting ended—because he always had the solution,” he said.

Describing him as visionary, creative and intelligent, Owalo added: “He had already started a bank—Thabiti

Finance Company Ltd—in 1988. Dalmas was independent-minded, charismatic and eloquent.”

Otieno, a former KANU stalwart, co-chaired the Inter-Party Parliamentary Group (IPPG) that pushed key electoral reforms ahead of the 1997 elections. He also played a central role at the Bomas Constitutional Conference and was involved in rejecting the 2005 Wako Draft as part of ODM. Later, he co-chaired the CORD summit before the 2013 elections.

Albert Abel Katembwe, a former classmate at Makerere University and ex-Managing Director of Uganda’s National Social Security Fund, described Otieno as a brilliant student and pan-Africanist.

Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko, his longtime political rival, called Otieno “a worthy alternate”. “When he was in, I was out and vice versa. Our notes were complementary,” said Ayacko. “It was a healthy competition.”

Fred Gumo, former Westlands MP, said Otieno was “very steady, intelligent and reasonable.” He added, “During Moi’s time, he was among the few never rebuked. He was calm and chaired meetings with clarity and purpose.”

Moses Kuria, former Cabinet Secretary and Ruto’s former economic advisor, said his early impression of Otieno was shaped by politics: “We were trying to unseat him. But later, I discovered he was the voice of reason—calm and unshakable.”

Seme MP Dr James Nyikal recalled Otieno once gave him Sh700 at a funeral in 1992 and later Sh30,000 for dowry, citing how long his own cheque would take to clear. jwanzala@standardmedia.co.ke

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INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BARINGO COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

WHEREAS, the County Annual Development Plan for the County Government of Baringo for the Financial Year (FY) 2026-2027 was tabled in the County Assembly of Baringo and committed to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee;

AND WHEREAS, the provisions of Articles 185 and 196 (1b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, as read together with Sections 87, 102, 103 and 104 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 126(3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Orders 124(4) and 196 of the County Assembly of Baringo Standing Orders, provide the legal provisions for the consideration of the Development Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with the aforementioned provisions of the law, the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning invites stakeholders, special interest groups, and the general public for public participation on the aforementioned on the Days, Dates, and Venues per Sub-County as per the schedule here below:

DATE	SUB-COUNTY	VENUE
Wednesday 8th October 2025	Baringo Central	Kabarnet Public Park
	Baringo North	Kabartonjo Market
	Tiaty West	Chemolingot FGCK
	Tiaty East	Tangulbei FGCK
Thursday 9th October 2025	Baringo South	Baringo South Sub-County Offices
	Mogotio	Mogotio Sub-County Offices
	Eldama Ravine	Eldama Ravine Sub-County Offices

NB: All sessions to start at 11.00 AM.
Copies of the tabled Annual Development Plan can be accessed from the Offices of the Sub-County Administrators and the Office of the Clerk to the Assembly or downloaded from the County Assembly’s website www.baringoaassembly.go.ke.

Written Memoranda may be sent to the Clerk, County Assembly of Baringo, through the address info@baringoaassembly.go.ke or physically dropped at the Office of the Clerk on or before **Thursday, 9th October 2025**.

WINNIE J. CHEMASE
CLERK, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BARINGO

GULFCAP INVESTMENT BANK LIMITED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & DISCLOSURES FOR THE PERIOD 30TH JUNE 2025

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			EQUITY & LIABILITIES			GULFCAP INVESTMENT BANK UNIT TRUST SCHEME		
	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-2024		30-Jun-25	31-Dec-2024	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
	KES	KES		KES	KES	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
INCOME			EQUITY			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Segregated investment income	3,371,453	3,865,782	Share capital and reserves			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Capital raising services	-	3,750,000	Paid up ordinary share capital	317,559,830	250,000,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Unit Trust Funds income	3,229,862	-	Revenue reserves	(55,426,745)	(122,081,667)	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Shariah compliance structuring	1,489,950	1,995,763	Others (deposit for shares)	-	89,260,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Interest income	2,422,393	15,968,533	Total shareholders funds	262,133,085	217,178,333	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Other income	4,127,400	3,600,000	LIABILITIES			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Total income	14,640,058	29,180,078	Non-current liabilities			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Expenses			Shareholders loans	3,945,627	3,945,627	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Professional fees	11,829,440	2,642,530	Other non-current liabilities (lease liabilities)	-	24,821,968	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Employee costs	39,516,259	32,620,561	Total non-current liabilities	3,945,627	28,767,595	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Directors emoluments	-	39,457,812	Current liabilities			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Operational and administrative expenses	10,748,767	16,770,826	Trade payables	4,595,400	4,013,555	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
ECL on cash and bank balances	-	9,797,652	Accrued expenses	10,243,990	23,454,938	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Fair value loss on held to maturity assets	-	26,297,413	Amount due to related parties	15,250,118	28,443,867	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Depreciation expenses	7,040,224	14,080,450	Short term loans	139,803,824	139,803,823	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Total expenses	(69,134,690)	(141,667,244)	Lease obligations	30,668,338	9,608,162	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Operating (loss)/profit	(54,494,632)	(112,487,166)	Tax payable	7,998,182	1,741,603	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Finance costs	(932,113)	(4,809,301)	Total current liabilities	208,559,851	207,065,948	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
(Loss)/profit before tax	(55,426,745)	(117,296,467)	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	474,638,563	452,811,876	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Tax credit/(charge)	-	35,383,868	OTHER DISCLOSURES			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
(Loss)/profit after tax	(55,426,745)	(81,912,599)	Capital strength			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			a. Paid up capital	250,000,000	250,000,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
ASSETS			b. Minimum capital required	250,000,000	250,000,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Non-current assets			(a-b) Excess/(deficiency)	-	-	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Property, plant and equipment	23,688,772	32,831,567	Shareholders funds			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Right of use assets	27,794,385	39,708,264	a. Total shareholders funds	262,133,085	217,178,333	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Deferred tax asset	50,916,562	12,296,194	b. Minimum shareholders funds required	250,000,000	250,000,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Other assets - deposits	2,516,700	2,516,700	(a-b) Excess/(deficiency)	12,133,085	(32,821,667)	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Total current assets	104,916,419	87,950,725	Liquid capital			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Current assets			For investment banks	-	-	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Other trade receivables	16,727,463	26,275,033	a. Liquid capital	31,815,204	133,789,283	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Investment in equities/fixed income securities	181,334,208	152,181,155	b. Minimum liquid capital (the higher of Ksh30 M and 8% of liabilities)	30,000,000	30,000,000	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Office cash and bank balances	171,660,473	62,172,521	(a-b) Excess/(deficiency)	1,815,204	103,789,283	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Total current assets	369,722,145	240,829,709	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
TOTAL ASSETS	474,638,563	327,979,434	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	30-Jun-2025 (KES)	30-Jun-2025 (KES)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Investments	377,816,034	376,528,010
Cash and cash equivalents	1,946,828	2,900
Interest receivables	2,329,120	3,090,110
Total Assets	382,091,982	379,621,021
LIABILITIES		
Other payables and Accruals	4,549,843	1,336,108
NET ASSETS	377,542,139	378,284,912
FUND BALANCES		
Unit holder Funds	377,542,139	378,284,912
MEMBERS FUNDS	377,542,139	378,284,912

The financial statements are extracts from the records of the institution.

Thantatur Alaga Raja
Director

Saud Shahbal
Chief Executive Officer

Rogue SGs: Thin line between loose tongues and party positions

► Recently, party officials have tended to use official positions to make personal statements.

► Whereas lines may be blurred, in some instances they contradict party organs and bosses

NDUNG’U GACHANE, NAIROBI

A number of secretaries general of political parties have usurped the powers of their institutions and become a power unto themselves.

A secretary general is the official spokesperson, conveying the formal stand of a party as directed by its organs, including the National Executive Council, Central Management Committee, or the National Delegates Council (NDC).

But many secretaries general have abandoned this role, opting instead to use their positions to advance personal views. Some of those accused of using their offices as ladders for individual goals include the ruling United Democratic Alliance (UDA)’s Hassan Omar, Jubilee’s Jeremiah Kioni, and ODM’s Edwin Sifuna.

Hateful responses

On Sunday, Omar, in a disparaging and hateful response, used the UDA party logo and its official social media platforms to personally attack *The Standard*.

Dr Peter Mbae, a political analyst, argued that Omar’s message was a personal view and not a party position, as it did not reflect the sentiments of the NEC.

“Like many other secretaries general, Omar decided to just wake up and use the political party’s logos and letterheads to spew his bitterness towards a media house because he was not happy with the headline or a story. This clearly shows that he doesn’t understand the structure of a political party in Kenya,” Mbae noted.

He said Omar, being only a nominated MP, felt indebted for the position and therefore misused his office to show loyalty to his boss by using derogatory words against the government’s perceived rivals rather than adhering to party structures.

Kioni’s claim that Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua was secretly working with President William Ruto has also raised concerns over whether this reflects the official position of Jubilee and its leader, former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

In an interview with *Spice FM*, Kioni alleged that Gachagua informed DCP aspirants in Narok that he had entered into a pact with Ruto and agreed on which candidate to back for Narok Town Ward.

“Our informants disclosed that Gachagua told his aspirants that the President had already sent emissaries and they had an arrangement to put their houses in order and then have a discussion. We wish to work with like-minded political parties that will involve everyone but not those that intend to enter into shoddy deals with the government,” Kioni said.

His remarks sparked criticism within the Opposition, with leaders demanding clarity on whether the Secretary General or the party leader is the official spokesperson, to avoid contradictory messaging.

Confusion

Mbae admitted that Kioni’s comments created confusion, with some leaders questioning whether Jubilee had decided to break ranks with the Opposition.

“It’s unfortunate that some leaders have decided to fight their personal battles and to antagonise other parties within the same coalition. A Secretary General should be a sober leader and not a person who uses his position to cause confusion even to his party members,” he said.

Herman Manyora, another political analyst, said that while a Secretary General’s remarks should be taken as the official party position, many had veered off and often contradicted party leaders.

“Members need to understand when the spokespersons of the party speak on their own behalf and when they are delivering the decision of the party leader, of the party organs and the party members. They should be careful on what they say in public as it may put them in a very precarious situation,” Manyora added.

Sifuna has been accused of misrepresenting ODM’s stance on the deal between Ruto and Raila, casting doubt on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that birthed the Broad-Based Government (BBG) framework.

After Sifuna declared the deal dead, ODM leaders including National Assembly Minority Leader Junet Mohammed and ODM National Chairperson Gladys Wanga dismissed him and threatened to oust him if he defied party lines.

“Only Baba (Raila) can speak for ODM at that level. If he hasn’t declared the deal dead, then it is very much alive.



ODM Secretary General Edwin Sifuna. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

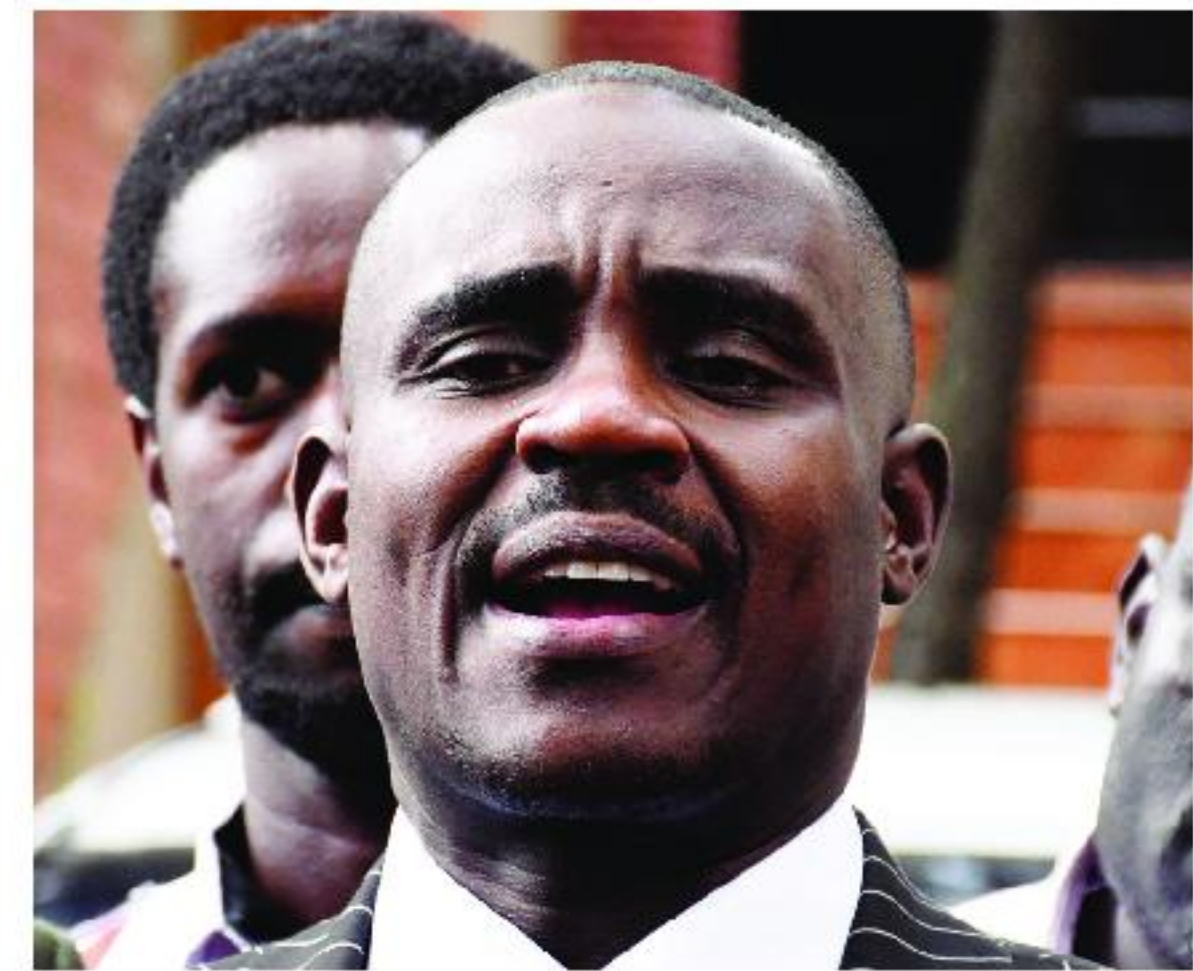


Jubilee Party Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]



UDA Secretary General Hassan Omar.

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DCP Deputy Party leader Cleophas Malala. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]



It is my view that secretary generals should not occupy other elective positions. They should only communicate the decisions reached by the party organs. Most of them are conflicted on certain issues and when they speak, their remarks are mistaken to be those of their political parties.”

Sabina Chege, Nominated MP



This broad-based government initiative is meant to ensure resources trickle down to our people. Outside of the BBG framework there’s only chaos and anarchy. We are not fools. We know what we’re doing,” Junet said.

Wanga added: “Our party leader is Raila Odinga. When he says left, we go left. There is not a single day we have abandoned the MoU. Those saying otherwise are not speaking on behalf of ODM. We are fully supporting the President in delivering development.”

Mass walkout

In July, Sifuna, alongside Saboti MP Caleb Amisi, threatened to lead a mass walkout from ODM should the party support Ruto’s re-election bid.

“I will read all resolutions made by ODM’s organs, except one... the one where they might decide that the ODM party will support Ruto in 2027. That one, I want to say before you and before God, I will not read it,” Sifuna said.

DCP Deputy Party Leader Cleophas Malala also drew fire last month after disagreeing with his leader over the nomination of Mukhisa Kituyi as United Opposition spokesperson, arguing that the coalition needed fresh energy and forward-thinking leadership.

“The United Opposition must embrace youthful, dynamic leadership to move the country forward. Unfortunately, Kituyi does not represent that vision,” Malala said.

He later retracted his remarks after Gachagua intervened, clarifying that he had spoken in a personal capacity.

“We had a slight problem, when the Opposition selected Kituyi, I had said no, but Gachagua intervened and convinced me to reconsider my stand,” he said.

Gachagua insisted the party needed to balance youthful leadership with experience, saying Kituyi fit the bill.

“Malala is a very capable young leader, but he misunderstood our intentions. We chose Kituyi to lead the secretariat because while we have plenty of Gen Z and Millennial leaders, they still need mentorship and direction,” Gachagua explained.

Nominated MP Sabina Chege told *The Standard* yesterday that a Secretary General should not hold active political office, arguing the role should mirror that of a government spokesperson to avoid misuse of the position.

“It is my view that Secretary Generals should not occupy other elective positions. They should only communicate the decisions reached out by the party organs. Most of them are conflicted on certain issues and when they speak, their remarks are mistaken to be those of their political parties,” she said.

Additionally, Charles Munyui, a political analyst, argued that political parties lacked discipline and clear boundaries to prevent Secretaries General from overstepping when expressing personal views.

“Unless it is a choreographed strategy between the party leaders and the Secretary Generals, then there is a clear disconnect and confusion within our political party structures,” he said.

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How KQ's Sh387b dream crashed before takeoff

► An ambitious multi-billion plan to dominate African skies collapsed, leaving the national carrier in debt.

► Project Mawingu's failure, the CEO says, crippled the airline and now warns profit unsustainable without fresh capital.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

A parliamentary committee has heard that Kenya Airways' (KQ) ambitious Project Mawingu, once touted as a game-changer for the national carrier, became one of its most expensive ventures that ultimately failed to take off.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Public Debt and Privatisation Committee, KQ CEO Allan Kilavuka revealed that the airline's ambitious expansion plan, valued at approximately Sh387 billion (US\$3

billion), was based on economic and market assumptions that did not materialise, leaving the airline burdened with unsustainable debt and eroded equity.

Kilavuka explained that Project Mawingu, launched in 2012, aimed to transform KQ into a global aviation powerhouse with 119 destinations by 2021. However, the plan collapsed under the weight of over-ambitious aircraft acquisitions, high financing costs, and overestimated market growth projections.

"The strategy was to grow the fleet from 31 to 107 passenger aircraft and 12 freighters for cargo. It was a vision based on optimistic assumptions, including post-recession recovery, 5.3 per cent economic growth, and increasing demand from emerging markets," Kilavuka told MPs.

Following the collapse of Mawingu, KQ pursued other restructuring initiatives, Project Safari and Project Kifaru, but these too struggled under the weight of rising losses and heavy borrowing.



Allan Kilavuka, Kenya Airways Group MD and CEO. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

In 2022, as part of Project Kifaru, the Cabinet approved a Sh43 billion (US\$363 million) government-backed restructuring programme. However, the national treasury has since had to repay billions in guaranteed loans, often converting debt into equity.

Kilavuka disclosed that Sh21.58 billion (\$167 million) owed to 10 local banks was converted into equity, giving lenders a 38 per cent stake in the airline. A further Sh19.69 billion in government-guaranteed loans was paid on KQ's behalf in January 2025.

"KQ couldn't meet its obligations

due to severe cash flow constraints, worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic. A shareholder loan agreement between the government and KQ is being finalised and is expected to be signed within two months," he added.

However, MPs expressed concerns over the valuation process behind the equity conversion and questioned the government's continued financial involvement.

Kinangop MP Kwenya Thuku queried the total value of loans advanced and how the 38 per cent equity stake compared to the Sh17 billion the gov-

ernment paid banks between 2017 and 2019.

Nyaribari Masaba MP Daniel Manduku also pressed for clarity on how KQ intends to repay the estimated Sh70 billion injected by the government, warning that taxpayers are shouldering a burden without a clear repayment timeline.

More funding needed

"KQ posted a record profit of Sh5.4 billion last year. Will this trend continue, and when will the airline stop relying on public funds?" asked Manduku. Kilavuka attributed last year's profit to a combination of factors, including carrying 5.3 million passengers, generating Sh188 billion in revenue, a relatively stable exchange rate, and the effects of Project Kifaru.

"Profitability does not guarantee sustainability," he said. "To remain viable, we need significant capital injection or a strategic investor to reduce dependence on the state." So far, only Sh12.9 billion (\$100 million) of the projected Sh51.7 billion (\$400 million) required for full turnaround has been received.

"Without an investor, our turnaround is not assured. Despite strong demand, we're operating at 80 per cent capacity and losing market share," he said. To date, the government has injected over Sh70 billion into Kenya Airways, with further loan agreements pending Treasury approval.

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COURTS

Court orders detention of six police officers over arms ring

A Nairobi court has ordered six police officers to be held for 10 days as investigators pursue charges of illegal firearms and ammunition trafficking in Turkana. The decision came after prosecutors argued that further detention was necessary for a thorough investigation.

Chief Magistrate Lucas Onyina granted the request by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to hold the accused, Charles Lotira Ekidor (a prison officer), Ileri Cyrus Kisamwa, Samson Muriithi Mutongu, Wesley Sang, Paul Kipketer Tonui and Isaac Kipngetch, at the Capitol Hill Police Station pending completion of investigations.

In his ruling, Magistrate Onyina held that the prosecution had met the constitutional threshold under Article 49, which ensures defendants are informed of charges or reasons for continued detention at their first court appearance. He accepted that the investigating officer had presented compelling evidence justifying the extended detention.

This evidence, includes ballistic analysis of the recovered firearm and magazines, digital forensics of seized mobile phones, tracing of accomplices in Nairobi and Turkana, and intentions to recover additional exhibits from armouries. The court also referenced affidavits submitted by Prosecution Officer Hilary Kimoyo on September 26 and 29, 2025, which outlined the scope of the probe and warned of possible interference if the suspects were released. "While it is not disputed that the respondents have residences, some of which have already been searched, I find

the prosecution has demonstrated a real possibility of interference with ongoing investigations if they are released at this stage," he stated.

The DCI informed the court that the six officers face multiple allegations, including possession of ammunition in contravention of Section 4A(1)(a) of the Firearms Act, possession of a firearm without a valid certificate, conspiracy to commit a felony under Section 393 of the Penal Code, and unlawful possession of government stores under Section 324.

According to court filings, Kisamwa and Mutongu, both attached to Nairobi Central Police armoury, allegedly transported ammunition from government stores. Ekidor, the prison officer, was to receive and distribute it in Lodwar for resale. Intelligence further implicated Ekidor in trafficking ammunition at Lokichogio Market near the Kenya-South Sudan border.

The DCI also alleged that Sang and Tonui controlled the keys to armoury stores containing a pistol, magazines and additional ammunition. Affidavits by Corporal Kimuyu revealed that, following intelligence reports, arrests were made in Nairobi and Eldoret.

Officer Kipngetch, serving in Turkana's armoury, was arrested on Uhuru Highway while transporting 1,007 rounds of ammunition in a small Toyota Passo.

Defence lawyers Danstan Omari and Cliff Ombeta urged the court to dismiss the DCI's request, arguing their clients were not flight risks and could be easily traced. The matter is due to be mentioned again on October 9, 2025 for further directions. [Nancy Gitonga]



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION

THE SENATE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)

The Health (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 12 of 2025) was read a First Time in the Senate on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration. The Committee is required, under Standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to amend the Health Act to prohibit the detention of patients and corpses of patients by health facilities. The Bill further seeks to give effect to Articles 28, 29 and 39 of the Constitution regarding human dignity, freedom and security of persons and freedom of movement.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Health now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to healthcommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 17th October, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

The Bill and a digest that summarizes the contents and context of the Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills>.

**J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.**

COOPERATION

Ecobank and Standard Group mull partnership

Ecobank Kenya Managing Director Josephine Anan-Ankomah yesterday paid a courtesy call on Standard Group Acting Chief Executive Officer Chaacha Mwita and explored potential areas of collaboration between the two companies.

Expressing optimism about a strong partnership, Mr Mwita underscored the importance of using African platforms and stories to elevate African brands.

"For the longest time, we have struggled in telling our own story; we want to be leading in working with our brands that are passionate about Africa and African stories," he said.

He added that organisations stand to benefit by working with trusted channels such as Standard Group platforms, noting the value of pan-African stories in appealing to the diaspora community.

Ms Anan-Ankomah serves as regional executive for Central, Eastern and Southern Africa at Ecobank Transnational, while also acting as

Managing Director of Ecobank Kenya.

In this dual role, she oversees operations in 18 of Ecobank's 35 African markets, managing nearly 30 per cent of the Group's balance sheet and its second-largest revenue pool.

She said the partnership with Standard Group comes at a timely moment as the bank prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary, adding that the collaboration would enhance financial literacy and economic development.

"We are looking to tell Africa's story, such as work with tech-enabled companies, promoting regional trade, promoting regional integration, and SME banking and payments," Ms Anan-Ankomah said.

Standard Group Acting Editor-in-Chief John Bundotich welcomed the partnership, saying: "You have come to the right media house because we thrive at telling the story through our various media platforms."

[Ronald Kipruto]



Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union members led by Secretary General Davji Atallah during a media briefing. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

Health workers issue nationwide strike notice

► Kiambu County medics have been on the streets for nearly four months.

► Governor Kimani Wamangi faulted for ignoring the striking workers.

OKUMU MODACHI, NAIROBI

Kenya is staring at an impending healthcare crisis as medical workers threaten to down tools should the government not address their concerns.

Under Health Unions Caucus, the medics issued a seven-day ultimatum, saying they would join their Kiambu County colleagues, who have been on the streets for four months.

Yesterday, Kenya Medical Practitioners Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) Secretary General Davji Atallah argued the notice has been necessitated by the worsening health situation in Kiambu, with about 700 medical interns facing withdrawal from the county.

They slammed the county Governor Kimani Wamangi, for what they termed inaction that has left residents enduring pain and suffering, travelling long distances for healthcare services.

"Mr Wamangi should not make life so difficult for everybody, that people continue dying and suffering," said Dr Atallah, calling for the governor's resignation "if he is the problem."

He spoke on Tuesday during a press briefing in Nairobi. "If the Chief Executive Committee Member is the problem, the CEC should go. If the leaders who were elected are the problem, then they should go," he said.

This as the Ministry of Health recalled 697 medical interns deployed in Kiambu, citing their inability to proceed with training owing to prolonged health workers' strike.

They accused the county boss of plotting to "kill" unions after he stopped remitting union deductions last year, alongside incurring salary arrears that are now four months due.

They claimed the caucus' letters to the county leadership to address the plights have landed on deaf ears, even as the healthcare staff continue to receive threats that they "must quit the union should they want to continue working in the country."



We are offering services we cannot afford yet we have been taxed heavily and when you remit at late stage it cannot help us...

Peterson Wachira, Kuco General Secretary

The chairperson of the Kenya National Union of Medical Laboratory Officers (KNUMLO), Nicholas Odipo observed that the move to halt union deductions is against Article 41 of the constitution.

"They have declined to reinstate our deductions of the union, and remittance of the other third-party deductions. The county has also refused to honour the absorption of clinical officers on contract," he said.

"We are going to protect the rights of our members even if it means we are going to suspend everything to pump sense to the leaders" he added.

Besides the health crisis in Kiambu, the lobby groups are demanding absorption of Universal Health Coverage workers by counties on permanent and pensionable basis, which has stalled for months since the directive was issued by the Ministry months ago.

At the same time, they want the Global Fund workers to be absorbed by the counties as directed the Ministry.

According to Dr Atallah, the counties refusal to effect the directive, on the basis that they (governors) don't believe that the Ministry will allocate funds for the process despite availability of the money in the current financial year, is lame.

He added: "All the money to counties comes from the national exchequer. There is no way they won't believe that this other one won't come when they expect money for anything else to come."

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Standard Group acting CEO Chaacha Mwita and Eco Bank Managing Director Josephine Anan-Ankomah during a courtesy call and tour of the Standard Group Headquarters along Mombasa Road yesterday. [David Gichuru, Standard]

NAIROBI

Court freezes suspended KNH boss's assets worth Sh229m after EACC move

The Anti-Corruption High Court in Nairobi has frozen assets worth Sh229 million owned by suspended Kenyatta National Hospital Chief Executive Officer Evanson Njoroge.

Justice Lucy Njuguna directed that Njoroge should not deal, transfer or lease the properties listed by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission as alleged unexplained wealth.

EACC's lawyer Olga Ochola told the court that the commission allegedly got information of procurement irregularities in the award of a medical oxygen generating plant and enterprise resource planning (ERP)

system and supporting hardware and software components at KNH.

Ochola claimed the information was that Njoroge has allegedly engaged in abuse of office, leading to an investigation after obtaining orders to search his houses and bank accounts, and those of persons related or associated with him.

The court heard that the probe allegedly unearthed that Njoroge had Sh229 million which he could not explain. The EACC legal officer claimed that Njoroge had Sh114 million, which was received in his bank accounts. [Kamau Muthoni]

Members laxity leaves EAC in financial mess



East African Community, Asals and Regional Development CS Beatrice Askul. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

► EAC Cabinet Secretary tells Parliament some member State have failed to meet their financial obligations.

► East Africa Legislative Assembly has been unable to hold formal sessions, while many other functions have been underfunded.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

The East Africa Community is in a financial crisis, with members of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (Eala) unable to hold formal sessions.

The EAC Cabinet Secretary Beatrice Askul told the National Assembly that failure by some partner States to honour their financial obligation has constrained the bloc's ability to implement its programmes.

The CS said Kenya has kept its end of the bargain, adding that there are proposals to amend some of the treaties and protocols, which have been in operation since the time of the three pioneer member States.

"If a country is not paying and there are no sanctions put then what become of it? For the countries that are paying, then what becomes of them because they are freely compliant and are assembly compliant?" the CS told the Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee.

She said discussions are underway among the attorneys of EAC to see which laws need to be amended.

"Whatever amount available, that is the money distributed to the entire structure of the EAC. Sometimes it is not adequate to run the activities of everyone."

The committee also heard that implementing EAC's decisions remains inconsistent across the region, which has limited effectiveness.

Asked why Arusha has been domineering in matters EAC, Askul said there was an earlier communication that was implemented by the first founders of EAC, that Tanzania would host the bloc for 20 years.

"So that is where most of the activities are in Arusha, and I think it is time now we revisit

that. The EAC organs, the Secretariat headquarters have changed a lot. By then, that was the agreement that was made for 20 years. It is time we look at it because we also have other new partners on board. That is why you hear Arusha all the time," said the CS.

Askul also told the committee that gaps in development of key infrastructure continue to limit the full potential of regional integration.

"While significant progress has been made, inadequate transport and communication infrastructure in some partner States continue to increase the costs of regional trade and interaction. These infrastructure deficits limit the benefits that Kenyans can derive from regional markets and opportunities," she said.

Challenges on non-tariff barriers have also persisted despite the establishment of the Customs Union, which has created additional costs and complications for consumers and traders.

On the July ban that prohibited 15 businesses in Tanzania, the CS admitted that the Samia Suluhu administration went overboard.

She said the rights of citizens for EAC members to enter and establish economic activities in other partner states is enshrined in Article 13 of the protocol and Annex 3 to the protocol of East Africa Common Market.

"There are a lot of issues defending why every partner state was not okay with that prohibition but as Kenya, we had our technical team that are concerned with harmonising markets with the provisions of the treaty. They are sitting right now in Dar es Salam and are engaging on a bilateral agreement between Kenya and Tanzania on matters that were prohibited," she said.

The ministry also told the committee that much as the ban is anchored in Tanzanian law, it may not directly apply to Kenya.

"I think they have told us it does not apply to Kenya. They were addressing their other interests on this and have given us assurance that through our embassy, should any Kenyan national fall victim to this, they will address. Their problem was China and the Chinese who were infiltrating their markets. The Chinese, the Turkish, who are now in all the businesses, and maybe in Kenya it's the same. That is their problem."

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- FOURTH SESSION (2025)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:-

- (1) THE PROVISIONAL COLLECTION OF TAXES AND DUTIES (REPEAL) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL No. 18 OF 2025);
- (2) THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL No. 39 OF 2025)
- (3) THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILL No. 41 OF 2023);
- (4) THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (SENATE BILL No. 50 OF 2023);
- (5) THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL No. 54 OF 2023); AND
- (6) THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUPPORT BILL (SENATE BILL No. 30 OF 2024)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation; AND WHEREAS, the Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025); the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025); the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023); the Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023); the Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 54 of 2023); and the Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2024) have been read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting back to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that-

- (1) The Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025) is a Bill sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party which seeks to repeal the Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties Act (Cap. 415).
- (2) The National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025) is a Bill sponsored by the Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP. The Bill seeks to amend the National Police Service Act, Cap. 84 to provide for an age limit of sixty years for persons nominated and appointed to the offices of Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General of Police.
- (3) The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Esther Okenyuri Anyieni, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Owen Baya, MP. The Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the recognition, protection and regulation of street vending.
- (4) The Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Oburu Odinga, MP. The Bill seeks to facilitate the local ownership, control and financing of activities connected with the exploitation of gas, oil and other petroleum resources; and to provide a framework to increase the local value capture along the value chain in the exploration of gas, oil and other petroleum resources. In particular the Bill seeks to-
 - (a) provide for structures to promote, develop, and enforce local content across the entire extractive value chain;
 - (b) Increase local ownership, control, and financing of extractive projects by ensuring that at least 30% of participation of Kenyan individuals, businesses, and financial institutions;
 - (c) support fair sharing of revenues, create more jobs, build skills, encourage technology transfer, fund research and development, and promote the purchase of Kenyan-made goods and services that meet global standards;
 - (d) establish a Local Content Development Committee, mandated to review and approve local content plans, monitor compliance, and even recommend the revocation of licenses where companies fail to meet the requirements;
 - (e) require the National and County Governments to set targets, carry out audits, and put measures in place to assist local enterprises to grow and participate meaningfully in the sector; and
 - (f) prescribe penalties and enforcement measures related to ensuring participation of locals in the exploitation of gas, oil and other petroleum resources.
- (5) The Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 54 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP. The Bill seeks to amend the Early Childhood Education Act, Cap. 211B to mandate the county governments to provide for the welfare of early childhood education teachers in public schools.
- (6) The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2024) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Irene Mayaka, MP. The Bill seeks to establish mechanisms for the support of the creative industry to the economy and to establish the Creatives Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees as listed below-

S/ No.	BILL	COMMITTEE
1.	The Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025)	Finance and National Planning
2.	The National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025)	Administration and Internal Security
3.	The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023)	Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
4.	The Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023)	Energy
5.	The Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 54 of 2023)	Education
6.	The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2024)	Sports and Culture

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Building, and on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.

S. NJOROGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1st October, 2025

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Health ministry, firm battle over HIV testing kits

► Chinese company officials accuse ministry of choosing the most expensive kits.

► Ministry CS and AG say categorisation was done according to WHO guidelines.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

The Ministry of Health clashed with a HIV and Aids kits manufacturer on the effectiveness of kits procured by the government following the rollout of a three-process testing.

On one hand, the Chinese manufacturer accused the ministry of categorising expensive but less effective kits, putting Kenyans at risk of the disease spread.

On Tuesday, during the final submissions before High Court Judge Chacha Mwita, Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech, Company Limited and Kathambi Ruchami's lawyer Elias Mutuma argued that the process of developing the three-test algorithm was vague, and that ministry officials selected the most expensive test kits, which could easily mislead an individual's status.

"Priority is paid to the individuals testing positive but little or no attention to the individuals testing negative. There are no chances of confirmatory tests as a follow up on individuals misdiagnosed as being HIV negative based on a test done using an inaccurate kit since only

people who test positive in the first instance proceed for confirmatory steps two and three," argued Mutuma.

On the other hand, the Health Cabinet Secretary and Attorney General argued that the kits' effectiveness was determined in a rigorous process, which had been conducted in accordance with WHO Guidelines, and Generic Verification Protocols, HIV Prevention and Treatment Guidelines 2022.

According to the two, categorisation of the test kits into three test assay algorithms was a noble policy decision, done in an open manner and factored in tax payers money.

"The categorisation as conducted by the taskforce was done in accordance with the law, guidelines and policies as applied in the medical field. The categorization was done in good faith and transparency hence ought not to be overturned," replied Deputy Chief State Counsel Rodgers Sekwe.

For the last 16 years, Kenya had been implementing a two-test strategy in HIV testing. However, the strategy had been generating problems owing to some tests giving contradicting results.

Following WHO recommendations, Kenya in 2022 started adopting three testing algorithm. The ministry shortlisted eight kits for consideration. Those shortlisted were One Step HIV 1/2 whole Blood/Serum/Plasma manufactured by Guangzhou, Trinscreen HIV by Trinity Biotech Manufacturing, Deter-



The kits are used to test for HIV. [File, Standard]

THE SHORTLISTED KITS:

- a) One Step HIV 1/2 whole Blood/Serum/Plasma Test
- b) Trinscreen HIV
- c) Determine HIV-1/2
- d) Insti HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibody Test
- e) Standard Q HIV 1/2 Ab 3-Line Test.
- f) First Response HIV 1-2.0 Card Test (version 2.0)
- g) Bioline HIV-1/2 3.0
- h) HIV 1/2 STAT-PAK

mine HIV-1/2 (Abbott Diagnostics Medical Co.Ltd), Insti HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibody Test that is manufactured by BioLytical Laboratories Inc.

Others are Standard Q HIV 1/2 Ab 3-Line Test made by SD Biosensor Inc, First Response HIV 1-2.0 Card Test (version 2.0) that is made by Premier Medical Corporation

Private Limited, Bioline HIV-1/2 3.0 (Abbott Diagnostics Korea Inc) and HIV 1/2 STAT-PAK that is made

by Chembio diagnostic Systems Inc.

In the case, Mutuma argued that the ministry illegally dropped One Step HIV 1/2 whole Blood/Serum/Plasma from the list without following the WHO guidelines.

He argued that the kits were piloted in different parts of the country in which he donated Sh 3 million to the ministry as per its request in a bid to scale up the process.

"The probability of false negatives cannot be downplayed as the kits are prone to err, making it even more dangerous for the community and the public in general, as the falsely tested negative individual will go about spreading the HIV disease unaware. This instance defeats the goal and vision by WHO to eradicate HIV as a global pandemic by 2030 as well as the Government's goal and vision to do away with the mother to child HIV transmission by 2027," said Mutuma.

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NAIROBI

Medical probe of Kenyans taken to Russia blocked

The High Court has blocked the Directorate of Criminal Investigations from taking away medical tests of former military officers claimed to be among those allegedly recruited to join Russia in its war against Ukraine.

Justice Chacha Mwita directed that the DCI should not demand or access medical records from Universal Trends Medical and Diagnostic Centre and Inspocare Health Limited until October 8 when the case will be heard.

The DCI wrote to the two hospitals seeking medical treatments of Vincent Odhiambo and Duncan Moogi.

They were seeking information on persons who paid for the services, and details of all patients whose payments had been made by Global Face Agencies, allegedly at the centre of the recruitment of Kenyans to join Russia's forces.

"Unless restrained by this honourable court, the respondents are likely to proceed with unlawful interference with confidential medical records, thereby causing irreparable harm to our patients and facility thus exposing us to professional misconduct liability," their lawyer Dunstan Omari argued.

This prompted Dr Ndiritu Wangui and Dr Isaac Maundu to move to court. They claimed the move was a violation to the right to the patient's privacy and dignity.

At the same time, Edward Kamau Gituku, the man claimed to be behind the recruitment sued the investigator Brawel Saima. Gituku alleged that he was not given a right to have a lawyer when Kahawa Law Court magistrate allowed a prayer for him to be held for 10 days.

He claimed he was mentally tortured and physically manhandled without being told what he had done. In the case filed before Justice Lawrence Mugambi, he claimed he had nothing to do with the recruitment.

"I have been subjected to excruciating mental and physical turmoil in the hands of the first respondent and besides praying that I be set at liberty pending the lower court proceedings, I pray that he appears before this court to explain as to why he mishandled me in the manner he has done without a justifiable cause," argued Gituku.

Senior Principal Magistrate Mwanamkuu Sudi on Friday last week allowed the police to detain the man for 10 days as they probe a suspected human trafficking ring.

In this case, prosecutor Kevin Kamau argued that the investigations were complex and police therefore do not need to rush while investigating the matter. "The extent of the investigations is quite expansive, we are currently pursuing other persons that are involved in this and we believe the respondent is likely to jeopardise the integrity of the investigation," said Kamau.

In an affidavit the investigating officer Sergeant Bramwel Saima said Gituku is the tenant of several rented houses in Great Wall Garden estate where the victims were found.

[Kamau Muthoni]

NAIROBI

Ex-OCS, five others in Ojwang's case denied bail

Former Central Police OCS Samson Talaam and five others will remain behind bars after the High Court ruled their release on bail could erode trust in the justice system and compromise witness safety.

Justice Diana Kavedza said the scale of public unrest following the death of blogger Albert Ojwang' and the potential influence of the accused officers presented compelling reasons to keep them in custody.

"The scale of public unrest following the deceased's death constitutes a compelling reason to deny bail," the judge observed on Tuesday at Kibera law courts.

"Public interest demands that the accused remain in custody while awaiting trial, to safeguard public order, reassure victims and their families, and preserve confidence in the justice system," she added.

The judge cited the aftermath of Ojwang's death, which sparked widespread protests, destruction of property, and even the burning of Mawego Police Station by mourners.

"The unrest that followed the death of the deceased cannot be dismissed as a passing incident," Justice Kavedza said.

"The accused persons stand trial for offences arising from circumstances that have already inflamed public sentiment. Their release on bail at this stage would risk aggravating public tension, with the potential for renewed unrest, thereby undermining both public safety and the administration of justice."

The six accused, Talaam, Constable James Mukhwana, Peter Kimani, John Ngige Gitau, Gin Abwao and Brian Mwaniki Njue, will continue to be held at Nairobi Remand Prison,



Samson Talaam. [File, Standard]

with the option to seek bail again once key witnesses have testified.

"Despite their interdiction, they still wield authority and influence through their training, service connections, and standing in the community. This concern was consistently raised by the deceased's family

and is supported by the prosecution," the judge noted.

Prosecution counsel Victor Owiti had opposed the bail application, warning that the accused could undermine public safety and interfere with investigations, including alleged tampering with CCTV footage retrieved at Central Police Station.

Although the court found no proof of prior tampering, it ruled that "the risk of future interference remained credible." Ojwang', 31, died on June 8 while in custody at Central Police Station.

Police initially claimed he sustained self-inflicted injuries after allegedly defaming the Deputy Inspector General of Police, but a post-mortem revealed he died from physical assault.

[Nancy Gitonga]

Kenya looks to China's duty-free access after Agoa pact expires

- ▶ China's envoy pledges to speed up implementation of zero-tariff trade treatment.
- ▶ Many exporters face uncertainty after the US trade deal expired yesterday.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

China has pledged swift implementation of zero-tariff trade treatment, a move that may offer Kenyan exporters a lifeline as uncertainty clouds the future of a key trade pact with the US.

China's ambassador Guo Haiyan reinforced her government's commitment, saying the measures should take effect "at an early date so that our peoples can benefit sooner from our cooperation".

The pledge aligns with a commitment President Xi Jinping made in June to expand zero-tariff treatment for 100 per cent of tariff lines for 53 African countries, including Kenya, that maintain diplomatic ties with Beijing under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi confirmed a Kenyan delegation is already negotiating the technical framework with the Chinese government.

"We hope that in another a few weeks' time, we shall be able to report progress indicating that we have struck a deal within the free preferential trade arrangements," said Mudavadi during China's National Day reception in Nairobi on Monday, calling the arrangement "critical for us, critical for Africa".

Kenyan exporters, particularly those in the textile, apparel, and horticulture sectors, are seeking market diversification. The future of the US African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa) remains uncertain after



China's Ambassador to Kenya Guo Haiyan. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

it expired yesterday, threatening the duty-free status of Kenyan goods in the US.

The zero-tariff treatment is seen by Nairobi as a strategic opening to a massive consumer base that would buffer any economic impact from unfavorable changes to the Agoa status.

Mudavadi underscored the strategic importance of this shift, directly tying it to the shifting global landscape.

"We are seeing a lot of volatility in the trading arena," he said, adding that in the face of "the kind of geopol-

itics we are seeing, the geoeconomics we are seeing, the geotechnologies we are seeing," Africa requires "predictable, reliable, consistent, trade arrangements with its partners".

He also used the opportunity to reinforce the importance of multilateral cooperation, echoing a core message from Beijing: "The place for multilateralism is becoming even more important. A strong message that will continue to send the signal that the absence of multilateralism is dangerous for humanity is extremely central at this point in time."

The zero-tariff treatment is a trade preference that would allow nearly all goods manufactured or produced in Kenya to be exported to China without incurring any import duties.

For Kenyan exporters, this means enhanced competitiveness.

Eliminating China's average import tariff — which stands at around 10 per cent on some key primary Kenyan products — instantly makes Kenyan goods like specialty tea, coffee, nuts, handicrafts, and mineral products cheaper and more attractive to Chinese importers.

In 2023, China was Kenya's largest source of imports, valued at approximately Sh459 billion, while Kenya's total exports to China stood at just Sh29 billion.

This pact is designed to open the Chinese market to African goods, directly addressing this imbalance.

The ambassador reinforced that China's commitment to reform remains "unwavering, with its door open even wider".

She highlighted China's economic transformation, stating: "Evolving from world factory to world market, from manufacturing major to innovation hub, China's economy has achieved both quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement," and stood ready to "inject strong impetus into the world economy."

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Trade imbalance

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VALUE of the goods Kenya exported to China in 2023, against imports worth Sh459 billion.

TRADE

Exploit trade deals to export more fish, says EU diplomat

The European Union has urged Kenyans to leverage duty-free and quota-free trade agreements to export fish to the EU market.

The EU envoy to Kenya Henriette Geiger wondered why the country was importing fish, urging the youth to invest in aquaculture.

"Kenya shouldn't import fish. Aquaculture can thrive here. Tourism is on the rise, and visitors seek local seafood. The opportunity is clear," said Geiger at the Blue Economy Innovation and Investment Summit in Mombasa.

The ambassador said the 27 EU countries provide one of the largest markets for fresh fish with a growing demand.

Kenya's fish exports to EU were worth Sh2.8 billion in 2024. A report by the CBK shows the value of fish export dropped by 12 per cent from Sh6.7 billion in 2023. Meanwhile, the cost of fish import also declined by 11 per cent to Sh921.1 million.

At the same time, the envoy said the EU has provided the Kenya Coast Guard Service with search and rescue vessels. The bloc also supports fishing boats and helps coastal communities build skills in the blue economy. **[Joackim Bwana]**



EU Ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger. [File, Standard]

ENERGY

Kengen and GDC to build two power plants in Baringo

Two main power producers will partner to pump an extra 87MW into the national grid from the geothermal-rich areas of Baringo.

Kengen and Geothermal Development Company (GDC) will construct two power plants in Silali and Paka.

Speaking at the end of a sustainable energy conference in Olkaria, Naivasha, Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira exuded confidence that the country would phase out thermal power in five years.

Kengen boss, Peter Njenga, said the company was seeking another 40MW from hydro-power in Webuye.

He said the oldest geothermal power plant, Olkaria I, was undergoing rehabilitation after being in operation for over 40 years, and was expected to increase production from 45MW to 63MW by June. **[Antony Gitonga]**

EDUCATION

Leaders root for caning to stop students unrest

Kericho leaders are calling for strict measures to address cases of student unrest.

Senate Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot and Belgut MP Nelson Koech have proposed legal action, reintroduction of corporal punishment, and restriction on transferring students involved in destroying school property.

Speaking at the Chemamul Secondary School, Koech said students who burn school property should be treated as criminals and placed in approved institutions.

Their comments follow a protest at Litein High School, which was closed after students destroyed property worth millions of shillings.

Koech urged school principals not to admit students expelled for indiscipline, adding that parents should bear the cost of damages incurred.

"We will make it difficult for any student involved in arson to transfer to another school. They should stay at their original institutions while parents handle the reconstruction," he said.

Cheruiyot also stated that it is time to reconsider the policy that banned corporal punishment in schools, insisting that this ban has led to poor discipline among students.

"Even the Bible states that if you spare the rod, you spoil the child," he argued.

Cheruiyot praised residents of Kapkatet for

intervening to stop Tengecha Boys' students from escalating last week's unrest after they torched a dormitory.

"Most schools in this county were built through the contributions of parents and the local community. They understand the pain of such destruction. Any student unwilling to learn should consider dropping out instead of causing havoc," he said.

Former Bureti MP and Cabinet Minister Franklin Bett, who facilitated the reconstruction of the administration block at Litein High School in the 1990s, called for through investigations to determine if the arson was premeditated.

[Nikko Tanui]

Former NCPB boss and five others acquitted in fertiliser scandal case

► Magistrates says the prosecution had not proved graft charges against former MD.

► There is also not enough evidence to show conspiracy to defraud farmers.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

Former National Cereals and Produce Board Managing Director Joseph Muna Kimote has been acquitted of graft charges linked to a Sh209.5 million fake fertiliser scandal due to lack of evidence.

Yesterday, Milimani Chief Magistrate Celesa Asis Okore found that the prosecution had failed to prove corruption, including conspiracy to defraud farmers of millions of shillings, against Kimote and five co-accused: John Kiplangat Ngetich, John Mbaya Matiri, Fifty-One Capital (K) and SBL Innovative Manufacturers.

"The prosecution has been mal-faced to prove itself against all the accused persons in respect of count number one of conspiracy to defraud and accused number two, Kimote, in respect of count number seven of abuse of office. I consequently acquit them under Section 210 of the Criminal Procedure Code," the magistrate ruled.

The court also found that the prosecution had not proved its case against Kimote's co-accused, Kiplangat, Mbaya, and two firms, Fifty-One Capital (K), and SBL Innovative Manufacturers, on eight other corruption charges, to order each of them to mount a defence.

"It may not hold that the prosecution has proved a prima facie case against accused one, three, four, five, and six in respect of charges in count number two, three, four, five, six, eight, nine, and ten sufficiently to warrant them to make a defence," Okore ruled.

Kimote and the co-accused were



Former National Cereals and Produce Board CEO Joseph Muna Kimote. [File, Standard]

facing ten counts, including allegations that they conspired to defraud the public by selling substandard soil amendments and fertilisers.

He was accused of abusing his office by executing an agency contract between NCPB and two private companies, Fifty-One Capital (K) and SBL Innovative Manufacturers, which the prosecution claimed were non-existent.

The alleged offences occurred between March 2022 and March 2024. Kimote, through his lawyer Kimani Wachira, argued that the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case against him.

"There was no evidence of a 'meeting of minds' between Kimote and the co-accused to constitute a conspiracy, and the agency contract he executed was done within the

scope of his duties as NCPB Managing Director. He did not personally benefit from the contract and cannot be held liable for abuse of office or fraud," Kimani submitted.

Magistrate Okore faulted the DPP

Fertiliser scandal

2022

YEAR when the Sh209 million scandal happened, where millions of farmers were allegedly sold fake fertiliser and lost huge resources.

for failing to prove the "meeting of minds" required for a criminal conspiracy. "The prosecution has failed to produce and demonstrate an agreement between the accused persons, or clear communication, whether electronically or physically, to that effect. Instead, what has been demonstrated are institutional procedures and corporate laxness, which cannot constitute a criminal conspiracy," she stated.

Regarding the abuse of office charge, the court noted that Mr Kimote, as Managing Director, did not have sole authority to approve or reject contracts, reject contracts independently of the NCPB Board or relevant committees.

"It has not been proved that the accused benefited personally from the process, and he ought not to carry blame for failures by other officers," Magistrate Okore said.

"It is therefore my considered opinion that the MD Kimote was unfairly charged in this matter. In fact, in my humble view, he ought to have been converted into a state witness."

She further found that Kimote did not personally benefit from the alleged scheme.

"To add on that, it has not been proved that accused number two benefited from the process, and so it cannot be said that he used his office to confer anything whatsoever to anyone," she ruled.

"The upshot is that the prosecution has failed to prove its allegations with regard to charges in count number seven of abuse of office against accused number two, Kimote."

Magistrate Okore consequently dismissed the charges under Section 210 of the Criminal Procedure Code, clearing Kimote and his co-accused.

She also ordered that their cash bail and passport, which had been deposited in court, be refunded.

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Briefing

KITUI. KWS TO RESTOCK KEY GAME RESERVE

■ The Kenya Wildlife Service has announced plans to restock South Kitui National Game Reserve with rhinos and other rare species, in a bold move to boost security along the porous Tana River border while anchoring the newly launched Kitui Tourism Circuit. For decades, the reserve has been underutilised, with locals bearing the brunt of clashes with armed camel herders. KWS Director General Erastus Kanga met with Kitui Governor Julius Malombe and said the government hopes to deter incursions. He said the restocking plan will also reclaim the reserve for conservation, tourism and security. [Philip Muasya]

NAIVASHA. WOMAN KILLS SELF AT IN-LAWS

■ A mother of two has committed suicide outside her in-laws' home after a fall-out with her husband. The 33-year-old stabbed herself on the chest using a kitchen knife and was pronounced dead on arrival at Naivasha sub-county hospital. The woman who was living with her two children at county council estate, first confronted her husband who is a motorcycle operator with threats that she would kill herself. Naivasha DCIO Isaac Kiama said the couple fell out last year and had been living separately before the incident. [Antony Gitonga]

MOMBASA. KWS JOINS FIGHT AGAINST BIRDS

■ Tourism players at the Coast are breathing a sigh of relief after the Kenya Wildlife Service joined the fight to eradicate the Indian house crow problem. Dr Sam Ikwaye, Mombasa Tourism Council chairman, said KWS will bring a focused approach to beat the invasive pest. "This will give us a coordinated approach to eliminate the birds. We cannot work in isolation, as different teams did in Kilifi and Kwale, with disastrous results for our hotels," he said. Hotels suffered as the crows wreaked havoc, and Dr Ikwaye warned that unless they act together, the birds will re-colonise. [Philip Mwakio]

VIHIGA. ODM COURTS WESTERN SUPPORT BASE

■ The ODM party has turned its focus to Western, with top leaders urging the region to remain in the party's fold ahead of 2027. ODM deputy party leader and Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi and party's national chairperson Gladys Wangari, made the appeal during a church service at Ibwali African Divine Church in Hamisi. They reminded the region of its historic role as a bedrock of the Orange movement. Osotsi hailed grassroots elections in Vihiga, Busia, Bungoma and Kakamega counties as proof that ODM remains vibrant. "The elections showed that our structures are strong," Osotsi said. [Brian Kisanji]

NAIROBI

Court defers KNH murders suspect's plea taking

The High Court in Nairobi has deferred the date for Kennedy Kalombotole, the Kenyatta National Hospital murders prime suspect, to answer charges after his lawyers questioned a medical report on his fitness to stand trial.

A medical report presented before Justice Diana Kavedza indicated that Kalombotole was fit to answer to murder charges of Edward Maingi Ndegwa and Gilbert Kinyua Muthoni, who were patients at KNH.

Nevertheless, his lawyers said the report had gaps as it concentrated on his well-being and not his mental state. His legal team, comprising Philip Maiyo, Zephania Achapa and Joshua Ombengi,

asserted that the report had not complied with the law as the examining doctor had not indicated if he had specialised in mental health.

Asked if they had an alternative report, Maiyo said no doctor was willing to carry out the tests. "The report does not conform with the law as it does not indicate there is a special skill by the doctor. It is just a name and the medical officer's number. The conclusion does not tell us about his mental state," argued Maiyo.

Maiyo explained that their bid for another report was out of concern that Kalombotole was not mentally fit. He said even in public, people were asking how and why he was representing a mentally ill

person. Achapa said the doctor concentrated on his client's diabetes and convulsions. "It is a medical report and not an assessment, it is about diabetes and convulsions. The issue raised boils down to the trial. It is about ticking of the boxes but there is nothing that shows this person is mentally fit to stand trial," argued Achapa.

On the other hand, the Director of Public Prosecution, Renson Ingonga urged the court to proceed with the exercise. Kui Githinji, the prosecutor, representing the DPP, said the government had done its best to find a medical doctor who was willing to carry out the crucial test. She said the 40-year-old was fit to stand trial. [Kamau Muthoni]

Mother's plea for son lost in NYS mayhem

- ▶ Joseph Kang'ara disappeared after anti-Ruto chants erupted during the August NYS pass-out.
- ▶ His mother, who believes military officers abducted him, is begging the State for his safe return.



Jane Njeri. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

BENARD LUSIGI, KAKAMEGA

Jane Njeri, a distressed mother from Jua Kali estate in Kakamega County, is living a nightmare following the alleged enforced disappearance of her 27-year-old son, Joseph Kang'ara.

The young man reportedly vanished a month ago during the National Youth Service (NYS) pass-out parade in Gilgil, Nakuru County, under circumstances she believes involve military personnel.

On August 28, 2025, Njeri had travelled with Kang'ara to Gilgil to witness her younger son graduate from the 89th NYS pass-out parade—a moment that was supposed to be filled with pride and celebration. However, that joy quickly turned into despair.

According to Njeri, her son was abducted by a person believed to be a soldier during the event, which was attended by President William Ruto. She claims the abduction occurred shortly after chaos broke out at the venue following anti-government chants from sections of parents and youth in attendance.

"My son told me he was stepping away to use the washroom. As he headed in that direction, chants of 'one-term' began coming from the same area. I saw a tall, heavily built woman in military uniform, wearing a red beret. She intercepted my son, held his hand, and a few metres away, did the same to another young man. She then led both of them towards the washrooms. That was the last time I saw my son," Njeri recounted. She waited for nearly half an hour, but when he failed to return, she began searching frantically—without success.

"My son wasn't even part of the group chanting slogans. Where we were sitting was calm. The commotion was

coming from other tents behind us. That's where police and NYS officers started arresting people, mostly young people, and beating them. Some were taken away," she said.

After the parade, Njeri searched within the NYS college compound and its surroundings, to no avail. The following day, she reported the incident at Gilgil Police Station, where her case was recorded under OB number 28th 13/29/025.

"Police assured me they would investigate and give me an update within a week. But when nothing happened, I returned to the station. They requested a photo of my son and promised to circulate his details nationwide. Two more weeks passed, and still, there was no progress," she said. Disheartened by the lack of assistance, Njeri spent two weeks in Nakuru hoping for answers, then expanded her search to hospitals in Nakuru, Naivasha, and later Kakamega, where she filed a second report at Kakamega Central Police Station. "I lost faith in the police and decided to search on my own. I travelled to Nakuru, Naivasha, Nyahururu, then on to Nairobi, Githurai 24 and 25, and finally Machakos. It was all in vain," she explained. Now, Njeri is appealing directly to the government:

"My son is a disciplined young man who had nothing to do with the unrest. I am fully convinced that he was taken by government agents and that he is in their custody. My only plea is this: if he is alive, please release him. My heart is broken, and the fact that his phone remains off only deepens my fears. My daily prayer is that he is alive. I don't want to receive him in a coffin."

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PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE FORUMS ON THE PROPOSED DESIGN, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO (2) PROJECTS BY AFRICA 50/POWER GRID OF INDIA- A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE KENYA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY (KETRACO)

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) is Kenya's energy sector regulatory agency established under the Energy Act Cap 314 with responsibility for economic and technical regulation of the electric power, renewable energy, and petroleum subsectors.

EPRA has received Project Proposals for Design, Finance, Construction, Operations and maintenance of the two (2) projects listed below by Africa 50/Power Grid of India a PPP in collaboration with KETRACO.

1. The 400kV Double Circuit(D/C) Loosuk-Lessos transmission Line, a new 400/220kV Lessos Sub-station, 220kV bay extension at existing 220/132kV Lessos sub-station, and a new 400kV switching Sub-station at Loosuk, with a line in/line out (LILO) of both Circuits of existing Loiyangalani-Suswa 400kV D/C line into new Loosuk substation; and
2. The 220kV Double Circuit(D/C) Kibos-Kakamega-Musaga Transmission Line, new sub-stations at Kakamega and Musaga, associated 220kV bay extensions at Kibos and LILO of both circuits of existing Musaga-Lessos 132kV D/C line into new Musaga Sub-station

In accordance with the Constitution and the Statutory Instruments Act Cap. 2A, the Authority will conduct public consultations to obtain feedback on the Proposed Design, Finance, Construction, Operations and maintenance of the two (2) projects at the listed locations. All the forums will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DATE	VENUE
8 th October 2025	Sarova, Imperial Kisumu
9 th October 2025	Eldoret National Polytechnic

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"Jeremiah Kioni should tell us whose interests he is serving by criticising the leadership of the other opposition parties since our leader Uhuru Kenyatta has not sent him to do that. At the moment, we are focused on rebuilding our party and not fighting our friends,"

Mark Mwenje, Embakasi West MP



EDITORIAL

Pay lecturers' dues or hold talks to end strike

Public university students have threatened to join their lecturers in the streets to push the government to pay the monies owed to the latter. The lecturer's strike entered its third week on Monday with no end in sight.

Learning has been disrupted in public universities countrywide and it is easy to understand the students' frustration.

Although the government has released Sh2.5 billion to partially offset the lecturers' salary arrears, the lecturers are still owed Sh7.9 billion under the 2017-2021 Comprehensive Bargaining Agreement.

After releasing the Sh2.5 billion, the government directed the lecturers to go back to class or risk disciplinary action if they do not obey a court order requiring them to resume work. The lecturers suspect the government might not pay the remaining amount considering that it has failed to fulfill its promise to settle the debt in the past. For instance, it reneged on the September 8, 2024 return-to-work formula.

The government must recognise that paying lecturers what they are owed is not a favour — it is a contractual and moral obligation. These educators are not merely employees; they are mentors, innovators, and nation-builders.

Their commitment to teaching and research has persisted despite financial hardship, and it is high time that that commitment is reciprocated with fairness and respect. Stable funding and timely remuneration are prerequisites for institutions to focus on what truly matters.

The Treasury's Sh2.5 billion payout should mark the beginning of a lasting solution, not a temporary reprieve. Unfortunately, despite not fully meeting the demands of the lecturers, the government does not seem keen on holding serious negotiations with lecturers as would have been expected.

The current situation cannot resolve itself. Threats will not end the strike either. The government should look for money to settle the debt owed to the lecturers or invite them for candid talks. That is the only way to end this strike that is needlessly wasting students' time and money.

End these horrors in Kilifi

Kilifi County shot to the national limelight in March 2023 for all the wrong reasons. The discovery of a cult at Shakahola under Pastor Paul Mckenzie, that is blamed for the deaths of more than 400 people, shocked the nation to the core. In August this year, yet another cult was discovered at Kwa Binzaro village in Kilifi where 32 bodies have been retrieved from shallow graves.

While the public is still grappling with this sad reality of cultism getting entrenched in Kilifi, another suspected cult has been discovered in Dera village where five emaciated children forced to undergo fasting were rescued. Clearly, Kilifi is a crime scene. Unfortunately, local authorities are sleeping on the job. They must wake up and ensure cultic practices are eliminated.

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Kenyans' warmth and spirit of togetherness simply amazing



FAITH WEKESA

A rider came to my place of work the other day with some documents I needed to sign. I knew it would be the usual hurried exchange: Pick the documents, skim through, scribble my signature where required, hand them back and watch him zoom away. Instead, I got schooled on everything I had forgotten about us.

Dressed in the right gear, he greeted me so warmly I was taken aback. As I signed, the wind picked up and without hesitation, he moved to shield me so I could work comfortably. When I was done, I thanked him, expecting him to hop on his motorbike and zoom into the city's chaos. Instead, he said "you first, madam," while gesturing for me to go ahead. I was floored!

I walked back to the office replaying that simple yet profound encounter. Because this is us. This is the side of Kenya we often forget to speak about.

They are the VIPS who hold the lift open for you when you are rushing to get in. They

are the motorists who slow down and flash their headlights to let you to cross a busy street then acknowledge your little wave with a cheerful honk. They are the ladies at the supermarket who allow you to jump the queue because all you have in your hand is a bottle of water and a deadline to beat. They are the mama mboga who, without being asked, offer tips on how to make *mboga kienyeji* because for them, it isn't just another sale but a chance to share the beauty of sisterhood.

Everywhere, each day, they show up with a ray of warmth that remains undimmed, regardless of whatever unsettling things are happening on the outside.

Perhaps, what embodies this Kenyan spirit can be summed up with what happened this past weekend when *TikTokers* came all out to support a young lad called Kaluma. He has been sharing his everyday life while nursing his ailing father. Without a politician rallying them, without a preacher threatening damnation and hellfire, without a thought about what may be in it for them, Kenyans simply showed up for one of their own.

Watching Kaluma overwhelmed on the podium and struggling to make sense of what had just happened will remain one of the most magical moments this country has witnessed. One *TikToker* said "I am going through a lot as we speak but, in this moment, I felt it was important for me to come and help Kaluma". If this isn't magic, I don't know what is.

It is the same spirit that moves us to celebrate our athletes. We flood our timelines with their photos in jubilation even when we know we have no share in their reward. We set our clocks to cheer them on, willing them forward for the gold. And when they win, we celebrate their triumph for it is ours.

We are Kenyans. We own our space with pride because there is only one Kenya. We get disappointed sometimes. We are heartbroken by the few who fail, time and again, to grasp how special a people we are. But this is us.

We mourn with strangers and want the best for the person next door. We raise funds when we are barely surviving for people we do not know if only to lessen their burden. We celebrate love when it visits people we only know online. We call out bullies and criminals in the hope of building a better country. When the vulnerable among us are in danger, we become the country's intelligence network, amplifying their plight, demanding justice for them. We go all out to celebrate our peer's children when they hit milestones our own have yet to reach, dancing ourselves lame because their joy is ours just like their children are our children.

This is us. A people bound together by empathy, resilience and a brotherhood we defend so fiercely. And nothing, not hardship, not disappointment, not politics, should ever take away the magic of being Kenyan.

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PALAUVER

As announced, says Onyango Moffat[onyangomoffat89@gmail.com], the registration of voters is underway. "The youth can't afford to lose this golden opportunity. Since the 2024 demos, the younger generation has pushed for change. They feel the government hasn't performed as per expectations. By registering as voters, we acquire the power to choose what is best for us. To stop the recycling of unproductive leaders and under-performing regimes, citizens must participate in electing good leaders. We shouldn't go the Nepal way, let us kick out deadwood through the ballot".



Newfound freedom often blinds university students to reality, according to Angwenyi Brian [angwenyibrian5665@gmail.com]. "Dating a man or lady for a long time doesn't mean you are safe because diseases are silent. Freshers may look innocent, but there are those who carry hidden health risks. There is a need for students to protect themselves or choose abstinence if they can't practice safe intimacy. In Kenya and beyond, wisdom is protection. Take care and stay safe".

The Jubilee Party under Uhuru Kenyatta does not seem to be in any mood to share platforms with any political unity that accommodates the 'heroes' of the now infamous 'Northlands occupation', and that might have informed its decision to field candidates for all seats come the 2027 general election. The question is; have all the 'regrets', 'apologies' and 'supplication' fallen on deaf ears? In what other ways could 'the empire' strike back, going forward?"



Enough is enough, asserts Cherop Lornah[cheroplornah1@gmail.com]. "The government should acknowledge the importance and value of Education and honour all the deals it signed with lecturers to allow learning in the public universities to resume. It's almost a month without studies, which would certainly tamper with institutions' almanac aside from wasting students' time and finances. The idleness may even lead to poor decisions like drug abuse and other sorts of immoralities. Students should use this time meaningfully while hoping studies will resume soon."

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Do you agree with latest Infotrack poll on Kenya?



WYCLIFFE OCHIENG,
PR PRACTITIONER



Kenyans have grown tired of this regime

I totally agree with the findings of the recent survey by Infotrack that showed 57 per cent of Kenyans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. In fact, I believe the said percentage is very conservative going by the perception of Kenyans from all parts of the country. The majority of citizens are tired of the Kenya Kwanza regime and have chosen silence, waiting to pour out their anger at the ballot. The survey reveals a nation that is

weighed down by daily survival struggles. The Infotrack survey indicated that the high cost of living is a major concern for the majority of Kenyans. A country that has no employment opportunities, people can't afford basic needs, and the health sector is compromised, is broken. To address this negative outlook, the government needs to come out urgently to address core issues; economic stabilisation, job creation, and restoration of public trust. The leadership should go beyond promises to visible actions to restore dignity among ordinary citizens. The one-term chorus could be actualised come 2027.

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We've made good progress under Ruto

I do not agree with the Infotrack poll that suggested that 57 per cent of Kenyans feel the country is headed in the wrong direction. I say so because the poll was based on economic hardship without capturing the long-term policy directions. On the flip-side, Kenya has registered remarkable progress in economic stability, fiscal reforms and constitutionalism. For instance Infotrack did not tell Kenyans about the significant

recovery of the agriculture sector that drove economic growth by 5.6 per cent in 2023. Another key indicator is the fall in inflation rate from 7.7 per cent to the current 4.5 per cent, according to the World Bank. Under the Kenya Kwanza regime, Kenya has witnessed remarkable growth in foreign direct investment. It is worth noting that Kenya was the only African country that recorded progress in the value of Venture Capital Funding in 2024. Secondly, Kenya has invested heavily in digital infrastructure. Although we have challenges of high debt and unemployment, we continue to attract foreign investors.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

We need to do more to improve the lives of suffering elderly persons

The International Day of Older Persons, which focuses on ageing, has been marked every year on October 1 since 1991. The UN 2023 World Social Report indicated that an ageing population is a defining global trend of our time and that persons aged 65 years or older globally will reach 1.6 billion in 2050. The fastest growth will be in Northern Africa, Western Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, according to the Caritas CARES 2023 report. Subsequently, the demand for long-term care will rise and lead to a greater need for both residential and home-based care.

The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa, adopted in 2016 but which came into force on November 4, 2024, proposed a continental framework to safeguard the human rights of older persons. Among the key proposals are offering incentives for the provision of home care by family members while allowing room for optional and affordable residential care.

In Kenya, the Constitution in Article 43 gives Kenyans the right to social security, while Article 57 is on the rights of older persons. Commendably, the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs is developing an older persons Bill to safeguard the rights of older persons. Our hope is that access to adequate food, water, shelter, clothing and healthcare as envisaged by the United Nations Principles for Older Persons shall be granted. The financial support to the older persons through the Inua Jamii Programme, though a groundbreaking effort, is insufficient and should be reviewed to reflect the current cost of living.

Sadly, the concerns for the elderly in Kenya are generally abandoned to individual families, a few pockets of private initiatives and periodic atten-



Mbai Muthee,
Founder and Director, Mt Kenya Upendo Home for the Aged

tion of faith-based groups (Nyeri Archbishop Anthony Muheria, for example, has been urging congregants to uphold the dignity of the older persons). This is despite the many challenges faced by our senior citizens.

The traditional social set up where family members - mainly spouses and grown up children - reverently took care of their elderly parents and grandparents has been disrupted. Social change and newer socio-economic paradigms such as a smaller number of children, urbanisation and seniors who may not have founded families or gotten children of their own, are with us. Actually, the classic narrative of being unable to take care of a parent yet she/he had raised 10 of us or bringing a young wife to do the 'maids' job of taking care of our aged parents, is unrealistic and anachronistic cultural lag.

Whereas home-based care for the elderly remains the prototype of caregiving due to the

growing numbers involved, the concerns for the elderly cannot be abandoned to individual family members. In some cultures, for example, bathing and changing diapers by one's children remains awkward.

The acceptance of the constraints faced in personally taking care of one's parents in old age is birthing several institutions offering courses in caregiving or nursing aid assistants. Philanthropic initiatives are also becoming common where large numbers of older persons are occasionally gathered for food relief, health care and socialisation. This, however, does not address the elephant in the room: Ageing is escalating into a serious problem in Kenya. There are many elderly persons living in impoverished backgrounds, living alone, sexually abused, especially those with dementia, neglected and indispensably requiring health or social care.

This makes residential care the only plausible choice both for individuals and families. Nevertheless, as indicated in the Caritas CARES report (2023), costs will be a major challenge for poor households, there will be a shortage of qualified care personnel, and live-in carers may face challenging working conditions. The government of necessity will have to invent practices and policies that will address the financing of care, especially for residential care.

Meanwhile, Kenyans should individually and collectively desire to support emerging charitable organisations taking care of poor, abused and sometimes homeless senior brothers and sisters. Corporations such as Cooperative Bank, Safaricom Foundation and Chandaria Foundation have pioneered support to not-for-profit care homes and must be appreciated.



GITOBU IMANYARA,
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Keria Nkumbo's tribulations and Kenya's politics of poverty

Keria Nkumbo, a dusty trading centre on the border of Meru and Tharaka Nithi, carries within its daily struggles the unspoken truth of Kenya's politics: When poverty hardens into a way of life, elections are no longer about vision, but about survival. Here, illicit brews flow more readily than opportunity. Teenage girls slip into early marriages while their peers abandon classrooms for bod boda or casual labour, and entire families live under the shadow of want. What is remarkable is not that these problems exist. They exist across the country but that they are so normalised, so routine, that they no longer provoke outrage.

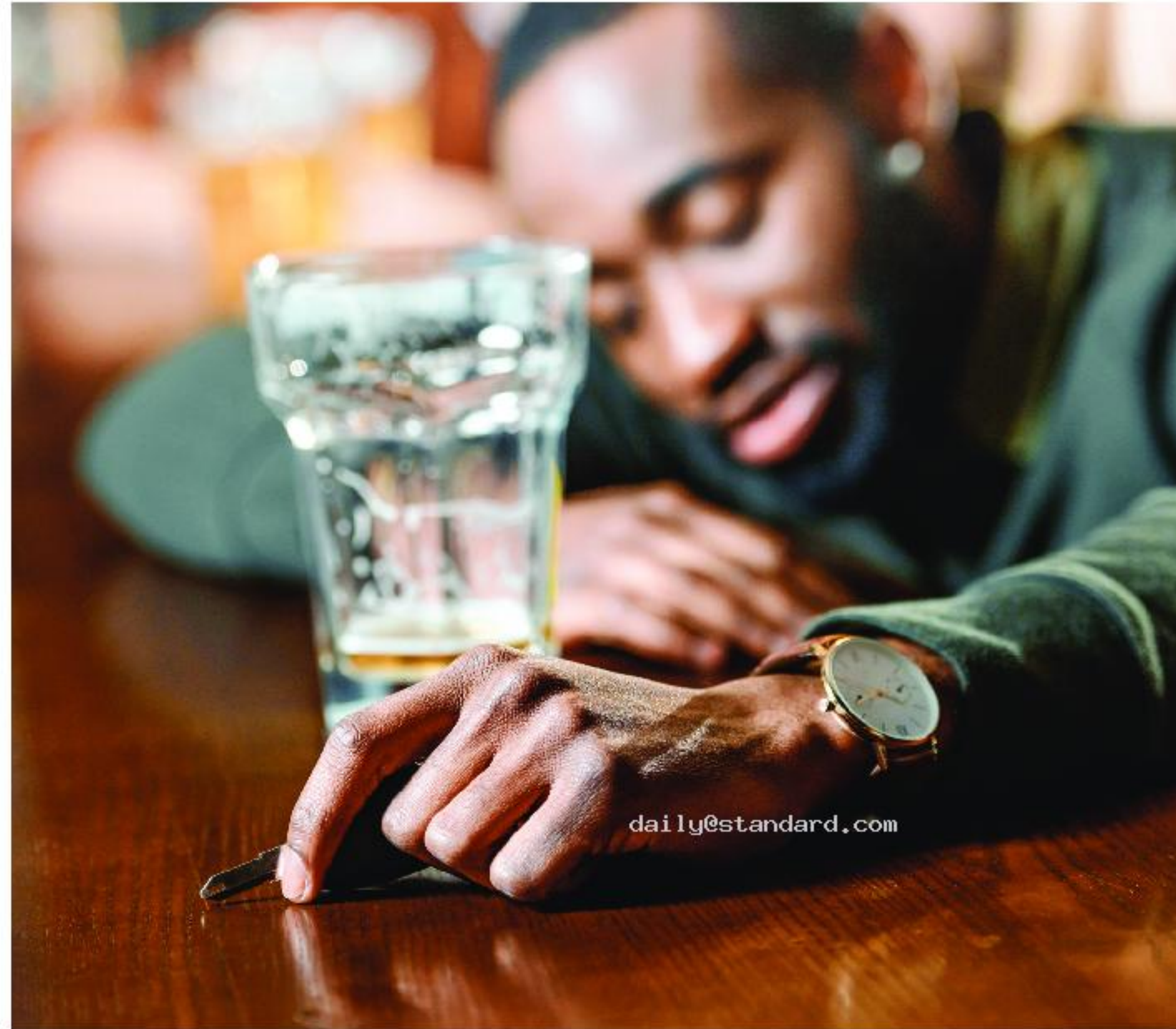
This normalisation is political. For the residents of Keria Nkumbo and countless similar villages across Kenya, elections are not moments of civic renewal but brief seasons when power notices their existence. During those few weeks, politicians descend with sacks of unga, handouts, and empty promises. The people, trapped in cycles of illiteracy and poverty, cannot afford the luxury of asking about policy; their questions are immediate: Will I eat tonight? Will my child remain in school next term? Politics here is not about manifestos. It is about survival.

This is the hidden architecture of Kenyan democracy. We call it competitive politics, yet in many rural wards and peri-urban slums, the ballot is less a choice than a transaction. Poverty has hollowed out the idea of informed decision-making. Illiteracy and hopelessness have stripped away the tools with which citizens can interrogate leaders. In this vacuum, the politician who can mobilise clan loyalties or scatter the biggest handouts almost always triumphs.

The tragedy is that this cycle is self-reinforcing. Poverty breeds illiteracy. Illiteracy produces social dysfunction, illicit brews, early marriages, and school dropouts. Social dysfunction deepens poverty. And into this loop walks the politician, offering not solutions but small favours, ensuring that the system never changes because desperation keeps them in power. In this sense, the brewing dens of Keria Nkumbo are not just social problems; they are political weapons. Every drunk father, every teenage mother, every dropout is part of a captured constituency, easier to manipulate, cheaper to buy.

When viewed from Nairobi, it is easy to dismiss these dynamics as local issues, "village problems." But they are not. They represent the silent crisis shaping Kenya's democratic trajectory. If the 2027 elections are to be decided in regions where poverty and illiteracy reign, then the battle will not be over ideas but over who can better exploit desperation. And if that is the case, we must ask: Are Kenyans truly choosing leaders or merely auctioning their votes to the highest bidder?

The situation in Keria Nkumbo is not unique. From the slums of Mathare to the drylands of Turkana, from the fishing villages of Homa Bay to the cane fields of Mumias, poverty is quietly scripting our politics. It decides who registers to vote, who turns up



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at rallies, who can be bribed with a note of Sh200, who will sell their ID card for a few kilos of maize. Yet poverty has no manifesto. Poverty does not care about climate change policy, industrialisation plans, or foreign investment strategies. Poverty is immediate, urgent, and personal. And that urgency suffocates the possibility of issue-based politics.

The risk, therefore, is not just bad leadership in 2027. The deeper risk is the entrenchment of a political culture where vision never matters, where leadership never transforms, and where democracy itself is emptied of meaning. What we are left with is electoral theatre: Crowds at rallies, songs and dances, long manifestos printed in glossy colours, yet the real contest takes place in the shadows, in the quiet exchanges of money, alcohol, food, and clan bargains.

This cycle can be broken, but only if politics is re-imagined as social transformation, not elite competition. County governments,

especially in places like Meru, must recognise that the fight against illicit brews, early marriages, and school dropouts is not a "social issue" to be delegated to NGOs, but a political priority. A county that can not keep its children in school, that can not offer youth alternatives to idleness and drink, that can not protect its girls from predatory traditions, is a county where democracy will always be shallow.

Equally, political parties must stop treating rural Kenya as zones for mobilisation only during campaigns. They should establish permanent grassroots structures that educate citizens about rights, train youth in livelihood skills, and nurture communities away from dependency. Without this, the opposition's call for unity or the government's promise of development will remain empty rhetoric. The poor cannot eat unity; they can not live on promises.

Finally, we must confront a moral question: What does it mean for a nation when its poorest citizens are effectively voting out of desperation? Can we continue calling ourselves a democracy when millions of votes are decided not by vision but by hunger? If democracy is to mean anything, then it must begin by liberating citizens from the desperation that chains their choices.

Keria Nkumbo, then, is not a forgotten trading centre. It is a mirror. It shows us the face of a Kenya where politics is not about the future but about survival. Unless we confront this reality, 2027 will not be a contest of ideas. It will be another ritual of recycling the same politicians who thrive on our weakness. As long as we remain trapped in this cycle, poverty will continue to rule, and democracy will continue to be an illusion.



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Alternative View

Why Uhuru has no moral authority to lecture Ruto



LEONARD KHAFafa

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta's recent broadside against President William Ruto was strikingly uncharacteristic. Since his retirement in 2022, Mr Kenyatta had largely withdrawn from the political arena, maintaining a posture of dignified silence. His sudden, acerbic remarks depart markedly from the precedent set by Kenya's previous heads of state, who, upon leaving office, generally refrained from public commentary on political affairs.

Uhuru has criticised Ruto's administration, denouncing its performance across several key domains of governance. In a pointed rebuke, he recalled cautioning the nation against conferring the presidency upon a figure he characterised as "divisive and opportunistic."

He attributed widespread economic hardship – and the resultant civil unrest – to the Ruto administration's policy missteps and fiscal mismanagement. Furthermore, Uhuru accused his successor of undermining democratic principles citing what he termed a "betrayal of democratic norms," and lamenting a perceived erosion of the institutional integrity that underpins constitutional order.

Uhuru appears to be the most ardent believer in his own mythos. Speaking in a tone that borders on condescension, he seems to overlook a crucial political reality: The last presidential election was won largely due to protest votes against his handpicked successor. Many Kenyans cast their ballots, not in favour of an alternative vision, but to reject what they perceived as an attempted consolidation of power – a hegemonistic grip exercised through a proxy presidency.

The following facts undermine Uhuru's claims to political, social and economic success. To begin with, he inherited an economy that was on a stable and sustainable growth trajectory. Under President Mwai Kibaki, Kenya's debt-to-GDP ratio stood at 50.7 per cent in 2013 – well within the recommended threshold for developing economies – and a marked reversal of the upward trend in public debt seen in previous years.

However, upon assuming office, Uhuru embarked on an aggressive spree of large-scale infrastructure projects, financed primarily through high-interest commercial loans. This short-term, expensive borrowings significantly strained the country's fiscal position, bringing Kenya dangerously close to defaulting on its sovereign debt obligations. By the end of his tenure, the debt-to-GDP ratio had ballooned to nearly 70 per cent, a level widely regarded as unsustainable.

The Auditor General's 2019 report highlights significant lapses in economic governance that have inflicted profound hardship on its citizens. Notably, a portion of the \$2 billion Eurobond secured in 2014 was diverted to general budgetary spending, rather than being allocated to specific development projects as mandated by the Public Finance Management Act. Furthermore, additional reports revealed that nearly USD 1 billion in proceeds from the same Eurobond were never deposited into the government's designated public funds account.

As Uhuru extolled his administration's health-care initiatives for expectant mothers, he omitted the scandals that imperiled the lives of Kenya's most vulnerable citizens. Among these was the 2016 Afya House scandal, involving the misappropriation of Sh5 billion earmarked for free maternity care and HIV programmes. Equally egregious was the 2020 Covid-19 funds scandal, in which Sh7.8 billion allocated for personal protective equipment and essential medical supplies was misused. When it comes to fiscal accountability and good governance, Uhuru is one to talk!

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HOT ON X

Maraga: 'I don't have money for you'

@AlinurMohamed: Former CJ David Maraga boldly told Mombasa County youths he won't give them money for handouts as they are used with other politicians. This country is slowly changing.

@ThomasSankaraWN:

That's the kind of honesty Kenya has been starving for. Maraga didn't go to Mombasa to play Santa Claus with wheelbarrow handouts or fake promises—he told the youth straight up: Your future isn't in my pocket, it's in your hustle, ideas, and integrity.



@OkandaJnr: He won't get any votes from them. People attend political rallies to get stipends, not to listen to stories.

@PETRUS964210082: Let's see how that goes? Handouts no, but he has to spend one way or another on his audiences.

@anyangatommy: And the youth clapped and rejoiced at the suggestion.



FROM THE WEB

Kenyan scientist Arthur Obel, dies

Standard Digital: Kenyan scientist and researcher Prof Arthur Obel, known for controversial claims of finding an Aids cure, dies at a city hospital after long illness, family confirms.

Patrick Mudavadi: Rest well Prof. You taught us biochemistry in MSc at UoN Chiromo campus. Those long formulas!

Clement Kinyua: He once shot a matatu driver in a traffic jam.

In his defence, he said the driver was blocking him yet he was rushing to save a life. You wonder; was he taking one life to go save another?



Steven Omari: He was called a quack and retorted; "Are the medical students I teach at the university of Nairobi quacks?"

Aaron Mukiri: Pearl Omega was significantly responsive, but the West wouldn't have swallowed their deathly pride; that a Kenyan scientist was just about to salvage humanity from its carelessness.

Ochola H. Ochieng: The politics around Arthur Obel's Pearl Omega and Davy Koech's Kemron was interesting. However, both failed the clinical trials.

EDUCATION

Work with government to ensure that students who fail to join university get college admission

Reports indicate that over 700,000 students who sat the 2024 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and obtained between grades C-plain to E cannot be accounted for in the system.

No child should be 'lost' despite the grade they score. All hands are needed to build Kenya, which is why the government launched the 100 per cent transition that should be supported by all stakeholders. The government can do its share, but the other part remains the responsibility of stakeholders, including the private sector, which, according to the Kenya Vision 2030, should fund 70 per cent of our national development programmes, including in education.

All should support education as espoused by giants who vouched for its achievement. First, Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world". If we want to change Kenya, there is need to invest in education, including Technical Vocational and Tertiary Institutions (TVETs), which have the ability to absorb many and accelerate our manufacturing and industrialisation, akin to what Germany, Japan and China do.

The private sector should build more vocational and other middle level colleges to absorb all grades, which will push the transition higher.

Secondly, Benjamin Franklin observed that "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest", which means that the private players will reap profits and revenues because students will occupy such institutions, hence a stable source of income. The public sector stands to gain if more Kenyans have access to all levels of training from increased consumption and hence, more revenue to the government that can be used to expand socio-economic development.

Third, Malcom Forbes supported the views of Mandela and Franklin by noting that "The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an



open one". As it stands now, many of the youth who don't secure any opportunity may turn idle and hence fail to join hands with fellow Kenyans in developing the nation.

We owe the duty of care to such youth under the Ubuntu philosophy and should do all it takes to support the government's commitment to 100 per cent transition. To the youth who haven't secured a place to date, there is need to note that delay is never denial and rejection is just redirection.

Mutegi Giti, Nairobi

POLITICS

Uhuru should let bygones be bygones

Several days prior to the 'Northland Siege', some politicians had put former President Uhuru Kenyatta on notice that his lands would be invaded and given to the landless if he persisted with his anti-government acts. During last week's Jubilee Annual Delegates Conference (ADC) held in Nairobi, wild cheers and ululations rent the air when Uhuru revisited the Northlands invasion. It mimicked a reopening of old, fetid wounds that those who caused them would wish remained hidden.

Kiharu legislator Ndindi Nyoro is on record saying that tarmac roads cannot be eaten, a snide remark purported to water down Uhuru Kenyatta's efforts in building as many tarmac roads as possible countrywide. Judging from how political clouds are shaping up, Uhuru's Jubilee will be in the race in 2027 and chances of teaming up with the Opposition have started to fade.

Seemingly, Uhuru has issues to settle with some of the Opposition leaders and this plot could thicken as D-day beckons. The Bible beseeches us to forgive 'those who trespass against us' seventy by seventy times like Jesus would do. Hopefully, Uhuru will emulate the life and times of Jesus Christ when he lived on Earth.

Kabaria Ole Muturi, Nyeri

POLITICS

Uhuru's U-turn signals broken pledges with Ruto

Just weeks ago, retired President Uhuru Kenyatta was all smiles at State House, laughing with President Ruto. Now, Uhuru has accuses the government of gutting flagship programmes like Linda Mama.

In November 2024, Ruto welcomed several of Uhuru Kenyatta's allies into his Cabinet, framing it as a bold step towards a broad-based government. But that olive branch may have carried deeper promises: Appointments as a prelude to something bigger. Fast forward, and the trail ends in silence. The pledge, it seems, was

political theatre and Uhuru's bitterness now reads like the fury of a man who feels played.

A retired president doesn't need a throne, he needs assurance. For Uhuru, that might have meant three simple things: Protect my legacy, leave Jubilee untouched, and don't turn the State into a weapon come 2027. If those were the quiet pledges behind the State House smiles, then their breach explains the bitterness. This signals the fallout of a handshake that came with conditions. **Michael Karanja, journalist**



EXPLOITATION

Parents should support their daughters in universities

Girls go through a lot in universities and institutions of higher learning after their parents stop providing for them ostensibly because they are now adults. The results, as we see in the media, are girls turning to prostitution or befriending older men commonly known as 'wababa' to be able to make ends meet. Unfortunately, prostitution comes with a host of negative effects. Many girls have lost their self-esteem, others have contracted STI's, HIV/Aids and bear medical expenses, not to mention the high level of single mothers after getting unwanted

pregnancies.

For some girls, what might have looked like good luck soon turns into a nightmare. There have been stories of girls being sold to cults by their older lovers or being trafficked to international prostitution syndicates without their consent. This happens easily after the girls get duped through provision of material things like cars, houses and being taken on vacations. Girls must watch out for such and stop falling into these traps. This is possible if parents support them while in college. **Rita Muthini, Mount Kenya**

CS fights off claims of taking sides in Sh1.3b land dispute

► City tycoon and former PC have been fighting for the Loresho land for about 10 years.

► Wahome says the tycoon owns the land, but MPs say Chelogoi has genuine documents.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

Lands Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome yesterday found herself on the defensive after MPs put her to task over a dispute between a city tycoon and a former PC over the ownership of a Sh1.3 billion land in Loresho, Nairobi.

During a sitting of the National Assembly Lands Committee, Wahome had to fight off allegations of taking sides in the row.

The CS had in her presentation to the House team submitted that the bonafide owner of the 18-acre piece of land was Ashok Kumar after disowning Davis Chelogoi's documents.

"The records that we have as a ministry support the ownership of the land by Ashok. If anyone has documents contrary to that I'm afraid that they are a fraud," she said.

The CS said an officer at the ministry had been jointly charged with the former administrator for allegedly falsifying documents.

Lands Principal Secretary Nixon Korir agreed, saying: "Maybe he (Chelogoi) has his own registry. We

do not issue any forged documents."

The dispute has been on for the last 10 years, with Chelogoi claiming he has owned the land for 27 years.

MPs sought to understand the CS's involvement, questioning why she physically visited the disputed land last year in the company of the tycoon.

"You have stated that you are not conflicted yet you visited the land with Ashok (which is uncharacteristic of a CS). There has also been very many land disputes across the country, why haven't you been there?" said Kaloleni MP Paul Katana.

"Some of your officers have also been accused of colluding with wealthy individuals to defraud innocent Kenyans. What have you done about it?"

Added Kirinyaga Central MP Joseph Gitari: "This committee also has a letter showing correspondence between the Registrar of Land and Mr Chelogoi. Why would the ministry be asking for a title from Chelogoi for destruction if at all they believe it is not theirs?"

Garsen MP Guyo Ali Wario pointed out Chelogoi claimed to have the original title deed, having acquired it in 1995 from President Daniel Moi.

"The committee noted that it had also been furnished with a title deed and other documents to show that Chelogoi was the owner... According to Chelogoi, he has been in that farm for the last 27 years and he has been planting trees and engaging in a timber business. Where was Ashok all this



Lands PS Nixon Korir and CS Alice Wahome before the National Assembly Lands Committee at Parliament Buildings yesterday. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

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We have a report from the DCI saying that Ashok should be arrested for fraud over the same piece of land so you cannot accuse us of trying to sanitise anyone.”

Paul Katana, Kaloleni MP

time? I think it is appropriate that we have a joint meeting between Ashok, Chelogoi and the ministry," said Wario.

But Wahome justified her physical visit, noting that it was not the only property that she has visited, and that she did so on the strength of a court order.

"I recently also went to Lavington to deliver a title deed for an eight-acre property belonging to a school because I felt it was a game that had gone on for too long. I have also tried to physically try to help a lady with a land dispute in Upper hill. I felt these issues needed a personal approach because sometimes Kenyans accuse us of being out of touch," she said.

And while noting that automation of the Lands registry was the way to go to avoid the numerous land disputes, the CS dared Chelogoi to furnish the committee with documents from the ministry to

prove ownership.

"If he doesn't have these documents then he does not qualify to be the owner," she observed.

The CS complained that Chelogoi was misusing Parliament.

"This matter is already under probe by the DCI and Chelogoi should not try using Parliament to sanitise himself," said Wahome before being cut short by Katana, who accused her of imputing improper motive on the committee.

"We have a report from the DCI saying that Ashok should be arrested for fraud over the same piece of land so you cannot accuse us of trying to sanitise anyone. We genuinely want to establish who owns the land," he said.

The committee is now mulling calling a meeting with all parties even as it monitors the outcome of an ongoing court case.

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LAW AND ORDER

KNCHR report warns of shrinking space for rights defenders



KNCHR Chief Executive Officer Bernard Mogesa and the Ombudsman Mercy Wambua during the launch of a report on human rights defenders yesterday. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

Police officers have been singled out as the biggest offenders of human rights.

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) reported that the officers account for majority of the harmful acts against human rights defenders (HRDs).

The government was also faulted over failure to ratify international laws on human rights.

This came out during the release of an advisory on the situation of HRDs, which noted an increase in cases of violations including killings, kidnappings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention and torture.

"The operating environment of human rights defenders in the country is not good. We have seen even when there are demonstrations, the way they are handled," said CEO Benard Mogesa.

While the National Police Service are mandated to protect HRDs, Dr Mogesa said this was

not the case.

"But we have seen the excessive use of force when it comes to dealing with HRDs in the country. And many of them sometimes are taken to court and they are released because there is no evidence of any criminal act. They go through these only for expressing violations of human rights," he added.

KNCHR reported that eight HRDs were killed between 2020 and 2022. Two were forcefully disappeared in 2020 and 144 others detained arbitrarily.

Out of all the harmful acts, the commission reported that State actors perpetrated 136, and no one was convicted.

"It is noteworthy that there was no data captured on kidnappings and torture, which could reflect gaps in the monitoring and documentation of such cases," says the advisory.

According to the report, the HRDs affected by the violations are in environment and lands (5), business and human rights (12), civic and political rights (77), LGBTQI (14), labour rights (18) and economic, social and cultural rights (28).

The advisory lays out recommendations for various government agencies and ministries, including the Ministry of Interior, National Assembly, Office of the Ombudsman, and the Attorney General, and has been submitted to the National Assembly and the Senate for consideration.

Among the recommendations are the ratification of international laws on human rights, granting access to Kenya for UN special rapporteurs on HRDs, and formulation of a national law on recognition and protection human rights defenders. [Jacinta Mutura]

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Ethiopia's 'peace bridge' brings hope at border

► Peace mission to Ethiopia led to the planned construction of the 'peace bridge'.

► Elders from both sides have welcomed the move that will end insecurity and floods.

LUCAS NGASIKE, TURKANA

When news broke that Ethiopia had agreed to build the long-awaited Nakuwa Bridge, joy swept across villages in Turkana North and Kibish along Kenya-Ethiopia border.

For decades, families in the Ateker region have struggled with isolation, insecurity and seasonal floods of River Nakuwa that cut them off from their neighbours across the border.

The breakthrough came after a peace mission to Ethiopia led by Kenya's Special Envoy for Peace in the Ateker region, John Munyes, in the company of Turkana North MP Sharif Nabuin.

The envoy's delegation met Ethiopian authorities in Addis Ababa and subsequently in Turmi to strengthen cross-border cooperation, and in the process secured a landmark pledge, the construction of a bridge that residents describe as "a lifeline of peace."

For 62-year-old pastoralist Nakwaan Nyang'a, the bridge means more than just easier movement. It will open up the region and connect it with its neigh-

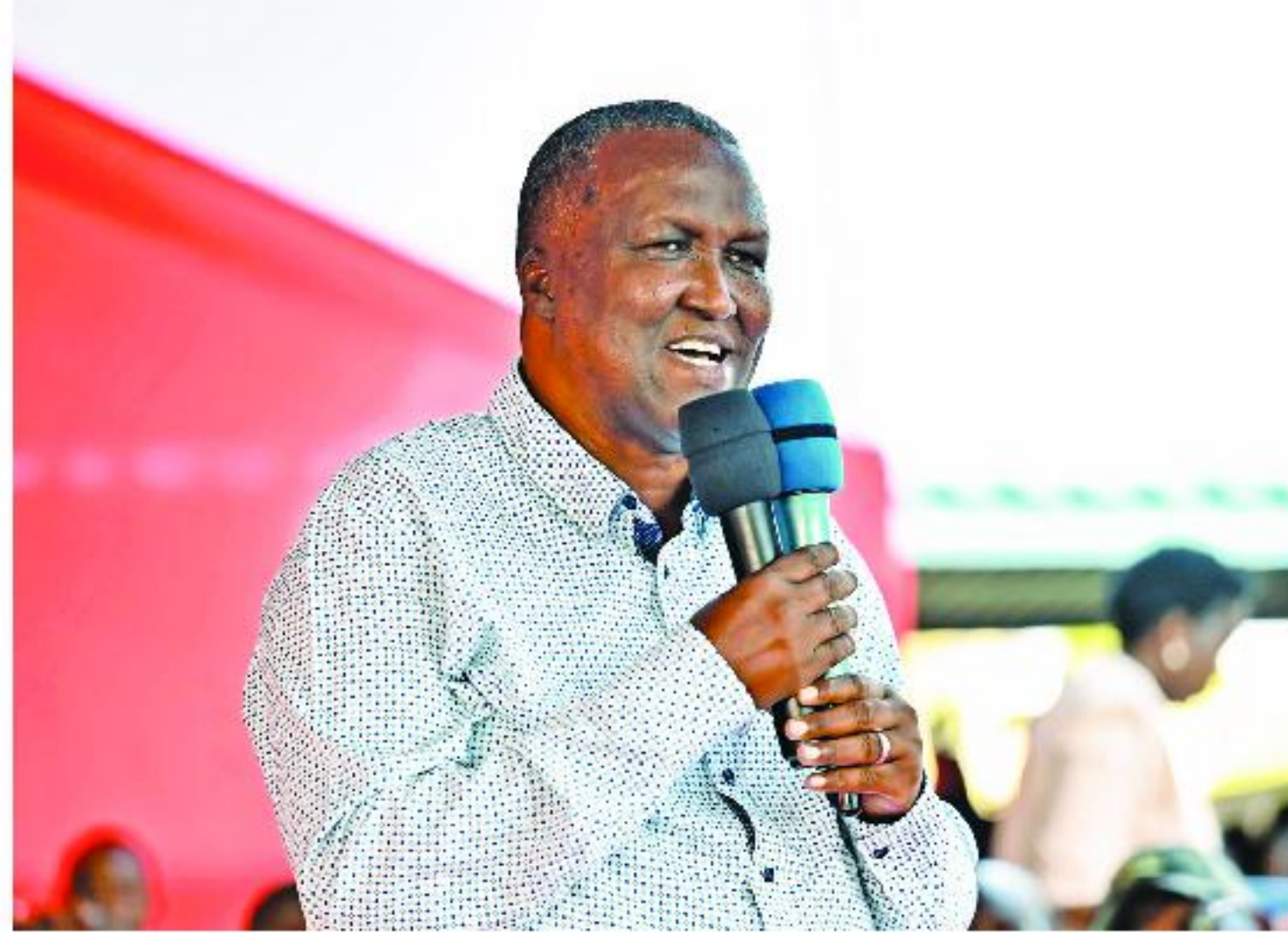
bours. "Every rainy season, we risk our lives crossing with our goats and camels. Some drown, others are stolen when we get stuck on one side. If this bridge comes, our animals will access pasture without fear, and trade will flow freely," Nakwaan said.

Elders on both sides of the border have welcomed the move, calling it a symbol of a new era in the Ateker region. "A bridge is not just cement and iron. It is a promise that tomorrow will be better than yesterday," said Nyangatom elder Nabwel Moe.

Mothers, too, see hope in the promise. Akai Edapal 45, a trader in Lokwanamor, recalled how women often lose perishable goods trying to wade across the flooded river. "We have cried for many years because we cannot take our vegetables and milk to the market in Ethiopia. Sometimes we risk crossing the river with our goods and livestock. This bridge will put food on our tables. It will also link us with our neighbours during peace meetings," Edapal said.

However, the announcement is also seen as a peace dividend flowing from the Turmi Declaration, a cross-border pact between Kenya and Ethiopia.

Analysts believe that building infrastructure in fragile zones is as crucial as security patrols, since it directly addresses the frustrations that fuel inter-communal clashes. According to Ethiopian officials, the construction of the Nakuwa Bridge to connect Ethiopia's South Omo zone with Kenya's Kibish region is set to start soon.



Special Envoy for Peace in Ateker region John Munyes addressing Jukwaa la Usalama in Lodwar on July 16, 2025. [Lucas Ngasike, Standard]



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Akai Edapal, Trader

Ethiopia's South Omo Region President Talahun Kebede confirmed that plans for the Nakuwa Bridge, along with an accompanying road network to South Sudan, have been approved.

"We want to expedite road infrastructure development, particularly construction of the Nakuwa Bridge and the road linking Ethiopia and South Sudan. Peace and stability must prevail on our borders, and both states must take responsibility," Kebede said.

The Cabinet's approval follows a visit from a high-level Kenyan delegation in Addis Ababa. The delegation, led by Kenya's Special Envoy for Peace in the Ateker region, John Munyes, and Turkana North MP Sharif Nabuin, discussed the potential benefits of the project for cross-border peace.

Munyes praised the Ethiopian federal government for its support of the project, describing the Nakuwa corridor as a vital connection for unlocking the region's potential. "The rampant insecurity in the border regions of Kenya and Ethiopia is a significant barrier to regional progress," he said.

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KITUI. OMOLO INSPECTS MADARAKA DAY VENUE

Internal Security and National Administration PS Raymond Omollo yesterday led the National Steering Committee in inspecting Kitui County's preparations for the upcoming Mashujaa Day celebrations. The fete to be held at Ithookwe Stadium on October 20 under the theme "Energy" will spotlight Kenya's heroes and heroines while showcasing the government's transformative achievements. PS Omollo toured Ithookwe Stadium, which has been under construction for four months. [Philip Muasya]

NAKURU. SUDANESE MAN'S BODY RECOVERED

The body of a 21-year-old South Sudanese, Mach Mayien Anyieth, who went missing on Friday, has been recovered from Lake Nakuru. Anyieth is believed to have drowned while fishing in the lake with his friends. Bol Ajak, chairman of the South Sudanese community in Nakuru, said the body was taken to PNN Mortuary. He said Anyieth had left home with friends without informing his parents. [Yvonne Chepkwony]

HOMA BAY. OGADA SEEKS REPEAT NOMINATION

One of the aspirants in ODM's nomination for Kasipul parliamentary seat now wants the party to repeat the exercise over alleged malpractices. Newton Ogada says the process was marred by massive irregularities. Addressing journalists at in West Kasipul Ward, Ogada said voters were allowed to vote more than once. "There were some polling stations where one voter could cast more than five votes," Ogada claimed. [James Omoro]

SIAYA. ORENGO MEETS DISMISSED HEALTH STAFF

Some 382 dismissed health workers who claim they were victims of a recruitment scam may have to go without pay after Siaya Governor James Orengo insisted the law must be followed. The workers, who say they were deployed in January and served for nine months without pay, stormed the governor's office. He acknowledged the suffering they had endured and promised justice. [Isalah Gwengi]

HOMA BAY

Shock as university professor killed in land dispute

A university professor has been murdered in cold blood over a land dispute in Homa Bay County.

Prof Tom Odhiambo of the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) was hacked to death at Kakrigu Village, Rusinga East Location in Mbita Sub-county.

The land dispute resulted from an incident in which some of Prof Odhiambo's neighbours encroached onto his land some time back.

This forced him to seek the intervention of the area chief and the land

surveyor to determine the boundaries.

He agreed with the chief and the surveyor to visit the land to solve the squabble.

However, Prof Odhiambo and his father proceeded to the parcel ahead of the chief and the surveyor.

On arrival, two young men arrived while armed with a machete. One of them attacked Prof Odhiambo.

Mbita Deputy County Commissioner Peter Mutiso said Prof Odhiambo sustained serious injuries on the

head, leading to his death.

"Prof Odhiambo has been hacked by one of the young men using a panga. He died on the spot," Mutiso said.

His body was moved to MED 25 Kirindo mortuary. His father was also attacked and seriously injured. He was rushed to Mbita sub-county hospital. The administrator said the two suspects disappeared after committing the heinous act.

"They ran away but our security officers have launched investigations to aid their arrests. They must suffer

punitive legal measures," said Mutiso.

The administrator warned residents against taking the law into their hands.

"Let residents avoid taking the law into their hands. The government will not spare such people," he added.

Mutiso described Prof Odhiambo as a law abiding citizen.

"Prof followed the legal way to seek redress over the matter. It is a very barbaric incident," the administrator said.

[James Omoro]

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Imported electricity edges out local giants

▶ With local capacity stagnating, Kenya has turned to Ethiopia, Uganda, and Tanzania for supply.

▶ The country is still looking to importing more power so as to meet the rising demand.

MACHARIA KAMAU, NAIROBI

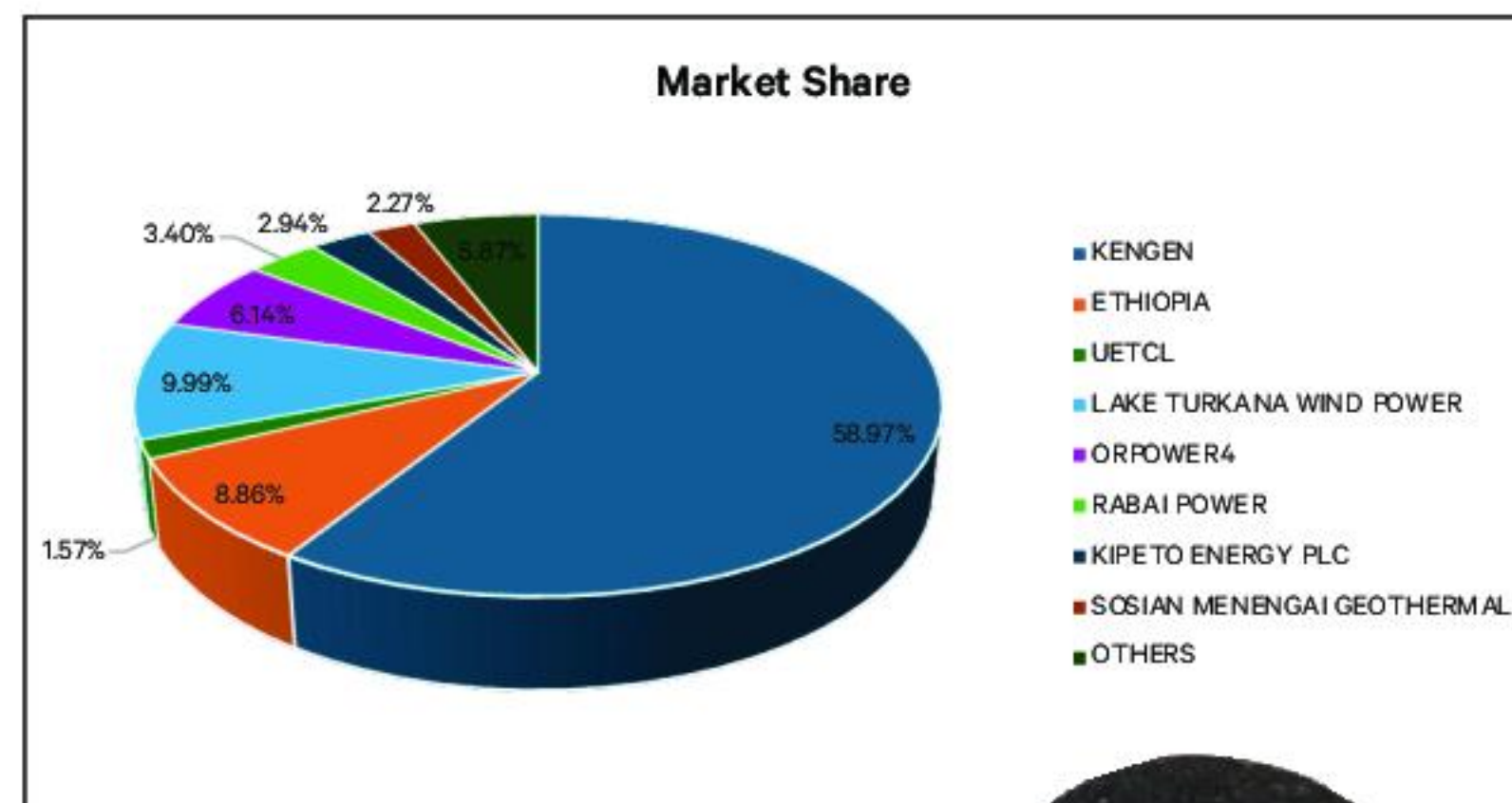
The amount of electricity that Kenya imports from its neighbours has in the recent years surged and is now eating into the market shares of local power producers including the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen).

Power imports from the region accounted for 10.66 per cent of the total energy generated, second to KenGen which accounted for 58.97 per cent in the year leading to June 2025, according to a new statistical report by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra).

The imports, mostly from Ethiopia, were ahead of other large power producers in the country, including the Lake Turkana Wind Power (LTWP) with a market share of 9.99 per cent and geothermal power firm Orpower, whose share of the market stood at 6.14 per cent.

Kenya also imports electricity from Uganda and Tanzania.

The market share of imported electricity has been on a steady increase over the last four years, going up from



a paltry 1.03 per cent over the 2020/21 financial year. It then rose to 4.87 per cent in 2022/23 when Kenya started importing power from Ethiopia and then to 8.8 per cent in 2023/24 year and 10.66 per cent in the 2024/25 financial year.

The rise in imports has corresponded with a drop in market share for local large producers including KenGen, whose share has dropped to 58.97 per cent in the year ending in June this year, from 63.94 per cent in the 2020/21 financial year.

Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, Opiyo Wandayi, during the release of the Annual Energy and Petroleum Statistics report 2025 in Nairobi.
[Bernard Orwongo, Standard]



LTWP has seen its share drop from 21.56 per cent to 9.99 per cent over the four years, while Orpower has dropped from 7.41 per cent in the year that ended in June 2021, to 6.14 in June this year.

Electricity imports could further edge out power producers in Kenya as authorities eye more imports.

The Cabinet Secretary Energy and Petroleum Opiyo Wandayi yesterday said Kenya and Uganda are reviewing a longstanding power trade agreement that would see Kenya increase imports from Uganda from the current 80 megawatts (MW) to 120MW. Kenya currently imports 200MW from Ethiopia but the two countries have an agreement that allows this to be scaled up to 400MW.

"Electricity imports from Uganda will rise following the revision of the energy exchange agreement with UETCL (Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited) from 80MW to 120MW, improving supply stability," said Wandayi during the launch of the Energy and Petroleum Statistics report for the year to June 2025.

Kenya has been increasing imports to cope up with the growing demand. Power production has not kept pace with the demand, with installed capacity dipping for the first time to 3,192MW in June this year from 3199.9MW in June 2024.

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PER CENT

KENYA currently imports 10.66 per cent of its electricity from Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania, edging out local producers.

Power sector players attribute this to a moratorium on issuance of new Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) by the government in 2018 as it looked into the cost of power, with the PPAs between Kenya Power and power producers seen as being among the factors that contribute to high power costs.

The government lifted the moratorium in February 2023 but parliament reversed the Cabinet's decision in April 2023. Epra noted that growth in electricity consumption has been on the rise, which has necessitated higher imports to cope. It has also resulted in the country relying more on thermal power plants, reversing the bid by the country to displace thermal power with renewable energy on the grid. In the report, Epra noted that the amount of power source from thermal energy sources grew from 18.5 per cent to 1,335.62 gigawatt hours (GWh).
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FUNDING

Government presses China to unlock stalled projects

The cash strapped government of President William Ruto is racing to secure Chinese financing to extend the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Naivasha to the Ugandan border and to build the Rironi-Mau Summit dual carriageway, projects seen as vital to unlocking Western Kenya's economy, before the 2027 election deadline.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi said the government is in advanced talks with Chinese firms to unlock the mega infrastructure projects along the western corridor stating the goal is to "enhance the efficiency of trade" with Uganda and the

Great Lakes region.

The renewed government effort comes after earlier plans to extend the railway hit a snag when the China Export-Import Bank halted further funding for the SGR extension estimated to cost nearly Sh500 billion, despite having bankrolled the initial Sh327 billion line from Mombasa to Naivasha.

To break the impasse, the Ruto-led administration has reportedly proposed a new financing structure where it would fund 30 per cent of the project. Mudavadi indicated there is also an urgency to build the 175-kilometre Rironi-Mau Summit

road, a notorious bottleneck where travel can take over seven hours during peak travel times like Christmas.

In April 2024, the government cancelled a Sh190 billion deal to expand the Nairobi Nakuru Highway with a French consortium and is now seeking Chinese contractors.

Mudavadi confirmed the advanced negotiations at a reception in Nairobi marking the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

"We wish to pursue some critical aspects where we want to extend the SGR from Naivasha all the way to Kisumu, Malaba border, so that we

can enhance the efficiency of trade between us... and indeed, the Great Lakes region," said Mudavadi.

He added "We are also in consultation so that we can have the dual carriageway of the Rironi-Mau Summit road so that all these again can enhance our trade arrangements with our partners and in the region."

An earlier Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) study found that businesses prefer trucks due to the railway's high cost and lack of "last-mile" connectivity from its terminus in Naivasha, where a planned industrial park has been slow to materialise.

"The government should review the SGR rates to match road transport," the KAM study urged, noting that the railway's inefficiencies force costly final deliveries by truck.

The Ruto administration, reckons the two projects (rail and road) are key in facilitating trade for landlocked neighbours like Uganda, Rwanda, and DR Congo.

The public's patience on the delayed projects has however been wearing thin. "We don't care if the Chinese or the French build it," said truck driver John Ochieng in Naivasha. "We just need a road."

[Brian Ngugi]



Tops & Flops

KAPCHORUA TEA	334.00	365.50	9.43%
EXPRESS	7.24	7.92	9.39%
WILLIAMSON TEA	264.50	275.00	3.97%
ABSA	20.75	21.50	3.61%
CROWN PAINT	57.50	59.50	3.48%
HOME AFRIKA	1.32	1.24	-6.06%
FLAME TREE	1.68	1.60	-4.76%
SAMEER	15.70	15.00	-4.46%
UNGA	24.90	24.10	-3.21%
SCANGROUP	2.98	2.91	-2.35%



Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE
US DOLLAR	129.2404
STERLING POUND	173.4600
EURO	151.6507
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.4782
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.0039
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	18.9956
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2016
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.7851
AE DIRHAM	35.1861
CANADIAN DOLLAR	92.7685
SWISS FRANC	162.0366

JAPANESE YEN (100)	86.9779
SWEDISH KRONER	13.7186
NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.9513
DANISH KRONER	20.3162
INDIAN RUPEE	1.4569
HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6070
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.1747
SAUDI RIYAL	34.4604
CHINESE YUAN	18.1531
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.8399

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE
Apollo Money Market Fund	9.60%	10.07%
Stanbic Money Market Fund	6.23%	6.41%
African Alliance Money Market Fund	7.27%	7.51%
CIC Money Market Fund	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Fixed Income Fund	10.15%	10.63%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	9.44%	9.87%
Equity Money Market Fund	3.99%	4.06%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	10.31%	10.81%
Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)	5.32%	5.45%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	10.22%	10.71%
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.11%	8.45%
GCIB Money Market Fund	11.55%	12.18%
Mali Money Market Fund	9.52%	9.52%
Madison Money Market Fund	10.24%	10.79%
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.66%	9.05%
Britam Money Market Fund	10.34%	10.89%
Britam Money Market Fund (USD)	4.48%	4.58%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	10.03%	10.51%
Enwealth Money Market Fund	10.57%	11.09%
Faulu Money Market Fund	9.50%	9.92%
Kuza Money Market Fund	10.72%	11.31%
Kuza Money Market Fund (USD)	5.64%	5.81%
KCB Money Market Fund	8.43%	8.76%
KCB Money Market Fund (USD)	4.75%	4.86%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	11.37%	12.06%
Mayfair Money Market Fund	8.09%	8.42%

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS		
Fund Name	Yield	Rate
Sanlam Money Market Fund	9.02%	9.44%
OTHER FUNDS		
African Alliance Equity Fund	212.4044	199.4703
Apollo Balanced Fund	160.36	154.95
Equity Balanced Fund	163.45	164.84
Amana Balanced Fund	144.01	144.01
Amana Fund Class C	7.20	7.44
Britam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	5.36%	5.51%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	11.15%	11.80%
ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	149.74	149.74
ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	145.30	145.30
Jubilee Fixed Income Fund	10.60%	11.13%
Etica Fixed Income Fund (USD)	7.41%	7.69%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	11.14%	11.78%
Enwealth Fixed Income Fund	.79%	9.15%
Old Mutual Special Fixed Income	11.04%	11.61%
Stanbic Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.86%	4.97%
GCIB Fixed Income Fund	11.91%	12.59%
GCIB Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	6.93%	7.15%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	11.18%	11.83%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	15.67	15.67
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	7.72%	8.00%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.15%	4.23%
NCBA Equity Fund	216.13	216.13
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.91%	5.03%
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund (GBP)	2.57%	2.60%
Sanlam Balanced Fund	26.73	26.73
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	12.42%	13.15%
Zimele Balanced Fund	16.6518	16.1668

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	AGRICULTURAL	VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
23.00	10.00	Eagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	20.55	20.20	9,682
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00	413.50	413.50	20
357.75	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	365.50	334.00	8,826
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME	380.00	380.00	714
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	18.55	18.80	8,806
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	275.00	264.50	60,269
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	38.85	38.45	21,340
BANKING					
23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	21.50	20.75	96,015
42.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	38.40	38.25	2,188
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	104.50	104.25	120,709
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	58.00	57.75	232,003
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.65	10.45	130,390
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	43.00	43.00	112,318
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	56.75	56.75	484,280
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	69.00	69.25	9,375
190.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	184.25	184.25	37,512
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	284.00	284.75	50,828
21.55	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	21.40	20.95	594,324
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50	0.45	-	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00SME	1.41	1.41	26,512
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.92	7.24	10,052
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME	4.66	-	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.91	3.97	543,350
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	3.02	2.99	18,435
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.67	1.62	54,185
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.35	13.10	32,207
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	15.00	15.70	54,372
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	5.90	5.98	1,888
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.00	15.35	504
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.38	0.37	539,149
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.91	2.98	20,641
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	5.55	-	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00	54.00	-	-
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	59.50	57.50	2,251
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.71	-	-
64.25	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	58.75	59.25	1,602
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.40	1.94	Ken Gen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	8.62	8.72	3,734,325
14.90	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	13.95	13.75	1,872,278
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00	4.51	-	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	-	-
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	34.00	34.40	261
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.02	7.94	1,735,243
INSURANCE					
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.92	8.86	360,507
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	4.85	4.96	131,062
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	314.25	315.00	514
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.16	3.16	1,276,209
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.95	10.95	11,005
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	9.00	8.94	10,205
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.25	15.15	61,597
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.24	1.32	1,108,190
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME	1,500.00	-	-
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	5.96	5.82	11,900
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	1.12	-	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	14.75	14.95	38,497
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	121.00	122.00	830
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	427.50	428.00	21,162
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	25.70	25.35	61,910
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	211.00	214.00	6,555
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.60	1.68	94,601
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00SME	65.00	-	-
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	-	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	24.10	24.90	3,635
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.26	8.08	44,335
TELECOMMUNICATION					
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	28.90	29.00	10,978,640
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00	20.00	-	-
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
3330.00	1880.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	4,595.00	4,595.00	75
761.00	761.00	Satrx MSCI World Feeder ETF	830.00	831.00	371

BANKING

Family Bank calls special meeting to approve NSE listing

Family Bank Limited has called for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to be held at the end of the month where shareholders are expected to ratify the decision to go public.

"Notice is hereby given to the shareholders that in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Family Bank Limited will be held via electronic communication on Monday, October 27," the notice read. The meeting will be held virtually.

The notice by the Company Secretary Eric Murai, lists tabling of proxies, reading the notice convening the meeting, passing special resolutions and consideration of any other business as the matters to be handled in the meeting.

The plan to list is under passing special resolutions. "That the company be and is hereby authorised to apply for listing by way of introduction of all its issued ordinary shares on the official list of the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)," the notice reads in part.

It added, "And to facilitate the admission of its shares to trading on the main investment market segment (or other relevant segment) of the NSE."

The notice states that the board of directors is hereby authorised to do all such things as may be necessary, desirable or incidental to the listing by introduction. "Including but not limited to preparing and submitting all relevant documentation, making all required regulatory filings and submissions, and taking any steps necessary to complete the listing by introduction," the notice says.

The plan to list was made public in May this year by the Board Chair Lazarus Muema who said the intention is to be listed in 2026. This is in addition to the plan to expand beyond the Kenyan market, which is a strategy other financial institutions in the country are deploying.

"We are going to list our shares in the stock exchange. I think our founder has been waiting for this. This has been TK's (Titus Muya) dream," he said.

The push to list has also been encouraged following the over-subscription of the bank's bond issued in 2021 when it sought to raise Sh3 billion. The bank raised Sh4.4 billion. "In fact, it was heavily oversubscribed. We got 147 per cent," said Muema.

Paul Ngaragari, Family's Chief Financial Officer, while presenting the bank's performance for the first quarter of 2025, noted how the institution's capital adequacy ratio, while still above the minimum, was reducing.

[Graham Kajilwa]



NUMBER OF THE DAY
SH16.5M
AGRICULTURAL: Williamson concluded yesterday at Sh275 (3.97 per cent higher) with shares worth Sh16.5 million transacted.

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Trump Gaza plan wins support from Arab and European states

► Eight Muslim-majority nations endorse US-led effort to end Gaza war.

► Palestinian armed groups call it a ploy to impose Israeli terms through Washington.

AFP, DOHA

Key Muslim nations on Monday threw their weight behind a plan by US President Donald Trump to end the war in Gaza, even as some Palestinians decried the proposal as a "farce".

Washington's European allies urged Hamas to accept the plan, which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported as he warned the Palestinian armed group of more devastation if it did not comply.

Eight Arab or Muslim-majority nations said in a joint statement that they "welcome the role of the American president and his sincere efforts aimed at ending the war in Gaza".

They said they "affirm their readiness to engage positively and constructively with the United States and the parties toward finalising the agreement and ensuring its implementation".

The countries include Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey -- which all recognise Israel, although some have turbulent relationships.



US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shake hands at the conclusion of a joint press conference in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, DC on September 29, 2025. [AFP]

Also signing the statement were Qatar, which has played a key mediatory role, and Saudi Arabia, whose future normalisation with Israel is a key goal for Trump and Netanyahu.

Indonesia and Pakistan, the world's two most populous Muslim-majority countries, also joined the statement.

Indonesia has offered troops as part of a future Gaza force, while Pakistan has been eager to woo Trump and improve its relationship with Washington.

Trump hailed a statement by Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, posted on X even before the White House announcement, in

was also quick to offer support, welcoming Trump's "sincere and determined efforts".

Hamas has yet to comment in depth, saying the group had yet to receive the plan.

But Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian armed group fighting alongside Hamas in Gaza, called the plan "a recipe for continued aggression against the Palestinian people".

"Through this, Israel is attempting -- via the United States -- to impose what it could not achieve through war," it said.

Residents of war-torn Gaza expressed scepticism over the plan, dismissing it as a trick to release hostages that would not end the war. "We as a people will not accept this farce," said Abu Mazen Nassar, 52.

French President Emmanuel Macron met last week with Trump and said the United States was adopting elements of a French plan, despite disagreement over France's recognition of a Palestinian state.

Macron hailed Trump's "commitment to ending the war in Gaza".

"Hamas has no choice but to immediately free all hostages and follow this plan," Macron wrote on X.

He also called on Israel to commit "resolutely" to it.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's office said the UK "strongly" supported Trump's "efforts to end the fighting, release the hostages and ensure the provision of urgent humanitarian assistance for the people of Gaza".



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Emmanuel Macron, French President

which he voiced his "firm belief that President Trump is fully prepared to assist in whatever way necessary" to secure an end to the war.

The Palestinian Authority, which Netanyahu has sought to sideline,

KABUL

Taliban internet cut sparks Afghanistan telecoms blackout



Afghan girls attend a class in an underground school, in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2022. [File]

The United Nations called on Afghanistan's Taliban authorities Monday to immediately restore internet and telecommunications in the country, 24 hours after a nationwide blackout was imposed.

The government began shutting down high-speed internet connections to some provinces earlier this month to prevent "vice", on the orders of shadowy supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada.

Mobile phone signal and internet

service weakened on Monday night until connectivity was less than one percent of ordinary levels.

Afghans are unable to contact each other, online businesses and the banking systems have frozen, and diaspora abroad cannot send crucial remittances to family.

All flights were cancelled at Kabul airport on Tuesday, AFP journalists saw.

"The cut in access has left Afghanistan almost completely cut off from

the outside world, and risks inflicting significant harm on the Afghan people, including by threatening economic stability and exacerbating one of the world's worst humanitarian crises," the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said in a statement.

"The current blackout also constitutes a further restriction on access to information and freedom of expression in Afghanistan," it added.

It is the first time since the Taliban government won their insurgency in

2021 and imposed a strict version of Islamic law that communications have been shut down in the country.

"We are blind without phones and internet," said 42-year-old shopkeeper Najibullah in Kabul.

"All our business relies on mobiles. The deliveries are with mobiles. It's like a holiday, everyone is at home. The market is totally frozen."

The telecommunications ministry refused to let journalists enter the building in Kabul on Tuesday. [AFP]

Briefing

INDONESIA. THREE DEAD IN ISLAMIC SCHOOL COLLAPSE

Searchers raced Tuesday to rescue at least 38 people still believed trapped a day after the collapse of an Islamic school building in Indonesia that has already left three dead, authorities said. Tearful families desperate for news of their loved ones crowded around the flattened multi-storey building, as rescuers navigated a maze of concrete rubble in the town of Sidoarjo on Indonesia's main island Java. The building gave way on Monday, where students were gathered for afternoon prayers, said local reports, citing a witness. "The number of victims is 102 people, consisting of 99 survivors, 3 deaths," National Search and Rescue Agency head Mohammad Syafii said. National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Abdul Muhari said 38 people were still unaccounted for while 77 injured victims had been evacuated to several hospitals. [AFP]

NAMIBIA. WILDFIRE IN FLAGSHIP PARK CONTAINED

A massive fire that has scorched through more than a third of Namibia's best-known national park has been contained, the environment minister said Monday. The blaze at Etosha National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves, broke out on September 22 and spread rapidly due to high winds and parched vegetation. It forced the government to deploy 500 soldiers on Sunday to help contain the fire, believed to have started at a charcoal production site. "Fire is now contained," Environment Minister Indileni Daniel told state broadcaster Namibia Broadcasting Corporation. "There was no visible fire as we flew over but there are some places that have got fires on and off," she said. It was not immediately clear the extent of damage or total number of animals killed. [AFP]

Youth-led protests in Madagascar persist as government dismissed

► President Andry Rajoelina sacked his cabinet and apologised for inaction.

► The UN says at least 22 people have been killed in the crackdown.

AFP, ANTANANARIVO

Protesters in Madagascar held new demonstrations Tuesday, facing a heavy police presence and tear-gas, AFP journalists saw, a day after President Andry Rajoelina sacked his government in a bid to quell days of unrest that the UN said has killed 22 people.

Inspired by "Gen Z" protests in Indonesia and Nepal, the youth-led movement has taken aim at ingrained misgovernance, fuelled by anger over repeated water and power cuts across the poor Indian Ocean nation.

Rajoelina fired his entire government Monday, apologised for his ministers' inaction and vowed to find a solution to the country's problems.

But it was not enough to put paid to protests, with hundreds turning up Tuesday for a fresh rally in the capital following calls on social media.

The sacking "was a small victory," said 30-year-old activist Masova, using a pseudonym for fear of reprisals.

"We really want change, the rule of law, justice for all. That's why it's no longer just a Gen Z movement," she told AFP.

Police were deployed in and around the city centre. At one roadblock, they fired teargas to scatter a small crowd that had begun to gath-



Protesters face security forces during a demonstration against repeated water and electricity outages in Antananarivo on September 27, 2025. [AFP]

er, AFP journalists saw.

Minimal activity resumed in the outskirts, with streets filled with schoolchildren and people pulling carts, though traffic remained light.

Protesters have demanded that Rajoelina, who first came to power in 2009 following a coup sparked by an uprising, resigns.

"They call us the TikTok gen-



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eration, a generation of idiots, and when we rise up, they won't even let us speak," a student protester said Monday, dressed in black in line with a call on social media to mourn those killed.

"Mr Andry Rajoelina, when you led protests, you were allowed to, it was fine. But when we young people rise to fight for our country, you try to silence us," she said.

Previous demonstrations have been met with a heavy police response, with at least 22 people killed and more than 100 injured, according to the UN.

Some of the victims were protesters or bystanders killed by the police or the security forces, according to the office of the UN's human rights chief, who condemned the use of live ammunition.

The government has rejected the tally as unverified and "based on ru-

mours or misinformation".

Protests first started in the capital Antananarivo Thursday before spreading to other cities across the country of nearly 32 million people, according to World Bank data.

Last week's protests in Antananarivo were followed by widespread looting throughout the night, prompting authorities to declare a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Rajoelina, a former mayor of Antananarivo, came to power on the back of a coup that ousted former president Marc Ravalomanana.

After not contesting the 2013 election due to international pressure, the 51-year-old leader was voted back into office in 2018.

On Monday, he invited applications for a new premier over the next three days before a new government is formed.

"The president is part of a corrupt system," said a 30-year-old agricultural engineer, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He is trying to make us believe that something will change."

The current unrest is the latest to hit Madagascar since the end of French rule.

Philibert Tsiranana, who led the country through the post-independence era, was forced to hand over power to the army in 1972, after a popular uprising was bloodily suppressed.

Madagascar ranks among the world's poorest countries but is the leading producer of vanilla, one of the most expensive spices after saffron, and has natural resources in farming, forestry, fishing and minerals.

Nearly 75 percent of the population lived below the poverty line in 2022, according to the World Bank.

ABUJA

Oil workers strike sparks fears of fuel shortage in Nigeria

A strike by a major oil workers union is threatening to disrupt fuel supplies in Nigeria as government-mediated talks dragged on into Tuesday.

The second strike in a month comes as the Dangote refinery, Africa's largest, has shaken up the corruption-marred petrostate's long-entrenched players -- while at the same time sparking allegations it has used anti-labour tactics.

The dispute kicked off Friday when Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) accused the refinery of firing 800 local workers for unionising and replacing them with 2,000 workers from India.

The refinery called the allegations a "complete falsehood" and said that it had fired a small number of staff over "acts of sabotage", though it did not disclose the exact figure.

PENGASSAN called a strike and also said it would stop crude oil and gas from being delivered to the refinery -- the latter of which Dangote has contested in court.

Local media reported Monday that striking PENGASSAN members also blocked the offices of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation -- the state-owned oil firm -- as well as the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission and the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority.

Before last year's opening of the privately run Dangote refinery, with a capacity of 650,000 barrels per day, Nigeria had to import almost all its petrol despite being a major oil producer.

Critics pointed to years of neglect and mismanagement of government-owned refineries.

The Dangote refinery has driven down prices of petrol for consumers while also shaking up Nigeria's oil sector.

It has also sparked monopoly fears as it becomes a powerful player itself, backed by Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote. [AFP]

WASHINGTON

Pentagon chief tells US military leaders to fix 'decades of decay'

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Tuesday the US military must fix "decades of decay" as he addressed a rare gathering of hundreds of senior officers summoned from around the world to hear him speak near Washington.

The wide-ranging 45-minute speech comes as the military has faced controversy both at home and abroad, with President Donald Trump deploying troops in two Democratic-run US cities and ordering lethal strikes on small, alleged drug boats in the Caribbean.

Trump, who has overseen a rare purge of senior officers after taking office, has also ordered strikes on Iranian nuclear sites and Tehran-backed Yemeni rebels.

"This speech is about fixing decades of decay, some of it obvious, some of it hidden," Hegseth said, as he strode a stage in front of a massive



Senior military officers gathered at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Quantico, Virginia, on September 30, 2025. [AFP]

American flag. "Foolish and reckless political leaders set the wrong compass heading and we lost our way. We became the 'Woke Depart-

ment.' But not anymore," he said.

Hegseth declared an end to "ideological garbage," citing concerns over climate change, bullying, "toxic" leaders and promotions based on race or gender as examples.

He also took aim at the Pentagon's inspector general -- which is investigating his conduct -- saying the office "has been weaponized, putting complainers, ideologues and poor performers in the driver's seat."

Trump was due to address the gathering of top officers later in the morning.

Amid speculation over reasons for gathering all the top brass in one place, Vice President JD Vance insisted it was "actually not unusual at all," and told reporters "it's odd that you guys have made it into such a big story."

The Pentagon only said last week that Heg-

seth "will be addressing his senior military leaders," and the lack of clarity over what would occur fed speculation that a major announcement.

In May, Hegseth ordered major cuts to the number of general and flag officers in the US military, including at least a 20 percent reduction in the number of active-duty four-star generals and admirals.

That came after the Pentagon announced in February that it aimed to reduce the number of its civilian employees by at least five percent.

Since beginning his second term in January, Trump has also purged top officers, including chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff general Charles "CQ" Brown, whom he fired without explanation in February.

[AFP]

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- 5:30 AM COMMAND YOUR MORNING
- 6:00 AM THE SITUATION ROOM
- 10:00 AM ZILIZALA VIWANJANI
- 11:00 AM YANAYOJIRI
- 1:00 PM NEWSDESK
- 2:00 PM THE BROKEN MARRIAGE VOW
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- 9:00 PM KTN PRIME
- 11:00 PM KTN CLASSICS
- 1:00 AM BASELINE
- 2:00 AM ALJAZEERA



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- 12:00AM AFROSINEMA
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- 4:00AM PAMBAZUKA



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- 4:00AM ALJAZEERA
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- 4:00PM BEATZ AND BUZZ
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- 2:00PM KOITAMA
- 7:00PM KABUREITO



SPICE FM

- 6:00AM THE SITUATION ROOM
- 11:00AM SUGAR & SPICE
- 3:00PM SPICE DRIVE
- 7:00PM AFTER HOURS



RADIO MAISHA

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



K24 TV

- 5:00AM INUKA
- 6:00PM NEW DAWN
- 8:00AM MORNING VIBE
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- 11:00AM MCHIPUKO
- 1:00PM K24 NEWS CUT
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- 2:00PM AAPKE AA JAANESE
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Monday - Friday | 11pm - 2am

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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
Be generous but not overly extravagant, whether it's with money or your own energy. Aim to avoid misjudgments and miscommunications today. These are unlikely to be too challenging, although it makes sense to be aware of the tendency to exaggerate, promise too much, and neglect practical details.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
Watch particularly for a tendency to say too much or to take on too many projects or commitments on personal and professional levels. You are ambitious these days, but you need to remind yourself of the limits of time, energy, and enthusiasm.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
You're looking closely at hidden meanings, but it's far too easy to take this a little too far under today's transits. As long as you keep things fun and light without heavy expectations, this can be a good day to daydream and consider new possibilities.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
This transit encourages bigger thinking, but that requires some self-control so that you don't take it too far. The tendency may be to live beyond your means on all sorts of levels, which can impair judgment.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
Watch for errors that come from ignoring important practical details today. With these in mind, you can be feeling especially plugged in and filled with ideas, and this shouldn't be ignored – the ideas simply may need further attention to detail at a later date.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
You may be defending your ideas, which can be energizing but could also lead to moodiness if nobody's truly listening to one another, which is very likely with today's energies. Be moderate in your expectations for the best results.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
Exaggeration today can stem from a desire for more meaning in our lives or a need for attention, and this may be an issue today. You may want to make big promises to make someone happy, but it's best to keep things real today.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Big ideas should definitely be taken into consideration, but they may require more definition before being put into action. Even if it's tempting to do so, avoid letting someone else make the decisions for you today.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Try not to waste time on feeling overwhelmed – pick something small and work from there. You may decide to allow your mind some exercise but wait to make final decisions. A project may require a second look, and adjustments may be necessary to the time and energy you've allocated to it.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Creatively speaking, your ideas can be pretty brilliant right now, but you may not have all the resources, particularly time, to implement them just yet. Be patient about putting exciting new plans into action.



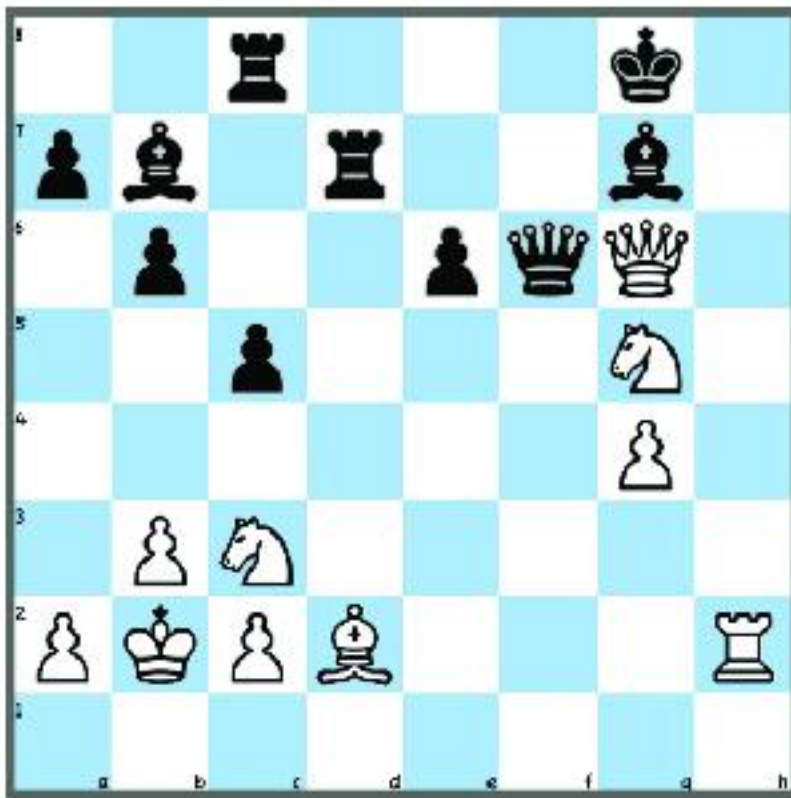
Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
You can feel capable, but your energy and enthusiasm levels could burn out later, making significant commitments ill-advised just for now. Do, however, think up big ideas and plans that you may not even consider on a regular day. Later, you can refine them.



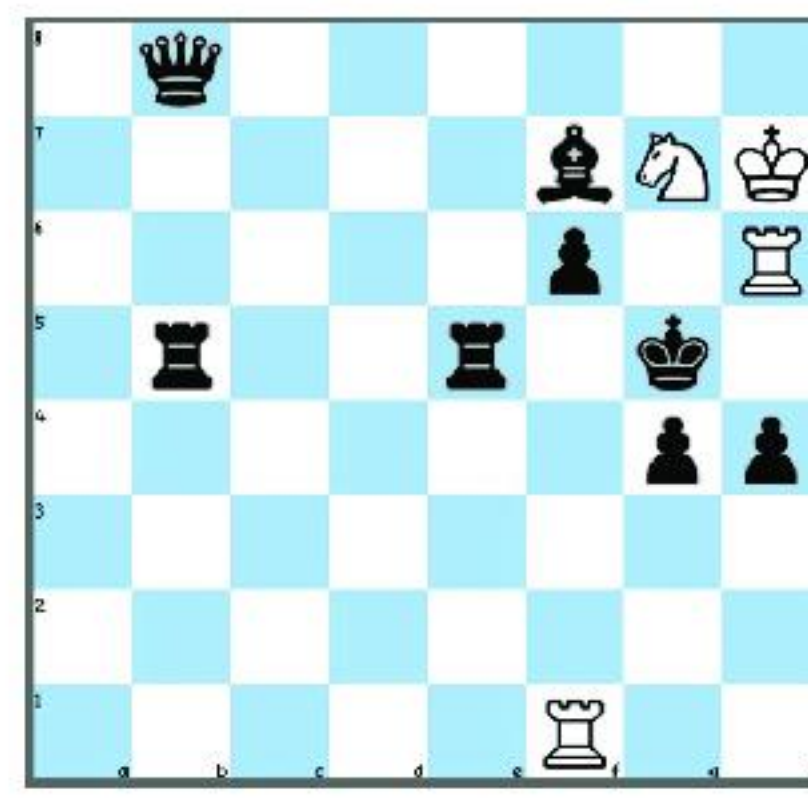
Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Your trust that others understand you can lead to miscommunications, but it's not the time to divulge sensitive information. Even though judgment can be off, aim to take this opportunity to dream up new possibilities and refine them later. Cafeastrology.com

CHESS

Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle
White mates in 3 moves.



Tuesday's solution

Easy:
1. Rxf8+ Kxf8
2. Qd8#

Intermediate:
1... Bg1+
2. Kg3 Qf2+
3. Kh3 Qh2#

SOLVIT

J	J	E	H	29
C	H	B	F	19
E	G	D	A	17
D	F	C	G	16
24	21	23	13	

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
1	8							

Tuesday's solution

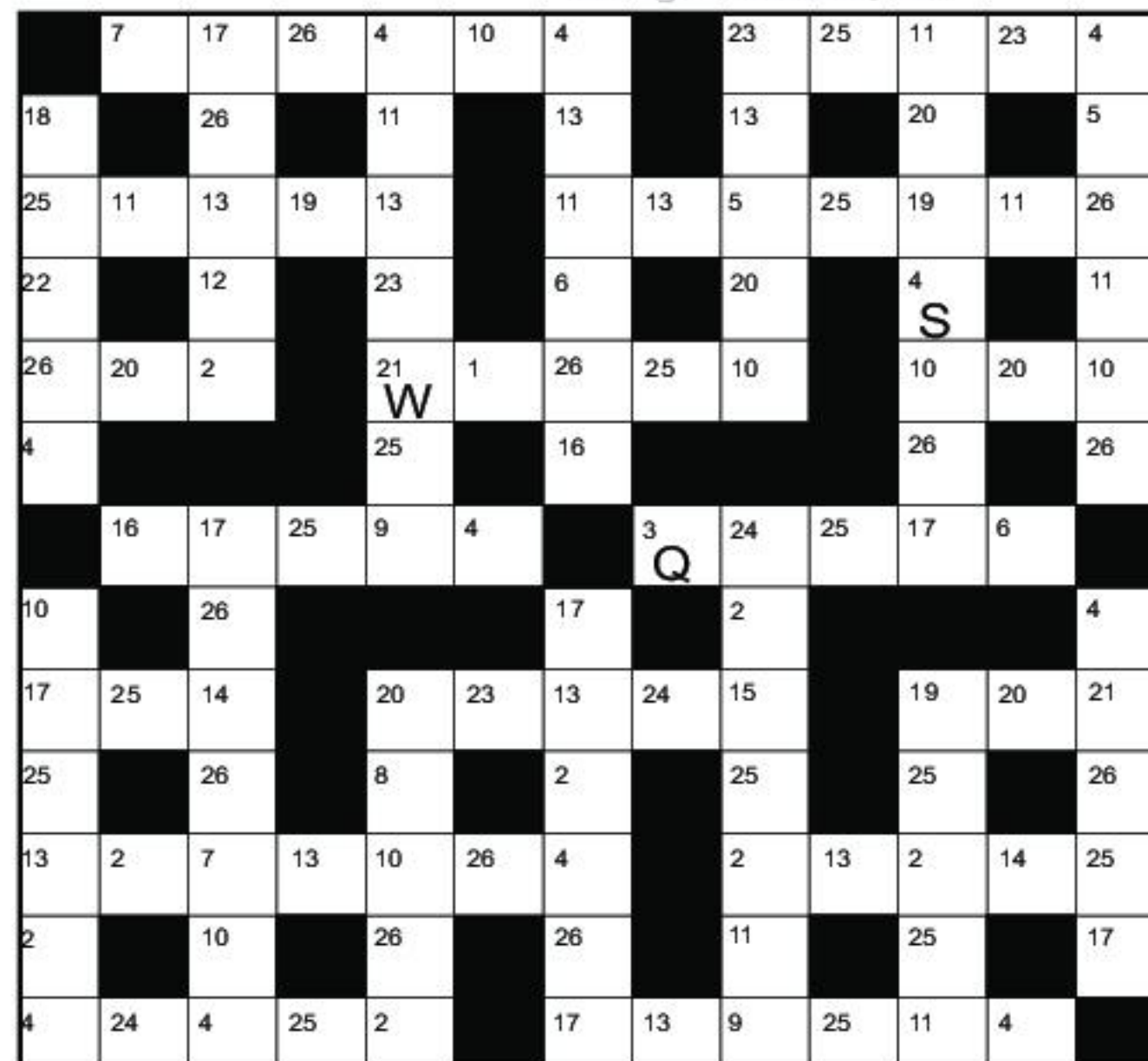
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
8	4	6	9	5	3	7	1	2

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

Tuesday's solution

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

KAKURO

12	4	36	16	28	22
7			11		
	11		20		
	23				
29	20				
4			13		10
11			3		

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

Tuesday's solution

	4	16	41	22	
32	3	7	8	5	9
15	1	3	4	2	5
	8	2	5	1	9
23	14				
19	9	5	7	4	8
	5	4	6	3	1
	3	1	2		

SUDOKU

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

Tuesday's solution

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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on."

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FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3) (3) (xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of **LONGONOT/ KUABE BLOCK 4/ 378** situated in Rare, Naivasha Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to: **change the use of the land from Agricultural use to Light Industrial use (Quarrying)** Subject to approval by the county government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or members of the public 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, County Government of Nakuru, P.O Box 2870-20100 NAKURU.**
Name of the Registered Planner **James Michoma Reg. No.0067**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019)
RENEWAL OF CHANGE OF USE
The owners of this Plot No. **7785/381** located in Kigwa Area, Along Kwaheri Road, Nairobi City County, intends to Renew its Change of Use from **Residential to Offices** 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
Plan. Marvin Mugambi (0323)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 (No. 13 2019).
RENEWAL OF CHANGE OF USER.
The registered owner/s of Parcel Lr. No. **13330/688**, situated along Marunui road, off Thika Superhighway, in Roysambu sub-county, wishes to **Renew the change the Use from Single dwelling unit to Commercial cum residential (Apartments)** 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019)
REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USE
The owners of this Plot **LR. No. 13887, 13888 & 13889** (situated along Marunui road, off Thika Superhighway, in Roysambu sub-county, Nairobi City County, intends to Regularize its Change of Use from **Residential to 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
Plan. Marvin Mugambi (0323)

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION
BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. E014 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015
RE: KAVIT HASMUKH SHAHPETITIONER
DEBTOR'S PETITION
NOTICE: Is hereby given that **KAVIT HASMUKH SHAH**, did on 10th April, 2025 lodge in the High Court, a Petition seeking to be declared Bankrupt.
TAKE NOTICE any Creditor of the said Debtor desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may give notice to the Petitioner's Advocates before the Petition is heard and appear at the time of hearing, in person, or by his/her Advocate, for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any Creditor of the said Debtor requiring such copy. Dated at Nairobi on this 29th day of September, 2025.
HENIA ANZALA & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER
DRAWN BY: -
HENIA ANZALA & ASSOCIATES
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P.O BOX 51745-00100
NAIROBI
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litigation@henia-anzala.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (NO 13, 2019)
CHANGE OF USER
The registered owner of Parcel No. **KABATI EXTENSION PLOT NO. 34** situated within Soin Sub County within Nakuru County proposes to **change the user from Residential to Commercial (Guest house & shops)** subject to approval by the Nakuru County Government.
Individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:
C.E.CM – Land, Housing, and Physical Planning NAKURU COUNTY
P.O. BOX 2870-20100 NAKURU
Planner Paul Musyoki
REG NO. 229

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION
BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. E012 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015
RE: DIVIYA SANJAY SHAH ..PETITIONER
DEBTOR'S PETITION
NOTICE: Is hereby given that **DIVIYA SANJAY SHAH**, did on 10th April, 2025 lodge in the High Court, a Petition seeking to be declared Bankrupt.
TAKE NOTICE any Creditor of the said Debtor desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may give notice to the Petitioner's Advocates before the Petition is heard and appear at the time of hearing, in person, or by his/her Advocate, for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any Creditor of the said Debtor requiring such copy. Dated at Nairobi on this 29th day of September, 2025.
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION
BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. E011 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015
RE: HASMUKH RAICHAND M SHAHPETITIONER
DEBTOR'S PETITION
NOTICE: Is hereby given that **HASMUKH RAICHAND M SHAH**, did on 10th April, 2025 lodge in the High Court, a Petition seeking to be declared Bankrupt.
TAKE NOTICE any Creditor of the said Debtor desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may give notice to the Petitioner's Advocates before the Petition is heard and appear at the time of hearing, in person, or by his/her Advocate, for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any Creditor of the said Debtor requiring such copy. Dated at Nairobi on this 29th day of September, 2025.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019
CHANGE OF USE
The Registered Owner of **Plot No. Kericho/ Ngomwet/665** situated within Soin Sub County proposes to Change Use of the property from **Agricultural to Light Industrial** subject to approval by the County Government of Kericho. Individuals, institutions, organization 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:
The CEC
Land, Housing & Physical Planning
P. O. Box 112 - 20200
Kericho. Plan. Moses Kola RPP No 0099

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION
BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. E013 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015
RE: SANJAY SHAHPETITIONER
DEBTOR'S PETITION
NOTICE: Is hereby given that **SANJAY SHAH**, did on 10th April, 2025 lodge in the High Court, a Petition seeking to be declared Bankrupt.
TAKE NOTICE any Creditor of the said Debtor desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may give notice to the Petitioner's Advocates before the Petition is heard and appear at the time of hearing, in person, or by his/her Advocate, for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any Creditor of the said Debtor requiring such copy. Dated at Nairobi on this 29th day of September, 2025.
HENIA ANZALA & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION
BANKRUPTCY PETITION NO. E015 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015
RE: SHAH CHANRIKA HASMUKH RAICHAND.....PETITIONER
DEBTOR'S PETITION
NOTICE: Is hereby given that **SHAH CHANRIKA HASMUKH RAICHAND**, did on 10th April, 2025 lodge in the High Court, a Petition seeking to be declared Bankrupt.
TAKE NOTICE any Creditor of the said Debtor desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may give notice to the Petitioner's Advocates before the Petition is heard and appear at the time of hearing, in person, or by his/her Advocate, for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any Creditor of the said Debtor requiring such copy. Dated at Nairobi on this 29th day of September, 2025.
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FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (R.3(3)(X))

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TENURE FROM ABSOLUTE (FREEHOLD) TO LEASEHOLD ON PLOT No. GEDE/DABASO/375, Off Turtle Bay Road, WATAMU-KILIFI.

The owner of the above plot measuring about 0.4 ha., proposes the referred Planning Permission subject to approval by the Kilifi County Government. Individual(s), institution(s), members of the public, etc., with material comments or objection(s) to the proposal, are asked to forward them in writing within (14) days hereof, pursuant to stipulations of PLUPA's section 58 (7) & (8) and address them to:

The CECM
Department of Lands, Energy, Housing, Physical & Urban Development Planning,
County Government of Kilifi
P.O. Box 80108, Kilifi.
Dated: 01/10/2025
Regd. Planner – J.B. Koyier, RPP. No. 0102, Mobile No. 0734074251.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019
REGULIRISATION OF CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of PARCEL No. **KABETE/KARURA/3695&3696** located within Karura Kanyungu area, 200M Off Gitaru Road in Kabete Municipality, Kiambu County proposes to amalgamate and regularise the Change of use from **Agricultural to Educational (Early Childhood Development)**, Subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with any comment(s) and/or objection(s) to the proposed should forward them in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of this notice to:

THE CECM LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU
REGISTERED PLANNER: MARVIN MUGAMBI REG. NO. PP323

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED DENSIFICATION

The owner Plot No. **76/1099 (Original No 76/81)** located in Thindigua Kiambu Sub County proposes to Densify from **Residential Multi Dwelling Ground plus nine (9) floors to Ground plus fourteen (14) floors** subject to Approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections/comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

THE CECM LANDS, HOUSING & PHYSICAL PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O. BOX 2311-00900, KIAMBU

MISTAN AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Investigators & Debt collectors

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 Tel: 0722816234/0714493108
 P.O. Box 56655-00200
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the CHARGEES, in exercise of its statutory power of sale, we shall sell by public auction the property described herein together with all the developments and improvement erected thereon

PRIME AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN KIJABE AREA NGOBIT, LAIKIPIA COUNTY
ON 16TH OCTOBER 2025, STARTING AT 11.00AM AT OUTSIDE NARUMORU POST OFFICE, NARUMORU TOWN All that Freehold property known as LR NO. **EUASONYIRO/ILPEJETA/133 KIJABE AREA NGOBIT, LAIKIPIA COUNTY** registered in the name of **SIMON MURIITHI KIGUA OF P.O. Box 251 NARUMORU**. The un-developed property extends **(6.98) Ha** or **(17.24)** acres approx. The property is located within Kijabe area within the larger Ngobit area, Laikipia County. It is situated along unnamed road approx. 6kms from Kahuruko Shopping Centre (towards Kijabe Primary School direction) under GPS Co-ordinates **0.01556N, 36.78286E**. Main electricity are ready for connection to the property from the immediate neighbourhood. Water would be from a borehole. Foul disposal would be into a pit latrine/septic tank. The immediate access road is unmade.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- All interested Purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Principals.
- Interested bidders are required to pay a deposit of **Kshs. 200,000/-** to obtain a bidding number and catalogue at the auctioneer's offices, before the auction date.
- The declared purchaser **MUST** deposit **25%** of the purchase price by banker's cheque by close of business on auction day. The balance will thereafter be payable within (90) days to the Chargees. **PLEASE NOTE** that failure to pay the balance by the confirmed purchaser will result in forfeiture of all Deposits paid.
- Sale is subject to reserve price and necessary consent.
- Further details and conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements.

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 Email: iconauctions@gmail.com www.iconauctions.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle and goods on **8TH OCTOBER 2025** at 10.30 am or soon thereafter at **RAJEMA CAR YARD & STORAGE.**

- MILIMANI CMCC CASE NO. 9555 OF 2019**
ALEX GITHENGA KINYUA –VS- GODFREY GICHUKI GIKUMA
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KAM 963E (TOYOTA TIO)
- DISTRESS FOR RENT**
LANDLORD –VS- JULIE MUMBI MATHENGE
TV set, TV stand, fridge, cooker/ cylinder, sound system + speaker, round table, antique table, dressing mirror + mirror, aquarium, 3 pieces' sofa-set, book-shelf, dining table + chairs, golf kit, coffee maker.
CONDITIONS OF SALE
 Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

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 Office: Pumping House next to Naivas Ruaraka 4th floor Rm 1
 P.O. Box 40789-00100 Tel: 0722540115, 0794609090 Email: scorpguaranteed@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal, the financier we shall sell by public Auction the undermentioned motor vehicle on **Thursday 9th October 2025** at shapla motors off ngong road opposite Jamhuri grounds starting from 11am.

IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.
Financier .vs. washington Mandela olim.
KCF 740R. Toyota hiace matatu.

Conditions of sale

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- All are welcome.

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 Email: tradewideauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell the following goods on **08/10/2025** at **11:00 am** at **Auto Gallery, Westlands- Waiyaki Way.**

LANDLORD VS MARVIN MAINA
 Nunix water dispenser, Hisense 43 inch TV set, HP deskjet printer, dining table plus 4 chairs, RAMTONS microwave plus plate and others

LANDLORD VS NATIONAL MIRROR MEDIA LIMITED
 Samsung 55 inch tv set, 16 screens and 5 led lights, wooden reception counter, 6 complete computers and 1 wire extension, 23 office chairs, executive office tablet side cabinet, wooden counter with 1 DSTV, 7 wooden tables with cushions, corner table, 1 keyboard, disco machine and others

LANDLORD VS BENJAMIN KARARI
 6kg meko gas, small coffee table, Samsung washing machine, Moka water dispenser, lg 4 door fridge, Philip electric kettle, coffee table, TV cabinet, 3 seater sofa set, Tefal iron box, Canon office printer, Ubl sound bar, speakers Samsung 55" TV, Samsung 75" TV set and others.

LANDLORD VS EVANS KIMANGA
 4 burner gas cooker with Afri-Gas 13 kg cylinder, Hisense T.V 32 inches and others

LANDLORD VS FLORENCE
 Ramtons single door fridge, 3 drawer office desk with one chair, wooden wardrobe, super-gas 6 kg meko and others

CONDITIONS OF SALE
 • Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principal we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Wednesday 8th October 2025.**

VEHICLE REGISTRATION	MODEL	VIEWING AT
KAW 510Y	TOYOTA HILUX PICK UP	VALUERS YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

DIRECT "O" AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Realization of securities, Repossessors, Investigators & Debt Collection

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 VAT: 0144563P
 PIN NO: A001123275G
 EMAIL: doauctioneers@gmail.com
 CELL: 0721 105 337
 0720 680 495

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal the Nakuru law court, we shall sell the under mention motor vehicles by public Auction. ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025 STARTING 10.00 AM AT OUR OFFICES NAKURU

NAIVASA CMCC CASE NO.51 OF 2016
SUSAN EKAI LOKIMWAI VS WILDFIRE FLOWERS LIMITED
REG NO BODY TYPE MAKE
KBN 365F MAHINDRA VAN/PICK UP

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested buyers are requested to view and verify all details of the vehicle at Legacy Auctioneers Yard as this is not warranted by the Auctioneers.
- The sale is subject to reserve price.
- STRICTLY CASH at the fall of the hammer

ZASHA AUCTIONEERS

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 Email: zashauctioneers@yahoo.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal we shall sale by public auction the undermentioned goods at Leakey's Storage Yard Lunga Lunga Rd Industrial Area Nairobi on **9th October 2025 at 10:00AM.**

In the matter of distress for rent Act CAP 293 Laws of Kenya
Landlord (vs) Hatchinson Ogolla.
 2 door fridge, Cooker, Blender, Iron box, Dispenser, 1 table + 2 stools, Microwave, Carpet, Gas cylinder

Landlord (vs) Elizabeth Wanjiku Mwangi.
 Fridge, Dining table + 4 Chairs, 6 seater sofa set, 1 reception seat, 1 glass table, 1 mirror, 1 Samsung TV 65", 1 LG 42" TV, 1 iPad No DMPM7KFUF4YJ, 1 Laptop, 4 Computer Monitors.

Pursuant to the court order in the Chief Magistrates Court at Voi Civil Suit No. E001 of 2020 transeast ltd (vs) China Jiangsu International Economic Technical. We shall sell by Public Auction **Toyota Rav 4 KCD 181W** at Phillips International Auctioneers Yard, Kileleshwa Kandara Road Nairobi on **9th October 2025 at 11.00 a.m**

CONDITION OF SALE:
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

Lizzma Auctioneers

Thika Business Centre, 5th Floor, Suite 5-3 Opp. Equity Plaza Thika
 P.O. Box 27304-00100 Nairobi-Kenya Tel: 0722970443, Email: Marthaltzaha@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned M/vehicles on **Thursday 9th October 2025 at Braifus Auction & Storage Yard Thika at 10:30 AM**

No.	CASE NO./COURT	PARTIES	M/VEHICLE/GOODS	MODEL
1.	Kandara PM'S No. 103 of 2021	John Karanja Mburu –vs- Ovias Muigai Ng'ang'a	KCF 779E	Toyota Hiace
2.	Thika SCC No. E310 of 2025, E285 of 2025 & E283 of 2025	Various Plaintiffs –vs- Abdul Hannan & Sons Traders Ltd & Another	KDU 071K	Honda Fit
3.	Milimani SCCC No. E96881 of 2025	Safewerx Supplies Ltd –vs- John Kinoti Multi Q Kenya	KDJ 200C	Toyota Prado

RAZOR SHARP AUCTIONEERS

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KERICHO OFFICE
 Serket Shopping Centre
 Kericho – Kisii road
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 KERICHO.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instruction received from our Clients and In the Tribunal Court at Nairobi chargees, we shall sell the under mentioned properties and items (good) by **PUBLIC AUCTION** together with all developments and improvements erected thereon if any as follows:-

1) On 28/10/2025 at 11.30A.M at OUR OFFICE- KERICHO TOWN –TITLE L.R.NO: KERICHO/ KIPCHIMCHIM/3756 registered in the name of **JULIUS KIPKOECH LANGAT** measuring **(0.046 Ha)** approximately **(0.1137)** of an acre or thereabouts. The property is located within Motobo Area, Kericho Township in Kericho County. The property is located about 3.2kms due North-West of Kericho Town Centre and is easily identifiable as Seder Pub & Guest House. Access to the property from Kericho Town is via Kericho - Nyagacho road upto Nyagacho area to find the subject plot on your right about 200 meters southwest past PAG Church Nyagacho. **Coordinates 0°21'45.5"S, 35°16'09.4"E.**

2) On 28/10/2025 at 11.30A.M at OUR OFFICE- KERICHO TOWN –TITLE L.R.NO: KERICHO/ ITEMBE/2882 registered in the name of **JULIUS KIPKOECH LANGAT** measuring **(0.28)** of a Hectare approximately **(0.692)** of an Acre or thereabouts. The property is located within Itembe Area in Bomet County. It is situated approximately 800 meters North West of Kapkwon Market and about 300 meters North of Bomet - Kaplong Highway. The property is located about 4kms due west of Bomet Town. Access to the property from Bomet Town is via Bomet - Kaplong tarmac road for about 5kms then to turn right 1km past Itemo Secondary School along a murrum road for about 200 meters and turning right to find the subject property on your left after about 120 meters. **Coordinates 0°46'50.0"S 35°17'43.7"E.**

3) ON 9/10/2025 AT 10.30 A.M OUTSIDE OUR YARD OUTSPAN
ELDORLET BPTR CASE NO. ETTI OF 2024
THE LANDLORDVERSUS.....PLAINTIFF
ROYAL CAPITAL PACEMENTS LTDDEFENDANT

1 visitors chair 5 seater set, 1 complete computer, 1 monitor and keyboard, 2 coffee tables (glass), 1 reception desk, 1 reception wooden cabinet 1 small executive table, 15 office chairs, 5 office tables, 1 executive cabinet, 2 office trays, 1 office chair (old), 2 carpets (small), 1 Digital Vitron TV "32" and HIK Vision CTV server.

4) On 30/10/2025 at 10.30 A.M Outside OUR OFFICE - ELDORLET TOWN TITLE L.R. NO: PIONEER/NERGIA BLOCK (EATEC)/18978 registered in the name of **RUEBEN KIPYEGO MUTAI & MESHACK KIPROP TOO G/T THE DIRECTORS, NAPOH HOLDINGS LIMITED** measuring **(0.086 HA)** or **(0.2125)** of an Acre or approximately. The property is within Randich Area, Kapsabet Location approximately 1.8Kms off Eldoret - Kapsabet Road. It is about 500 meters to the South West of AIC Randich and approximately 750Meters to the South West of St. Joseph's Primary School, Kapsabet. It's approximately 12.2Km from Eldoret Town CBD. Development is 3 Bedroom Bungalow and Incomplete Servant's Quarter. Co-ordinates: **0°26'01.0"N 35°13'22.3"E.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view the property and verify details as these are not warranted by the auctioneer.
- A deposit of **10%** must be paid in **CASH OR BANKERS CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within **90 days.**
- Kshs. 100,000/=** refundable to be deposited for one to get abidding number.
- If by any case the highest bidder withdraws from the sale after the auction, the refundable deposit will be forfeited.**
- Sale is subject to reserved price.
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- For **Item No.3** it is strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

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2	KCA546Y	Nissan Caravan	2008	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	495000
3	KDC559K	Suzuki Alto	2014	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	255000
4	KCF924N	Toyota Fielder	2008	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	680000
5	KBW935A	Honda Cr-v	2006	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	620500
6	KCB378P	Toyota Wish	2007	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	232000
7	KAT150D	Subaru Impreza	1999	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	297500
8	KCD267N	Toyota Passo	2008	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	98000
9	KCL470V	Toyota Hilux	2010	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	1530000
10	KBW935A	Toyota Voxy	2006	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	552500
11	KCL547A	Bmw 320	2010	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	240000
12	KCA986J	Nissan Advan	2007	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	160000
13	KDH487P	Suzuki Swift	2015	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	654500
14	KCF169N	Toyota Isis	2008	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	280000
15	KAZ891K	Toyota Premio	2000	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	187500
16	KDB697H	Nissan Serena	2013	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	510000
17	KBQ969S	Toyota Landcruiser Prado	2004	Mombasa - Car Yard - Ferry (Cars)	1530000
18	KCQ627B	Subaru Impreza	2010	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	595000
19	KBQ833H	Nissan Serena	2004	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	297500
20	KBK681E	Toyota Corolla	2002	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	225000
21	KDD615H	Nissan Note	2014	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	510000
22	KCP666J	Toyota Mark X	2010	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	680000
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It's with deep sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our beloved Mr. Joseph Ongeri Mogaru of Bonyakera Kisii county on Wednesday 18th September 2025. Son of late Crisando Mogaru and late Alexina Nyamisa.

He was a cherished husband to Rachel Ongeri and late Askah Nyangaris. Loving father of Thomas Obonsi, Veronica Nyabate, Felister Moraa, Evans Obiri, Jeff Mogire, Winnie Bitengo. He was beloved father-in-law of Ruth Mongina, Carol Nyambeki, Enner Nzemo, late Mogere, Jackson Moku. Brother to Salome Magoma and the late Peninah Ntobo, late Antanus Kerongo and late Peter Mosomi.

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Sports

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Adhiambo confident as Kenya seeks to bag more medals at Deaflympics

- ▶ Kenya women's basketball skipper hoping her side will make it to the podium in Tokyo.
- ▶ Kenya won five gold, seven silver and 12 bronze at the 2022 championships in Brazil.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Kenya is looking to surpass the 24 medals (5 gold, 7 silver and 12 bronze) won in 2022 in Brazil, at the forthcoming Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics championships slated for November 15-26, in Japan.

One of the disciplines that the country is hopeful to make a mark and increase the medal haul at the 25th edition of the Summer Games is the women's deaf basketball.

The category already has a pumped up captain, Winnie Adhiambo who is not only raring to go, but is motivated to steer the country to glory in the global quadrennial games.

Adhiambo believes it's very possible for her side to make a podium finish in Tokyo following their exploits in Caxias do Sul three years ago, where they silenced global powerhouse and hosts Brazil.

"Beating Brazil was the hall mark of change for us, it was our first ever win in the global championship, it showed us that all is possible. And now, that we are headed to Tokyo, we have developed that mentality of a winner.

"Even though we are in the tough Group A in Tokyo- composed of Italy, Lithuania and Australia, but we are hopeful to top the pool in our chase for glory," Adhiambo told *Standard Sports* at the USIU-A Grounds in Nairobi where they are currently holding their exercises.

The team is on non-residential training but is expected to enter residential camp at Kasarani Stadium on October 6.

Based on their intended objective in Tokyo, the 34-year-old mother of one says they are training very hard to realise their target.

"We are doing lots of workouts, gym work, ball handling skills and also those tactics that helps us to be toughened mentally," Adhiambo said.

"At times, I have been doing personal training with the hearing friends and also participating in their league and this has given me immense potential.

"For example, you find that players in the hearing team are very fast, so that has helped me to be a good athlete. I also share with my colleagues (in the Deaf basketball team) what I have learnt on the other side where I take part in the Kenya Basketball Federation League (KBF)," said Adhiambo who dreams of being a basketball coach in future.

Adhiambo reiterated the need for them to sharpen both their offence and defence as well as work on other key drills such as man marking before they depart to Tokyo.

The point guard who

Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics Group A basketball

- Kenya
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Australia

features for Footprints in the KBF League boasts a wealth of experience in the sport.

Adhiambo started playing at 19 after being inspired by friends and has never regretted.

Although she did not enjoy the sport at first, her passion for the game gradually grew, over time to the extent to which she is now challenging the hearing friends in the national league.

While hailing Adhiambo for her prowess, Kenya women's deaf basketball head coach Mary Chepkoi said she settled on Adhiambo



Kenya women's deaf basketball team captain Winnie Adhiambo training at the USIU-A Grounds in Nairobi where the side is preparing for the 25th Summer Deaflympics set for Tokyo, Japan next month. [Courtesy]

as the national team skipper for Tokyo showpiece owing to the latter's leadership skills, and courage to compete with the non-hearing-impaired players.

"She is not limited to the Deaf team. She is this person who is outgoing and ready to compete in any platform, so that's the courage and leadership we need in the squad," said Chepkoi who also coached the team in the 2022 Games held in Caxias Do Sul, Brazil.

According to Chepkoi, who doubles as Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, the team of 20 players has been training three times a week - Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The team will be whittled down to a final 12 before they leave for Tokyo.

"Having gotten players from different regions, they have not been exposed to training so there are a couple of fundamentals of basketball that we are still working on," she said.

"We won one game at that time (in Brazil). We are looking forward to posting better results this time around. We are looking forward to picking a win in the group stages," she said, singling out Lithuania as their biggest threat.

On her part, Christine Kirui, the chairperson of Kenya Deaf Basketball Federation said they expect the team to win a medal in Tokyo.

"As a federation, we are promising Kenyans that when we reach Tokyo, we are going to get a medal and bring it home. We know that is what will make Kenyans proud, so we will give our best," said Kirui.

The Tokyo showpiece will be the third consecutive time that Kenya will be showcasing its basketball talent on the global stage, following the team's debut in Samsun, Turkey.

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Briefing

CRICKET. NEPAL THRASH SORRY WEST INDIES

■ Nepal produced a stunning performance to bowl the West Indies out for just 83 in the second T20I in Sharjah on Monday and claim a 2-0 victory in their first-ever series against a Test-playing country with a game to spare. After racking up 173 for six in their 20 overs with half-centuries for Aasif Sheikh and Sundeep Jora, Nepal, ranked 18th in the world skittled the West Indies in 17.1 overs to claim victory by a crushing 90 runs. Mohammad Aadir Alam took 4-24 while Kushal Bhurtel took 3-16 in just 2.1 overs of leg spin. [AFP]

TENNIS. GAUFF SURVIVES SCARE AT CHINA OPEN



Coco Gauff in past action. [File, Standard]

■ Defending champion Coco Gauff fought back to beat Belinda Bencic 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 in a tense encounter yesterday and reach the China Open quarter-finals. Gauff next plays either Eva Lys of Germany or fellow American McCartney Kessler in Beijing. "It was a tough match," Gauff said. "I had chances in the first to close it out but overall I'm happy with how I fought. She was being really aggressive." There were frustrations on both sides of the court at a largely empty stadium as the players switched between one half darkened by shade and the other in the blazing sun. [AFP]

CRICKET. NEW ZEALAND LOSE MAXWELL TO INJURY

■ All-rounder Glenn Maxwell was yesterday ruled out of this week's T20 series in New Zealand after breaking his arm in a freak accident during net training. Maxwell had his arm fractured by a shot from big-hitting batsman Mitchell Owen while bowling in the nets at Mount Maunganui, said Cricket Australia. Matthew Short was in the adjoining net when Maxwell was struck. "I saw it out of the corner of my eye," Short told cricket.com.au. "I saw (Owen) smoked it and then the aftermath. It hit Maxi on the wrist. It didn't sound good." [AFP]

Paralympics' vote to lift Russian suspension termed as bold step

▶ International Paralympic Committee partially lifted suspensions of Russia and Belarus on Saturday.

▶ Burns believes the IOC might have a tough task justifying Russia returning to the fold for the upcoming event in Dakar.

AFP, PARIS

The International Paralympic Committee's decision to lift the temporary suspension of Russia and Belarus is a "bold step" but "many will argue it is premature" while the conflict continues, a former IOC executive told AFP.

The vote at the IPC's general assembly in Seoul on Saturday was a close-run thing but the narrow majority of 51.7% potentially opens the way for Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under their own flags at the Winter Paralympics in Milan-Cortina next year.

Russia invaded Ukraine over three years ago, in February 2022, and peace appears a distant hope -- Moscow unleashed a massive drone and missile attack against Ukraine lasting 12 hours overnight Saturday.

Terrence Burns, a former IOC marketing executive, told AFP the IPC was trying to perform a delicate balancing act.

"It's a bold and consequential and controversial step," the American said.

"The IPC is trying to balance athlete rights, sporting principles, and moral legitimacy.

"But yes, many will argue it is premature while the conflict continues and civilians suffer.

"The optics are very sensitive, and this won't be judged merely in sporting terms."

The IPC's change of tack contrasted to that of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), whose Executive Board earlier this month maintained the status quo from the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics, with Russians and Belarusians competing as neutral athletes.

Burns, who since leaving the IOC has played a role in five successful Olympic city bids, said the IPC vote will "almost certainly reverberate" at IOC headquarters in Lausanne, where Kirsty Coventry assumed the reins as president in June.

"Although the IOC and IPC are separate, the public and media will view them as connected players," Burns said.



Russia's President Vladimir Putin poses for a group photo with Russian Paralympians medallists from the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in Moscow on December 16, 2024. [AFP]

"The IOC under President Coventry is already signaling a more dialogue-driven approach to re-integration questions."

The IOC said on Monday it "acknowledged" the IPC's decision.

Pandora's box

Russia was suspended by the IOC in 2023 for violating the Olympic Charter by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.

However, at the most recent IOC Executive Board meeting this month the IOC "committed to finding a pathway for every NOC to participate... in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games".

Burns, though, believes the IOC might have a tough task justifying Russia returning to the fold for that event in Dakar.

"That's a bit of a minefield," he said. "The Youth Olympics are supposed to foster inclusion

and positive values among young people.

"But any decision to include or exclude has to stand up to scrutiny, especially if the country in question faces credible allegations like child abduction.

"The IOC will have to show consistency, transparency, and moral grounding if it goes that route."

Michael Payne, a former head of the IOC's marketing, said on a global level sport "is in a very difficult, if not impossible, situation".

"Arguably one of the greatest threats facing the movement is the increasing political weaponisation of sport," the 67-year-old Irishman told AFP.

"If your fundamental mission is to bring the world together, through peaceful sports competition, once you start suspending one nation for war or atrocities, where do you stop? You open a Pandora's box."

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Terrence Burns, former IOC marketing executive

OLYMPICS

IOC launches call for medal designs for Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

Creatives and Olympic fans now have the chance to leave their mark on Olympic history.

This follows the opening of a global call to shape one of the most meaningful symbols of the Games by designing the obverse side of the medal for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG). The selected design will feature on the medals awarded to athletes who reach the podium in Senegal. The submissions, which started on September 2 through a dedicated platform on Olympics.com will end on October 7.

The designer of the obverse of the Gangwon 2024 medal, Dante Akira Uwai, explained the impact that his participation in 2024 had on his life: "A lot has changed since Gangwon. Many opportunities have opened up to me thanks to the medal design competition, especially for my career. But I think the most important change was actually internal. It was realising the transformative power of both art and sport."

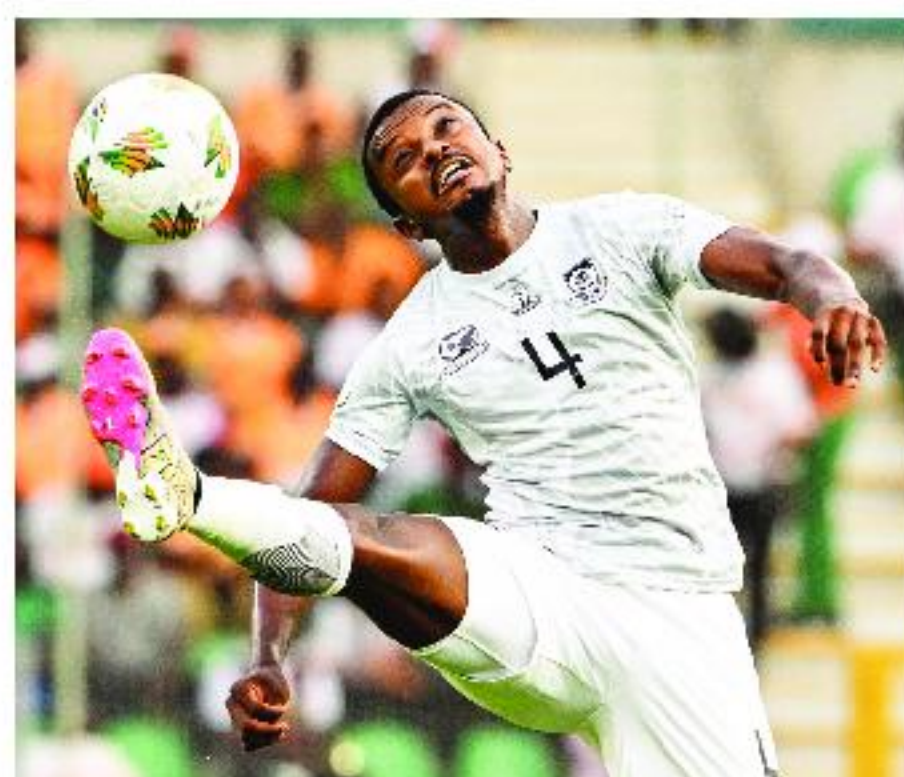
A jury featuring International Olympic Committee (IOC) Dakar 2026 Coordination Commission chairman Humphrey Kayange OLY, Gangwon 2024 medal design competition winner Dante Akira Uwai, IOC Young Leaders Peniamina Percival OLY and Pragnya Mohan, IOC Young Reporters Yun Su Park and Yann Durand, and Dakar 2026 ambassador Elzo Jamdong will review applications, rank designs and share their recommendation with the IOC Executive Board for validation. [Washington Onyango]



Former IOC president Thomas Bach (right) and Gangwon 2024 medal designer Dante Akira Uwai. [Agencies]

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

S. Africa lose World Cup qualifying points over ineligible player



South Africa midfielder Teboho Mokoena in action. [AFP]

South Africa have forfeited a 2026 World Cup qualifying match against Lesotho for fielding an ineligible player, world football governing body Fifa announced on Monday.

South Africa's 2-0 victory on March 21 in Polokwane has been replaced with a 3-0 defeat meaning they drop to second place in Group C of the African qualifiers, behind Benin on goal difference, while Lesotho remain fifth.

South Africa violated Article 19 of the Fifa Disciplinary Code by playing Teboho Mokoena after the midfielder had accumulated two yellow

cards against Benin and then Zimbabwe, the football body's disciplinary committee said.

South African sports minister Gayton McKenzie said the sanction was "deeply regrettable and has brought embarrassment to our nation".

"We acknowledge that this situation has brought South Africa into disrepute, and we must take full responsibility for addressing it," he said.

"We thank Fifa for swift action and not making us wonder and wait in agony about our fate.

"However, our immediate focus must be on rallying behind our national team as they prepare for their crucial final two matches in October.

"Bafana Bafana have played with immense heart and determination to secure their place in the Fifa World Cup next year, and they deserve our unwavering support.

"This deduction is but a bump in the road, and we believe that we remain firmly on track for qualification.

"My department will lead a thorough investigation into the incom-

petence that led to this sanction."

The South African FA, which can still appeal the decision, must also pay a fine of 10,000 Swiss francs (\$12,536).

The ruling offers a lifeline to Nigeria who move back to within three points of the top two going into the final two rounds of qualifiers next month.

Only the nine group winners qualify automatically for next year's World Cup. The four best runners-up will go into play-offs which could grant Africa a 10th spot in the finals. [AFP]

Barca's Yamal eyes up PSG after Ballon d'Or miss

► Yamal has made over 100 appearances for Barcelona, scoring 27 goals, and winning two LaLiga titles since his debut at 15 in 2023.

► Dembele who won the award for the best player in the world is out injured.

AFP, BARCELONA

Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal almost became the youngest ever Ballon d'Or winner last week at 18, and tonight's Champions League clash against Paris Saint-Germain offers the ideal opportunity to begin stating his case for next year. PSG star Ousmane Dembele won the award for the best player in the world but is out injured and will miss the match at the Olympic stadium, leaving runner-up Yamal the floor. Last season it was the then 17-year-old who inspired Barcelona's charge to the semi-finals, and despite two outstanding displays against Inter Milan, Hansi Flick's side fell just short. They missed out on facing PSG in the final, as the French side crushed

Inter to claim their first Champions League trophy.

Yamal pledged he would bring the cup to Barcelona, who have not won it since 2015 and the days of Lionel Messi.

Despite Yamal's quality, already immense and still increasing, Barcelona have improved without him last season.

In the 2024/25 campaign they struggled when he was absent, depending far too much on him, but they have just won five games in a row, the first four of those without the teenager.

Yamal was sidelined with a groin issue but on his return against Real Sociedad on Sunday in La Liga made an instant impact when introduced in the 58th minute.

The right winger burst into the box and crossed for Robert Lewandowski to head home the winner, little over a minute after entering the fray.

It was the perfect way to reintroduce himself, shaking the crowd out of their stupor.

"(Just) his presence on the pitch is a threat," said Real Sociedad coach Sergio Francisco.

"He's showing every day he's the best player in the world. It's a treat to watch him."

Yamal's impact against Real So-



Barcelona's Lamine Yamal (right) dribbles the ball past Real Sociedad's Sergio Gomez during LaLiga match at the Lluís Companys Stadium in Barcelona on Saturday. [AFP]

ciudad was also a tonic for the club during a difficult week. They lost Joan Garcia and Raphinha to injury, the duo joining recently hurt duo Fermin Lopez and Gavi on the sidelines.

Barcelona were also denied permission to return to their renovated Camp Nou home by the city council,

despite hopes they could host the La Real game there.

"I'm happy to have him back, he showed it directly, his outstanding strength he has to create chances, to give the last pass. It's good to have him back," said Flick.

Climb to get to the top

Despite his age, Yamal has made over 100 appearances for Barcelona, scoring 27 goals, and winning two La Liga titles since his debut at 15 in 2023.

The Spain international, who won Euro 2024 with his country the day after his 17th birthday, is often compared to eight-time Ballon d'Or winner and Barcelona all-time great Lionel Messi.

Yamal inherited his iconic number 10 shirt at the start of this season, also

worn by Diego Maradona and Ronaldinho among other historic Barca stars.

Only time will tell whether Yamal will be able to reproduce Messi's longevity, but thus far he has risen to meet every challenge he has faced since his debut at just 15.

The Argentine did not win the Ballon d'Or until he was 22, with Brazil great Ronaldo the youngest ever winner at 21.

Yamal may have missed out this year, but if he wins the award in 2026 or 2027, he will still claim that record, as he has done so many others.

"You have to climb to get to the top," said Yamal on Instagram after missing out in Paris, and facing PSG may be the first rung on the ladder.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Bayer Leverkusen	v	PSV	10pm
Dortmund	v	Ath Bilbao	10pm
Monaco	v	Man City	10pm
Napoli	v	Sporting CP	10pm
Villarreal	v	Juventus	10pm

EPL

William Saliba commits future to Arsenal with new contract

William Saliba has signed a new long-term contract with Arsenal, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

The France defender has reportedly put pen to paper on a five-year deal, which will keep him at the club until 2030. His previous contract had been due to run until 2027.

Saliba, 24, had been expected to extend his stay at the Emirates despite earlier reported interest from Real Madrid.

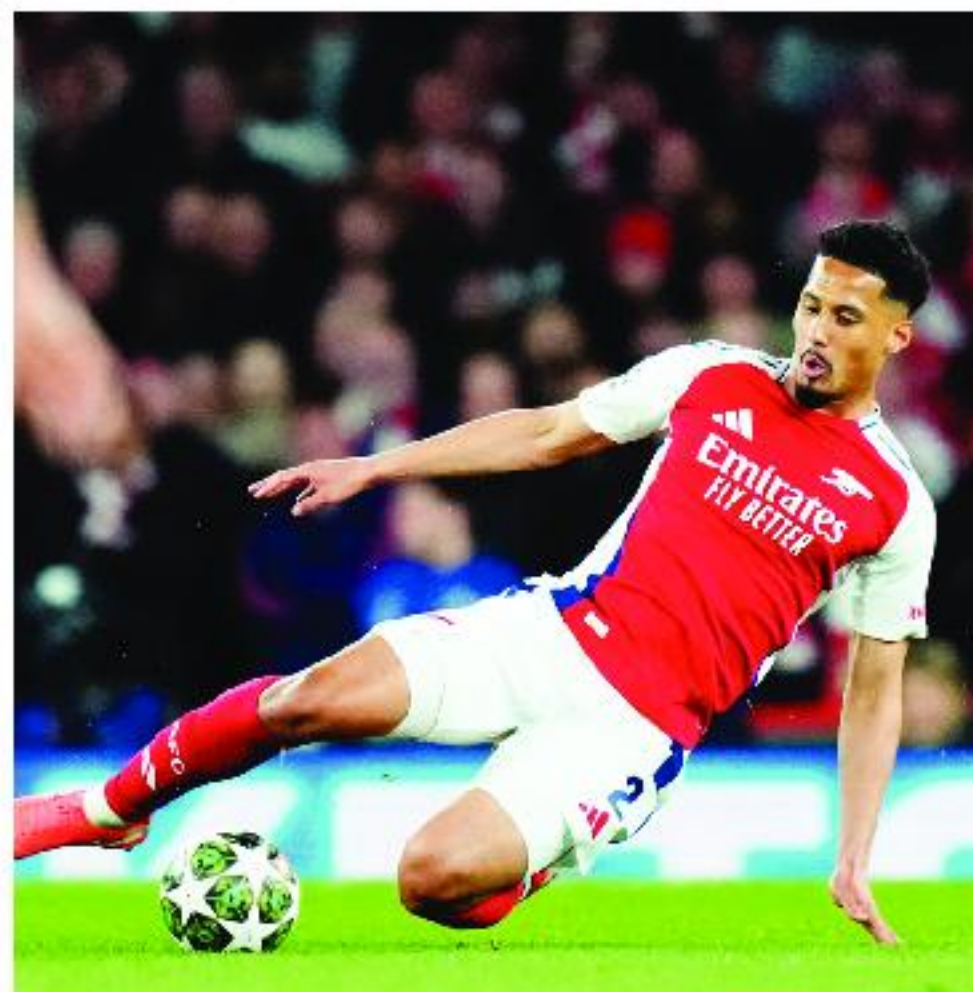
The centre-back joined the Gunners in 2019 but had a number of loan spells before establishing himself as a regular in Mikel Arteta's team during the 2022/23 season.

Since then Saliba has been at the heart of an Arsenal side that has finished second in each of the past three seasons in the Premier League.

"I feel at home. We have a good team, we have a good squad, we have good staff. The coach is perfect for me, so it's the best place to be," said Saliba.

"I enjoy every day when I have the chance to wear this shirt. I try to give everything, and now I'll give even more to this club and to the fans."

Manager Arteta said: "William is loved by all the players and staff, and that speaks volumes about his character, commitment and attitude every day.



Arsenal defender William Saliba. [AFP]

"Since joining us, William has grown so much, embraced responsibility, and has created a strong connection with our supporters and everyone at the club."

Arsenal are second in the Premier League, two points behind leaders Liverpool after six games of the season. [AFP]

FESTIVALS

TBM Health, Kolwa crowned Nyanza champions

TBM Health and Kolwa Falcons are Nyanza Region BingwaFest champions after triumphing during the showdown held at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Stadium, Siaya County over the weekend.

Kolwa Falcons came from a goal down in the ladies' final to beat Thrive Sports Kenya 2-1, as TBM Health put up a dominant display against Kianja Allstars to win 4-0 to win the men's title in Nyanza.

Following their wins, TBM Health and Kolwa Falcons, pocketed Sh1 million each, while Thrive Sports Kenya and Kianja Allstars were awarded Sh500,000. Daraja Mbili and Uhola Queens, who defeated Asembo United and Sinaga, respectively, in the third-place playoff, received Sh250,000 for finishing third.

In rugby, Kisumu Development staged a proper comeback to beat Kisii University 12-8 in the men's final as Nyagichencha whitewashed Sidindi 31-0 in the ladies' final. Winam and Nyakongo finished third after seeing off JOOST and Nyamira Community in the playoffs.

Just like in football, the winners in rugby received Sh1 million each, first runners up Sh500,000, and second runners up Sh250,000 each.

China Squad and Dream Team ruled the basketball court to emerge as the men's and women's champions in the 3x3 contest to receive Sh500,000 each. China Squad silenced Redeem



TBM Health and Kianja Allstars players during their Nyanza Region BingwaFest final match at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Stadium on Sunday. [Courtesy]

Team 13-7 as Dream Team saw off Aces 16-13. Rising Stars and Adili Sparks finished third.

Redeem Team and Aces Stars took home Sh250,000 while Rising Stars and Adili Sparks pocketed Sh100,000 after finishing third.

Athletics took place on Thursday at the same venue, with Miriam Chebet emerging as the star of the Nyanza leg after claiming commanding double victories in the 5,000m and 10,000m races.

BingwaFest heads to Machakos for the Eastern leg on October 13-19.

[Washington Onyango]

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No time to rest for Kipyegon yet as she heads to New York

► She will renew rivalry with Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay and world bronze medalist Jessica Hull of Australia at Athlos meet.

► Faith won her fourth world 1500m title in Tokyo and also added a silver medal in 5,000m.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

I can't stop pushing myself and waking up early for my morning runs, a red-hot Faith Kipyegon has said as she sets sights on the all-women Athlos New York City meet this month.

There is no time to rest yet for Kipyegon, who is fresh from her fourth world 1500m title at the Tokyo World Championships which came to a close on September 21.

She will be chasing glory once again at the October 10 showdown in the meet to be staged at Icahn Stadium in New York City.

The three-time Olympic champion says after the all-women meet, the season will have ended and time to relax and reflect on a brilliant season begins.

"I still have one more race to go in New York City - the only-women race, and that is Athlos and after that the season will be over," says Kipyegon.

But before then, the hardest work will be on the training as she sets her eyes on not just a win but a defence of her 2024 Athlos title; not forgetting the Sh7.7 million winning prize - a mouthwatering reward for a superstar who also bagged a silver medal in the women's 1500m at the Tokyo Worlds.

And she promises to continue her stellar shows at the Athlos event in an ambitious dream to motivate the younger generation of athletes.

Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay and Kenya's Faith Kipyegon after competing in the women's 5,000m heats during the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo on September 18. [AFP]

"I will not stop winning because many generations are looking up to me. Many young girls say I want to be like Faith in the future," Kipyegon said recently.

She goes on to say: "I still want to push myself and wake up early for morning runs knowing that many young Kenyans are looking up to me. Beatrice Chebet saw me running as a junior athlete. She started training when I was already world junior champion."

At the inaugural Athlos showpiece, last year, Kipyegon and Ethiopia's Tsige Duguma were among the victors.

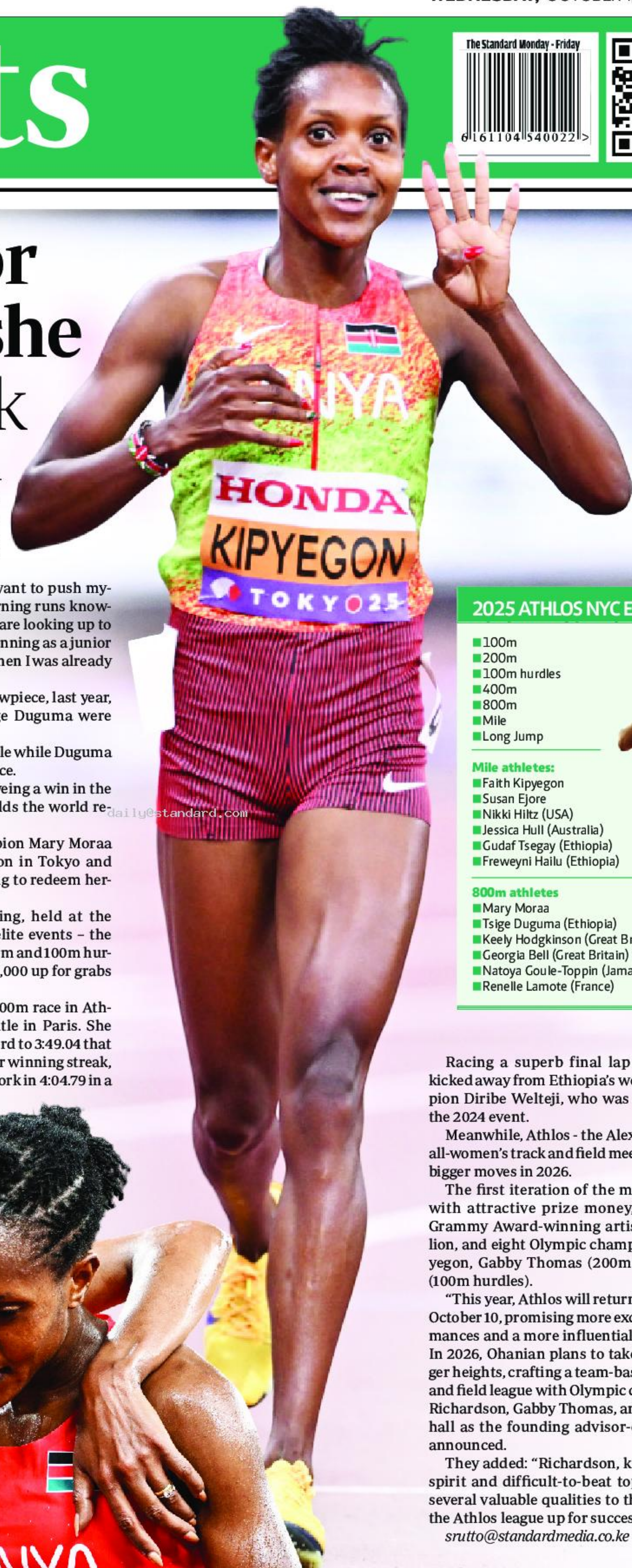
Kipyegon took the 1500m title while Duguma delivered a win in the 800m race.

But this year, Kipyegon is eyeing a win in the Mile, a distance where she holds the world record, just like the 1500m.

Former world 800m champion Mary Moraa who faced a strong opposition in Tokyo and could not medal, will be hoping to redeem herself in her specialty.

The new all-women meeting, held at the Icahn Stadium, featured six elite events - the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and 100m hurdles - with prize money of \$60,000 up for grabs for each winner.

Kipyegon won last year's 1500m race in Athlos after her third Olympic title in Paris. She had improved the world record to 3:49.04 that season, and maintained her winning streak, claiming victory in New York in 4:04.79 in a tactical clash.



Faith Kipyegon celebrates after winning her fourth 1,500m world title at the World Championships in Tokyo. [AFP]

2025 ATHLOS NYC EVENTS:

- 100m
- 200m
- 100m hurdles
- 400m
- 800m
- Mile
- Long Jump

Mile athletes:

- Faith Kipyegon
- Susan Ejore
- Nikki Hiltz (USA)
- Jessica Hull (Australia)
- Gudaf Tsegay (Ethiopia)
- Freweyni Hailu (Ethiopia)

800m athletes

- Mary Moraa
- Tsige Duguma (Ethiopia)
- Keely Hodgkinson (Great Britain)
- Georgia Bell (Great Britain)
- Natoya Goule-Toppin (Jamaica)
- Renelle Lamote (France)



Racing a superb final lap in 58.45, Kipyegon kicked away from Ethiopia's world road mile champion Diribe Welteji, who was second in 4:05.58 at the 2024 event.

Meanwhile, Athlos - the Alexis Ohanian-founded all-women's track and field meet, is set to make even bigger moves in 2026.

The first iteration of the meet was punctuated with attractive prize money, a performance by Grammy Award-winning artist Megan Thee Stallion, and eight Olympic champions, including Kipyegon, Gabby Thomas (200m) and Masai Russell (100m hurdles).

"This year, Athlos will return to New York City on October 10, promising more exciting athletic performances and a more influential cultural movement. In 2026, Ohanian plans to take Athlos to even bigger heights, crafting a team-based, athlete-led track and field league with Olympic champions Sha'Carri Richardson, Gabby Thomas, and Tara Davis-Woodhall as the founding advisor-owners," organisers announced.

They added: "Richardson, known for her daring spirit and difficult-to-beat top-end speed, brings several valuable qualities to the table that will set the Athlos league up for success."

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REAL ESTATE



Director at Eboss Investments Geoffrey Gitaka (center) and Head of Mortgage Finance at Co-op Bank Vincent Kihara (left) in Ruiru. [Courtesy]

CO-OP BACKS DEVELOPERS WITH SH110M FINANCING

Co-operative Bank of Kenya has extended a Sh110 million facility to a company owned by young real estate developers to enable the expansion of their mixed-use development in Ruiru.

The financing to Eboss Investments Company will support the development of Seven Oaks School, a new British-curriculum institution in Ruiru. The school forms the anchor of a mixed-use gated community that integrates residential housing, commercial spaces, recreational amenities, and other social infrastructure.

The financing package combines a Sh80 million mortgage facility, dedicated to constructing the school, and a Sh30 million revolving term loan tailored to the project's phased development model.

The partnership entered a new phase with the groundbreaking of the Seven Oaks School, the educational anchor for the development, marking the start of Phase 4.

Vincent Kihara, head of mortgage Finance at Co-operative Bank of Kenya, said the lender's decision to back Eboss was informed by a rigorous assessment of both the project and the team behind it.

"Our financing approach follows the project's natural growth. Once Eboss proved their ability to deliver in earlier phases, we structured support for the school phase through a mortgage facility," he said.

"It's a model that ensures sustainable delivery while matching financing to real progress on the ground. We continuously want to stamp our support towards youth-led developments," he added. Eboss Investments has successfully delivered Phases 1-3 of the project since 2018 using a combination of family resources and buyers' deposits, a track record that played a central role in securing bank financing for the next stages. The Sh30 million revolving term loan will specifically fund the fit-outs and finishing of these townhouses.

Geoffrey Gitaka, director at Eboss Investments Company, said the partnership with Co-op Bank has been instrumental in translating their vision into reality.

"Co-operative Bank has walked with us from the beginning — they sat down with us, analysed our vision, and recognised that we had something solid," he said.

"This partnership has grown beyond financing; we've opened up new conversations and see a future where their clients are our clients. For us, this is more than just a loan — it's a strong partnership for the long journey ahead."

[Esther Dianah]

TECH

AFRICA'S INSURANCE LEADERS FORGE AI-DRIVEN FUTURE FOR INDUSTRY AT NAIROBI FORUM



From left: Caava Group CEO Ayisi Makatiani, Consulting Leader at Deloitte East Africa Urvi Patel and Group Chief Financial Officer at M-TIBA Moses Kuria at the InsurTech Forum Nairobi 2025 recently. [Nanjinia Wamuswa, Standard]

Africa's insurance leaders have called for more digital connectivity and urgent adoption of connected data and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

This is to drive efficiency, cut costs and expand insurance access to cater for uninsured customer segments across the region.

Speaking at the InsurTech Forum Nairobi (ITFN) 2025, the leaders emphasised the need to break away from outdated legacy systems that keep data in silos and limit innovation.

Currently, only 1 per cent of insurance operations in Africa leverage AI capabilities, a figure expected to grow to 80 per cent within the next five years, according to Urvi Patel, Consulting Leader, Deloitte East Africa.

"The biggest challenge for insurers today is reliance on legacy systems that are expensive, inefficient and cumbersome," said Group Chief Financial Officer at M-TIBA Moses Kuria.

"The industry will greatly transform by leveraging connected end-to-end digital systems that improve efficiency, simplify products, and allow for more personalised, customer-friendly services."

He added that the future of health in-

surance will be defined by interconnected systems, member-centric solutions, ecosystem partnerships, and predictive analytics that shift the industry from reactive claims management to proactive health management.

The forum, themed "From Legacy to AI: Actionable Next Steps," convened over 150 executives, board members, regulators, and innovators.

Curated in partnership with the Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI), the Insurance Institute of Kenya (IIK), and Caava Group, alongside partners, including M-TIBA, Deloitte, NCBA Bancassurance, Old Mutual, Redian Software, and NCBA-IG, ITFN 2025 positioned itself as Africa's leading platform for charting a practical roadmap for digital transformation. CEO of Caava Group and Convener of ITFN Ayisi Makatiani underscored the forum's purpose, "The dialogue around AI in insurance has moved from asking 'why' to focusing squarely on 'how.' ITFN 2025 is about equipping leaders with the tools, insights, and partnerships to move from theory to scaled, practical transformation."

The forum featured keynote addresses, interactive panel discussions, and the Ultimate AI Innovation Challenge, where startups pitched solutions in underwriting, claims processing, fraud prevention, and customer engagement.

[Nanjinia Wamuswa]

QUOTE



"Kenya exports 95 per cent of its coffee, with approximately 55 per cent targeting the EU, mainly Belgium, Germany, Sweden, and Finland."

Dr Bruno Linyiru, Director General, Agriculture Food Agency



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HUSTLE NOMICS

ITEMS SOLD BY HAWKERS ON OUR ROADS ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR PURCHASING HABITS

A

traffic jam at Pangani on Thika Road turns the one-kilometre stretch into a research site in the morning.

The road becomes a market as early as 6am! These hawkers took Winston Churchill's advice seriously: never waste a good crisis.

The traffic jam might be a crisis for motorists, but for hawkers, it's an opportunity. Stuck there, I watched the "market" with an academic eye.

Most hawkers are young, and when you engage them, they speak very good English, not even Swahili or sheng. Their level of self-confidence has left me convinced that some are well educated. Don't check national statistics to explain the level of unemployment. And they have good knowledge of the market. Recently, I tried to list what they sell on a Thursday morning. It's fascinating.

The items sold are not random. The hawkers know motorists are unlikely to go searching for what they sell at better prices.

It's more of single sourcing. That probably leads to good margins. And they are in a hurry!

If you ask for the item prices, you quickly realise the hawkers set the minimum price, a price floor, sort of. What do they sell?

Think of towels. Is it because it's hot and sweaty? The sellers have big heaps in the morning, which I guess are cleared or replenished by the end of the day. They price the items in low denominations, such as Sh50 or Sh100, which would be easy to find change if needed. One elderly man sells weapons: knobkerries, swords, and whips. Who buys these? They are probably more sentimental than weapons. I used to see calabashes and gourds. Remember our story last week? Newspapers, as usual, are on sale. Whiteboards in the age of computers, too, are on sale. More recently, I have been seeing picnic chairs.

That was a surprise; they do not seem to "fit" into hawking. But the market is the car owners, who are more likely to be outdoor enthusiasts.

Paintings too, but most derived from photos, not Picasso or Van Gogh. Who is Kenya's leading painter? Auto parts from "life savers" to jumpers are available, as well as toys, including dolls. Foods, mostly biscuits and crisps, are also on sale. Add caps, sweets, *ciondos* (traditional woven baskets), flasks, and insurance pockets.

What else have you seen being hawked? Any surprises? Hawking on a superhighway is not common elsewhere. As we modernise our economy, we hope roads will revert to their original use, not a market.

One hopes that these mostly young men and women will eventually scale up, and one day own supermarkets or their own Amazon. Do they also sell online? Do you hawk on Thika Road, Mombasa or any other city's road? [XN Iraki]



A hawker on Thika Road. [XN Iraki, Standard]

MENTORSHIP

Retired teacher finds new calling in empowering PWDs in Busia

Sixty-two-year-old Francisca Mukani is helping differently-abled individuals in Funyula find purpose through training in different skills to make a living.

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At 62, Francisca Mukani, a retired teacher from Funyula in Busia County, has chosen not to rest after decades in Kenya's education sector.

I met her in Kisumu during last week's Tourism Week Celebrations, where she was one of the exhibitors.

She has chosen a path that blends her professional experience, compassion, and resilience into a mission that is transforming lives - empowering persons with disabilities through enterprise, skills training, and community inclusion.

"I retired in 2022 after teaching for many years," she begins, her voice soft and motherly.

"But I felt the knowledge I had gained in special needs education could not just end with my retirement. I wanted to continue giving back. That is how Banaona Disability Self-Help Group was born."

The group's name, Banaona, is an acronym representing the seven locations in Funyula Division.

With members drawn from across these regions, the initiative now brings together over 200 persons with disabilities and their families, making it a beacon of hope in the division.

Francisca's professional journey began at Togoto Teachers' Training College, where she majored in art, craft, and home science under the 8-4-4 system.

Her specialisation was special needs education, particularly supporting children with intellectual and cognitive challenges. "When I joined special schools, I realised many learners who were mentally challenged could not perform well ac-

ademically," she recalls.

"But they had incredible potential in practical areas like weaving, craftwork, and hand skills. I decided to focus on vocational training, which gave them dignity, purpose, and even a source of livelihood."

That philosophy continues to guide her post-retirement work. Today, Banaona Disability Self-Help Group trains its members in weaving, basketry, woodwork, metalwork, recycling, clothing, textile design, and even value addition in food.

They produce peanut butter, simsim butter, assorted nutritious snacks, soya beverages, and modernised cultural crafts such as Kenya- and Africa-branded bags.

"The majority of these items are made by persons with disabilities themselves," Mukani explains.

"Of course, trainers and technicians guide them, but when the products sell, part of the proceeds goes back to the group, while the rest supports individual members; whether it is school shopping, pocket money, or simply giving them dignity."

For the retired teacher, inclusion is not just a slogan; it is a deliberate practice. She emphasises that persons with physical and intellectual disabilities can thrive if given raw materials, patient guidance, and a comfortable environment.

"When someone is physically challenged, perhaps on a wheelchair or crutches, all you need to do is organise their workspace and provide raw materials," she says proudly.

"Patience is key, because learning may take longer. But once they master a skill, concentrate on it, don't mix things up. That way, they perfect their craft and become productive."

The group's activities draw both men and women, underscoring Francisca's philosophy that "disability has no boundaries."

No single journey is not occupied with challenges. "Some parents still carry negative attitudes," she says.

"They see their disabled children as useless. Convincing such families to support training takes effort. Then there's the cost of raw materials and the fact that most of our trainers volunteer. We need support to sustain the programme."

The group doesn't have a physical place to undertake their learning, but sometimes they are given a room in one of the schools in Busia or other times under the shade of trees, depending on the weather.

Their second site is at the Funyula Jua Kali grounds, which operates as both a workshop and a showroom.

"We've been requesting permanent



Francisca Mukani shows some of the products made by persons with disabilities from Banaona Disability Self-Help Group. [Rodgers Otiso, Standard]

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Francisca Mukani, retired teacher

2002
YEAR when Mukani retired from her teaching job.



space," Francisca makes it clear. "Two rooms - one for production and one for display - would help us organise better."

Banaona was officially established in 2015, but it is only in recent years, particularly after 2023, that membership has swelled.

This growth has been aided by partnerships with organisations like the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK), whose outreach programmes in Busia have drawn many persons with disabilities.

Running such an initiative requires resources, yet Banaona has largely survived on volunteerism. Francisca's seven other retired teachers sacrifice their time, skills, and sometimes personal funds. Occasionally, well-wishers donate raw materials or finances.

"In 2023, I initiated a tree planting program for persons with disabilities. We identified 85 centres across the division, with each centre having 10 members. Each person received 20 seedlings.

Later, One Acre Fund joined us with 6,000 seedlings. It was an in-kind donation that gave members purpose and aligned with climate action."

She dreams of scaling up income-generating activities. "If we could get 30 beehives per location, that would be a stable project. We also plan to construct a Disability Complex, a multi-room facility with workshops, showrooms, and rental spaces to sustain the group financially."

Despite financial challenges, Banaona has achieved notable milestones. They have exhibited products at the Tourism Week in Kisumu, attended East African trade fairs, and even contributed to Kenya's recognition at regional exhibitions.

"In 2023, we partnered with groups from Busia to exhibit in Burundi," Francisca recalls.

"Our products, combined with bamboo crafts from another group, won Kenya first place in East Africa. The reward was a machine for making toothpicks from bamboo, which was given to Busia County. That was a proud moment."

Francisca's efforts play out against a sobering national backdrop. According to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, persons with disabilities make up 2.2 per cent of the population (about 900,000 people).

Women account for 57 per cent. The most common disabilities are mobility (42 per cent), followed by visual impairment (36.4 per cent), cognition (23.2 per cent), hearing (16.7 per cent), self-care (15.3 per cent), and communication (12.1 per cent). More than 80 per cent live in rural areas, where opportunities are scarce.

While the Constitution of Kenya (Article 54) mandates that at least five per cent of public sector jobs go to persons with disabilities, government data shows only one per cent of PWDs are employed in the public sector. Nationally, their employment rate stood at 40 per cent, compared to 73 per cent for non-disabled persons, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics' 2019 figures.

Globally, exclusion from the workforce costs about \$6 trillion (Sh774 trillion) annually, according to World Bank and International Labour Organisation (ILO) data analysed by Sightsavers.

Kenya recently passed the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2025, aligning with international conventions and reaffirming disability rights as human rights. Yet implementation remains weak, and grassroots efforts like Banaona are plugging gaps that policy alone cannot fix.

At one point in the interview, Francisca pauses, her voice breaking as she recalls seeing persons with disabilities begging under the scorching sun.

"I don't like seeing them like that," she says, visibly emotional. "If we can equip them with simple skills, making key holders, earrings, or even selling honey - why should they beg? They deserve dignity."

Her vision is to see every member financially independent, with school-age children enrolled in nearby inclusive units rather than distant boarding schools, and adults working in workshops rather than on the streets.

SPECIAL REPORT

Saccos to bypass employers in push to cure non-remittance scourge



They believe licensing for front office services gives them the muscle to collect deductions directly.

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Saccos are seeking ways to bypass employers in the remittance of members' deductions, with the latest industry report by the regulator showing they are now owed a whopping Sh3.4 billion.

By acquiring licences to offer front office services (Fosa), large Saccos believe it will give them the capacity to deduct members' contributions and loan repayments directly.

Amid this move, the government is also pushing for smaller Saccos with deposits of less than Sh100 million to consider merging, a move that may aid them to offer Fosa.

The Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra) also notes in its latest report that the traditional Sacco business model, where entities are symbiotic with employers, is proving unsustainable due to non-remittances. In most organisations, employees form Saccos with the help of the employer as a savings platform.

The employer is then required to remit the employees' statutory monthly contributions to the respective Sacco.

However, employers do not always keep their word. In extreme cases, when the business goes under or experiences cash flow issues, so does the Sacco.

According to the Sacco Supervision Annual Report 2024, non-remittances of deductions from employees' salaries crossed the Sh3 billion mark from Sh2.59 billion in 2023.

A majority of these amounts, 74.50 per cent, are deductions related to loans taken by members. County governments and assemblies lead the pack with Sh1.6 billion owed to Saccos as of December 2024, representing 46.07 per cent of total non-remittances.

This amount stood at 865.2 million in 2023, then representing 33.4 per cent of the total non-remitted amounts.

Public universities and tertiary colleges follow with Sh762.3 million, private sector companies (Sh433.9 million), public sector companies (Sh265.8 million), state corporations (Sh164.8 million), and national government ministries (Sh129.7 million).

Corporate entities owe Saccos Sh374 million, churches and church-based institutions Sh18.3 million, public school's employees

SH3.4

BILLION

AMOUNT licensed Saccos are owed by various organisation from unremitted dues

74.5

PER CENT

PORTION of unremitted deductions related to loans taken by members

SH1.6

BILLION

WHAT county governments and assemblies owed to Saccos as of December 2024

SH762

MILLION

WHAT public universities and tertiary colleges owe Saccos



(board of management) Sh16.1 million, private sector schools' employees Sh14.6 million, constitutional bodies Sh6.8 million, private universities Sh5.9 million, and other entities Sh25.8 million.

Since the public sector, as the largest employer, is the leading culprit, there are plans by Sasra to ensure such deductions are made at source from the National Treasury through the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS), which acts as the government's consolidated payroll.

"Given that the bulk of the non-remitted funds were owed by the government and government-owned institutions, the authority continues to call for policy reforms to allow the recovery of such sums directly from their exchequer grants at the National Treasury," says Sasra chairperson Jack Ranguma in the report.

To move away from this endless loop of financial crisis, a section of non-withdrawable deposit-taking Saccos (NWD-T-Saccos) is now seeking licences to operate as deposit-taking Saccos (DT-Saccos). This means such Saccos will be operating not only back office services (BOSA) but also Fosa, which mimics a bank. This model will then allow employees to channel their salaries directly to the Sacco, where the deductions will be made, bypassing employers.

The report notes that a majority of regulated Saccos still use the traditional model as they are linked to employers. They, therefore, depend on



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Wycliffe Oparanya, CS, cooperatives

the business to remit the deductions as Section 35 of the Cooperative Societies Act demands.

This Act allows an employee who is a member of a regulated Sacco to instruct their employer to make periodic deductions from their pay and remit the same to the entity. These deductions are either savings or loans taken by the employee.

Sasra adds that the concept of deduction and remittances is largely associated with employee-based or producer-based Saccos.

"Although the concept in practice has immense benefits associated with institutionalising the savings culture through the direct deductions from remunerations, and ease of debt collections by Saccos in respect of loans and credit facilities issued to them, it has had its drawbacks and flaws when the employer-institutions makes the requisite deductions but fails to remit the same to the beneficiary Sacco Society," the report says.

According to the report, the year closed with 355 regulated Saccos - 177 DT-Saccos and 178 NWD-T-Saccos.

While discussing the growth in the asset base of the sector, which stood at Sh1.08 trillion as of December 2024, Sasra notes that the increase in the number of Saccos is linked to the licensing of former NWD-T-Saccos to become deposit-taking businesses. "The trend is likely to continue with large NWD-T-Saccos seeking to expand their business lines to include deposit-taking business, with the result that the NWD-T-Saccos segmental market share is projected to continue shrinking in all spheres of financial performance," the report says. It adds: "The urge to expand the business lines to deposit-taking business is also informed by the need to address the non-remittances challenges by allowing their members to channel their salaries through the FOSA rather than reliance on the employer institutions to remit the deductions."

The report shows the number of DT-Saccos has moved from 176 in 2022, to 174 in 2023, to 177 in 2024. This is while NWD-T-Saccos, which stood at 183 in 2022 and 2023, fell to 178 in 2024.

Cooperatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya noted during the launch of the report that non-remittances have become a menace despite concerted efforts to deal with it.

He said the Sh3.49 billion is owed to 85 regulated Saccos, affecting 55,602 members.

"This has seriously undermined the financial stability of the affected Saccos, resulting in their inability to meet the obligations to members," he said. "It also impairs the capacity of the affected members to access financial services and products from their respective Saccos."

The CS said it is the anticipation of the ministry that the Cooperative Bill, 2024 will be fast-tracked in order to provide a long-term solution to the affected Saccos.

"In the meantime, I do urge Saccos, especially the DT-Saccos, to adopt and implement the Administrative Circular issued by SASRA in 2019, on recoveries of member deductions through Fosa channels, rather than reliance on deductions by employer-institutions," he said.

WORKPLACE

World Bank launches academy to boost youth skills for jobs



As Africa's demographic dividend swells with over a million young people flooding the labor market each month, the World Bank Group has launched its Africa Skills for Jobs Policy Academy in Nairobi.

The initiative is aimed at bridging the continent's crippling skills gap and transforming youth unemployment into economic opportunity.

With the continent boasting the world's youngest population, over 12 million young Africans enter the labor market annually, competing for just three million formal sector jobs.

This mismatch leaves many disenfranchised, with 70 per cent of youth globally disengaged from the workforce or trapped in low-quality jobs, and 23 per cent not in education, employment, or training (NEET).

The academy aims to bridge the gap between Africa's economic potential and its workforce's readiness. Employers struggle to find skilled talent, while young people face a shortage of jobs matching their aspirations.

Mamtha Murthi, World Bank Group's people vice president, highlighted the lifelong nature of skills-building, often disrupted early in Africa.

"Young people lack access to early childhood education, schools fail to deliver literacy and numeracy, and training systems don't prepare them for work," she said.

For adults, upskilling and reskilling opportunities remain limited. The skills deficit is alarming: 86 per cent of 10-year-olds in sub-

Saharan Africa cannot read simple text, stunting higher-order skill development.

Digital divides further exacerbate the issue, with only 57 per cent of urban and 23 per cent of rural Africans using the internet, even as AI transforms global industries.

Surveys indicate 40-60 per cent of African firms cite skills gaps as a top constraint. The Skills for Jobs Policy Academy will support African policymakers in designing systems targeting agribusiness, energy, health, manufacturing, and tourism.

By providing a platform for joint learning, evidence sharing, and collaboration with employers, it aims to adapt and scale proven approaches.

Ndiame Diop, World Bank's regional vice president for Eastern and Southern Africa, emphasised the need for integrated ecosystems linking training providers with industry.

He cited the Bank-supported EASTRIP programme, which quadrupled Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) enrollment and boosted graduate employment from 47 per cent to nearly 80 per cent within six months.

Kenya is aligning with this vision, aiming to increase TVET enrollment from 700,000 to 2 million. Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano, speaking at the Academy, underscored the importance of demand-driven training: "More skilled labor produces more goods and services, driving economic growth."

The Academy offers practical tools and peer learning to create more and better jobs, positioning Africa's youth to meet market demands and unlock the continent's economic potential. [Noah Kipkemboi]





Why memorable experiences shape customer loyalty

Consumers don't just want to buy a product; they want to feel and connect with something.

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In the age of personalisation and digital immediacy, delivering an exceptional customer experience (CX) goes beyond usability or convenience.

It requires a deeper understanding of human psychology, specifically, how people actually arrive at buying decisions.

This concept is best explained by Behavioural Economics, a theory that blends insights from psychology and economics, explaining the often irrational, emotional, and cognitive patterns that shape consumer behaviour.

Similarly, in today's hyper-competitive market, selling a product or offering a service is no longer enough.

Consumers are no longer driven solely by utility or convenience; they are seeking meaning, emotion, and memorable moments.

This concept is well known as the Experience Economy, where experiences are the new currency of value.

Coined by B Joseph Pine II and James H Gilmore in their influential 1998 article in the Harvard Business Review, the term "experience economy" describes an economic evolution where businesses no longer merely provide goods and services; they stage engaging, memorable experiences for their customers.

This shift has transformed how brands design, deliver, and differentiate their offerings, a shift that has seen businesses extend their operations to focus on customer satisfaction.

These two approaches explain the science behind consumers' choice, utility and ultimately loyalty.

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In a world where products can be copied and prices matched, it's the experience that becomes the true differentiator, and the most enduring intangible brand asset of all.”

At the heart of many purchasing decisions is the behavioural principle of loss aversion, the idea that people feel the pain of loss more acutely than the pleasure of gain.

This means customers are often more motivated by what they might lose than what they might gain. Often referred to as Fear of Missing Out (FOMO).

In CX, this plays out in how offers are framed. Instead of highlighting potential savings, businesses may get better results by emphasising what a customer could miss out on: "Don't miss your 20 per cent discount, which expires at midnight!" This fear of loss creates urgency and nudges users toward faster decisions.

Secondly, the Endowment Effect implies that people tend to place a higher value on things they already own or feel connected to, a phenomenon known as the endowment effect.

In customer experience, this can be leveraged by offering free trials, test drives, or customisation features that create a sense of psychological ownership. When customers are allowed to personalise or try a product before purchasing, they begin to feel it's already "theirs," making them more likely to commit. Involving customers in this process creates a sense of ownership, which builds value.

At the heart of the Experience Economy is personalisation. The 21st-century consumer expects experiences to be tailored to their individual preference. With the help of data analytics and artificial intelligence, businesses are now able to create hyper-personalised interactions.

Consider Spotify Wrapped, an annu-

al, data-driven experience that compiles users' listening habits into a personalised story.

It turns usage data into an emotional experience that encourages sharing and builds brand affinity. Personalisation fosters a sense of being understood, making consumers more likely to return.

The experience economy thrives on creating emotional connections. Beyond the product's features or price point, consumers are influenced by how a brand makes them feel.

Take Apple, for instance. Its sleek retail stores are not merely transactional spaces; they are immersive environments that reflect the brand's innovation and simplicity.

Consumers walk away with more than just a product; they leave with a feeling. When a brand connects emotionally, it transcends the functional to become part of a customer's identity and lifestyle.

As consumers move deeper into the era of the experience economy, one truth becomes clear: consumers don't just want to buy a product; they want to feel something, connect with something, and remember something.

The businesses that will lead the future are those that understand this shift and design experiences that are not only valuable but meaningful.

In a world where products can be copied and prices matched, it's the experience that becomes the true differentiator, and the most enduring intangible brand asset of all.

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OPINION

Bridging Africa's skills gap key step in spurring growth



By Ndiame Diop and Mamta Murthi

Sub-Saharan Africa's economic promise is clear.

It has the world's youngest and fastest-growing population; by 2050, a quarter of the world's working-age population will be living in Africa, with vast natural resources and expanding regional markets.

Yet these strengths are undermined by a persistent weakness: the region's skills gap.

Every month, around one million young Africans enter the labour market, but 86 per cent of jobs are in the informal sector, and too many lack the competencies demanded by both traditional industries and emerging sectors.

The result is a paradox: a continent brimming with human energy and yet constrained by a shortage of relevant skills.

Employers can't find the workers they need, while young people can't find the jobs they want.

Africa has promising opportunities for job creation. The World Bank Group and Africa Development Bank-supported Mission 300 aims to connect 300 million people to electricity by 2030—an investment wave that will demand grid engineers, protection technicians, lines workers, and meter installers across utilities and contractors.

The World Bank Group's Agri-Connect initiative is doubling its agri-finance and agribusiness com-

mitments to \$9 billion (Sh1.161 trillion) annually by 2030, with priority countries like Kenya.

But these projects won't translate into jobs without the right skills pipeline. It is also important to integrate skills development into the informal economy.

What must be done to tackle these challenges? Three priorities stand out.

First, governments need to work with the private sector. Employers are best placed to identify skills needs across value chains.

Programmes designed together with employers in the industry are more relevant, practical, and likely to lead to employment.

This includes co-designing curricula, co-financing programs, and offering structured apprenticeships—so that the training produces workers that firms are ready to hire.

A good example of this is the East

Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project, supported by the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA).

The project is upgrading 16 regional flagship colleges, embedding industrial partnerships into their programs, and rolling out competency-based training to produce technicians in agriculture, energy, IT, manufacturing, and tourism sectors. So far, the employment rate of its graduates has increased from a baseline of 47 per cent to 79 per cent.

Second, skills programmes must emphasise competence, not just credentials. Too often, funding rewards inputs—like the number of students enrolled or courses offered—rather than outcomes.

Results-based financing can fix this by linking funding to real results, such as jobs and higher wages. For example, tying part of provider payments to verified employment 6–12 months after graduation, earnings growth, and employer satisfaction creates strong incentives for success.

Employment support services—such as job matching, career guidance, coaching, and seed capital for the self-employed—are also key, so that training translates into livelihoods. Some countries are already adopting this approach.

In Ethiopia, the Education and Skills for Employability project funds short-term training programmes through a competitive model where providers are paid based on the employment outcomes

of their graduates.

The approach helps students get the skills employers want, find jobs after training, and get support with financing and job placement, so they are more likely to be hired.

Third, the region must harness technology and innovation to widen opportunity, enable short-term training, and encourage lifelong learning.

Digital platforms and AI can scale access, tailor learning, and ease the shift from training to work. Short, stackable credentials allow workers—including those in the informal sector—to reskill quickly, while blended models bring training to rural and fragile areas.

Linking classroom study with e-apprenticeships, micro-internships, and recognition of prior learning can also turn informal experience into trusted credentials.

If Africa succeeds in reimagining its skills-for-jobs approach, the payoff will be significant: a workforce prepared for both today's opportunities and tomorrow's disruptions.

A more responsive, inclusive, and lifelong approach to learning—that is accessible to workers in both the formal and informal job markets—can transform Africa's demographic challenge into a demographic dividend and help millions of young people have jobs and a good future.

- Ndiame Diop is the World Bank Vice President for Africa East and Southern Region, while Mamta Murthi is the World Bank Vice President, People Vice Presidency

MARKETS

New advisory board to boost Europe-Africa capital links

Eastrise Group, a strategy and insights firm, has launched an advisory board to strengthen business ties between Europe and Africa, aiming to unlock investment opportunities in emerging markets.

The eight-member board, unveiled on September 30, 2025, includes experts in artificial intelligence, sustainability, impact investment, development finance, communications, and policy reform.

The board features prominent figures such as Noah Black, Chief Executive and Co-Founder of Threshold; Sylvia Dalecka, Founder of Polish Business Hub Davos; Shikoh Gitau, Chief Executive of Qhala; Matthew Hodgkinson, Co-Founder and Portfolio Manager at Confluence Impact Fund; and Tom Lytton-Dickie, Founder and Chief Executive of Meaningful Business.

Other members include David McNair, Executive Director of ONE; Michal Nowak, Chief Executive of Okaeri Consulting; and Anthony Wahome, Economic Development Advisor.

Eastrise Group stated that the board will provide clients—ranging from investors to corporates and philanthropic organisations—with the insights, networks, and credibility needed to succeed in both regions.

The initiative comes as Africa's fast-growing markets, rich in critical minerals and innovation in mobile finance and renewable energy, attract global interest. Gosia Brzeziska, Founder and Chief Executive of Eastrise Group, emphasised that emerging markets are often misjudged as risky. "In reality, they are hubs of innovation and growth. Our advisory board will help clients navigate complex markets and forge trusted partnerships to unlock opportunities," she said.

Shikoh Gitau of Qhala highlighted Africa's advancements in financial services, health AI, and climate-smart agriculture.

"The challenge is visibility—ensuring African-led solutions gain global recognition and scale," she noted.

David McNair of ONE Campaign underscored Africa's potential, citing its rapidly growing markets and innovation, while Europe offers technology, capital, and global influence. Michal Nowak of Okaeri Consulting added that Central and Eastern Europe's experience in navigating economic transitions could resonate with Africa's journey, fostering mutual learning and growth.

The board's formation signals a push for significant capital flows of \$6 trillion (Sh774 trillion), illustrating the scale of investment potential between the two regions. [Graham Kajilwa]

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Future of Kenya's higher education at a crossroads

However, Education CS says government is strategically addressing emerging fault lines within the sector

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Kenya's higher education sector is standing at a crossroads, grappling with strikes, low enrolment, regional disparities, and questions over the role of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Tvet) institutions. A recent tour of Kilifi County by senior officials from the Ministry of Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba, Principal Secretary for Basic Education Professor Julius Bitok, Principal Secretary for Higher Education Dr. Beatrice Inyangala, and Principal Secretary for Tvet Dr. Esther Muoria exposed the depth of the crisis and the urgent reforms underway.

The statistics in Kilifi alone paint a stark picture with the county recording only 10 percent of the more than 20,000 candidates attained a C+ or higher in the 2024 KCSE results, qualifying them for university. A similar 10 percent scored

an E, while a staggering 72 percent of candidates recorded D+ and below. This means that the majority of students are effectively locked out of university education.

"This is something to think about," admitted Dr. Muoria. "Over 80 percent of the learners in Kilifi County would be my students in TVET, since they cannot go to university. Yet our four TVET institutions here—Kilifi North, Weru, Gondoma, and Magarini—have very low enrollment, just about 3,098 students. Clearly, there is a mismatch."

Kenya has been pushing a 100 percent transition policy, ensuring that every learner leaving secondary school progresses to the next stage. For those who cannot qualify for university, TVET is supposed to provide an alternative pathway. However, the stigma attached to vocational training and the limited capacity of institutions continue to frustrate the effort.

Dr. Muoria defended the government's strategy. "We are modularising our curricula so that young people can graduate

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Julius Ogamba, CS Education



every three months with certificates that allow them to progress. We are also using push and pull factors—through public awareness, guidance and counselling, and government support—to attract them into TVETs. The space is there, the trainers are there, and the programs are relevant. We now need society to embrace TVET as a valid choice."

Still, the figures speak volumes. With over 70 percent of students scoring D+ and below, Kilifi alone should be filling its TVET institutions several times over. Instead, most facilities remain under-enrolled, raising questions about awareness, parental attitudes, and the link between training and actual job opportunities.

While TVETs struggle to fill classrooms, universities are facing a different crisis—lecturers' strikes and mounting debts. At Pwani University, officials found students idling around campus

because lecturers had downed their tools over salary arrears.

Explaining the impasse Dr. Inyangala, the PS for Higher Education said "the lecturers had an issue with arrears from the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement, which we were paying in instalments. We have since cleared 2.73 billion shillings. Now the dispute is about a legacy debt from the 2017-2021 CBA, which is under a lawful conciliation process at the Ministry of Labour. Learning is continuing in about 70 percent of universities, and we are appealing to lecturers to go back to class while discussions continue."

The strikes underscore a bigger concern: the sustainability of university financing. With declining enrolment due to poor KCSE performance and constrained government resources, universities are struggling to maintain operations.

CS Ogamba said the ministry had worked on possible solutions to resolve the issues.

"We have resolved quite a number of issues, but one of the biggest reforms is to ensure that CBAs are negotiated at the beginning of a cycle, not at the end. This allows proper planning. Rationalisation of resources is our key focus—to ensure that funds received by the ministry are used efficiently to reach the highest number of learners," said Ogamba.

A long-standing debate in Kenya's education sector has been whether TVET programs belong in universities. Some argued that universities should stick to degree programs, leaving vocational training to technical institutes. But CS Ogamba dismissed these claims saying the move will weaken the education system.

"There is no government policy to remove TVET from universities. Many universities already run TVET departments that complement their programs. We are modularising so that students in university-based TVETs can graduate with certificates or diplomas in specific fields. This strengthens the system,"

explained the CS.

Sentiment shared by Dr. Inyangala. "Universities have the best brains, and globally, certificates and diplomas are part of university education. They also have excess capacity, which can be directed towards lifelong learning and skills development. We must not waste these resources."

Recognising the glaring inequalities, particularly in regions like Kilifi, the Ministry is stepping up mentorship and remedial programs. Dr. Inyangala explained:

"We want to give equal chances for students from all regions. That's why we are rolling out mentorship programs, remedial teaching, and working with civil society to empower parents. The idea is to improve performance so that more students can qualify for higher education."

The ministry is also keen on linking education outcomes to national development goals. By bridging gaps in access and performance, officials believe they can transform not just individuals but entire communities.

Kenya's higher education sector today faces three interlinked challenges: poor KCSE performance that denies thousands access to university, underutilised TVET institutions that should absorb these learners, and financially strained universities rocked by strikes.

The government's reforms rationalising resources, modularising curricula, pushing 100 percent transition, and strengthening mentorship—are bold but will take time to bear fruit. In the meantime, learners in counties like Kilifi remain disadvantaged, caught between poor exam performance and limited options for skills training.

As Kenya grapples with the future of its universities and TVET institutions, one truth is clear: reform is not optional. The stakes are high, and the next decade will determine whether the country can build an education system that is equitable, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of its young population.

Dialogue on sustainable education



From left: Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina, Deputy Principal Kenya School of Tvet (Planning, Administration and Finance) Thomas Kitonyi, and KU's Ag. Registrar (Corporate Affairs) Mildred Nawiri during the Leadership for Education for Sustainable Development (LEAD-ESD) Kenya National Policy Dialogue and Workshop where the VC was the chief guest. The programme focused on strengthening Education for Sustainable Development among policymakers, institutional heads, teacher educators, and Tvet educators from the Eastern Africa region.

Creating link between universities and industry

By Dr. Tonny K. Omwansa

Over many years, nations have strived to create a link between industry and academic institutions with the goal of commercialising research-based ventures. This is an extremely important undertaking that can greatly power any country's economy.

Consequently, in every society that seeks progress, higher education plays a central role. It is not only a place for academic training, but also a space where ideas, skills, and entrepreneurial energy that drives a nation's development are cultivated.

High education is vital for a nation's economic development because it boosts the skilled workforce, fosters innovation and technological advancement, increases productivity, and promotes entrepreneurship, all of which drive economic growth and improve a nation's overall competitiveness and societal well-being.

Globalisation and international trade require countries and their economies to compete with one another. Economically successful countries will hold competitive and comparative advantages over other econo-

mies, though a single country rarely specialises in a particular industry.

A typical developed economy will include various industries with different competitive advantages and disadvantages in the global marketplace. The education and training of a country's workforce is a major factor in determining how well the country's economy will perform.

Commercialising research benefits a nation's economy by transforming scientific discoveries into valuable products and services through mechanisms like technology transfer, intellectual property protection, private investment, and tax incentives. This process stimulates innovation, creates skilled jobs, attracts funding, boosts exports, and fosters a knowledge-based economy, ultimately contributing to overall societal prosperity and economic growth.

It is with this in mind that the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) convened over 300 delegates in Mombasa early this month, half of whom were Vice Chancellors, Deputy Vice Chancellors and Senior staff in universities, for what is an annual

Commercialization and Entrepreneurial Institutions Leaders (CEIL) Summit. Some 11 Universities that are activating student innovation clubs were recognized. Multiple resolutions came out of the event, including a vision of setting up a \$100 million innovation fund to support commercialisation of research-based ventures.

In Kenya, commercialization of research-based ventures is a reality that is taking root in new and powerful ways, thanks to the Entrepreneurial Institutions Maturity Framework (EIMF) that KeNIA in partnership with the British Council and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has been championing over the last three years. Instructively, the EIMF is a structured approach to help universities measure, strengthen, and showcase their entrepreneurial capacity. It goes beyond traditional measures of academic excellence, to assess how well institutions foster innovation, engage industry, commercialize research, and support students and staff to create and measure new value in society.

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