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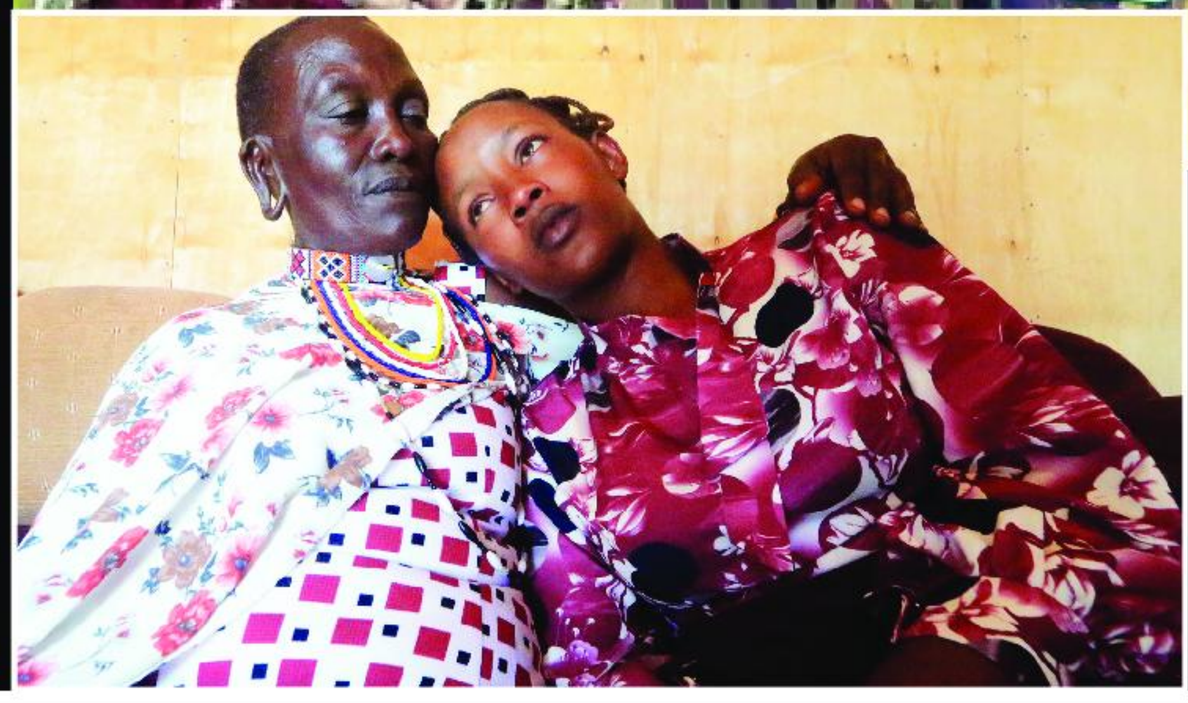
Haiti: Pain and death

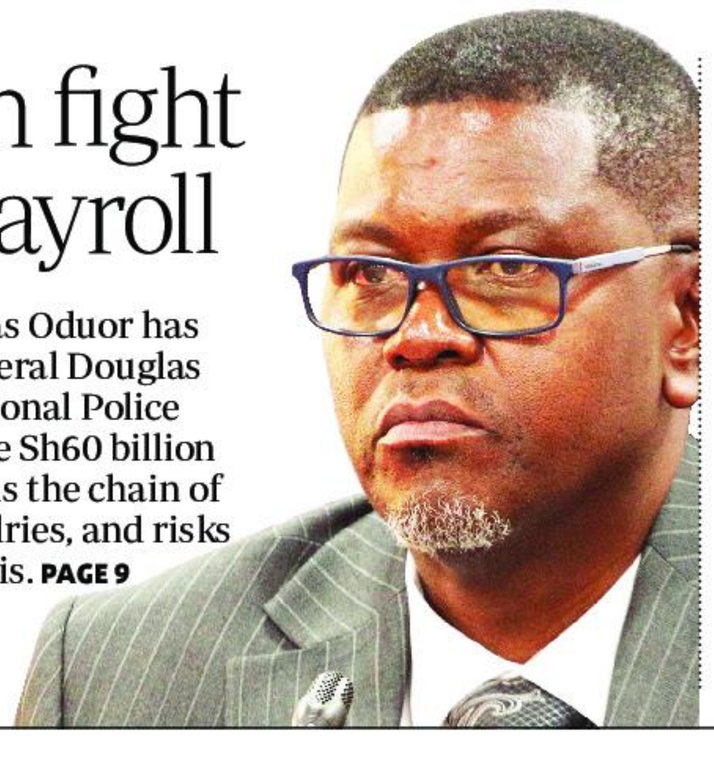
DEADLY GAMBLE **Kenya's 15-month mission in Haiti ends not in triumph but in tragedy. Three officers dead, families grieving without closure, and a force plagued by understaffing, poor equipment, and diplomatic missteps. As the UN ushers in a new Gang Suppression Force that might include the Kenyan officers or leave them out, the question lingers: was Kenya's costly gamble a symbol of solidarity — or a reckless venture paid for in blood?** PAGE 4



Naomi Samuel (right), wife of the late Samuel Kaetuai, the police officer who was killed in Haiti with Samuel's mother Jeniffer Kaetuai during an interview with The Standard at their home in Naserian village, Kajiado County on February 25. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

AG backs Kanja in fight to retain police payroll

MONEY MATTERS Attorney General Dorcas Oduor has thrown her weight behind Inspector General Douglas Kanja in his bruising fight with the National Police Service Commission over who controls the Sh60 billion police payroll — a battle that now threatens the chain of command, exposes bitter institutional rivalries, and risks plunging the Service into deeper crisis. PAGE 9



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Revealed: How Sports Kenya spent Sh607 million on ghost stadiums

- MPs shocked that the State corporation spent that amount in 2015 for non-existent stadia.
- The three facilities worth Sh42 billion were to be built in Nairobi, Mombasa and Eldoret.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

A parliamentary committee heard how Sports Kenya splashed Sh607.2 million on feasibility studies and consultancy services for construction of three stadia in Nairobi, Mombasa and Eldoret, which never took off.

This came on a day that MPs also questioned Sports Kenya, a state corporation mandated to develop, manage and market quality sport and recreation facilities, over suspect contract variations during the refurbishment of Kipchoge Keino Stadium from an initial Sh109 million to Sh3 billion.

During a sitting of the National Assembly's Public Investment Committee on Social Services and Agriculture (PIC-SSA), it emerged that Sports Kenya engaged a consortium of four firms (two locals and two foreign) for construction of three stadia in January 2015 in a project expected to cost Sh42 billion.

According to documents tabled before the committee, the corporation then spent Sh607 million in consultancy services and feasibility studies but to date, the stadia have never been built.

The total amount comprised Sh507 million paid to the consortium for architectural designs, quantity survey and project management services and a further Sh99 million paid for feasibility studies.

"I have directed that this committee will conduct a full inquiry into this issue. You should provide us with details on the consortium, physical addresses of the local and foreign companies, how much each was paid and the exact areas of where the stadia were to be constructed," said the sessional chair Caleb Amisi.

Sports Kenya Acting Director General Gabriel Komora before the National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Social Services yesterday. [Boniface Okendo]

He also wondered how the project cost of Sh42 billion had been arrived at and why no stadia had been constructed years later. "Explain to us in simple terms why you paid millions for a project that never took off?" he posed.

Mandera Woman Rep Sheikh Umul sought more details on how the firms involved in the consultancy were procured and the specific details of the contractors. "We as a committee gave you enough time to come here and table your evidence but instead you came here and you are casually saying you will provide the required documents in seven days. That shows you are not serious as an institution," she stated.

Initial contract

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AMOUNT that a contractor of one stadium started work on in the 2014/15 financial year, but was later altered to Sh355 million.

Othaya MP Wambugu Wainana took issue with the corporation's management failure to furnish the committee with an M.o.U between it and the contractors, and title deeds of the land on which the stadia were to be contracted.

The committee was however shocked to learn that the title deeds did not exist. In Sports Kenya defence, Director General Gabriel Komora submitted that the entire cost of Sh42 billion was based on feasibility studies which came up on the scope of work.

He explained that the stadia being proposed were to be world class and would be multi-use facilities. The 40,000 seating capacity stadia would also have amenities for football, rugby and athletics.

"The reason why the stadia were never constructed is because the government changed its priorities and it instead deferred these particular projects. The designs are the property of the government which can be used as need arises," he said.

Amisi however took the DG to task asking him to provide plans of where the stadia were to be erected. To which Komora said they were non-existent but that they had engaged government institutions which had agreed to provide land for the undertaking.

"So the stadia were to be constructed based on negotiations? I direct that as you appear before this committee next time, you give us a status report of all stadia in the country since 2015 until now," reiterated Amisi.

At the same time, the committee is investigating the suspect contract variation during the rehabilitation of Kipchoge Stadium in Eldoret.

Yesterday, it also emerged that in the 2014/15 financial year, a contractor undertook works on the stadium for an initial contract of Sh109 million but which was later altered to Sh355 million.

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KITUI

Ithookwe Stadium spruced up for Mashujaa Day

Kitui County is set to host this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations, with Ithookwe Stadium, the main venue, now at 92 per cent complete.

Government officials led by Internal Security PS Raymond Omollo have expressed satisfaction with the preparations, noting that the works remain within schedule.

Ithookwe Stadium, which has capacity to host 10,000 people has been spruced up to international standards as the county prepares for the national celebrations on October 20.

"The preparations and progress we have witnessed is encouraging. We are confident that Kitui will deliver a successful Mashujaa Day," said PS Omolo on Tuesday when he inspected the stadium and nearby Ithookwe airstrip. The PS was in the company of Kitui Governor Julius Malombe, Housing and Urban Development PS Charles Hinga, Aviation and Aerospace PS Teresia Mbaika and Shipping and Maritime Affairs PS Aden Millah.

Omolo who chairs the National Celebrations Steering Committee noted that the stadium has been expanded to accommodate more than 10,000 attendees and fitted with modern amenities, improved security installations and enhanced access for persons with disabilities.

He further noted that at the airstrip which was lying in ruins in the recent past, refurbishment works were being completed to allow for increased air traffic, including the arrival of national leaders and visiting dignitaries to the county.

The County Commissioner's residence has also been converted into a state lodge to host President William Ruto and other guests. The PS noted that these investments will not only guarantee a safe and comfortable celebration but will also provide the people of Kitui with a long term hub for sports, cultural events and public gatherings.

"Beyond the festivities, the infrastructure being developed here will remain a valuable legacy. They will continue to serve the community for years to come," Omollo said. **[Philip Muasya]**

Briefing

NAIROBI. COURT GAGS UHURU'S COUSIN

The High Court has barred former President Uhuru Kenyatta's cousin, Kungu Muigai, from defaming Supreme Court Judge Isaac Lenaola. Justice Nixon Sifuna ordered Kungu not to publish or utter any defamatory statement concerning or against the judge until the case is heard and determined. In the case, the senior Judge said Kungu had severally circulated false information, meant to injure his reputation. Justice Lenaola said the claims by Uhuru's cousin had gained traction online and painted him as a person who had no legal or moral standing. **[Kamau Muthoni]**

TRANS NZOIA. CECS MOVED IN RESHUFFLE

Governor George Natembeya has reshuffled his cabinet and reassigned key portfolios. This is part of an ongoing restructuring to inject new energy into county's leadership, streamline operations and boost service delivery. Newly appointed CEC for Public Service Management, Robert Wamalwa, will head the Department of Water and Environment. Kerio Lorot has been shifted from Water and Environment to the Health docket, a portfolio previously held by Sam Ojwang'. **[Martin Ndiema]**

SIAYA. TWO SUSPECTED GANGSTERS SHOT DEAD

Two suspected gangsters were shot dead on Tuesday night during a botched robbery in Yala town. A DCI officer was also injured. Police said the two men, believed to be part of a notorious gang, stormed a shop at about 10pm and attempted to rob a female shopkeeper. The victim raised alarm, drawing the attention of a DCI officer on patrol. Area police commander Charles Wafula said the suspects tried to flee after being confronted and turned violent, attacking the officer with a metal rod and hitting him in the chest. "In self-defence, the officer discharged his firearm, fatally wounding them," said Wafula. **[Isaiah Gwengi]**

MAKUENI. RESIDENTS TO ENJOY SAFE POWER

Residents will be connected to safe and clean power following the roll out of a framework to ensure supply of affordable and reliable electricity. Speaking in Wote, Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr said this builds on a string of successful projects, including 44 solar installations, expanded electricity grid access, and the county's first clean cooking pilot. He said the energy policy will see every home, schools, health facilities and businesses lit up. "This policy is not just a government document. It's a promise that energy will no longer be a barrier, but a bridge to prosperity," he said. **[Okumu Modachi]**

University strike talks stall amid Sh7.9b standoff

- Education CS Julius Ogamba tells Senate amount owed to unions members is contentious.
- Uasu and Kusu insist government must pay all dues and fresh negotiations started.

EDWIN NYARANGI AND LEWIS NYAUNDI, NAIROBI

Efforts to end the ongoing university staff strike are in limbo following a standoff over the amount owed.

Yesterday, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba and the University Academic Staff Union (Uasu) separately disagreed on how to end the strike, with the union insisting that the government has to pay Sh7.9 billion.

But while appearing before the Senate, the CS said the amount lecturers are demanding is in contention.

"We have the CBA for 2021-2025 over which lecturers went on strike last year with Sh4.3 billion given out while the next amount Sh2.3 billion was to be given out in July, which delayed leading to the strike with the remaining balance to be cleared in June 2026," Ogamba said.

The CS noted that a court order temporarily stopped the strike and required verification of the disputed figures.

He added that the conciliation outcome would be presented in court on Monday.

"The real issue is the 2017–2021 CBA. Once we verify how much is due, we can move to the next stage of settling it," he said.

However, Uasu Chairperson Grace Nyongesa said no negotiations with universities management or the government were underway.

"We shall remain outside until the issues raised are addressed. There are no negotiations currently underway," she said, insisting that the full implementation of the 2021–2025 CBA must be completed and that talks for the 2025–2029 CBA should begin immediately.

The Kenya University Staff Union (Kusu) Secretary General Charles Mukhwaya accused vice chancellors and university councils of misleading the public.

"In 2025, the Attorney General issued an advisory, and the court ordered payment of our CBAs. Vice chancellors and councils are lying to the public and running away from facts," he said.

"The court has directed that we be paid. Whatever they are saying now, the court has refused. We cannot negotiate a court judgement. Let them pay."

Dr Mukhwaya warned that failure to honour the agreements amounted to contempt of court. He urged union members to stand firm despite what he termed threats from university management.

However, Ogamba insisted the government would undertake an audit to ascertain the true figure of the money owed to the university staff.

Dr Constantine Wasonga, the Uasu secretary general, however said any audit must involve the unions.

Wasonga further revealed the union would on Monday file a rejoinder challenging an earlier court case that ruled their strike illegal.

The Employment and Labour Relations Court on September 19 issued an order halting the strike to allow for a legally mandated conciliation process.

The development come as the government threatened lecturers that they will not be paid September salaries for taking part in the strike.

Meanwhile, Nominated Senator Karen Nyamu sought to know what interventions have been taken to address a crisis caused by Sh43.4 billion budget shortfall that is threatening free education programme.

But Ogamba claimed the deficit was Sh28.72 billion, and that the ministry was lobbying the National Treasury and the National Assembly for additional allocations.

"For instance in the provision for capitation for free day secondary education has been enhanced to Sh3 billion, reducing the deficit in secondary education to Sh23.61 billion," he said.

The CS said funding for national examinations through the Kenya National Examinations Council had been provided for at Sh5.9 billion. Ogamba said the amount has been enhanced by Sh3.1 billion.

Murang'a Senator Joe Nyutu also sought to know the measures the ministry had put in place to ensure clear role definition and manageable workloads for teachers at the junior secondary schools, which are currently hosted by primary schools.

Ogamba said 23,000 classrooms had been constructed to ensure that as more resources become available, and that more infrastructure for JSS, including science and ICT labs, and workshops, would be provided.

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Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba before the Senate plenary yesterday. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

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> **Grace Nyongesa,** Uasu chairperson

AT A GLANCE

- Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has told the Senate that the government is doing everything possible to address the universities lecturers strike
- Ogamba said the current strike, which is in its third week, was occasioned by three different collective bargaining agreements that the lecturers' union signed with the government
- Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna had raised concerns as to why the government was ignoring the strike, which is in its third week, with students threatening to join in
- Nominated Senator Karen Nyamu sought to know interventions to address looming crisis caused by Sh43.4 billion budget shortfall threatening free primary and secondary education
- Ogamba clarified that the budget deficit in free primary and secondary education is not Sh43.4 billion, and that the deficit in the current financial year is Sh28.72 billion, with the ministry proactively lobbying the National Treasury and the National Assembly

EDUCATION

Schools yet to get capitation weeks to closing

Just three weeks to the end of the third term, it is now emerging that primary and junior secondary schools are yet to receive government funding.

School heads are now pleading with the Ministry of Education to release at least half of the capitation.

The Kenya Primary School Heads Association says the institutions are reeling from a lack of funds that has stalled operations.

"Currently, all school heads are operating in debt. It is a very serious situation and needs to be addressed urgently," said Fuad Ali, the chairperson.

The ministry had earlier explained that the delay was to allow for a clean-up of the enrollment data, a move it said would help save significant amounts of money.

"The verification exercise is the reason behind the delayed disbursement of capitation to schools," said Education Principal Secretary Julius Ogamba. "Once we ascertain the numbers, the first schools to be verified will immediately get their funds."

Kepsha Chairman Fuad Ali.

However, the verification exercise, initially scheduled to take two weeks, has now extended to six weeks. The delay has now raised fears that some schools could close before the funding is released.

Schools are set to close from October 21 for the December holiday and allow the administration of national examinations.

The audit, triggered by an earlier report from the Auditor General, seeks to establish the accurate number of schools and learners before capitation is disbursed.

Yesterday, Ali also indicated that the government is yet to release funds even for schools that have already been audited and cleared.

Speaking at the Nairobi Primary School during a tree-planting ceremony ahead of the World Teachers Day on Sunday, Fuad said the number of primary schools stands at 29,000, but only 8,000 had been audited by Friday. On the other hand, there are 15,000 junior secondary schools, of which 11,000 had been cleared by the same date.

School heads who spoke to *The Standard* separately warned that the funding delay is threatening preparations for the inaugural national assessment in junior secondary schools.

They also revealed that teachers employed under the boards of management have resorted to a go-slow in many institutions.

"These teachers have not been paid in August and September, and they now don't want any more explanations. In my school, they have said they will not report until they are paid — and I totally understand why that could be the case," said a school head who sought anonymity.

[Lewis Nyaundi]

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Deadly gamble: Little to show as Kenyan-led Haiti mission is replaced by UN

- Kenya's Haiti mission ends in mixed reviews as UN ushers in new Gang Suppression Force.
- Families of fallen officers left with grief and unanswered questions as deployment winds down.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, NAIROBI

Today marks the official end of Kenya's leadership of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission in Haiti.

For 15 months, Kenyan police officers have been in the Caribbean nation, more than 12,000 kilometres away, attempting to bring order to a country gripped by gang violence, political collapse, and humanitarian disaster.

When President William Ruto announced in 2023 that Kenya would take the lead in deploying police to Haiti, his government cast the mission as a bold act of Pan-African and global solidarity. Kenya would answer the world's call, stand with Haitians in their darkest hour, and demonstrate its growing diplomatic influence.

But not everyone applauded the mission. Despite the state's rosy assurances, the controversial deployment faced political and legal hurdles from a section of Kenyans and activists. In the end, however, the police were dispatched to Haiti regardless.

But as the mission's mandate lapses, questions abound. Did the deployment achieve its goals, or was it an expensive ego trip at the cost of Kenyan lives? And perhaps most painfully, what of the families of the officers who never returned?

A Kenyan police officer stands by an armoured vehicle during deployment near the National Palace, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on July 17, 2024. [AFP]

Anger and regret

For the families of three Kenyan officers who died in Haiti, the mission is ending not with honour but with heartbreak, anger, and regret.

In February, Constable Samuel Kaetuai Kitwai, 28, was shot during an operation in Artibonite and later died in hospital. He became the first Kenyan officer to die in Haiti.

When his parents received the news at their home in Kajiado East, grief was evident.

"We are in denial that my son is dead. I want to confirm if truly my son is dead," his father, Lazarus Kitwai said at the time.

His mother, Jenifer, described him as an obedient and responsible son who provided for his family and educated his siblings.

Kitwai's widow, Naomi, left to raise their two young children, said the death was devastating.

"I was expecting to receive him back home for his sister's wedding in April," said Naomi.

In September, Corporal Kennedy Mutuku Nzuve, 41, was killed when an armored vehicle overturned during a towing operation in Petion-Ville.

His mother, Serah, was inconsolable. "He was my only son. He had promised to come home in November for a short break. Now he is gone, it is painful for me as a parent," said Serah Nzuve.

Mutuku left behind two children, including a daughter preparing for her national exams.

His aunt, Carolyne, said: "He had a family, and now that he is gone, they are left under the care of their mother."

Perhaps the most haunting case is that of Constable Benedict Kabiru, who went missing in March after an ambush in Artibonite. For months, his family clung to hope. Then, last month, police confirmed his death.

President Ruto had already announced Kabiru's death at the UN General Assembly in New York, before the family was officially informed. The family accused the government of insensitivity. To date, the body is yet to be brought back for burial. The Kabirus struggle to find closure without his remains.

The MSS was born out of desperation. By late 2023, Haiti had become ungovernable. Armed gangs controlled an estimated 80 per cent of the capital Port-au-Prince, kidnapping and killings surged, and more than 1.3 million people were internally displaced.

In October, 2023, the UN Security Council authorised the MSS, with Kenya volunteering to lead. The mission was unprecedented; a largely police-led, non-UN force, with contributions from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Guatemala, and others.

According to Korir Sing'oei, the Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary, the move was an act of international responsibility.

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> **Pierre Ericq Pierre,** Haiti Ambassador to the UN

In his X post yesterday, after Tuesday night's UN Security Council decision to replace the MSS with a stronger Gang Suppression Force (GSF), he said Kenya welcomed the transition of the MSS to GSF.

On paper, the MSS achieved some progress. In a statement on September 19, the Force Commander Godfrey Otunge said the mission had disrupted criminal networks, repelled major gang attacks, and liberated strategic areas in and around Port-au-Prince.

He noted that the mission reclaimed critical infrastructure, including the airport and seaport, and reopened roads linking parts of the capital. Hospitals and schools that had shut down due to gang violence resumed operations.

"These achievements ultimately belong to the Haitian people. They reflect their resilience, hope, and determination," noted Otunge.

But while Nairobi celebrated these gains, international assessments were less flattering.

The MSS, underfunded and undermanned, never reached its full 2,500 planned personnel earlier designated for the mission. Kenyacommitted to deploy 1,000 police officers.

Recently, none other than President William Ruto himself put across what was read by many as his honest assessment of the mission.

Ruto said the 15-month-old MSS force had been operating at only 40 per cent of the expected strength of 2,500 security personnel and it lacked the promised equipment and logistical support.

He further added that the vehicles given to the mission by the US were second hand and prone to breakdowns.

"I must commend the United States. They did make available logistics and vehicles. But unfortunately, most of the vehicles were second-hand vehicles, and therefore they broke down a lot, many times. And in fact, it put our personnel in great danger when they broke down in very dangerous places," Ruto said.

"But at least they stepped up," he added. "We didn't however get any useful support from any other quarter."

According to the UN, while MSS support enabled limited security improvements, the mission struggled to match the scale of the crisis.

Haiti's Transitional Presidential Council chair, Laurent Saint-Cyr, bluntly told the UN General Assembly that the mission remains woefully understaffed and underfunded.

"Nearly all of the capital remains under gang control," he said.

Diplomatic milestone

According to them, the end of the mission is not a diplomatic milestone but a painful reminder that they may never lay their son to rest.

On Tuesday, the UN Security Council voted to replace the MSS with a Gang Suppression Force (GSF). Backed by the US and Panama, the resolution passed with 12 votes in favour, and three abstentions (China, Russia, Pakistan).

The new force will have 5,550 personnel more than double the MSS, with a stronger mandate to neutralise, isolate and deter gangs.

It will also enjoy full UN logistical and financial support, unlike the MSS which relied heavily on voluntary contributions.

Ambassador Mike Waltz of the US hailed the move stating that with the vote, the international community is living up to its promise.

For Haiti's ambassador to the UN, Pierre Ericq Pierre, the decision marked a turning point.

"The MSS was a valuable support, but the threat far exceeded its mandate. The new mission gives us the means to respond to the gravity of the situation," he said.

Haiti's crisis is far from over. Nearly 6 million people face food insecurity. At least 3,100 have been killed in gang violence this year alone, according to the UN. Elections remain uncertain, and the state is weak.

Human Rights Watch cautioned that the new GSF must learn from past abuses, including the cholera outbreak and sexual exploitation scandals tied to earlier UN missions.

"Haiti has a painful history with foreign forces. The new mission must prioritise accountability and human rights," said America's Director Juanita Goebertus.

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Cricket board fights amid Sh26.7m scam probe

- CK chairman and treasurer kicked out after rivalry over a lucrative sponsorship deal.
- DCI will today and tomorrow grill top officials amid revelations of a secret bank account.

DAVID ODONGO, NAIROBI

A quiet morning of July 5 was disrupted by a storm brewing in Cricket Kenya (CK) boardroom.

In a unanimous vote, the board passed a motion of no confidence against its chairman, Manoj Patel.

The move stripped him of all executive authority and barred him from representing the federation in any capacity.

Among those who endorsed the decision alongside six other board members was Acting Treasurer Kennedy Obuya.

The resolution was clear: Patel could no longer represent the federation at the prestigious International Cricket Council (ICC) annual conference in Singapore. Instead, Obuya and CK Executive Director Ronald Bukusi were nominated to attend the July 17 to 20 meeting.

"Further to this vote, Manoj Patel does not represent CK in any position or situation, and any communication should be directed to the Cricket Kenya office," the resolution read in part.

At that moment, the board stood united. Patel, they argued, had presided over years of financial mismanagement, secret dealings, and poor governance.

But the unity was short lived.

Within weeks, fractures appeared, and Obuya would cross over to Patel's side. Alongside Patel and a faction of individuals calling themselves "the supreme council", he declared the earlier no-confidence vote null and void.

In a press conference, the two men suspended CEO Bukusi and questioned the legitimacy of board members, saying their terms had expired.

Interestingly, in federations like CK, contentious board decisions are made by the majority vote.

Why the sudden change of heart?

In April, CK had signed a lucrative agreement with Arena of Sports (AOS), a Dubai- and India-based sports promotion company, to stage a multimillion-shilling T-20 League featuring international players.

For the plan to succeed, ICC conducts stringent due diligence on sponsors, including checks for links to match-fixing, money laundering, or other forms of corruption.

Frustrated by delays, Arena proposed an alternative: a domestic league that could proceed without ICC endorsement.

The majority board rejected the proposal, insisting no tournament could go ahead without due process such as a new contract and highlighted that new ICC regulations in force since March still meant the tournament required the letter of no objectio n.

But Patel and Obuya pushed back.

Soon, allegations of bribery surfaced. Board members claimed there were attempts to financially induce them into supporting Arena.

"On 10 September 2025, the board, by majority resolution, terminated its agreement with AOS citing severe reputational damage and grave breaches of governance, including attempts to improperly influence board members through financial inducements and external pressure," Bukusi said in a statement.

Despite the termination, Patel and Obuya pressed forward, even appearing alongside Arena in public events to promote the controversial league.

The boardroom battles quickly spilled into the public, exposing deep governance cracks.

With the majority bloc pressing for reforms and accountability, Patel and Obuya doubled down to stage what looked like an attempted coup. The majority board hit back and like Patel passed a vote of no confidence against Obuya.

DCI summonses

But as the boardroom war intensified, past multi-million-shilling financial dealing also resurfaced.

On Friday, just two days after the board ousted Obuya, the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) summoned him and Patel over a Sh26.7 million scandal.

"I am investigating allegations of stealing... and connected offences relating to the withdrawal and usage of Sh26,758,144 in the financial year 2024 being property of Cricket Kenya," the summons read.

"I have reason to believe that you, Manoj Patel, are connected to the offence or you have information which can assist me in investigations."

When reached for comment yesterday, Obuya said he has no idea where the unfounded allegations against him came from.

"Why am I being mentioned in relation to the Sh26 million yet I was not the treasurer? Anything that happens in cricket it is Obuya being mentioned. This is wrong."

He insisted that he means well for the sport. "Those things I'm being accused of happened long before I became treasurer. I have been treasurer for only four months. Go ask those who sent you what do they want from me? I am tired of being associated with controversy happening in Cricket Kenya."

He added that he was not the only one summoned by DCI. "The entire board has been summoned to write statements."

Patel didn't respond to WhatsApp and text messages. He also didn't pick up the phone when called.

Obuya will be grilled today while Patel will appear before the detectives tomorrow.

Cricket Kenya CEO Ronald Bukusi on September 11. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

The DCI probe is anchored in part to a damning finance committee report dated May 19, pursuant to investigations conducted by senior officials from the Ministry of Sports.

The report uncovered a secret bank account at the Prime Bank, opened on April 27, 2022, that had never been declared in CK's official financial statements. Even more troubling, accountable documents — including cheque books — were kept personally by Patel, violating Finance Policy 9.9, which mandates such items be stored securely by the chief finance officer.

Between June and December, 2024, the account handled Sh11.9 million in unexplained transactions. No payment vouchers, receipts, or invoices were presented to justify the spending.

The committee's recommendation was blunt: Patel must surrender all cheque books and related documents, and the board must restore proper governance structures.

"The board should not take over the duties of the secretariat as there should be segregation of duties for governance and strong internal controls," the report warned.

On September 24, the board barred Patel and Obuya from accessing any of CK's bank accounts.

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CRICKET KENYA CRISIS

- **Sh26.7 million:** Funds at the centre of the DCI theft and money laundering probe
- **Sh11.9 million:** Unexplained transactions flagged in a secret Prime Bank account (June–December 2024)
- **7 board members:** Voted unanimously to oust chairman Manoj Patel on July 5, 2025
- **2 days:** Time between board's ouster of Treasurer Kennedy Obuya and his DCI summons
- **July 17–20, 2025:** Dates of ICC annual conference in Singapore, which Patel was barred from attending
- **April 2025:** Date CK signed controversial T-20 league deal with Arena of Sports
- **September 10, 2025:** Board terminated AOS contract citing bribery and governance breaches
- **September 24, 2025:** Board barred Patel and Obuya from CK bank accounts.

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NCBA

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

The Board of NCBA Group PLC wishes to inform the public of the resignation of the Group Company Secretary, **Ms. Kathryne Kamene Maundu**, with effect from **1st October 2025**, to pursue her personal interests.

Kathryne leaves behind a strong legacy in advancing corporate governance practices and was recently awarded Fellowship status by the Institute of Certified Secretaries of Kenya at its 30th Annual Dinner on 29th August 2025. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation for her invaluable service and support and wishes her the very best in her future endeavours.

Prior to the appointment of a substantive successor and the required regulatory approvals, **Ms. Esther Kung'u**, currently the Company Secretary and Head of Legal of NCBA Insurance Company Limited, will serve as Acting Company Secretary of NCBA Group PLC.

Esther joined NCBA Insurance Company Limited in 2008 and has progressively risen to her current role. She holds an executive Master of Business Administration from Moi University, is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a Certified Public Secretary (CPS-K).

By Order of the Board

John Gachora
Group Managing Director
30th September 2025

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SHA: Patients' one-year pain, scandals and

▸ The Social Health Authority was sold as the cure to the ills that had plagued its predecessor, NHIF.

▸ But poor patients continue to suffer, hospitals are understaffed and understocked, while others have stopped offering SHA services.

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

The tribulations of Phyllis Mandela capture the failings of Kenya Kwanza's much-touted universal health coverage (UHC) plan, one year on.

Unable to clear her bill after giving birth, the mother was detained at the Thika Level Five Hospital for two months.

It took the intervention of lobby groups to have Ms Mandela released, a victim of a system that, as late as Tuesday, President William Ruto described as the best for mothers and their babies.

Detention of patients and broke hospitals due to unpaid claims, and broken systems have been the norm one year after the Social Health Authority (SHA) was rolled out.

Many public and private hospitals remain understocked, understaffed and overwhelmed, with patients forced to buy basic drugs out of pocket.

And the scheme, billed as the answer to the fraud-riddled National Hospital Insurance Fund, has also been flagged for fraudulent claims estimated at about Sh10.6 billion, according to reports by the Ministry of Health, with at least 31 hospitals under the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI's) microscope.

And as the government continues to defend the plan, patients and their families have been left on their own.

In fact, Mandela's case mirrors many across the country, where patients are being locked in hospitals for failing to settle bills, or simply turned away.

In a recent video clip allegedly from the Maragwa Hospital in Murang'a, several mothers are seen holding their newborns pleading with the government to free them after being detained for their inability to pay.

"I'm Mary Wanjiru, I came here in July," says one woman.

Another adds: "I'm Ruth Nekesa. I delivered on September 7, 2025. My husband does not visit me-God help me."

The detention contradicts President Ruto's pledge that access to healthcare would no longer depend on the ability to pay. The President has often re-affirmed his commitment to ensuring all Kenyans access quality healthcare through the UHC, anchored in the Social Health Insurance Act, 2023.

But the pledge has remains just that, an empty pledge as the sick endure more suffering, families struggle to foot bills from their pockets, and medical facilities cry for funding as unpaid claims pile.

For example, the scrapping of Linda Mama under SHA has drawn sharp criticism, including from retired President Uhuru Kenyatta, who said the initiative improved maternal health indicators.

At least 21 women die every day in Kenya from pregnancy-related complications, a figure experts fear may rise.

But on Tuesday, Ruto and his Health CS Aden Duale defended the change, insisting the Linda Jamii plan is an upgrade because it targets the whole household.

"We must accept that we learnt lessons from Linda Mama, and that is why we designed a better Linda Jamii programme. We did not stop it, we progressed it to UHC, where we are now looking after the whole Kenyan community," the President said on Tuesday.

But according to the Act, every expectant woman must register as a member of Social Health Authority Fund (SHIF), and pay annual premiums capped at 2.75 per cent of their income, to enjoy antenatal clinic services, delivery and post-delivery care.

Hospital stay is restricted to 48 hours for normal delivery and 72 hours for C-section. Mothers with complications pay out of pocket for the longer time.

"In case a woman develops complications after delivery, SHA does not pay for her bills. We strictly discharge a woman after three days, and while still on same bed, we re-admit her, under medical cases because SHA only reimburse three days," said an official in one of hospitals in Nairobi, who did not wish to have the facility named, due to fear of intimidations.

Big numbers but no money

Ministry data shows at least 26.5 million Kenyans have registered with SHA, which replaced NHIF on October 1, last year. The Digital Health Agency has digitalised 3,386 of the targeted 6,500 public health facilities.

Duale says so far, 17.5 million Kenyans have visited over 10,000 health facilities. Of these, 12.5 million accessed free primary care paid by the government.

"They went to dispensaries, health centres, sub-county hospitals as outpatients and went home without paying a coin," he said on Monday during a meeting with faith-based organisations.

But even as Kenya Kwanza administration prides in high registration numbers, only 4.5 million Kenyand are remitting their premiums.

Health CS maintains SHA has collected Sh70 billion, three times what NHIF used to collect.

This is, however, not true. SHA's granular data shows from November, 2024, to August this year, SHA collected Sh64.3 billion, of which Sh58.8 billion is from the formal sector, while10-month verified data is Sh85.8 billion.

Health CS Aden Duale on a tour of health facilities in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, on September 10. [Peter Ochieng, Standard]

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GAINS

- Higher numbers have been registered
- Broader network of providers, 8,000 versus 10,000 now (assuming there are no briefcase providers)
- The scope for cover was increased, for example, prioritisation of cardiac procedures
- Expanded access to primary healthcare services

LOSSES

- Lower number of active contributors, meaning low chances of fund sustainability
- Significant gaps in the digital platform exposing the fund to fraud and low quality data needed to make decisions
- Significant delays in payment processing leading to denial of services without out of pocket pay
- Operational inefficiencies and frequent changes due to system failures and portal variations
- Poor communication platforms and low public trust

The government had projected to collect Sh160 billion annually, with Sh38 billion from salaried workers and Sh122 billion from the informal sector.

Of this, Sh70 billion was earmarked for the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness (ECCI) Fund and Sh45 billion for the Primary Healthcare Fund (PHC). SHA operates the three funds namely SHIF, ECCI, and PHC.

The collection is low compared to what NHIF used to collect. For example NHIF raised Sh80 billion in 2023/24. Contributions of 2.75 per cent go to the SHIF kitty, whereas ECCI and PHC rely on allocations from the Exchequer.

The total requirement to fully finance UHC stands at Sh275 billion. Failure to collect enough has left public, faith-based and private hospitals starved of Sh76 billion.

"We are basically spending more than we are collecting," said a senior official at SHA. "From political angle, SHA is serving more people, but from financial perspective, you are absorbing a risk that you cannot finance."

Experts warn that low collection might collapse the scheme, if no action is taken.

XN Iraki, a professor of Economics at the University of Nairobi, observes that SHA's biggest miss is skepticism, and that many Kenyans lack trust in it.

"It (SHA) is evolving and Kenyans ask about it. It is over marketed," he says. "Many are still nostalgic of NHIF. We should link pay to services."

Nevertheless, he admits SHA is a great idea if implemented to the letter.

According to Prof Iraki, to guarantee quality care to all, the Authority should take care of those who cannot afford.

The Social Health Act, 2023, and its accompanying regulations require the National Treasury and county governments to allocate funds to support vulnerable households.

Last month, President Ruto announced that the government had committed Sh4.4 billion to SHA to cover 2.2 million indigents, representing about 558,000 households.

But these beneficiaries are yet to be identified. And a budget is yet to be set aside, raising questions about how enrollment into the scheme aimed at providing quality care to all would be managed.

The scheme has also been dogged by what it was said to cure; fraudulent claims. DCI is investigating suspected false claims amounting to Sh10.6 billion. But the investigations have been shrouded in secrecy, and no updates have been given since Duale spoke about it a month ago.

Meanwhile, section of private hospitals have been forced to withdraw SHA services. The Rural Private Hospitals Association of Kenya (Rupha) has cautioned that unless collections improve, the scheme could fail.

"SHA as a pillar, we now have experience with it. Is it working? Kenyans are told to register and get free services. It sounds good and might win elections, but if things continue as they are, SHA could collapse in three to four months," warns Rupha Chairperson Brian Lishenga.

Shitfing the focus

Dr Lishenga attributes the crisis to accumulated liabilities, financially distressed facilities, and severely depressed contributions from the informal sector.

He argues that instead of focusing on registration, health officials should shift the narrative to remittance of premiums.

Beatrice Kairu, a health economist, notes that when SHA was unveiled, it was touted as Kenya's boldest attempt yet at delivering universal healthcare.

But a year into its rollout, SHA "looks less like a rescue plan and more like a revenue collection machine".

For many Kenyans, the deductions are real, but the benefits remain imaginary.

Kairu says to its credit, SHA was

unpaid claims

built on sound theory, pooling health resources under one roof, and aligns Kenya with countries like Ghana and Rwanda's Mutuelles de Santé, which have made impressive strides. Rwanda, for instance, boasts over 90 per cent coverage.

According to her, emphasis on primary care, if properly implemented, could also help reduce the reliance on tertiary hospitals for minor illnesses.

"SHA's dream is quickly souring. Hospitals remain understocked, underfunded, and overwhelmed. Patients still buy basic drugs out of pocket. Families still pool money for emergencies. In effect, Kenyans are paying more but receiving less," says Kairu.

Unclear subsidies

Subsidies also are unclear, enforcement is weak, and many of the vulnerable remain locked out.

"Instead of lifting the burden from the poor, SHA risks widening inequality by squeezing formal sector workers while offering little relief at the point of service," she argues.

Despite health being a devolved unit, the county-run facilities remain ill-equipped and understaffed, unable to cope despite receiving primary healthcare funds.

Some counties are also not ring-fencing money for primary healthcare as entailed in Facility Improvement Fund.

For example in the recent SHA payment of Sh3.1 billion last month, the Level Five facilities received more allocations. The Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital in Nakuru received the biggest share of Sh96,553, 620.

Despite the pay, the facility has, for example, reported non-functional CT-scan machines, forcing patients to queue on a single functional one. It lacks drugs, with overworked human resource. Sharing of beds is also common.

And as Kenyans cry out, governors remain mute.

John Nyangi, a health financing expert, says the county administrators have remained an extension of the national government Executive, instead of coming up with policies to improve health in the grassroots.

"Money goes to county revenue fund, and the governors are using the money for their operations and run other roles like construction of roads, yet SHA is not sending money. What do we expect? This is why mwananchi continues to suffer," says Dr Nyangi.

"Governors have failed Kenyans. The spirit of devolution was to make county governments independent so that they can address issues of people within their respective counties independently away from influence of national government and decisions made in Nairobi,"

In a recent interview, Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata defended his colleagues, blaming delays in reimbursement of money to counties, making it hard to run Level 2 and 3 hospitals where majority of Kenyans seek basic healthcare.

"SHA should reimburse money that we rarely get. There is likelihood that health at level 2, 3 is not good because of SHA," he said.

SHA, including claims from NHIF, owes Murang'a Sh200 million.

Claims from the new health scheme are also lower compared to NHIF, according to the Governor.

Delayed reimbursements

For example, Murang'a Hospital used to receive reimbursement of Sh15 million monthly from NHIF, an amount that has reduced to Sh5 million under SHA.

"There has been no clear explanation of delayed pay to hospitals, and when we ask, we are taken round in circles," he said.

This limits purchase of essential commodities from the Kenya Medical supplies Authority.

Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o says delays agreed. "The government should address its functions in the new SHA that is causing a lot of unnecessary problems," said Prof Nyong'o.

For its sustainability, Kairu says transparency and credibility is key. "Without strong oversight, SHA risks becoming a giant cash cow for bureaucrats, not a lifeline for patients. Global experience shows that health insurance schemes thrive only when three conditions are met built on trust, equity, and service delivery."

Already, the Office of the Auditor General has raised red flags over SHA funds not passing through the Treasury's Consolidated Fund as required by law.

The bypass, she says, does not only undermine transparency but also fuels suspicion that SHA is a reincarnation of NHIF's corruption-prone model.

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COURTS

Waititu to remain behind bars in Kamiti after third bid for bail flops

Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu will continue serving his 12-year jail term at the Kamiti Maximum Prison.

The Anti-Corruption High Court yesterday rejected Waititu's third application for bail pending the hearing of his appeal in the Sh588 million corruption case.

His lawyer Charles Matuku informed Justice Lucy Njuguna that he was yet to get a bank guarantee in order to secure the bail granted by the court.

The lawyer urged the court to allow his client to pay at least Sh20 million cash bail as he had not yet found anyone who would give a commitment to guarantee his freedom as he battles the sentence handed by the magistrate's court.

He claimed that Waititu was sickly and not a flight risk.

"We have not been able to secure a bank guarantee as ordered by the court for the reason that the appellant is still in custody," argued Mutuku, adding that Waititu was admitted to the Kenyatta National Hospital.

However, Justice Njuguna asked Waititu to instead file a formal

application for consideration.

"I will not allow the application. In your affidavit, you offered a bank guarantee and upon consulting the Deputy Registrar, I was told that it was doable," she ruled.

Waititu, who was given the alternative of paying a Sh52.7 million fine, will now remain in prison until his appeal is heard and determined.

Initially, Justice Njuguna denied the request for bail citing laws that prevent courts from revisiting their own decisions.

According to the judge, the issues raised in the second application should have been presented in the earlier one, as they are points of law that were already within the knowledge of the convicts' lawyers.

"The applicant has contended that the current application is not based on the same facts and circumstances for the reason that it is based on an amended petition of appeal, and further, that the High Court has powers to entertain more than one application for bail concerning the same person depending on the facts and circumstances," the judge noted.

However, she cited several Court of Appeal decisions that bar parties from relitigating claims arising from the same transaction or series of transactions.

The judge concurred with the prosecution, noting that Waititu had not demonstrated any change in circumstances that would justify a review of the earlier denial of bail.

"The appellant has not demonstrated that there has been a change of circumstances warranting this court to review its orders of March 4, 2025," the DPP told the court.

In his second bail attempt, Waititu's lawyer Kibe Mungai argued that the amended appeal filed on March 11 contained strong legal grounds suggesting a high likelihood of success. **[Kamau Muthoni]**

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Ms. Agnes Gathaiya

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DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of **CIC Insurance Group Plc** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Agnes Wairimu Gathaiya** as an **Independent Non-Executive Director**, effective 30th September 2025.

Agnes is the immediate former Country Director for Google East Africa and brings over 30 years of executive leadership across technology, finance, and governance. She has held senior roles at Deloitte, SAP, Chase Bank, Safaricom, and Pesalink, and currently serves on the boards of Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Simba Corporation, and One Acre Fund.

She is a Certified Corporate Governance Professional, holds an MBA from USIU/Columbia University, a BSc in Economics from Bryn Mawr College (USA), and is an alumna of Harvard's Women in Leadership Program.

Recognized among the Top 25 CEOs Leading with Integrity and Ethics (2025), she has also been featured in the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in C-Suite (2021) and the Top 200 Women in Fintech (2019).

The Board warmly welcomes Ms. Gathaiya and looks forward to her contributions in strategy, governance, and technology leadership as CIC Insurance continues to advance its mission of enabling financial freedom.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Matiang'i factor as Uhuru enters the fray ahead of 2027 elections

- By getting Jubilee Party's support, the former CS will enjoy its structures and funding.
- But pundits believe Matiang'i would need full support of his Nyanza base to cross the line.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i meets with supporters after attending the Jubilee Party's National Delegates Convention in Nairobi on September 26, 2025. [David Gichuru Standard]

Before his elevation to the Cabinet by former President Uhuru Kenyatta, Dr Fred Okengo Matiang'i was relatively unknown outside the University of Nairobi.

But within no time, the former UoN lecturer made a name for himself, navigating critical dockets, which earned him praise and criticism in equal measure.

From the media digital migration, Matiang'i oversaw the switching off of non-compliant media stations, sparking hue and cry. In the education docket, he made waves by eradicating what he termed as 'decades of exam irregularities that needed to be changed once and for all'.

He also served in the Interior docket and it never occurred that he would dabble in politics. At the height of Gen Z protests last year, his name unexpectedly came up as a probable candidate in the next elections. After a studious silence, he began embracing the idea.

Within no time, he started warming up to politics of the day and eventually resigned from his job abroad.

And as he gets into politics, Matiang'i has been categorical that managing the country is serious business and there is no room for complacency. "I am seeking leadership because I know that as a country, we can do better than this. We are united in our patriotic duty to liberate our nation. We shall get this nation back on track together," Matiang'i has previously stated.

It, is however his engagement with Jubilee last week that has left bittersweet taste in the mouths of politicians. Political analyst Masibo Lumula believes that by the time Matiang'i was coming back to the country, almost everyone thought he would be the best candidate and some people even anticipated he would be a Gen Z candidate.

"I think having come back and dust settled, I wouldn't want to say this, but really I do not see him being that forceful candidate that he originally looked like. Running as a presidential candidate now looks a bit too meek and then Kenyan politics is full of so many other factors that come to play, never always that the best candidate win the elections," he told *The Standard* yesterday.

Despite Uhuru's backing, Lumula said questions arise on whether Matiang'i will marshal all the support he needs especially from areas like Mt Kenya, because there is also former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Again, Lumula said in Nyanza there is the ODM factor and the fact that he comes from the Kisii community, he would obviously need support from Nyamira and Kisii but he has not been to Siaya, Migori, Homa Bay and Rift Valley.

"Jubilee comes with structures and funding. Setting your own party means you really must have your own money. And I think we don't need more political parties in this country, we already have too many. Do we really need another party with Matiang'i? the answer is not," he argued.

According to Lumula, it could be too early but there is need to see more of Matiang'i. The person he was when he was Minister for Education and Interior, respectively.

Die is cast

"For now, the die is cast and it would be interesting and important he remains with Jubilee and ride on its structures because its not like he has not been a member. Let him go ahead with Jubilee and now take the leadership mantle," he added.

But public policy analyst, Kimani Mwangi said Matiang'i's candidature could be 'formidable in many ways' saying it represents a shift from politics of identity to politics of ideology.

"His firm and no-nonsense mien in execution of his duties earned himself immense goodwill from Kenyans of all walks of life, who consider him as the most suited presidential candidate to change the fortunes of this country," Mwangi said.

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> **Masibo Lumula,** Political analyst

He said Matiang'i enjoys the support of Uhuru and part of his vote rich Mt Kenya region, with the former President apparently going a step further by bequeathing the leadership of his Jubilee party to the former CS and a promise to support and fund his presidential campaigns.

"This makes Matiang'i candidature one that cannot be underrated. In the past, the politics of tribe played a major role in the elections of presidential candidates, and only candidates from major tribes faired well in the elections. With Matiang'i, coming from a relatively small tribe, his candidature gives hope to small tribes in Kenya, emboldening ambitious political leaders from these tribes to dream big," opined Mwangi.

He adds: "Jubilee is a party with millions of members and running structures, and one that managed 28 elected members, even against such assault as the one presented by UDA in its strongholds."

At the same time, leadership analyst Prof Gitile Naituli said every electoral cycle brings a fresh wave of political gossip, whispered feuds, and manufactured rivalries and the latest one, now gaining currency, is the claim of a political fallout between Uhuru Kenyatta and Gachagua, courtesy of Matiang'i.

Consolidate position

But he says Matiang'i is being misadvised by some people who do not understand the Kenyan politics. "I was once told that you must have your community support before any other Kenyans can take you seriously. So Matiangi to be advised to go and get Mt Kenya, that was not a good advice. He needed to consolidate his position in Kisii and Nyamira first. Then he can come to the mountain. The mountain may support him. But coming to the mountain directly after Ruto, they are very careful now," Naituli said.

He, however, says, Matiang'i is still a viable candidate and can be a competitive presidential candidate. "Unfortunately, he has to know that politics are tribal and the people want a candidate's tribe's support 100 per cent before they can trust you with their vote. He needs to demonstrate that he has support from there so these people are advising him to start with Mt Kenya are misleading him," Naituli explained.

He was of the opinion that the Jubilee idea could be a 'very tricky' thing because the party's story is not as good given the baggage of its reign now being compared to United Democratic Alliance today.

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NAIROBI

City Hall in fresh bid to regularise 'old' buildings

Nairobi City County Government has launched a fresh crackdown to ensure thousands of unauthorised buildings comply with planning laws.

In a public notice by the County Executive Committee Member for Built Environment and Urban Planning, City Hall invited developers, property owners, land-buying companies, and investors with unapproved projects to apply for regularisation. The exercise is anchored in the Nairobi City County Regularisation of Unauthorised Development Act, 2025.

"Pursuant to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; Sections 3, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 63 of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019; and Section 8 of the Nairobi City County Regularization of Unauthorized Development Act, 2025, notice is hereby given to all individuals, developers, occupiers and land-buying companies with unauthorized developments to apply for regularisation," noted Mr Patrick Analo, Chief Officer for Urban Development and Planning.

Analo says the initiative seeks to grant approvals to buildings and structures erected without permits but which meet minimum planning and safety standards.

"To ensure transparency, the county government will publish notices of unauthorized developments in at least two national newspapers. The regularization covers subdivisions, change of use, extensions, architectural plans, structural works, billboards, LEDs, wall wraps, and informal settlements on private land," he adds.

He said the county is also keen on resolving longstanding land ownership and planning disputes that have complicated development in various neighbourhoods. **[Correspondent]**

BUNGOMA

Nurse accused of attempted rape

A nurse has been charged with attempted rape of a Form Three student admitted to a private hospital with malaria.

Martin Wekesa Wanjala denied the charges and was released on a bond of Sh200,000 with a surety of a similar amount. The suspect allegedly committed the offence on September 29, 2025.

He faced an alternative charge of committing an indecent act with an adult contrary to section 11(1) of the sexual offences act number 3 of 2006.

The student in Kabuchai Constituency, had been admitted to the facility after experiencing headache and joint pains. Earlier, the victim's father accused the hospital of attempting to cover up the incident. Bungoma South Police Commander William Letting said the victim had reported being sexually assaulted inside the hospital ward.

[Mary Imenza and Benard Lusigi]

Attorney General backs Kanja in Sh60b payroll power struggle

- Government legal adviser tells court that is top policeman's territory.
- IG and the National Police Service Commission are tussling over the payroll.

Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja (left) with chairman of the National Police Service Amani Komora during a press briefing in Nairobi on October 1, 2025. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

STANDARD REPORTER

Attorney General Dorcas Oduor has backed Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja in his fight with the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) over the Sh60 billion police payroll.

Kanja, who heads the National Police Service (NPS), has been at loggerheads with the commission, he sits in, over handing over the payroll and other functions.

In their argument NPSC, which is chaired by Dr Amani Yudo Komora, say that payroll is a human resource issue that should be under them while Kanja has argued that it is an operations issue that should be handled by him.

NPSC is made up of civilians of former officers; Kanja sits in the commission alongside his deputies Gilbert Masengeli and Eliud Lagat as well as Director of Criminal Investigations Mohamed Amin.

Oduor's decision to back Kanja was revealed in submissions by State Counsel Jackline Kiramana in a withdrawn case that had been filed by lawyer Shadrack Wambui and lobby group Sheria Mtaani.

In the case Wambui had sued IG Kanja, NPS, AG with NPSC and the Law Society of Kenya as interested parties. In her response to the petition, Kiramana said that Wambui and Sheria Mtaani were misrepresenting the law.

"No provision in the Constitution expressly assigns payroll management or financial administration to the Commission. The Commission's role is to set policy on human resources, not to handle the day-to-day financial ledger of the police."

Kiramana added that payroll administration underpins promotions, transfers, and discipline, all areas constitutionally protected as the domain of IG under Article 245(2)(b).

"Displacing the IG's control of payroll would upset the balance of authority and compromise the chain of command within the Service," she argued.

Wambui had stated that, payroll management should be part of NPSC's human resource mandate and it had the right to determine how much police earnings in remuneration and benefits.

"The public confrontation between these two constitutional offices has caused uncertainty, disruption, and potential violations affecting governance of the National Police Service and poses a national security risk," said Wambui.

He argued that the law does not vest the IG with powers to manage the payroll or extend his independence to NPSC. "To allow the Inspector General hoard or control payroll would place a constitutionally independent function under the control of an office that is, by design, subject to different constitutional constraints."

In the withdrawn case the lawyer argued that the drafters of the constitution envisioned an independent body from the police to ensure fairness adding that there was risk if an office holder was to decide whom to promote, fire or demote.

He had sought the court to find that the IG's operational independence does not cover the payroll which should be NPSC's function including recruitment, appointment, promotion, transfer and disciplining police officers.

The fight between NPS and NPSC is not only about the control of the Sh60 billion payroll but it also includes hiring, salaries, promotion, transfer and discipline of the officers.

On one hand, NPSC argued that how can it be in control of police officers without controlling their pay while Kanja argues that this falls under operations which are among roles assigned to the IG's office by the constitution.

The rivalry between the two played out openly when they were before the Budget committee of the National Assembly to present their budget estimates for the 25/26 financial year.

NPS and NPSC would later be summoned to Parliament on different days where NPSC said that they need full control NPS by having IG Kanja relinquish some of the powers and roles to them.

Kanja promised the Constitutional Implementation and Oversight Committee, chaired by Suba South MP Caroli Omondi, that he would hand over the payroll to NPSC.

But this did not happen leading to summons by the committee to which he responded, asking for more time to comply. Kanja just like his predecessors stood firm fighting for what was seen as the independence of the NPS.

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Turf wars

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WHEN the National Police Service and the National Police Service Commission exposed the rivalry between them in the National Assembly.

DEVOLUTION

Counties get Sh93b additional revenue after MPs pass Bill

County governments will share out Sh93.53 billion in the current 2025/2026 financial year after MPs approved the County Government Additional Allocation Bill.

The Bill, which was first given the nod at the Senate before being transmitted to the National Assembly, seeks to authorize the transfer of both conditional and unconditional additional allocations to county governments for the current financial year.

The billions include Sh2.95 billion from Court Fines and 20 percent of Mineral Royalties, Sh10.04 billion from the National Government's Share of Revenue and Sh23.63 billion from the Road Maintenance Fuel Levy Fund. There is also another Sh56.9 billion from loans and grants from development partners.

Counties will now each get about Sh1.98 million towards the 0.5 the Housing Levy Fund whereas the allocations for Community Health Promoters (CHPs) Programme will vary depending on counties.

The Bill also stipulates that the total Conditional CHP program amounts to Sh3.2 billion, Supplement for Construction of County Headquarters Sh449 million, County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs) Program Sh4.4 billion, Allocations for 0.5 per cent of Housing Levy Fund to the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committees Sh93.4 million.

Amendments approved by the House include adjustments on allocations for the construction of county headquarters which was done to reflect the actual transfers, bringing the figure to Sh449 million after deducting Sh5 million meant for operational expenses. The House also directed that County Aggregation of Industrial Parks (CAIPs), be given to counties with pending balances from the national Government projects.

Budget and Appropriation Committee chair Samuel Atandi said the amendments were necessary to align the Bill with current fiscal realities and to ensure that county governments receive resources in a more predictable and accountable manner.

"Honorable chair, we are we want to align the allocations with what is captured in the 2025/ 2026 estimates what is captured in the estimates for example under county headquarters allocation what is what is captured t be sent to counties is 449 million as opposed to 454 million which is in the bill. Then secondly under CAIPS we have done some realignment. Honorable chair because we have realized that the bill is giving allocations to counties that have not started any project under CAIPs and leaving out counties that have made progress with their kites," he said.

Further, the monies to be distributed Baringo, Embu, Garissa, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kilifi, Kirinyaga, Kisii, Kitui, Kwale, Machakos, Makueni, Mandera, Marsabit will get Sh2.9 billion from the 20 per cent share of mineral royalties for the financial year 2025/2026. **[Josphat Thiongó]**

NAIROBI

Linda Bach appointed Kenya Editors Guild CEO

Senior journalist Linda Bach has been appointed the Kenya Editors Guild (KEG) Chief Executive Officer.

Her appointment, effective October 16, was announced by KEG President Zubeidah Kananu on Monday. Ms Kananu expressed confidence in Ms Bach's capability to steer the organisation.

"Linda brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, and we are confident that her leadership will drive the organisation forward," she said, adding "we look forward to the impact she will make as our new CEO."

Ms Bach takes over from Rosalia Omungo who has served the editor's lobby since 2017. "We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing CEO Omungo for her sterling role in steering KEG for the past eight years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors," said Kananu.

Prior to her appointment, Bach served as a Council Member in the guild. "Linda's appointment as CEO will necessitate her stepping down from her current position as Council Member print on the Executive Council," said Kananu.

The position, the KEG boss, said will be filled by Andy Kagwa of Standard Group, who was appointed in accordance with Article VI clause six of the KEG Constitution.

The changes also saw the appointment of Millicent Awuor as chairperson of the Programmes Committee, replacing Bach. **[Okumu Modachi]**

KISUMU

KeNHA steps up fight on overloading and vandals

The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) has stepped up a crackdown on overloading trucks and vandalism on road infrastructure.

The authority said overloading along major roads was undermining the investment and taxpayers billions used annually in repairs.

KeNHA said they have invested about Sh3.5 trillion in the national highway's investment. KeNHA's deputy director in charge of axle load control Jared Makori argued that overloading and vandalism were eroding gains made in road infrastructure.

Makori said any time 10 per cent of the Sh3.5 trillion road networks are destroyed, the authority loses hundreds of billions of shillings yearly.

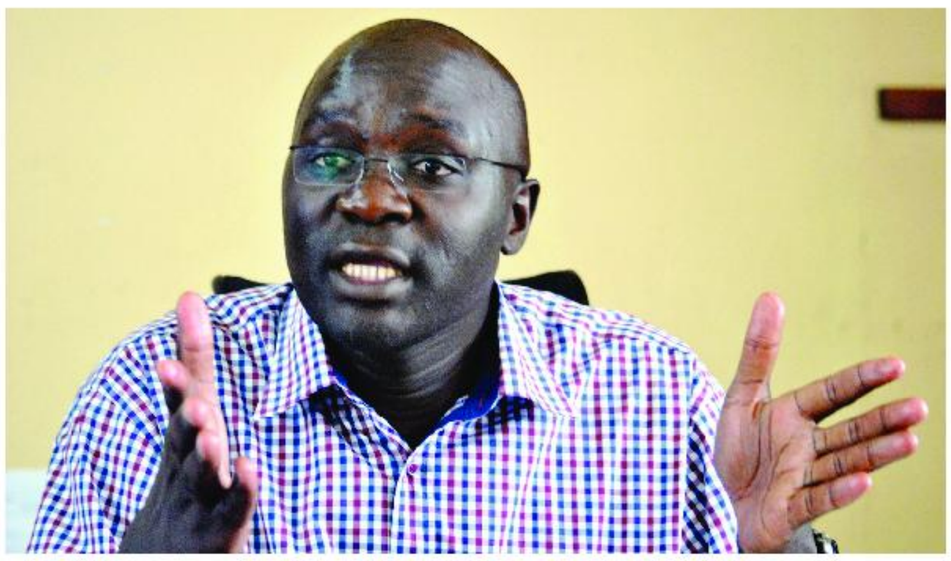
"Even partial damage to the road network translates to colossal losses. That means higher maintenance budgets, delayed development elsewhere, and in extreme cases, total reconstruction. Overloading is a menace that shortens the lifespan of roads and endangers lives," he noted.

He noted that they have constructed 13 static weighbridges, installed 26 virtual weigh stations, and deployed mobile weigh scales along major roads. "This is to bolster surveillance. The virtual system, which feeds into a central platform, has been designed to provide real-time data on compliance trends, enabling faster response and reducing human interference. At weighbridges, truckers are weighed with almost zero human interaction, which minimises corruption opportunities," he added.

The authority is also investing in more virtual stations to reduce over-reliance on personnel. "KeNHA is enforcing axle load limits under the Traffic Act, CAP 403, the Kenya Roads Act, and the East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act and so compliance is not negotiable. Our mission is to ensure every truck on our trunk road network is weighed and kept within the set limits," he said.

He added: "The agency has roped in the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to bolster enforcement efforts."

Engineer Julius Mak'Odero, KeNHA's Regional Director for Nyanza, said corruption in the transport chain undermines enforcement, while overloaded trucks are more difficult to control and often cause fatal accidents. **[Olivia Odhiambo]**



KeNHA's deputy director in charge of axle load control Jared Makori. [File, Standard]

REGISTRATION

Naivasha voter listing off to a slow start

The continuous voter registration in Naivasha got off to a rocky start, with less than 20 people showing up for first three days.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission targets to enlist 44,000 new voters in the sub-county by 2027.

The countrywide exercise that kicked off on Monday recorded low turnout despite concerted efforts by IEBC and local leaders to encourage youth to register.

According to Lekisaat Seina, the sub-county returning officer, voter apathy affected the exercise especially among youth. In the last three days, Lekisaat said less than 20 persons have turned up to register as new voters or change their polling stations.

She appealed to the youth to turn up and register as voters to enable them make their political decisions ahead of the elections. Speaking to the press at her offices, Lekisaat said the agency will visit area sport activities, markets, schools and churches with the administration officers facilitating the exercise.

"We seek to register over 44,000 new voters in Naivasha ahead of 2027 elections but we are concerned over the voter apathy that has marred the start of the exercise," said Lekisaat.

She also welcomed a new proposal to add an extra 11 registration centres on top of the existing 112 and another 284 polling stations noting that it will help decongest the voting areas.

[Antony Gitonga]

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

Ahadi Kenya Trust CEO Stanley Kamau, together with NCBA officials, joined elderly citizens receiving medical check-ups from community health promoters during celebrations to mark the International Day for Older Persons at PC Kinyanjui Technical Training College Grounds in Riruta, Dagoretti South, yesterday. The event, sponsored by the two organisations, was themed "Older persons driving local and global action; our inspirations, our well-being, our rights". Mr Kamau called on the government to protect senior citizens and support them in living dignified lives. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

Blow to Treasury as KRA misses target by Sh20b

- Taxman collected Sh212.6 billion against Sh232.7 billion target for July.
- This has forced the National Treasury to cut back revenue projections.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

The Kenya Revenue Authority missed its tax collection target by Sh20.1 billion in July alone, the National Treasury has revealed, dealing a severe blow to President William Ruto's economic plan.

This also raises doubts on Kenya Kwanza administration's ability to fund key promises as the President races against time to deliver on his flagship Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda before the 2027 polls.

KRA collected Sh212.6 billion against a target of Sh232.7 billion in the first month of the 2025/26 financial year, according to the Treasury's 2025 Budget Review and Outlook Paper. The shortfall—which follows a Sh76 billion revenue miss in the previous financial year—has forced the Treasury to dramatically scale back its revenue projections, casting doubt on the feasibility of the government's development agenda with elections two years away.

The John Mbadi-led Treasury has cut its full-year revenue target by Sh437 billion, reducing KRA's new tax target to Sh3,321.7 trillion from Sh3,758.7 trillion projected earlier.

"The performance, coupled with the weak budget outturn in FY 2024/25, points to continued fiscal pressures and underscores the need for realistic revenue projections in preparing the FY 2026/27 budget," the Treasury stated in the budget planning document.

The admission marks a significant retreat for the Ruto government that had pushed through controversial tax measures, including the since-withdrawn Finance Bill 2024, in pursuit of aggressive revenue targets. The revised targets threaten to undermine Ruto's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, which requires substantial funding for five key pillars with elections just three years away.

The Treasury has now ordered immediate austerity measures, stating that "The Government will entrench the Zero-Based Budgeting Approach to guide the prioritisation and allocation of the scarce resources."

Ministries have been instructed to "rigorously review all planned programmes and projects," essentially forcing a scaling back of the very development programmes that form the cornerstone of Ruto's political Bottom Up election platform.

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President Ruto's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, requires substantial funding for five key pillars including Agricultural Transformation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Economy; Housing and Settlement; Healthcare; and the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy.

The latest shortfall continues a pattern of revenue underperformance that the Treasury initially attributed to "the withdrawal of the Finance Bill 2024 and protests that disrupted economic activities" in the previous financial year.

The Treasury's U-turn appears to validate long-standing concerns from economists and former officials about the sustainability of Kenya Kwanza's aggressive revenue strategy. Former Treasury CS Njuguna Ndung'u had previously warned about the limitations of tax increases, stating at an IMF forum that "High tax rates create incentives for evasion" and "We're seeing this with our shrinking tax base."

His comments, made before his dismissal from government, appear to confirm the trend following the persistent revenue shortfalls.

The KRA has since initiated a restructuring to address the collection challenges, announcing a "major recruitment drive" and operational changes to "enhance service delivery and organisational agility."

KRA Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga previously highlighted the challenges of bringing Kenya's vast informal sector into the tax net.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 of 2025)

The **Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 13 of 2025)** was read a First Time in the Senate on Thursday, 7th August, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consideration.

Under Articles 118(1)(b) and 256(2) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee is required 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 Constitution to address challenges of constitutional design and architecture that require reform so as to strengthen and secure the devolved system of government and for greater unity and harmony of the constitutional dispensation.

Further to the advertisement published on Friday, 15th August, 2025, the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights is scheduled to hold a **Public Hearing** on the Bill on **Monday, 6th October, 2025 from 9.00 a.m.**, at **Busia Agricultural Training Centre (ATC)** in Busia County.

Members of the public and stakeholders are hereby invited to attend, make oral presentations or submit written memoranda on the Bill and discuss the Bill during the public hearing.

It is further notified that the public may also continue submitting written representations on the Bill to the Clerk of the Senate, P. O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, by hand delivery to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or by email to maoni@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 5th December, 2025 at 5.00 p.m**.

Copies of the Bill, the Simplified Version of the Bill, Frequently Asked Questions and a Public Views Template providing guidance on the form of submission to be received, may be accessed on the Parliament website at http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills.

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RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 10MW CIRCULATING FLUIDIZED BED COMBUSTION (CFBC) POWER PLANT IN KIKAMBALA DIVISION KILIFI SOUTH SUB-COUNTY, KILIFI COUNTY

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Mombasa Cement Limited (Vipingo Unit),** proposes to set up a Captive Power Plant (CPP) using Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustion (CFBC) Boiler technology to generate 10MW of electricity from a fuel mix consisting of bituminous coal with a heat value of 5600Kcal/kg cashew nut shells, wood chips and briquettes on plot L.r. No. MN/III/291/2 and MN/III/ 4391 within an existing MCL Vipingo cement factory in Kikambala Division, Kilifi South Sub-County, Kilifi County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Potential negative impact	Proposed mitigation measure
Noise and vibration disturbance	• Use noise reduction technologies such as acoustic covers Training & education on risks of noise exposure • Appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) Maintenance & inspections of machinery & equipment • Technical controls to reduce noise at the source • Limit workers' exposure time & rotation to less noisy tasks
Fugitive dust	• Limit amount of exposed soil • Construct wind barriers or install cover tarps • Apply water to suppress dust • Apply chemical dust suppressants • Use vacuum controls on equipment to keep surfaces clean of debris. • Apply soil stabilizers • Establish vegetative cover.
Injuries and accidents	• Always utilize safety gear (PPEs) • Timely & proper equipment service & maintenance • Develop & follow safety protocols while on site • Schedule regular safety meetings • Take regular breaks • sufficient signage to warn of dangers & hazards • Conduct worksite inspections daily to identify any potential dangers or hazards • Mandatory safety training for all employees • Proper material storage and handling • Fall protection protocols and fall protection equipment
Waste generation	• Proper planning to reduce generation of construction waste • Effective material management to reduce generation of construction waste • Recycling materials such as concrete, steel, and wood • Implementing composting as a waste reduction strategy • Purchasing materials in bulk to reduce waste from individually packaged materials
Emission of toxic pollutants	• Capture and recover all flue gases and waste heat generated and reuse it to generate electricity. • Deploy emission control technologies such as electrostatic precipitators, scrubbers, and bag house filters. • Operate at optimal temperature to achieve complete combustion. • Minimize flue gasses emission by appropriate fuel selection, burner modifications, appropriate air firing, flue gas recirculation and constant water stream injection.
Increase in demand of process water **Waste generation impacts**	• Increase intercepted natural groundwater recharge through increase in vegetation cover. • Increase induced groundwater recharge using treated wastewater • Increase artificial aquifer recharge • Reduce water abstraction by reuse process after cooling in cooling tower • Fix any leakages in the system to eliminate steam and water loss.
Bed agglomeration and de-fluidization	• Decrease the operating temperature of the reactor . • Increase the gas velocity. • Replace the bed material. • Pre-treatment of solid fuels to remove alkali metals • Use bed additives such as kaolin, dolomite and olivine. • Replace bed material.
Boiler explosion	• Regular boiler inspection & maintenance . • Have robust safety protocols in place . • Inspection of pump inlets and fixing loose connections. • Avoid ash accumulation in the furnace. • Regular checking of safety valves .
Positive pressure boiler risks	• Ensure no blockage of fuel due to ash accumulation. • Ensure no air leakage from boiler. • Ensure sufficient air volume & pressure of induced draft fan

A full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

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A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at **www.nema.go.ke**

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in the decision-making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2370 (ENVIS/SR/00021)**

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Laurent Saint-Cyr, *Leader of Haiti's transitional presidential council*

EDITORIAL

Sex pest teachers should be sent to jail, not home

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has hinted at forming a special unit to tackle cases of teenage pregnancies and sexual exploitation of school girls and boys.

Mr Ogamba made the revelation when he appeared before the Senate's Standing Committee on Education. This, indeed, is a welcome and timely decision that should be put into action immediately. Saving children from sexual predators masquerading as teachers is an imperative.

In August, news that a teacher in a girls school had routinely harassed schoolgirls sexually for many years caused national uproar. But more shocking was the fact that despite the allegations, the teacher was not taken in for interrogation. Instead, he was allowed to resign.

Teenage pregnancies have forced many young girls out of school, killing their dreams and any chances of a brighter future. In Nyakach Constituency, 3,816 cases of teen pregnancies, involving girls between 10 and 14 years, were recorded in 2023. This problem cuts across Kenya and must be tackled decisively.

While some teachers take blame for teen pregnancies, the biggest culprit is the society that has failed its collective responsibility to protect children from such harm. Cases of young and old men seducing or raping girls abound, yet when such cases come to the limelight, some families prefer out-of-court settlements that deny innocent victims justice.

It is especially bad with boys who get sexually assaulted because some cultural mores forbid revealing such cases out of stigma. Time has come for the government and society to act and protect children.

In cases where teachers are the culprits, the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) must take stern action. Since June 2024, TSC has received 111 cases of teachers abusing students sexually. Already, 69 have been deregistered and will never have the opportunity to ever teach again. Another 25 have been suspended pending review of their cases. This action is welcome and, hopefully, will deter others from doing the same. But that is not enough. Such teachers must be arrested and charged.

Investigate these deaths

Simon Warui went missing in Nairobi on September 4, 2025 and four days later, he was found dead in a police cell in Mombasa. Police could not explain how he died, but a postmortem showed he died of a fracture from the dislocation of the neck. On September 25, Allan Kamau died in Komomwamo Police Station, Migori County. He had been arrested for cutting down trees belonging to his aunt. His mother claims police demanded a Sh15,000 bribe.

Hours later, she was informed that her son had died by suicide. The family has contested this claim. In July, police made a similar claim in the death of blogger Albert Ojwang, but the truth came out later that he was murdered. The Independent Policing Oversight Authority should investigate these deaths.

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BEYOND WORDS

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Voters are now wiser; it will not be business as usual in 2027

ELIAS MOKUA

There are very interesting developments on the political front. The United Opposition is chipping off its pillars one after the other. At the same time, the UDA-ODM government is harbouring in-house suspicions about who intends to bolt out of the broad–based government. The common factor in all the happenings in this garden of political shame is the gaze on the 2027 general elections.

I call it a garden of political shame because election campaign rhetoric is back to the good guys versus the bad guys. It is back to ethnic mobilisation as a major factor in choosing a candidate. After all, the fallacious argument goes, an election is about numbers. Everything else is hot air. So what will make 2027 unique from previous elections?

We are in a stage of political wits. Everyone is playing very cleverly and doing everything to throw their opponents under the bus. The stage is crucial because political actors are in high spin to win public confidence as well as men and women of note into their respective camps. Campaign teams are sharpening their tools. The early birds have already begun generating fake stories and circulating them to unsuspecting audiences.

If 2027 is to be unique, four emerging lessons from past elections may, yes, I mean may, influence a new political chapter in voter behaviour. Nothing is static in Kenyan politics.

First, very few Kenyans don't know that politicians can lie, holding the Bible. Only a few elected leaders return to their voters with their heads held high, having performed beyond reasonable doubt after the end of their terms. Majority of them appeal for more time, some of them, as we were told by the Executive, having taken advantage of parliamentary privileges to corruptly enrich themselves.

The good news is that now Kenyans know they can be fooled. They can be played. They can be manipulated. Out of this experience, I believe many Kenyans will be highly critical of promises as a basis for voting.

Second, voters with eith rally behind outspoken upcoming leaders like Edwin Sifuna or a candidate with a proven track record will be voted in against all odds. The older folks in politics should realise that being "nice", having the money or moving the masses with unparalleled oratory skills will not be good enough. The size of rallies will only be an indicator of popularity, but not a guarantee of ballot support. The odds will include coming from a small ethnic group given our propensity towards tribal mentality.

Otherwise, I don't see how a candidate without a strong service delivery record will win the presidential election in a fair, credible, and transparent process, given the fog of disillusionment across the country over the current state of affairs.

The monumental challenges facing education and health, for example, paint the current regime in a bad light. Unless extraordinary efforts are made in the government service delivery before the 2027 elections, especially in the two ministries, it is hard to imagine many voters wishing a second term for the broad-based government.

Third, the 'United Opposition' who conduct themselves as people out of government rather than as an alternative waiting to unseat the incumbent, are laying eggs for the broad-based government to hatch in 2027. The egos are up, the vision for a better Kenya is lost, and they are preying on each other as if they are visitors in Kenyan politics. We have been here before.

The lesson for 2027 is that Kenyans have been disappointed before, and so this time, those voting on the Opposition side will be ruthless with ego-driven parties and their candidates.

Lastly, with a bit of space to organise themselves, young people, including the thousands who are jobless, will read the riot act in 2027. They will field their candidates and turn out in numbers to vote for one of their own. The aftermath will be unbearable for the older generation in and out of legislative houses. Having been brutalised in the streets, the elected young people will introduce reforms never seen before in Kenya.

Dr Mokua is Executive Director of Loyola Centre for Media and Communication

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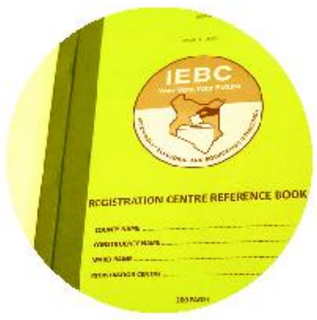
PALAVER

Kenya is a democratic country and that is attested by the fact that every five years, we elect our leaders, kicking out some and electing new ones, according to Onyango Moffat [onyangomoffat89@gmail.com]. "The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) is currently conducting countrywide voter registration. Youth who desire change for the better have this golden opportunity to register and shape our country's political destiny through their vote. Good governance is achievable through the ballot. We must make our country great and be comparable to developed countries globally."



For a party like Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) and its self-proclaimed national appeal, says Kabaria Ole Muturi [jameskm@gmail.com], a revamped Jubilee Party should not be the cause of any goosebumps on its skin. "DCP should capitalise on Jubilee's arrival on the stage to test its strength for the bumpy terrain that lies ahead. And should the call go out for parties to join hands to slay the dragon, a stronger DCP will have a better contribution than a crestfallen one."

Witnessing acts of impunity here and there, says Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com], is very annoying. "On Sundays when Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards have a football match, you will see their fans blowing whistles and vuvuzelas. This is a display of indiscipline and I guess the disciplined players in whose name this is done would not want to be associated with this hooliganism. Where are the police on, in particular, on Sunday mornings along Moi Avenue?"

The recent deaths of an ambulance driver, a nurse and a patient at Kimende on the Nairobi - Nakuru Highway call for more attention in the role of ambulances in evacuation of patients, according to David Kilonzi [dkilonzi@gmail.com]. "Ambulance drivers should not be reckless in their evacuation of critically sick patients at the expense of other people's lives since that would be needless double tragedy. Ambulance drivers should be retrained about their role as carers while taking patients to hospital."

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Should Jubilee Party field presidential candidate?

YES

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Matiang'i is the best in opposition

I welcome the announcement by retired President Uhuru Kenyatta that Jubilee Party will field candidates for all elective positions in the 2027 general election. I am particularly excited by the fact that our party unveiled former Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i as the preferred presidential candidate come 2027. To the best of my understanding, this country needs a leader with a proven track record in governance and implementation of programmes, not in politics. Any Kenyan will tell you that Dr Matiang'i comes second to none among the leaders within the so-called United Opposition in terms of competence and performance. The man left an indelible mark in every ministry he served as a Cabinet Secretary under Uhuru's regime. If you ask me, Matiang'i represents the change we all yearn for as Kenyans. Secondly, Matiang'i passes as the only leader within the Opposition who does not carry the tribal baggage. It is not open to debate that the majority of Kenyans know him as a no-nonsense bureaucrat, not a 'Kisii kingpin'. Kenya needs Matiang'i.

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Party's stance could lead to Ruto's return

Remark by Jubilee Party that they will field candidates for all the elective positions in the 2027 general election is very likely to jolt opposition unity.
Although other political parties in the United Opposition have declared they will field presidential candidates too, there is a feeling that the Jubilee Party case is special. What makes it special is the fact that the declaration of their presidential flag bearer, former CS Fred Matiang'i, appears to leave no room for negotiation with the other principals within the United Opposition. While Rigathi Gachagua, Martha Karua, Kalonzo Musyoka and Eugene Wamalwa have assured their supporters that they will each be ready to back one candidate to face President William Ruto, Matiang'i and his party appears hell-bent on running up to the presidential ballot. Such a move could deflate the spirit of opposition unity and lead to their failure. Matiang'i and the Jubilee should be careful not to be the ones that make Ruto secure a second term despite widespread public disapproval.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Equip African youths with appropriate skills for the current job market

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. However, 86 per cent of the 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, line workers, and meter installers across utilities and contractors. The World Bank Group's AgriConnect initiative is doubling its agri-finance and agribusiness commitments to $9 billion 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 needed 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 programmes, 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. The project is upgrading 16 regional flagship colleges, embedding industrial partnerships into their programmes, 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 to re-skill 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 re-imagining its skills-for-jobs approach, the payoff will be significant: A workforce prepared for both today's opportunities and tomorrow's disruptions.

Mr Ndiame is World Bank Vice President for Africa East and Southern Region. Ms Mamta is World Bank Vice President, People Vice Presidency

EDICK ANYANGA,
BOARD CHAIRMAN, KENYA NUCLEAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY

With effective regulation, our nuclear future is bright and safe

Kenya has made remarkable progress as it prepares to scale up its nuclear energy programme. As many developing nations shift toward nuclear to meet their energy demands and environmental sustainability goals, Kenya can't be left behind.

In the wake of climate change shocks, the government continues to place great emphasis on nuclear power. This shift is deliberate. There can't be a better time to diversify Kenya's energy mix and position the country for long-term socio-economic transformation.

Debate over the cost benefit of nuclear power has been raging. But not lost on us is nuclear technology's numerous benefits for a developing nation like ours. It provides a reliable, low-carbon source of energy that can power industries and households.

Beyond electricity, nuclear applications extend to health (through radiotherapy and medical diagnostics), agriculture, water resource management, and industrial innovation. If well-implemented, nuclear energy can help us achieve energy security.

However, the promise of nuclear must go hand in hand with high standards of safety, security and environmental protection. This is where regulation becomes paramount. The success of any nuclear project depends on effective regulation. A sustainable nuclear programme must guarantee protection of life and the environment.

This is why the Nuclear Regulatory Act Cap 243 created the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority (KNRA). The authority ensures that every aspect of nuclear development, right from licensing and inspection to safety oversight and emergency preparedness, is carried out in line with global best practices. KNRA will leave nothing to chance.

In the past three years, the KNRA has worked to benchmark and align with the highest international standards. During the 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, I had the privilege of engaging with the IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi and other officials. It was a clear reaffirmation of the collaborative approach we have embraced.

Principal Secretary for Science, Research and Innovation, Abdulrazak Shaukat and other officials attended the meeting where we reaffirmed Kenya's unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of nuclear safety and security.

We are working closely with several international partners with proven track records as we seek to boost Kenya's regulatory capacity. At the same IAEA conference, US Energy Secretary Chris Wright reaffirmed the United States' commitment to supporting Kenya's nuclear journey.

Mr Wright expressed interest in enhancing Kenya's regulatory capabilities and expanding peaceful nuclear applications across critical sectors such as energy, health, agriculture and security. In due course, a US delegation will visit Kenya to assess the progress of our nuclear programme, and we have full confidence in our regulatory framework.

Over the last five years, KNRA has signed several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with key international and regional partners. These agreements are immensely beneficial.

Last year, we signed an MoU with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Under the team, we expect technical assistance, capacity building and sustained exchange of regulatory expertise. This partnership provides Kenyan professionals with the much-needed training opportunities and exposure to some of most successful regulatory systems.

We also work closely with the IAEA. This critical UN watchdog has offered Kenya technical support, peer reviews, and training missions. This month, an IAEA mission will be in Kenya to conduct several assessments of our operations.

Through such collaborations, Kenya has benefited from Integrated Regulatory Review Service missions and other expert-led evaluations that help us continually improve our regulatory approach.

KNRA has also entered into MoUs with nuclear regulatory bodies in several African countries. These agreements support peer learning, joint training programmes and shared research initiatives. They also strengthen Africa's collective ability to implement safe and secure nuclear programmes. Kenya is also a designated centre that runs a post-graduate course on radiation protection undertaken by KNRA together with Kenyatta University.

> *Public trust is a critical pillar of any nuclear programme. We must ensure that Kenyans understand the benefits and risks of nuclear technology and that they have confidence in the systems put in place to protect them.*

The partnerships are already paying off on the ground. To mention a few, we have significantly expanded our technical capabilities through training, modernisation of our regulatory tools, and building of a pool of a new generation of professionals. This growing capacity ensures KNRA is fully prepared to regulate all phases of Kenya's nuclear power programme, from site selection and construction to operation and decommissioning.

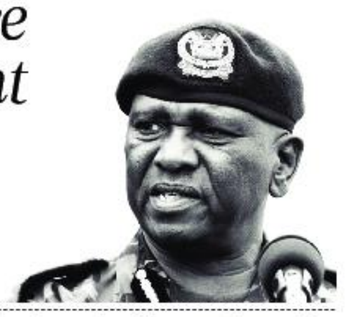
But even as we strengthen our regulatory systems, we are equally committed to fostering public awareness and transparency. Public trust is a critical pillar of any nuclear programme. We must ensure that Kenyans understand the benefits and risks of nuclear technology and that they have confidence in the systems put in place to protect them.

This is the time to assure Kenyans that KNRA will work round the clock towards safety. Indeed, nuclear energy is the magic bullet for developing countries but must be exploited responsibly. The journey toward nuclear power is not a sprint but a long-term national commitment that requires rigorous planning and support from across sectors.

The KNRA is proud to be at the heart of this journey. We are building a regulatory framework that not only meets international standards but also safeguards Kenya's unique environmental and societal needs. We remain committed to collaboration locally and internationally to ensure that Kenya's nuclear future is safe and secure.

Assurance

We'll do everything to make police recruitment exercise graft-free



DOUGLAS KANJA

Tomorrow marks the launch of our nationwide recruitment drive for 10,000 police officers. To me, this is not just a hiring process, it's a cornerstone of the broader reform agenda we have been championing to rebuild faith in the National Police Service (NPS) and ensure it reflects the values of our constitution.

My vision for the NPS is rooted in reform, and we have already made significant strides. For instance, we have initiated comprehensive audits of our internal systems to identify and seal loopholes that have historically allowed corruption to thrive.

Additionally, we are embracing technology to modernise operations. The introduction of a digital Occurrence Book system is meant to replace outdated manual logs with secure, real-time digital records, enhancing accountability in incident reporting.

Community policing is another pillar of our reforms; empowering local partnerships to address crime at its roots through dialogue and collaboration rather than confrontation. We have also intensified training of our officers, focusing on human rights, constitutional adherence, and professional ethics. These initiatives are actionable steps toward a police service that Kenyans can trust and rely on.

Yet, the upcoming recruitment exercise represents the most visible opportunity of our commitment to merit-based practices. In the past, such drives have been marred by allegations of bribery, nepotism, and fraud, leaving qualified candidates disillusioned and NPS weakened.

I want to give an assurance to Kenyans that this time the exercise - from screening to physical fitness tests, interviews, and final selection - will be guided solely by merit, qualifications, and performance. To achieve this, we have established clear criteria where candidates must meet educational standards, pass rigorous assessments, and demonstrate the physical and mental aptitude required for policing.

I therefore call upon all interested and eligible youth across Kenya to participate with confidence. This is your opportunity to join a reformed NPS and contribute to national security. From wherever you hail from, your talent and dedication are what matter. Turn up at the designated centres ready to showcase your potential, knowing that the process is fair and impartial.

To prospective recruits and their families, do not fall prey to impostors or corrupt individuals promising "help" in exchange for bribes. Offering money to recruiting officers, middlemen, or anyone claiming influence could lead to legal consequences. Similarly, presenting fake documents such as forged certificates, medical records, or identification will result in immediate rejection and possible prosecution.

To my fellow officers involved in the exercise, I strongly call on you to uphold the highest professional standards. You will face dire consequences, including dismissal, criminal charges for engaging in malpractices such as soliciting bribes or showing favouritism. We will be watching you closely. Oversight teams will conduct impromptu visits to recruitment centers nationwide to ensure real-time accountability and deter misconduct.

I also urge the public to be our eyes and ears on the ground. If you witness or suspect any irregularities including bribery attempts, unfair treatment, or procedural lapses, report them immediately through our toll-free hotline - **0800 722 203** – or a WhatsApp message to **0709 570 000**. Every report will be investigated promptly and with confidentiality, and decisive action taken against culprits

Mr Kanja is the Inspector General of the NPS

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Netherlands beats us on food exports

@Kimuzi_: Netherlands exported food produce worth $140B last year. A small country the size of Garissa County, yet exports food worth double or even triple Kenya's budget and more than even our debt.

@_James041: With fake fertilisers, tea, coffee, and maize cartels, a corrupt murderous government, Kenya cannot even get half of that. Poor governance destroys everything.

@1EliteInvestor: Wealth isn't about land size; it's about how you work it. Kenya has land, rain, and sun. The Netherlands has systems, tech, and discipline.

@Don_Kanji: Just watched this documentary and I was impressed. Kenya and Africa in general have a long way to go.

@BonNalugala: President Ruto has set the ball rolling at Galana Kulalu. It's not just about talking about it, but taking action.

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FROM THE WEB

Natembeya chosen to unite Luhya

Standard Digital: Vihiga elders drawn from the Maragoli, Bunyore, and Tiriki communities have endorsed Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya, giving him the mandate to unite the Western region ahead of the 2027.

Owuor Umar Rasheed: Was Papa Atwoli aware of this? Only Atwoli can unite the Mulembe people.

Ireen Yule Mpole: Good. Even the ancestors have agreed. Natembeya is our kingpin, followed by Sifuna.

Masayi Wycliffe: Wonders will never end! Did I hear the word "Uniting western?" Let us be serious sometimes. How can somebody from Rift Valley claim to unite western?

John Wa Wanjala: Wetangula and Mudavadi will also be installed as Luhyas kingpins.

Amos Wenani: The journey of uniting the Mulembe nation has started all the way from Vihiga County. Next is Busia then Bungoma,Trans-Nzoia then the grand blessings will be in Bukhungu Stadium in November 2026.

Arela Enos: Wait for Atwoli's rejoinder, its being cooked.

GAZA WAR

Recognition of Palestine is not enough, nations must demand immediate end to Israel's offensive

Recognition of a Palestinian state by the international community might sound historic, but in reality, Palestinians are still living under Israeli occupation.

Factually, recognition without enforcement is symbolic, not transformative. It does not end the daily murder of civilians now turning into genocide, stop illegal settlements, or bring freedom to millions of Palestinians.

So, aside from the formal recognition of Palestine as a State, all the 156 nations must demand an immediate end to Israel's offensive in Gaza, enforce a halt to settlement expansion and support binding United Nations' mechanisms to monitor ceasefires and facilitate humanitarian access.

This must be done daily until Israel frees Palestinians who are not children of a lesser God. Without action, this recognition is nothing more than political theatre - an attempt to cleanse conscience while Palestinians continue to suffer.

US President Donald Trump's statement, for the umpteenth time, that "an end to the war in Gaza is closer than ever" after a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu who agreed to a 20-point plan laying out the parameters of a ceasefire is just a hopeful statement. The deal still requires sign-off from Hamas since there are a number of provisions contained in it which the terror group has previously rejected.

In the meantime, all nations and citizens of the world must endorse as well as support a two-state or two-nation path that recognizes Palestinian people's will and provide for the common defence as well as protectorate roles. We must also firmly believe in respecting the ancestral tribes of Palestine as well as fight for return of freedom and peace to them.

Perhaps a little history will help; during World War I, London encouraged the Arab Revolt that weakened Ottoman Empire control, while secretly negotiating Sykes–Picot and giving ambiguous assurances to Arab leaders.

In 1917, the unilateral Balfour Declaration endorsed a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine without consulting its inhabitants.

British forces occupied Palestine later that year and the League of Nations Mandate implemented immigration and land policies that advantaged Zionist institutions and contributed to Palestinian dispossession. Acknowledging this chain of political choices is about recognising responsibility of states for an injustice against Palestinians whose effects continue up to this day.

The images of horrific bombardments by Israel and sheer magnitude of death, plunder and suffering against Palestine should awaken our human conscience to say enough is enough.

Michael Kasilon, West Pokot

INTEGRITY

By-elections a litmus test for electoral agency

On Monday, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) began the continuous voter registration exercise, which seeks to register at least six million new voters. According to the 2008 Kriegler Commission, for elections to be credible, transparent, free and fair, early preparations must be made. The first test for the new commission will be in the upcoming by-elections for MPs, Members of County Assemblies and the Senator for Baringo County. Over time, the IEBC has failed to win the trust of Kenyans due to integrity issues.

That notwithstanding, IEBC Chairperson Erastus Ethekon has assured Kenyans that the commission is committed to deliver credible elections in the upcoming by-elections and general election slated for August 10, 2027. Kenya has had two electoral commissions led by Isaac Hassan and Wafula Chebukati. Hassan's commission was forced out of office through the CORD protests, which paved the way for the Chebukati-led commission. This team had its challenges that led to the resignation of some commissioners over internal divisions. Interference during the registration process of voters needs to be resisted. Data stored by IEBC should not be revealed to third parties to avoid manipulation. ***Joshua Omache, Kibabii University***

ELECTIONS

Youth can bring change by registering as voters

For a long time, the youth have been used as political pillars every election cycle, and often, our voices end up being ignored. It is now time for youth to take action by turning out in large numbers to register as voters, and use their votes as weapons for bringing political transformation. If we continue to complain without taking this crucial step, we cannot expect real change. It is therefore imperative that we turn out, register, and ultimately vote for leaders we believe in, those who understand us, who care about our interests, and who are ready to address the challenges of our generation.

Instead of risking our lives as seen during the protests against the Finance Bill 2024, we now have an opportunity to make the desired changes. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission must ensure that the registration process and elections in general are conducted with transparency, fairness, and integrity. We need real change through an electoral system that respects the voice of each one of us.

Neyla Hamisi, Kwale

POLITICS

Jubilee's Matiang'i greatest threat to Ruto in 2027

The Jubilee Party staged a political reawakening at its recent special national delegates conference. Fred Matiang'i's presence was less of gratitude to his former boss and more of political strategy ahead of 2027. The message was clear: Jubilee is reloading, not retreating. The aftershocks of Jubilee's conference hit fast. President William Ruto's allies launched into damage control, lashing out at Uhuru's critique of the regime with unusual urgency. Their fury wasn't just about defending Ruto; it was a tell.

Jubilee's resurgence, coupled with Matiang'i's rising profile, have already rattled the Kenya Kwanza camp. The threat is gathering steam. If Matiang'i takes the Jubilee ticket, the stakes shift dramatically. He has already carved out a distinct identity -not as a career politician, but as a disciplined technocrat with national appeal. Jubilee Party boasts an impressive national infrastructure with established grassroots networks, brand recognition, and experience in running campaigns as well as governing. Now, with Jubilee's machinery back online, his bid isn't just plausible, it's primed. Matiang'i's path to State House looks more engineered than all opposition candidates. ***Michael Karanja, Journalist***

KPC planned sale gets House's nod amid opposition from a few MPs

- Some MPs read ulterior motive in rushing the sessional paper on privitisation.
- They say the matter was sneaked in because it was not initially on the order paper.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

The process of offloading 65 per cent of the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) shareholding moved a notch higher after the National Assembly approved Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2025 on privatisation of the company.

This came as a section of Opposition MPs, condemned the hurried passing of the Sessional paper, even before the Privatisation Bill 2025 could be debated for a proper legal framework, and threatened to seek legal redress to stop the process.

The MPs, who spoke after the paper was passed yesterday, read ulterior motive and 'mischievous intentions' in the process, saying that Sh100 billion the Government seeks to raise is negligible compared to the budget deficit of about Sh870 billion.

The MPs, led by Kathiani MP Robert Mbui, Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), Joseph Munyoro (Kigumo), Makali Mulu (Kitui Central), Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North) and Stephen Mule (Matungulu) said the issue was mischievously sneaked in and was initially not in the order paper as agreed by House Business Committee. They said it was unacceptable because before an order paper is presented, members should be aware so that those who have an interest and know that it touches on their constituents will be in the House, and was passed in about 30 minutes.

"Now, yesterday (Tuesday) we received another paper that was, of course, indicating the order of business for today, both in the morning and in the afternoon. But it has come as a very strange surprise that in the afternoon, a supplementary order paper has been presented up in the chamber without notice to members that was actually introducing back the sale of KPC. So, this has been brought in when members are not in the house, when members are not aware," Mbui said.

He added: "This motion was not debated for the two and a half hours that is supposed to be debated. The usual shenanigans in the House have taken place. A matter as grave as the sale of a critical government installation like the pipeline cannot be debated in few minutes and cannot also be debated by members of the regime and the broad-based government. We take exception and we are rejecting the outcome even of that vote and we are going to go to court as the united opposition."

But Majority Leader, Kimani Ichung'wah who supported the paper in the House, said KPC remains a critical and strategic investment by Kenyans and over the years, the government has enhanced corporate governance in State Corporations by privatising them through Initial Public Offer (IPO) unless in a situation where strategic investors are brought in. "IPO offers everyone an opportunity to be able to invest in these companies. In a big way, it enhances corporate governance in the management of these companies. One of the key objectives is to inject new corporate governance not only to enhance efficiency in operations but also increase profitability," Ichung'wah said.

He said the Sessional Paper proposes to privatise 65 per cent of the government shareholding in KPC and will still retain 35 per cent. "We will still maintain control because there is no investor that will come and get there entire 65 per cent. In the IPO, KPC majority shareholding will continue being Government even as we allow other people. I invite Kenyans to start saving in preparation of buying shares in this company, this is a good buy," the Majority leader insisted.

According to Ichung'wah, the country's economy has seen a lot of macro and micro fiscal changes in the last three years.

"We have started reaping the benefits of some of these interventions and things are stabilising. The government must introduce new and innovative ways of funding both the provisions of infrastructure and service delivery to Kenyans. We have depended on taxes and Kenyans have said we must innovate new ways of funding, top among these is to release part of shareholding in some profitable organisations," he affirmed.

Funyula MP Wilberforce Oundo said that privatisation to unlock value is a good idea all over the world but there are instances where it has ended well and in others have not.

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Kenya Pipeline Company petroleum storage facilities in Nairobi on August 21, 2024. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

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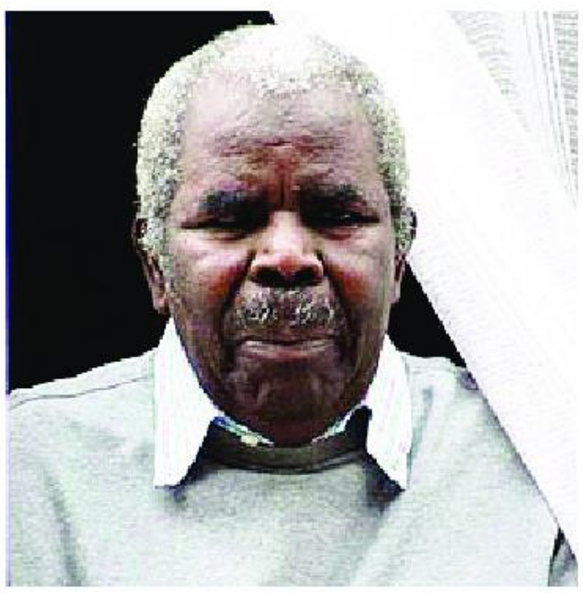
> **Robert Mbui,** Kathiani MP

SUCCESSION

Court dismisses Kirima children's bid to jail their stepmother



Former Starehe MP Gerishon Kirima. [File, Standard]

The Family High Court in Nairobi has declined to punish former Starehe MP Gerishon Kirima's widow in a fresh row filed by her stepchildren.

The children sought to have Teresiah Wairimu either jailed or fined for allegedly interfering with the estate. Justice Patricia Nyaundi in her ruling, said the application filed by Stephen Kirima and Anne Wangari was not clear on whether Wairimu had allegedly been collecting rent from all properties left by the politician or some of them.

Justice Nyaundi said the internal wrangles would have rattled Kirima from his grave, as they have succeeded in ensuring that he does not rest in peace. "If it is true that the dead turn in their graves every time the living does something that displeases or dishonours them, then some members of the family of G K Kirima (deceased) have succeeded in ensuring that over the past 14 years the patriarch has not rested in peace," said Justice Nyaundi.

On February 25 this year, the court ordered the family should present a revised proposal for distribution of the estate, factoring in liabilities, gifts and interference within 18 months. At the same time, Wangari and Samuel were to present a final report of all liabilities within six months.

They were to also tabulate ' the cost to the estate' of the interference and pay one Grace Warwathia Sh54 million cash or find a property to equivalent to the amount and transfer to her.

Barely months, the two moved back to court seeking to find Wairimu in contempt of court. They accused her of interfering with the estate. In their case, they asked the Judge to either commit her to a civil jail or fine her.

Justice Nyaundi said the case took a dramatic twist, observing that Wairimu 'took the stage in Shakespearean fashion.' She said that her lawyer informed the court that Wairimu was not responding to his calls and messages. This prompted the court to order that the administrators should advertise in the newspaper about the case. "It would appear that the respondent has the proverbial ears on the ground, because she now reached out and instructed both her counsel and responded to the application not by one but by two replying affidavits," observed Justice Nyaundi.

Wairimu denied the allegation, saying that, on the contrary, she wished that the family would be united and peaceful. At the same time, she said after the court removed her as an administrator, she had stepped aside. She explained that the communication was between her stepchildren and her initial lawyers who had stopped representing her in court. **[Kamau Muthoni]**

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New Ketraco power projects spark tendering transparency concerns

- EPRA has invited input on the Sh41.5B project but has failed to share crucial documents on the same.
- Critics warn lack of transparency could saddle Kenyans with high long-term energy costs.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

The Kenya Kwanza Government faces a fresh transparency challenge over new multibillion-shilling power transmission projects, as regulators seek limited public input months after the cancellation of a controversial $736 million (Sh94.9 billion) deal with India's Adani Group.

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) on Wednesday called for public input on two new multibillion-shilling transmission lines to be developed under a public-private partnership (PPP) between state-owned Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (Ketraco) and a consortium of Africa 50 and Power Grid of India. Power Grid is 51 per cent owned by the government of India while Africa50 was founded by the African Development Bank (AfDB), which is also the anchor shareholder.

In a public notice published in local dailies, Epra announced it would hold consultative forums in Kisumu and Eldoret in the next two weeks and invited written comments within the same timeline (October 14).

However, the notice listed only these two venues across the entire country for the public participation drive, a process mandated by the Constitution to ensure citizen involvement.

The projects include a 400kV line from Loosuk to Lessos and a 220kV line from Kibos to Kakamega and Musaga, both critical for stabilising the national grid and ending persistent blackouts.

"Epra has received project proposals for design, finance, construction, operations and maintenance of the two projects, by Africa 50/Power Grid of India, a PPP in collaboration with Ketraco," said Epra in a public statement yesterday.

The Ketraco projects will oversee extension of two high voltage power grids. [Antony Gitonga, Standard]

"The 400kV Double Circuit (D/C) Loosuk-Lesso transmission line, a new 400/220kV Lessos substation, 220kV bay extension of the existing 220/132kV Lessos substation and a new 400kV switching substation at Loosuk, with a line in/line out (LILO) of both circuits of existing Loiyangalani-Suswa 400kV D/C line into the new Loosuk substation."

The second project, Epra said, would entail "the 200kV Double Circuit Kibos-Kakamega-Musaga transmission line, new substation at Kakamega and Musaga, associated 220kV bay extension at Kibos and LILO of both circuits of both circuits of existing Musaga-Lessos 132kV D/C line into new Musaga substation".

The move comes as President William Ruto's administration pivots toward PPPs to finance infrastructure amid a severe cash crunch, with the John Mbadi led National Treasury championing the model.

Africa50 and Power Grid have been in negotiations with Ketraco to construct and operate the 165 km Loosuk-Lessos line as well as the 72 km, 220kV Kibos-Kakamega-Musaga line. The project had earlier been projected to cost Sh41.5 billion.

The proposal was along that of Adani Energy Solutions, but the latter was however rejected by Kenyans for lack of transparency.

Adani Energy Solutions plans to build three transmission lines totaling 371 km and three substations, including the 206 km, 400kV Gilgil-Thika-Malaa-Konza line. The projects was projected to cost $736 million (Sh94.9 billion).

Adani was also set to take over the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), a deal that also stirred up a storm, with aviation industry players questioning the deals.The government eventually cancelled both Adani deals following public pressure and corruption allegations involving Adani in the US.

The latest Epra process is already drawing scrutiny from energy analysts and transparency advocates for a perceived lack of disclosure, mirroring the criticism that contributed to the cancellation of the Adani agreement.

A key point of contention is that EPRA has not provided the public with the private proposal from the power firms, which contains the financial and technical details necessary for a meaningful review of these future pass-through costs.

Without access to the core document, stakeholders cannot adequately assess the potential financial burden on consumers. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) has repeatedly warned that high energy costs make Kenyan products uncompetitive, while households continue to grapple with the high cost of living.

The lack of disclosure around the Africa 50/Power Grid proposals raises concerns about transparency and long-term tariff impacts similar to those that sank the Adani deal.

EPRA had not responded to questions regarding the limited consultation venues and the non-disclosure of the project proposals by press time.

Detailed cost disclosure is critical because, under the PPP model, the private developer's investment is recovered directly from electricity consumers over the long term. Firms that finance power lines will be paid a fee that will be passed on to electricity users, similar to what Kenya Power pays Ketraco for using its high-voltage transmission lines.

These costs are treated as "pass-through costs," meaning they are added directly to the national power tariff and passed on to households and businesses. This mechanism was a central point of contention in the cancelled Adani project.

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PRIZE. SH1.3M TO BE WON IN TECH AWARDS

One promising African startup is set to walk away with a $10,000 (Sh1.29 million) grand prize, when Verto, a leading global fintech company, announces the finalists for the 2025 Verto Awards.The prestigious awards recognise high-impact, early-stage startups transforming cross-border payments, foreign exchange, and digital commerce across Africa.Ola Oyetayo, Co-Founder and CEO of Verto, said the awards are part of Verto's continued commitment to driving Africa's participation in the global digital economy. **[Esther Dianah]**

DATA. META DEFENDS ADS MODEL IN TRIAL

Facebook owner Meta on Wednesday defended its advertising model in a 550-million-euro trial in Spain over alleged breaches of EU data protection rules brought by more than 80 Spanish media organisations.EU rules oblige companies to obtain users' consent to create personalised advertising from their data.Spain's main media association AMI says the US tech giant, which also owns Instagram and WhatsApp, created "unfair competition" by "systematically" breaking the law between May 2018 and July 2023.The association launched a lawsuit alleging unfair competition in digital advertising sales and is seeking 551 million euros ($647 million) in compensation."This isn't a case that affects only AMI's outlets, it has implications for media worldwide," AMI Director General Irene Lanzaco told reporters. **[AFP]**

TECH. HUB SECURES GLOBAL FINANCE SEAT

Kenya's national strategic aspirations to be a leading financial investment hub have received a major boost from the World Alliance of International Financial Centres (WAIFC), which has formally elected the Nairobi International Financial Centre (NIFC) as a full member of the World Alliance.The WAIFC is the leading global platform of international financial centres, and acts as a catalyst for collaboration, fostering financial innovation, and cooperating with international organisations. **[Esther Dianah]**

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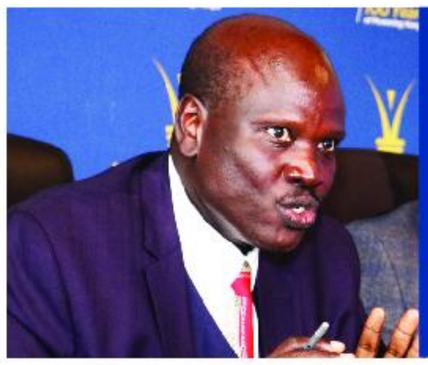
EURO	151.5661
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.4727
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.0040
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	18.9957
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2306
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.7852
AE DIRHAM	35.1860
CANADIAN DOLLAR	92.8548
SWISS FRANC	161.9548
JAPANESE YEN (100)	87.3479
SWEDISH KRONER	13.7226
NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.9473
DANISH KRONER	20.3025
INDIAN RUPEE	1.4554
HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6091
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.1394
SAUDI RIYAL	34.4621
CHINESE YUAN	18.1528
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	85.4340

SOURCE:COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE
African Alliance Money Market Fund	7.26 %	7.51 %
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	10.26%	10.75%
Stanbic Money Market Fund	6.27%	6.45%
Equity Money Market Fund	4.93%	5.04%
GCIB Money Market Fund	11.55%	12.18%
Mali Money Market Fund	9.31%	9.31%
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.15%	8.49%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	9.50%	9.92%
Madison Money Market Fund Kes.	10.25%	10.79%
Britam Money Market Fund	10.36%	10.91%
Britam Money Market Fund (USD)	4.45%	4.55%
Kuza Money Market Fund	10.70%	11.30%
Kuza Money Market Fund (USD)	5.64%	5.80%
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.67%	9.05%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	10.09%	10.56%
Enwealth Money Market Fund1	0.55%	11.07%
Enwealth Money Market Fund (USD)	4.71%	4.81%
Faulu Money Market Fund	9.50%	9.92%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	11.35%	12.04%
Mayfair Money Market Fund	8.16%	8.50%
CIC Money Market Fund	8.22%	8.53%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	9.02%	9.44%
Etica Money Market Fund	11.39%	12.06%
Etica Money Market Fund (USD)	5.70%	5.87%
OTHER FUNDS		
Equity Balanced Fund	163.65	165.04

Stanbic Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.76%	4.86%
African Alliance Balanced Fund	23.4282	22.0648
African Alliance Equity Fund	212.6218	199.6745
African Alliance Fixed Income Fund	12.0024	11.6152
African Alliance Enhanced Yield	7.72 %	8.00 %
Amana Balanced Fund	144.43	144.43
Amana Shilling Fund Class C	7.19	7.43
ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	151.37	151.37
ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	144.72	144.72
CIC Fixed Income Fund	9.99%	10.46%
CIC Wealth Fund	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Fund (USD)	4.55%	4.65%
Etica Fixed Income Fund	12.23%	13.01%
Etica Fixed Income Fund (USD)	7.23%	7.49%
GCIB Fixed Income Fund	11.91%	12.59%
GCIB Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	6.93%	7.15%
Madison Fixed Income Fund Kes.	11.18%	11.83%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	15.70	15.70
Britam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	5.36%	5.51%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	11.06%	11.70%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	11.12%	11.76%
Kuza Momentum Special Fund	140.58	140.58
Enwealth Fixed Income Fund	8.79%	9.15%
Old Mutual Special Fixed Income	11.06%	11.65%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	7.73%	8.01%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.16%	4.25%
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.91%	5.03%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	12.65%	13.41%
Zimele Balanced Fund	16.7520	16.2641



NUMBER OF THE DAY

SH28M

ENERGY & PETROLEUM: KPLC closed the day at Sh14.40 (3.23 per cent higher), where shares valued Sh28 million were sold.

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
		AGRICULTURAL			
23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	20.40	20.55	356
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00	422.25	413.50	109
402.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	399.75	365.50	2,596
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME	380.00	380.00	257
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	18.50	18.55	16,783
302.50	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	302.50	275.00	4,361
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	41.35	38.85	6,881
		BANKING			
23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	21.50	21.50	116,118
42.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	37.40	38.40	748
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	104.75	104.50	80,644
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	58.00	58.00	1,459,867
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.70	10.65	136,314
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	42.95	43.00	64,740
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	56.50	56.75	1,747,935
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	69.75	69.00	20,552
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	194.25	184.25	23,848
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	284.25	284.00	14,263
21.55	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	21.00	21.40	74,545
		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	1.40	1.41	3,081
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.92	7.92	7,582
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.94	3.91	371,958
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	3.03	3.02	835
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.61	1.67	34,997
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.00	13.35	48,590
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	14.80	15.00	3,074
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00		5.90	-
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.40	15.00	1,312
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.41	0.38	515,290
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.87	2.91	69,69
		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	58.00	59.50	3,012
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	58.00	58.75	384
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
10.40	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	8.66	8.62	1,463,344
14.90	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	14.40	13.95	1,950,683
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	34.05	34.00	22,653
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.82	8.02	271,274
		INSURANCE			
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.88	8.92	71,324
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	4.84	4.85	145,354
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	319.75	314.25	2,534
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.16	3.16	1,213,401
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	11.00	10.95	12,825
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	9.22	9.00	534
		INVESTMENT			
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.55	15.25	17,583
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.25	1.24	709,454
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	6.52	5.96	3,118,051
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	14.80	14.75	35,820
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	120.00	121.00	763
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	428.25	427.50	8,028
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	26.80	25.70	28,707
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	211.75	211.00	39,334
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.68	1.60	93,173
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	24.00	24.10	712
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.06	8.26	31,595
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.30	28.90	6,186,814
		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	4680.00	4595.00	300
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	811.00	830.00	166

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ENERGY

Thermal power usage surges again

Kenya increasingly relied on thermal power plants in the 12 months ending on June this year, as electricity demand rose and authorities turned to the fossil fuel powered power plants.

The increased use of thermal energy reversed the trend in recent years that had seen a drop in use of electricity sourced from the power plants that burn heavy fuel oil for power production. A new report by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) shows that electricity sourced from thermal power plants rose by 18.5 per cent and accounted for 9.23 per cent of the electricity that Kenyans used over the year to June 2025 up from 8.23 per cent in the year to June 2024.

The report shows that over the one year, to June 2025, 1,335.62 gigawatt hours (GWh) of thermal power was fed to the national electricity grid. This was a growth of 18.5 per cent, from 1,127.11GWh generated in the year to June 2024. Total energy generation stood at 14,472GWh.

The higher use of thermal is despite governments push for a shift that prioritises renewable energy sources over thermal power.

Epra attributed the increased use of thermal power to higher demand at peak hours.

"Thermal sources contributed 9.23 per cent up from 8.23 per cent. The increased share of thermal generation is as a result of a rise in electricity demand during peak periods which occurs between 7PM and 10PM daily," said Epra in its Energy and Petroleum Statistical report for the year to June 2025.

"Thermal energy resources are utilised to meet peak demand, for voltage support and to counter the intermittence of variable renewable energy resources."

In the report, Epra noted that during the year to June this year, a new peak demand was recorded in February rose to 2,316.2MW, representing a 6.3 per cent increase compared to a peak of 2,177MW the previous year.

Post reporting period in June, peak demand – which is the maximum power needed on the grid at a specific time — has recorded several new highs, the last one being on August 5 at 2,363.41MW, a significant increase in grid stress.

Despite the increased output from the thermal power plants, their overall installed capacity declined following retirement of one of the plants whose Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) expired in December 2023. Installed thermal capacity, according to Epra, stood at 564.8 MW, a decline from 636.1MW in June 2024.

[Macharia Kamau]

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Court decision paves way for maritime regulations overhaul

Judge ruled that the regulations were lawfully enacted, and due process was followed.

By Patrick Beja
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A cargo ship waiting to offload at the Port of Mombasa on March 3, 2025. [Omondi Onyango, Standard]

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has won a case against the Kenya Ships Agents Association (KSAA), which challenged the implementation of key regulations in the maritime sector.

The disputed regulations were the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Regulations, the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collision) Regulations, the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Transport Operators) Regulations, the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Regulations, the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement) Regulation, and the Merchant Shipping (Recognised Organisations) Regulation.

The petitioner, on September 2 last year, argued that the regulations were enacted without undertaking satisfactory public participation and that they imposed new operations and financial burdens on stakeholders in the maritime sector.

In the suit, KSAA sued the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs; KMA; the Attorney General; and the National Assembly over the regulations.

In a judgement delivered on September 19 this year, Mombasa High Court Judge Justice Olga Sewe noted that KMA complied with the Statutory Instruments Act, CAP 2A, in respect to the public participation exercise conducted for all the regulations.

The exercise included the preparation and gazettement of the regulatory impact assessment for the proposed Maritime Transport Regulations and an explanatory memorandum annexed to the regulations, a key duty placed upon regulation-making authorities.

The judge also held that due process for enactment was followed.

The contention by the petitioner was that the tariff framework guideline published by KMA was an order or guideline of a statutory nature and that it ought to have complied with the Statutory Instruments Act.

The judge held that the said tariff framework was not a statutory instrument but a guidance intended for maritime transport operators seeking to review tariffs.

The respondents brought proof of transparency in the stakeholder participatory engagement conducted and were therefore found to have complied with the Fair Administrative Act, CAP 7L.

The court also held that the respondents acted within their legal mandate and dismissed the case for lack of merit.

The petitioner was aggrieved that the tariff framework mandatorily provides for a procedure to be adopted by Maritime Transport Operators (MTOs) seeking to change their tariffs, including the requirement to give a 90 day notice to KMA.

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TOTAL estimate of the cost of construction for the upcoming berth 19B whose construction started mid this year.

> *Against this backdrop and impressive results attained, we are excited and optimistic about the promising performance that lies ahead."*
>
> **William Ruto,** KPA Managing Director

"In the petitioner's view, that notice period is an inordinately long time given the fast-paced nature of the maritime business. It pointed out that the tariff framework also calls for consultations with the public on the same and that a notice be given to the public 30 days prior to the effective date of the proposed changes in tariffs," said Just Sewe.

KSAA had contended that there was neither public participation on the tariff framework nor any notice given to the stakeholders of the maritime industry prior to its publication.

The petitioner also averred in the petition that it came across another report by KMA, published on its website, entitled "Report of Stakeholder Consultations on the Maritime Laws (Amendment) Bill and the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Transport Operators) Regulations 2022" ("the 2nd Report"), in which KMA attempted to outline its efforts in ensuring public participation in respect to the Draft MTO Regulations.

KSAA pointed out that KMA failed to attach the responses to the said consultations or the findings.

In their view, these so-called public participation activities lacked transparency, given that no information could be gleaned as to what transpired during the various stakeholder engagement processes.'

The National Assembly also opposed the petition in a replying affidavit by Samuel Njoroge, dated September 30, 2024, pointing out that under Article 94(5) of the Constitution, no person or body, other than Parliament, has the power to make provisions having the force of law except under authority conferred by this Constitution or by legislation.

Njoroge added that Article 94(5) of the Constitution, as read with Section 11 of the Statutory Instrument Act, requires that all regulation-making authorities submit copies of all statutory instruments to the National Assembly for approval.

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Over the years, proposals for developing a specific regulatory framework for the maritime transport services in the country have faced heavy resistance from dominant sector players, particularly those undertaking vertical integration in shipping operations.

In 2011, attempts to regulate the maritime service operators through the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Service Providers) Regulations flopped when the guidelines were successfully challenged in the Mombasa High Court on the grounds of general inconsistency with the Constitution.

Similarly, section 16 of the Merchant Shipping Act, CAP 389, a provision meant to boost local investment and the local maritime industry, was also challenged in the Mombasa High Court and the said section was rendered inconsistent with the Constitution.

With the victory, KMA now hopes to implement robust and effective regulations for the maritime sector to enhance safety, security, and maritime labour standards.

According to the Maritime Transport Operators Regulation, it is projected that the regulations will promote the participation of Kenyans in the maritime transport and logistics sector, reduce unfair competition among maritime transport operators, and promote quality service delivery.

The regulation is also expected to reduce the costs of doing business in the sector, promote investment, reduce continuous loss of revenue from unlicensed maritime transport operators, and build the capacity of maritime professionals and transfer skills in the maritime sector and the blue economy at large.

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Kenya risks missing out on **maritime tourism gold**

Lamu Shipping Limited's *MV Amu Jameel* during its first call to Mombasa County. [Kelvin Karani, Standard]

With Lamu Shipping leading the cargo wave, marine passenger services are next frontier for bold investors.

By Philip Mwakio
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Picture this: sleek catamarans gliding between Mombasa's historic port and Lamu's UNESCO World Heritage sites offering passengers a scenic alternative to current transportation options.

This isn't just a dream – it's a viable business opportunity begging for implementation, according to the maritime and tourism experts calling for the state to market it to the viable investors.

They say that after the indigenous-owned Lamu Shipping Limited (LSL)'s impressive strides in maritime commerce, marine passenger service is an opportunity beckoning investors.

LSL recently acquired and put into service a container vessel christened *MV Amu* Jameel to serve the East African Coast from its Mombasa Port's operating hub.

Former Secretary General of the Seafarers Union of Kenya (SUK), Andrew Mwangura, argues that the pristine coastline stretching from Mombasa to the Comoros Islands represents one of the world's last underdeveloped maritime tourism frontiers, waiting for visionary investors to unlock its potential.

He stated that the East African coastline presents a unique combination of advantages that make marine passenger services particularly attractive.

Mwangura explained that ancient Swahili towns, pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and rich marine life create a tourism corridor unlike any other.

He said serene beaches from Mombasa to Zanzibar and historic alleys from Lamu to the exotic Comoros archipelago offer distinct experiences that could be seamlessly connected through modern marine transport. "Consider the current tourism landscape: tourists often limit themselves to single destinations, deterred by transport complications between coastal points," he said.

He said a well-planned catamaran service could also transform this limitation into an opportunity, allowing tourists to experience multiple destinations in comfort and style.

Some of the potential route networks could connect Kenya's coastal gems before extending to Tanzania's Pemba, Zanzibar, and ultimately the Comoros Islands. Current transportation options between these destinations are limited to time-consuming road travel or expensive flights.

Mombasa Tourism Council (MTC) chairman, Dr Sam Ikwaye, while applauding investors' efforts to delve into maritime transport within the Indian Ocean that borders the nation, said that water transport is one product that has not been fully explored and exploited in and around Mombasa City.

"Unlike Lamu and Zanzibar, excellent experiences are waiting for investors to harness the huge potential of Mombasa's tourism outlook," Ikwaye said. He went on to add that there is a need for leadership to develop a strategy and policy to attract investors with competitive offers to invest.

"This will also ease the challenge of huge traffic jams being experienced on the island of Mombasa," he said, adding that maritime alternatives would offer several advantages.

First, modern catamarans provide a comfortable, scenic journey that becomes part of the tourism experience rather than merely transportation.

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"Imagine tourists watching dolphins play in the bow wave while enjoying refreshments on deck – the journey becomes as memorable as the destination. Second, the ability to serve multiple coastal points creates opportunities for flexible tour packages, allowing visitors to explore the coast at their own pace through hop-on-hop-off services.

Third, these services would benefit both international tourists and local residents, ensuring year-round demand beyond peak tourism seasons," said Mwangura.

The timing for such an investment couldn't be better. Governments along the East African coast are increasingly recognising the importance of maritime infrastructure development. Kenya's commitment to maritime sector growth, demonstrated through various policy initiatives, suggests a receptive environment for marine tourism investments.

To accelerate this development, experts are calling on the governments to consider implementing specific tax holidays for marine passenger service operators, particularly during the initial years of operation when routes are being established and market demand is building.

They also call on the creation of streamlined licensing processes for coastal passenger services, reducing bureaucratic hurdles that might deter investors, as well as developing dedicated marine passenger terminals at key ports, ensuring comfortable embarking and disembarking facilities for tourists.

"Establishing clear customs and immigration protocols for marine passengers and facilitating smooth movement between countries should also be a priority," Mwangura said.

He said LSL's entry into cargo services demonstrates the viability of maritime ventures in the region and called for the same entrepreneurial spirit applied to passenger services that could revolutionise coastal tourism.

He said that for potential investors, the opportunity extends beyond immediate tourism revenue. Property development at key stops, marine-based activities, and support services all present additional revenue streams.

The first movers in this space will have the advantage of establishing brand recognition and securing prime operational locations.

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Philippines quake toll rises to 69 as injured overwhelm hospitals

- Hospitals overwhelmed as hundreds injured; families mourn loved ones lost beneath rubble.
- Rescuers dig through debris for missing as officials warn of aftershocks and rising toll.

AFP, BOGO

The death toll from a powerful earthquake in the central Philippines rose to at least 69 on Wednesday, a disaster official said, with scores of injured patients overwhelming hospitals on the island of Cebu.

Injured children cried and adults screamed while being treated on beds beneath blue tents outside the Cebu Provincial Hospital, having been wheeled outside as a precaution against waves of aftershocks overnight.

They are survivors of the shallow magnitude 6.9 quake that struck late on Tuesday off Cebu island's north near Bogo, a city of 90,000 people, according to the US Geological Survey.

Others were not so fortunate, and AFP journalists saw hospital workers loading black body bags into vans that took the dead to local mortuaries.

"Many of them were pinned down by debris, which caused their death," Office of Civil Defence deputy administrator Rafaelito Alejandro said on government television, putting the updated death toll at 69.

People inspect a collapsed building where three people were reported missing in Bogo City on October 1, 2025. [AFP]

Richard Guion, his left elbow heavily bandaged, told how he and his wife, who broke her foot, were dug from under the collapsed concrete wall of their home by their 17-year-old son, who was playing outside when the quake struck.

"When the cement collapsed, I called out to him," said the 39-year-old Guion, thankful his son ignored his order to go to bed early.

Thirty people were killed in Bogo, the civil defence office's Alejandro said. In other municipalities near the quake's epicentre, 22 were killed in San Remigio, 10 in Medellin, five in Tabogon and one each in Sogod and Tabuelan, he said.

> *I will never leave this site until I find them again. As a father, I have to be strong now more than ever,"*
>
> **Isagani Jilig,** victim

The Bogo hospital put the number of injured at 186 so far.

Teddy Fontillas, 56, told AFP he had not slept while he helped transfer the injured to other hospitals.

"I'm already struggling, but what we are doing is necessary to help our patients," he said.

Elsewhere in Bogo, firemen used excavators to drill holes into the collapsed heap of a two-storey motel, where two receptionists and a child were feared trapped beneath debris.

A distraught Isagani Jilig, whose wife and child are among the missing, joined about a hundred people watching the rescue.

"I will never leave this site until I find them again. As a father, I have to be strong now more than ever," Jilig, 41, told AFP.

Fireman Erwin Castaneda said they had been searching for five hours but "we cannot give up".

"We are talking about lives here. We will do everything that we can," he told AFP.

President Ferdinand Marcos pledged swift aid for victims. "I offer my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families," he said.

Dramatic footage filmed by residents on Bantayan island near Cebu showed a string of light bulbs on an old Catholic church swaying wildly before the church's belfry tumbled into the courtyard.

Local television showed riders dismounting from their motorcycles and holding onto railings as a Cebu bridge rocked violently.

In Cebu city, 100 kilometres to the south, online shoe merchant Jayford Maranga said he hid under a restaurant table to avoid the collapsing metal ceiling of a shopping mall.

Briefing

LAGOS. BOAT ACCIDENT IN SOUTHERN NIGERIA KILLS 26

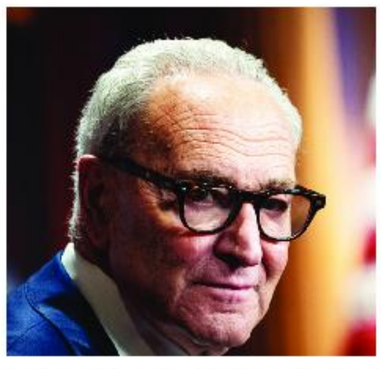
A boat accident on the Niger River in southern Nigeria has killed at least 26 people, authorities in Kogi State said on Wednesday. The boat was taking traders to a market in Illushi in Edo State on the other side of the river bank, Kingsley Femi Fanwo, Kogi State commissioner for information, said in a statement on X. "Reports indicate that the unfortunate incident has allegedly claimed the lives of not less than 26 passengers," he said. Accidents are common on Nigeria's busy rivers, often caused by overloaded boats, poor maintenance or failure to comply with safety regulations. Last month, a crowded ferry boat capsized in Niger State after reportedly hitting a tree stump, drowning at least 32 people. In late August, a boat carrying around 50 people overturned in the northwestern state of Sokoto, killing three and leaving 25 others missing.. **[AFP]**

GERMANY. OKTOBERFEST CLOSED BY BOMB THREAT

Oktoberfest was temporarily closed by a bomb threat Wednesday, organisers said, as police investigated a house in Munich that had been rigged with explosives then set alight, leaving one man dead. Police deployed a bomb squad along with firefighters to the house in Lerchenau district of the city early in the morning, as a column of smoke rose in the sky. They said the house had been rigged with explosives and then set on fire. The badly wounded man was found a short distance away, and later died of his injuries, police said. Bild daily reported that a man was suspected of having caused the explosion and fire in his parents' house before killing himself, and that shots had been fired in the incident, but police did not confirm this. **[AFP]**

WASHINGTON

US government shuts down after Congress fails to reach deal



US Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY). [AFP]

The US government began shutting down Wednesday after lawmakers and President Donald Trump failed to break a budget impasse during acrimonious talks that hinged on Democratic demands for health care funding.

Republicans and Democrats immediately blamed each other for the deadlock that will impact hundreds of thousands of government workers and the millions of Americans who use the services they provide.

The shutdown, which will stop work at multiple federal departments and agencies, comes as deep partisan divisions in Washington have raised fears over the length and consequences of the halt.

Trump threatened to punish Democrats and their voters by targeting progressive priorities and forcing mass public sector job cuts during the first stoppage since the one during his previous term.

"So we'd be laying off a lot of people that are going to be very affected. And they're Democrats, they're going to be Democrats," Trump told reporters, adding a "lot of good can come down from shutdowns."

Multiple US embassies announced on X that their accounts would only be updated with "urgent safety and security information", while NASA said it was "CLOSED due to a lapse in Government funding."

Government operations began grinding to a halt at 12:01 am (0401 GMT) Wednesday, after a frenetic but ultimately failed bid in the Senate to rubber-stamp a short-term funding resolution already approved by the House of Representatives.

Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries said in a statement that "Trump and Republicans have now shut down the federal government because they do not want to protect the health care of the American people."

"Democrats remain ready to find a bipartisan path forward to reopen the government", but will need a "credible partner," said the statement published just after the deadline passed. **[AFP]**

BEIJING

China launches visa to lure foreign tech talent

China kicked off Wednesday a new visa programme aimed at attracting foreign talent in science and technology, part of ongoing efforts to position itself as a world leader in those sectors ahead of the United States.

The Chinese measure, announced in August, stands in stark contrast to recent US policy, with the Trump administration suddenly introducing new and expensive changes to its own skilled worker visas last month.

China's new K visa significantly simplifies the immigration process for those eligible, according to state media.

"Against the backdrop of some countries retracting, turning inward, and sidelining international talent, China has keenly seized this important opportunity and promptly introduced this policy," state newspaper People's Daily said in a comment piece on Tuesday.

In contrast to many other visa categories, the K visa does not require a domestic employer or entity to issue an invitation to the applicant.

"K visas will offer more convenience to holders in terms of number of permitted entries, validity period and duration of stay," state news agency Xinhua reported in August.

The official description for those able to apply is "young foreign scientific and technological talents", but the exact age, educational background and work experience requirements needed are as yet unclear.

Xinhua said visa-holders will be able to "engage in exchanges in fields such as education, culture, and science and technology, as well as relevant entrepreneurial and business activities".

Across the Atlantic, the US tech industry has been rattled by unexpected changes made by the Trump administration to the H-1B visa procedure.

H-1Bs allow companies to sponsor foreign workers with specialised skills --- such as scientists, engineers, and computer programmers -- to work in the United States for three years, with a possible extension to six.

Such visas are widely used by the tech industry, but the new H-1B visa policy now requires a one-time $100,000 fee.

Indian nationals account for nearly three-quarters of the permits allotted via a lottery system each year.

The People's Daily article on Tuesday pushed back at what it called "strange rumours" around the new visa creating "immigration problems" in China.

"The so-called "immigration crisis" will not materialise, we should have cultural confidence," it said. **[AFP]**

Confucius Institute students are flagged off in Nairobi for advanced Mandarin studies at Tianjin Normal University, China. [Xinhua]

KINSHASA

DR Congo ex-president Kabila hit with death penalty in absentia for 'treason'

A military court in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday sentenced ex-president Joseph Kabila to death in absentia for "treason".

Kabila, 54, who was neither present nor represented at the trial in the capital, Kinshasa, was found guilty of complicity with the M23 anti-government armed group, which has seized swathes of the resource-rich Congolese east with Rwandan help.

He left the vast central African country in 2023 and briefly reappeared in M23-occupied Goma in the volatile east in May, causing disquiet in Kinshasa.

Observers say the death sentence aims to remove the possibility of him uniting opposition within the country, despite his exact current whereabouts being unknown.

His parliamentary immunity as a senator for life was lifted at the end of May so the trial could go ahead.

The DRC, ravaged by violence for more than three decades, lifted a moratorium on the death penalty last year but has not carried out an execution since.

At the end of a nearly five-hour hearing on Tuesday, and in a chamber packed with lawyers and journalists, the president of the court handed down the sentence "without admitting mitigating circumstances to the death penalty". **[AFP]**

Burkina Faso's junta leader Captain Ibrahim Traore attends the funerals of 27 soldiers killed as they escorted 207-vehicles in a convoy in Gaskinde, during a ceremony at the General Sangoule Lamizana military camp in Ouagadougou on October 8, 2022. [AFP]

Three years under Traore's boot leaves residents mute

- Traore's junta, echoing Sankara's legacy, has silenced dissent through arrests, forced conscription and youth indoctrination.
- While the regime boasts battlefield gains, Burkinabes speak of fear, repression and propaganda shaping daily life.

AFP, ABIDJAN

In the three years since Burkina Faso's Captain Ibrahim Traore seized power, his junta has silenced critics by arresting dissidents or press-ganging them into fighting jihadists.

Styling himself on former leader Thomas Sankara, a charismatic icon of African rebellion killed in a coup in 1987, the 37-year-old openly defends his anti-imperialist programme and makes no apology for his Burkina Faso "not being a democracy".

Burkinabes interviewed by AFP spoke of rising repression under Traore, as the west African nation battles a more than decade-long jihadist insurgency, but all requested anonymity out of fear for the consequences of speaking out.

"You can only talk about sport, culture or trivia. As soon as you start talking about politics, everyone falls silent," said a resident of the capital Ouagadougou.

"Even within families, brothers have become wary of each other."

According to another local, "since Traore arrived, one ill-placed or out-of-context word will have you marked out as an enemy".

Committees of civilian informants watch over Ouagadougou's grand boulevards, ready to report dissidents. Their presence "shows that everyone spies on and fears everyone else", a third resident said.

The junta has founded brigades dedicated to cleaning up the streets.

Its officers patrol working-class districts on the lookout for behaviour they class as uncivil or anti-social.

One local said that after running a red light he was arrested, handed a vest and forced "to join a group of about 10 people to pull up weeds and pick up rubbish".

"It's all very well to fight against anti-social behaviour, but not by treating people like this, without any regard for the rules or the law," he said.

"Worst of all, they film you and broadcast it on national television."

To promote Traore's prized "decolonised mindset", the junta has encouraged Burkinabes aged 10 to 15 to attend patriotic holiday camps, where they receive military training dressed in army fatigues.

Any young citizen hoping to enrol at university must undergo a month-long "patriotic immersion" course, heavy on classes on national identity.

One participant told AFP he hoped that all young Burkinabes would one day have to undergo that "patriotic immersion" too.

"We learnt to overcome our limits and put our country before our insignificant selves," he said.

A political analyst, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the youth education drive aimed to create a "model militarised citizen" to "annihilate all forms of future protest".

Accused of being in league with "imperialists", the international media has been run out of town, while local journalists have been forced to exercise ever greater caution.

"Today it's difficult to interview people on the street. No one wants to risk being sent to the front for talking about trivial matters," a local journalist said.

> *You can only talk about sport, culture or trivia. As soon as you start talking about politics, everyone falls silent,"*
>
> **Resident of Ouagadougou**

"The few people willing to do so praise the government," he added.

With freedom of speech muzzled, gauging Traore's true popularity is difficult.

Social media is awash with testaments to the captain's glory from an online army of pro-junta influencers, some with more than one million followers.

With a reach spanning far beyond Burkina Faso's borders, the posts mix broadsides against the West with disinformation and AI-generated videos in the service of Traore's cult of personality.

"He is being painted as the long-awaited hero capable of standing strong against the international conspiracy supposedly seeking to keep the people of Africa downtrodden," said Fahiraman Rodrigue Kone, head of the Sahel project of the Institute for Security Studies.

Yet the captain's promise of restoring security within months has not matched the reality at the jihadist front line. The junta insists it has "reconquered" more than 72 percent of the country.

Analysts have cast doubt on the claim, however. Many believe that fighters linked to Al-Qaeda or the Islamic State group control vast swathes of the country, though the army has control of the major cities.

The junta no longer issues updates on jihadist attacks, while the army is often accused of also committing atrocities against civilians.

Though Traore was at the front himself, "his analysis did not take into account the depth of the security crisis" at home, argued Kone.

For the analyst, the captain's "fighting talk also serves as a tool to legitimise his rule".

As one Burkinabe put it: "In the heartlands, it's the terrorists who sow terror. In the big cities, it's the government that terrorises the people."

TV GUIDE

KTN TV

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6:00 AM	THE SITUATION ROOM
10:00AM	ART OF LIVING
11:00 AM	YANAYOJIRI
1:00 PM	NEWSDESK
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SPICE FM

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RADIO MAISHA

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HOROSCOPE

Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
Expressing compassion and understanding to those close to you is your best bet now, which becomes easier as the day progresses. Otherwise, you might consider ways to reduce stress. Look for ways to improve your well-being.

Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
There can be significant realizations about your relationships or relationship needs. With more self-honesty, doors open to healing and growing. As your vision of an issue broadens, the details of a plan seem to fall into place.

Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov21
Try to avoid letting fear, frustration, or anger drive your behavior or your choices. Power games with someone are unlikely to make anything better, but identifying trouble areas in your life can be a step towards managing them.

Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec21
It encourages you to share your ideas, love, creativity, or time with others. You may feel inspired to push a little outside your comfort zone to express yourself. You are able to see eye-to-eye with a partner or a significant person in your life.

Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
There can be differences in values or a sense that someone is not valuing you as much as you feel they should. Do your best to avoid dwelling on the negative. Taking steps to find ways to loosen up and relax can be easier with today's Neptune transit.

Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
You are certainly allowed days when you're a little off. Avoid dwelling on problem areas. Sensitive topics are best avoided with touchy energy surrounding you today, although trigger points can be very revealing.

Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
You may be feeling a tad unappreciated today, and you can too readily take things personally. Fortunately, another transit active today favors solving problems and pulling yourself out of the smaller issues.

Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Watch for exaggerated value, whether negative or positive, and try to avoid mixing money and friendship at this moment. You can feel inspired by a book, idea, line of thought, or quote, or there can be a topic that excites you.

Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Something you hear or someone you meet by chance can stir up feelings, thoughts, and ideas that ultimately lead to empowering insights. Aim to avoid getting caught up in petty matters and embrace cooperating and sharing common goals.

Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
As the day advances, partnering matters are excellent, as there is a feeling of being in agreement -- of sharing and cooperating, respecting one another, and avoiding silly games like tit for tat or worrying about who has power over the other.

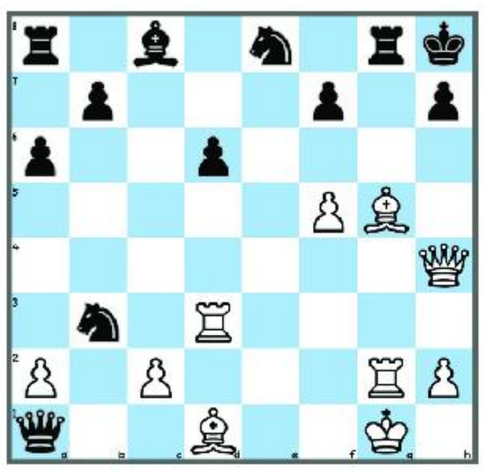
Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
As the day advances, ideas, thoughts, and creative processes all flow quite spontaneously, and you can find it an excellent time for expressing yourself through creative mediums. Others might notice your sacrifices, efforts, or value, especially in your work or regarding fulfilling your responsibilities.

Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
You can feel energized, ready to learn or share, and full of spirit in your dealings with others. There can be some special magic to your interactions today. It's a fine time in your life for both meaningful relationships and creative productivity.
Cafeastrology.com

CHESS

Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.

Intermediate puzzle
White mates in 3 moves.



Wednesday's solution

Easy:
1. Rh8+ Kxh8
2. Qh7#

Intermediate:
1. Rh5+ Bxh5
2. Rf5+ Rxf5
3. Ne6#

SOLVIT

B	E	H	C	19
F	J	G	A	20
G	E	B	F	17
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22	13	14	30	

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
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Wednesday's solution

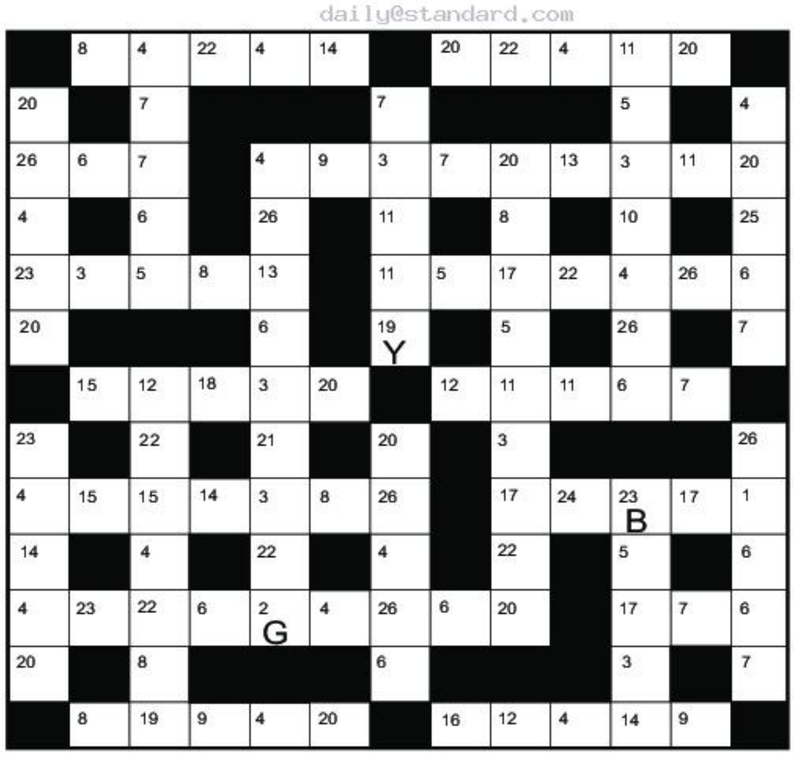
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
1	8	2	6	7	5	3	4	9

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.



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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

Wednesday's solution

14 J	15 M	16 D	17 R	18 Z	19 B	20 Q	21 W	22 X	23 P	24 U	25 A	26 E	
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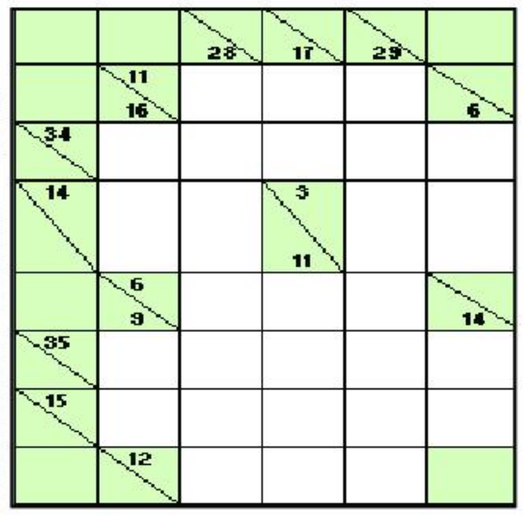
By Kham

KAKURO



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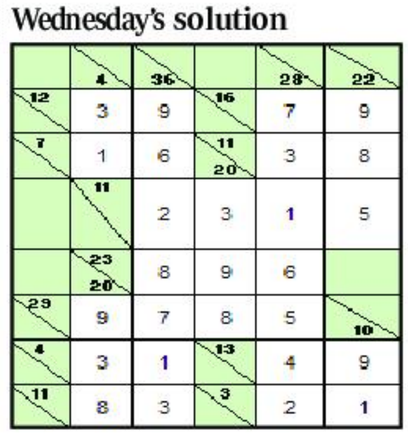
Wednesday's solution



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Wednesday's solution

5	8	3	1	6	4	9	2	7
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6	9	8	2	3	5	7	1	4
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4	6	9	7	5	2	1	8	3
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everyone has talent. What's rare is the courage to follow it to the dark places where it leads."

Erica Jong

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Resident associations: The new nightmare for developers

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Credit: *Saccos land, housing loans share shrinks*

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URBAN PLANNING

Annual built environment professionals convention kicks off in Kisumu

This year's annual built environment professionals convention kicked off in Kisumu yesterday.

The four-day forum is aimed at addressing Kenya's pressing urban development challenges.

It brings together architects, urban planners, engineers, quantity surveyors and policymakers to deliberate on the theme, "From Plans to Reality: Delivering Effective Urban Systems."

Set against a backdrop of rapid urbanisation and increasing climate pressures, the convention aims to move beyond theoretical discussions to forge actionable strategies for creating resilient, inclusive, and innovative cities.

The discourse will be structured around four critical sub-themes: from plans to reality: examining the data, policy, and financial frameworks required to execute impactful urban development projects.

Two will be designing Space for Life: Focusing on human-centred design to create safe, inclusive, and high-quality homes, workplaces, and public spaces.

Three will be building Climate-Resilient Cities: Advancing sustainable transformation through green infrastructure, disaster resilience, and climate adaptation.

Finally, it will be driving Urban Innovation: Fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration to pioneer next-generation urban solutions tailored for the Kenyan context. "Kenya is at a pivotal moment in its urban journey. Our cities are engines of economic growth, but they face immense challenges related to infrastructure, housing, and environmental sustainability," said Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) President George Ndege.

"This convention is a call to action for the entire built environment sector to collaboratively forge solutions that translate ambitious plans into a tangible, high-quality reality for all citizens. We are delighted to have Crown Paints join us in this crucial endeavour, a partnership that signifies a shared commitment to excellence and sustainability."

The convention is expected to draw leading experts from across East Africa and will feature keynote addresses, technical papers, and policy roundtables aimed at shaping the future of Kenya's built environment.

[James Wanzala]

CREDIT

Saccos losing share of loans for land and housing

Segments made up 25.26 per cent of the total credit and advances issued by regulated Saccos last year.

By Graham Kajilwa
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The market share of loans borrowed by Sacco members for land and housing purposes is shrinking, even as the sector still holds the highest proportion of credit advances.

The Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra) 2024 industry report shows that the loans disbursed under the land and housing sector stood at Sh137.1 billion in 2024 compared to Sh126.1 billion in 2023.

The report shows that last year's figures made up 25.26 per cent of the total credit and advances issued by regulated Saccos. This is a drop from 27.39 per cent in 2023. Sasra, while noting that the highest proportion of loans issued by regulated Saccos was to lands and housing, pointed out a gradual drop over the years of the sector's market share.

"It is noteworthy that although the proportion of loans and credit advances issued by regulated Saccos towards land and housing sectors remained the highest and most dominant, the same has been on a downward trajectory from a market share of 33.24 per cent in 2022 to 26.97 per cent in 2023 and 25.26 per cent in 2024," the report says.

Of the Sh137.1 billion advanced, Sh67.33 billion was earmarked for housing purchase or construction, while the rest, Sh69.79 billion, was for buying land.

"The increase in the funding by regulated Saccos towards land and housing sectors is consistent with the findings of the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Economic Survey, 2025, which reported that Saccos made the highest financing arrangements towards the real estate market at 31.8 per cent," the report says. The KNBS report shows cooperatives and Saccos are the go-to financial institutions for housing and land financing needs at 31.8 per cent followed by housing finance institutions (22.7 per cent), microfinance institutions (13.6 per cent), self help groups or chamas (9.1 per cent), family and friends (4.6 per cent), and employer scheme (4.6 per cent).

> *"The proportion of loans and credit advances issued towards the agricultural sectors ... has been on an upward trajectory."*
>
> **Sasra report**

Of the Sh137.1 billion loan advances last year, Sh67.33 billion was earmarked for housing purchase or construction. [File, Standard]

Land and housing seem to be losing their market share to agriculture, which gobbled up Sh108.8 billion in 2024 from Sh76.91 billion in 2023.

"The proportion of loans and credit advances issued towards the agricultural sectors of the economy has been on an upward trajectory, albeit with marginal increases from 13.76 per cent in 2022 to 16.96 per cent in 2023 and 20.05 per cent in 2024 probably buoyed by the good weather patterns over the last two years as well as government interventions through subsidies," the report says.

Education also grew from Sh94.54 billion in 2023 to Sh119.49 billion in 2024.

Of the Sh137.1 billion advanced for land and housing, Sh110.47 billion was extended by deposit-taking Saccos (DT-Saccos) and Sh26.65 billion by non-withdrawable deposit-taking Saccos (NWDT-Saccos).

In the period, while the amounts for land and housing purposes advanced by DT-Saccos were an increase from Sh95.20 billion in 2023, the advances by NWDT-Saccos in the same period were a drop from Sh28.98 billion in 2023.

According to the report, the total amount of loans advanced by regulated Saccos in 2024 stood at Sh542.75 billion from Sh460.47 billion in 2023.

Land, housing, and agriculture are among the eight sectors that the 355 regulated Saccos extended credit to.

Others included consumption and social services (Sh48.90 billion), finance, investment and insurance (Sh35.26 billion), human health (Sh10.85 billion), education (Sh119.49 billion), manufacturing and servicing industries (Sh19.20 billion), and trade (Sh63.14 billion).

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PLANNING

Why resident lobbies are now developers' worst nightmare

Players accuse welfare groups of wielding more undue power in project approvals.

Failure to do public participation is among the reasons developers are facing resistance from the lobbies. [AFP]

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During the International Housing Solutions (IHS) Affordable Housing Conference, Shiv Arora, chief executive of Superior Homes, did not have pleasant words to say about resident associations.

He noted how the lobbies are becoming an impediment to developers, wielding more power when it comes to obtaining building approvals.

"I think the government needs to take a look because with time, someone could stop your development for 12 months," he said.

Terming the trend unfortunate, Arora said developers, under the auspices of the Kenya Property Developers Association (KPDA), are pushing back.

The lobby is formulating a policy that will guide the relationship between its members and resident associations.

"Sam (Kariuki, Mi Vida Homes CEO and KPDA board director) is leading a policy group to fight back," he said.

Arora said the role of government goes beyond laying infrastructure to streamlining rules and regulations around approvals.

"We can build houses, move volumes, match our costs, but if we get frustrated with things like approvals ... and very slow court processes, it really has a negative impact on the sector," he said.

Even the government has not been spared by resident associations' wokeness. In March this year, Langata residents under the Langata Settlement Residents Association staged a protest over the government's plan to put up 15,000 units in a 38-acre piece of land in the area. Fred Muryungi, the association's chairperson, said the 15,000 units means an additional 75,000 people on top of the current 50,000 living in the area, adding to its water and sewerage challenges.

He claimed there was no public participation for the Sh25 billion project.

"We do not want these houses in Langata," he said.

Henry Ochieng, CEO of the Kenya Alliance of Residents Associations (Kara), says failure to do public participation is among the reasons developers are facing resistance from the lobbies. He says this is a constitutional requirement.

"The major complaint has always been that when they carry out public participation, they talk to the wrong people. For instance, they come on a weekday when residents are away at work, and talk to house-helps, security and passers-by. These are people who have no interest in that particular area," he said in an interview. Ochieng said it is not that residents are against development; their concerns are that developers are not following by-laws and zoning regulations.

"Look at what the zoning regulations say, get the right approvals, and do proper public participation. If those things are done as required by law, then we will not see these fights," he said.

In March this year, Kajiado County signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Kajiado County Alliance of Resident Associations, granting the lobby power to vet developers' projects.

The deal provides that the county would only issue approvals to projects for which the association has issued a "no objection" vote.

The county government is, however, said to have since denounced the deal.

But as resident associations fight with developers, there are also internal fights, amid the proliferation of gated communities, where a majority of residents tend to mind their own business.

One such case is that of Fourways Junction, where residents have voiced their concerns about how their lobby is managing the state affairs.

For example, there are claims that the management favours those residing in villas over apartments, yet the service charge is standard for both. They have also queried how budgets are passed, as well as the audit of the service charge contributions.

"It is like some members of the executive committee wield more power than others," one resident told *The Standard*.

It is claimed that while villas are assigned a single guard per unit, the ratio in apartments stretches to several blocks, leading to security lapses.

"There exists an assumption that because FJRA (Fourways Junction Residents Association) committees have representatives from the apartments, it means that apartment interests are adequately advocated. That is not necessarily true all the time, because not everyone sees issues the same way. If apartment owners in any committee are out of touch with the realities/concerns of their fellow owners, vital issues will fall through the cracks unattended," reads the minutes of one of the lobby's meetings as voiced by some members.

The minutes reveal a lack of public participation in the 2025-2026 budget process.

"It was unclear how it could have proceeded despite members of the finance and executive committees being in the same owner WhatsApp group where all the conversations and debate on the issue have been ongoing for months," the minutes add.

The estate management was yet to respond to our request for comment by the time of going to press.

SH25 BILLION
COST of disputed government project to construct 15,000 units in Langata.

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TRADE WARS

EU in plan to raise tariffs on steel imports

The EU will propose cutting steel import quotas and significantly increasing tariffs on the metal from abroad, the bloc's industry chief Stephane Sejourne told the sector on Wednesday, mirroring US moves.

Brussels will unveil new measures next week to protect the steel sector that will replace a current "safeguard clause" expiring next year, Sejourne said during a meeting in Brussels, participants told AFP.

Protecting the steel industry is a priority for Brussels, especially after US President Donald Trump slapped 50 per cent tariffs on the metal this year.

The European Commission will propose the changes to prevent a wave of cheap steel flooding the EU market following Washington's new levies, as well as Canada's higher tariffs on Chinese imports.

The EU agreed a tariff deal with the United States in July but failed to get Trump to lower duties on European steel, although European officials remain hopeful for future agreement on the issue.

The EU executive currently has safeguard measures -- including import limits -- that will continue until 2026 and seek to shield the industry from Asian overcapacity.

The EU's current tariff rate on steel imports is 25 per cent once the quota volume is exceeded.

Now, Sejourne said Brussels wants to reduce its foreign steel quotas by almost half and raise duties to levels similar to the EU's "American and Canadian partners".

The proposals, once approved, will not be temporary, he said.

European manufacturers have seen their margins collapse, faced with the influx of large quantities of steel from China into Europe.

Industry data shows China was responsible for more than half of the world's steel production last year.

Adding insult to injury, European steelmakers' costs have also risen due to soaring energy prices on the continent.

The European steel industry currently employs around 300,000 people -- but has lost almost 100,000 jobs in the past 15 years.

The EU has already taken extra measures to reinforce the current safeguards, including cutting steel imports by a further 15 per cent from April this year. **[AFP]**

INVESTMENT

Fodder farming: The new frontier in agri real estate

A growing number of land owners are pivoting to growing crops that can be sold to the animal feed industry.

Githaiga Kihara has 12 varieties of animal fodder in his farm. [Kibata Kihu, Standard]

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Changing weather patterns, extreme temperatures, and unpredictable rainfall have made it increasingly challenging for farmers to provide adequate nutrition for their animals.

The crisis is not just agricultural—it is also a land and real estate issue, as the way Kenya allocates and utilises its arable land will shape the nation's food security and property investment landscape in the years ahead.

Feeding livestock on grain and other foods that humans consume reduces the global food supply.

This is because livestock convert these human-edible foods into meat and milk in an inefficient way.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), when animals are fed grains that humans could eat directly, a significant amount of the energy and protein in those grains is lost.

"For every 100 calories of edible grains fed to animals, only 17–30 calories end up in the human food supply as meat or dairy. Similarly, for every 100 grams of grain protein fed to animals, just 43 grams make it into the human food chain. Additionally, 90 per cent of the wild fish used in animal feeds could instead be consumed directly by humans," says FAO in a new report.

This inefficiency creates a ripple effect that directly influences land use, property development, and investment in agricultural real estate.

A lot of food gets lost when making animal feed during this process. Big portions of these crops end up getting thrown away or lost instead of being used for human food. This happens at different stages—harvesting, storage, or conversion into feed.

Reducing these losses in the animal feed supply chain could make better use of Kenya's land resources and address hunger. In real estate terms, it's about maximising the return on every acre of farmland.

In Kenya, less than eight per cent of the land is used for crop and feed production, and less than 20 per cent is suitable for cultivation.

With a population that has surpassed 54 million in 2024, demand for both housing and food is rising rapidly, forcing policymakers and investors to think more strategically about how land is utilised.

According to FAO, there are over 1.55 billion livestock, including 15-20 million cattle, in Kenya. Agriculture, including the livestock industry, contributes about 24 per cent of the country's total GDP and 60 per cent of its export earnings.

The livestock sector contributes approximately 12 per cent to Kenya's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and about 42 per cent of the agricultural GDP.

Two-thirds of Kenyans rely on the crops they grow and the animals they raise for their livelihoods and survival.

As population growth increases urban demand for real estate, rural areas face another dilemma: how to balance land for housing development with land for food and livestock production.

Already, studies show that due to frustrations with low profits from crop farming, many farmers in Kenya are now converting their land away from staple food crops and instead producing crops for animal feed.

The high costs of farming inputs like fertilisers and pesticides have made it increasingly difficult for farmers to turn a profit on maize, beans, and wheat.

As a result, a growing number are pivoting to growing crops that can be sold to the animal feed industry.

In the 2023 Global Hunger Index, Kenya ranked 90th out of 125 countries with available data. With a score of 22, Kenya's hunger level is classified as serious, and about 27.8 per cent of the population suffers from inadequate access to food.

This situation has profound real estate implications. Large tracts of arable land are being repurposed for feed crops or sold off to developers for housing and industrial estates.

Land speculation around growing urban areas has further reduced the land available for farming.

In order for the livestock sector in Kenya to sustain the challenges faced and ensure livelihoods and food security for the existing 54 million people in the country, there needs to be a shift in focus towards more sustainable and cost-effective feeding options, such as perennial fodder farming.

According to the CEO of Moofodder Supermarket Githaiga Kihara, perennial forage crops like Brachiaria, Panchong 1 super napier, red napier (Australian Purple), dwarf napier (Indonesian Smart Napier), Juncao (Chinese napier grass), and Trichantera can offer several advantages over annual crops.

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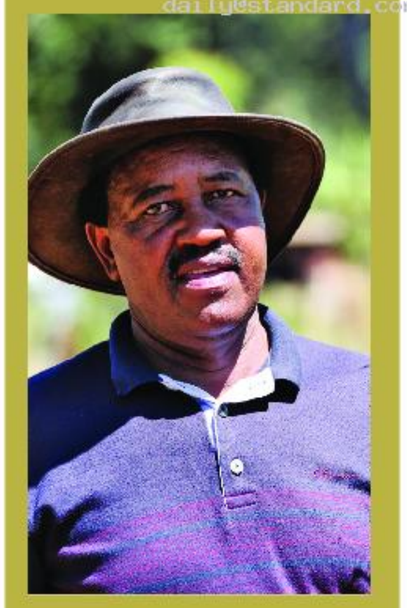

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Perennial fodder is also increasingly viewed as a real estate investment strategy. Landowners, including cooperatives and institutional investors, are buying idle land to convert into perennial fodder farms, leasing out portions to livestock farmers or supplying feed to dairy cooperatives.

In regions such as Nyeri, Nyandarua, Meru, and Uasin Gishu, fodder farming has become a profitable use of medium-acreage land, rivalling maize and wheat production.

"Perennial forages are typically higher in crude protein content, which is essential for supporting animal growth, milk production, and overall health. Additionally, perennial biomass yields tend to be greater over the growing season compared to annuals, allowing for more consistent and abundant feed supplies," Githaiga added.

He further explained that perennial fodder crops can be strategically harvested and stored to ensure a reliable supply of livestock feed, even during the dry season when forage may be scarce.

"Properly curing and storing the harvested fodder, whether as baled hay or ensiled in airtight bunkers or silos, allows farmers to build up sufficient reserves to carry their herds through periods of limited fresh forage availability," he said.

With Kenya's urban centres expanding, land values in rural areas have risen steadily. A 2024 HassConsult Land Price Index report showed that agricultural land in Kiambu, Nyeri, and Nakuru counties had appreciated by between six and 10 per cent annually over the past five years, largely due to demand from investors eyeing agribusiness opportunities.

Perennial fodder farming fits neatly into this trend. By converting idle or underutilised plots into fodder farms, landowners can generate rental income, boost land value, and participate in the growing livestock economy.

In Laikipia, for instance, large ranches have started leasing sections of land to cooperatives for perennial fodder production.

Similarly, smaller landowners in Central Kenya are entering lease agreements with dairy farmers, who guarantee steady monthly payments in exchange for exclusive fodder cultivation rights.

The Kenyan government has begun to recognise fodder farming as a critical part of both food security and land-use planning.

In 2024, the Agroculture Ministry launched a pilot programme to encourage farmers in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) such as Kajiado, Turkana, and Isiolo to plant drought-resistant perennial fodder.

At the same time, county governments are exploring zoning laws that protect agricultural land from unchecked urban development.

This signals a shift in how real estate policy will evolve: safeguarding farmland for sustainable use, while still allowing controlled urban growth.

As Kenya grapples with a "serious" hunger level, ranking 90th out of 125 countries on the 2023 Global Hunger Index, livestock farmers in the country are finding relief through a shift to perennial fodder farming.

This sustainable and cost-effective feeding option stands in contrast to the inefficient practice of using grain and other human-edible foods to feed livestock—a method that further reduces the global food supply.

INTERIOR

State's housing project interior designs must consider basic dignity

ROSTON MALIAZO

Dignity is the new buzzword in Kenya. Politicians especially love to use it when discussing the affordable housing projects.

But a dignified home is more than just a roof and walls. People who are moving into affordable houses built by the government may find themselves caught between a rock and a hard place.

Cramped rooms, kitchens where cooking means bending and squeezing between appliances, and bedrooms that are big enough for a bed and nothing else.

On paper, these things sound like small inconveniences. On the ground, they have a great impact on the joy and quality of life.

Starting with the bedroom, if you have just enough space to fit a 4 x 5 bed but not much else, you'll feel closeted.

You will struggle to open your wardrobe door or add a nightstand. In the kitchen, if the counters and sink areas are too close, you will struggle to move. I've seen projects where the counter is lower than the height of the average adult woman – cooking was a major daily strain.

When it comes to ventilation, the stakes are higher. Insufficient ventilation means that kids grow up in airless and sometimes damp rooms.

Poor ventilation is closely linked to asthma and frequent chest infections among children. According to standards, rooms should have at least two windows.

On window sizes, a window the size of a stretched-out arm span can mean the difference between a dark cave and a sunlit home where occupants don't rely on fluorescent lights day and night. Liveable design isn't unaffordable. Forget the bells and whistles, good interior design first and foremost syncs with the human anatomy and habits.

Consider the tiptoe height needed to open a cupboard for an average Kenyan adult or the walking area between the bed and closet.

If adults have to climb on stools to reach salt or flour, dignity is stripped away. And when the living room feels small and crammed like a matatu, the quality of life goes through the window.

I've seen children do homework on the floor because there's no space for a desk, their backs hunched over in poor light.

Therefore, housing should be more than just economics. It should be about human dignity and wellness. Beyond four walls and a roof, there are a few irreducible minimums Kenyans deserve to see implemented across all public housing projects:

Affordable family homes should be soundproof. Without soundproofing, every neighbour's quarrel or adult conversation in an adjacent room is audible to the children. Based on African culture, the element of respect is lost when there's little acoustic privacy between children and parents.

Many paints contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs). VOCs persist in the air within the home even long after the paint has dried, and can cause respiratory problems, liver failure, and cancer. Beyond the use of low VOC paints, Kenya's affordable homes should be designed to anticipate and address slips and falls, especially among children and senior occupants.

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All families eventually grow –parents need to place a nursery bed somewhere in the bedroom, and kids need study corners.

A bedroom or living room with extra wall space can anticipate and meet these needs. While developers often focus on square meters, what families need is freedom in how they use the space. Flexibility in design leads to stability for the family.

Connection to nature

Affordable housing should nurture the mind and body. Even the smallest connections to the outdoors can yield enormous benefits for Kenyans in the projects.

A mini balcony with a corner for potted plants or a direct sky view through strategic window placement can restore well-being and reduce stress for Kenyans. Direct access to natural light, air, or greenery lifts mood and reduces blood pressure.

Kenya's affordable housing project is an opportunity to change more than just our skylines. With strategic design customised to the daily lives of Kenyans, we can create homes and communities where families grow and thrive.

But if the interiors are treated as leftovers and not part of the core design, these homes will be dwellings of misery.

- The writer is CEO, Prime House Interiors

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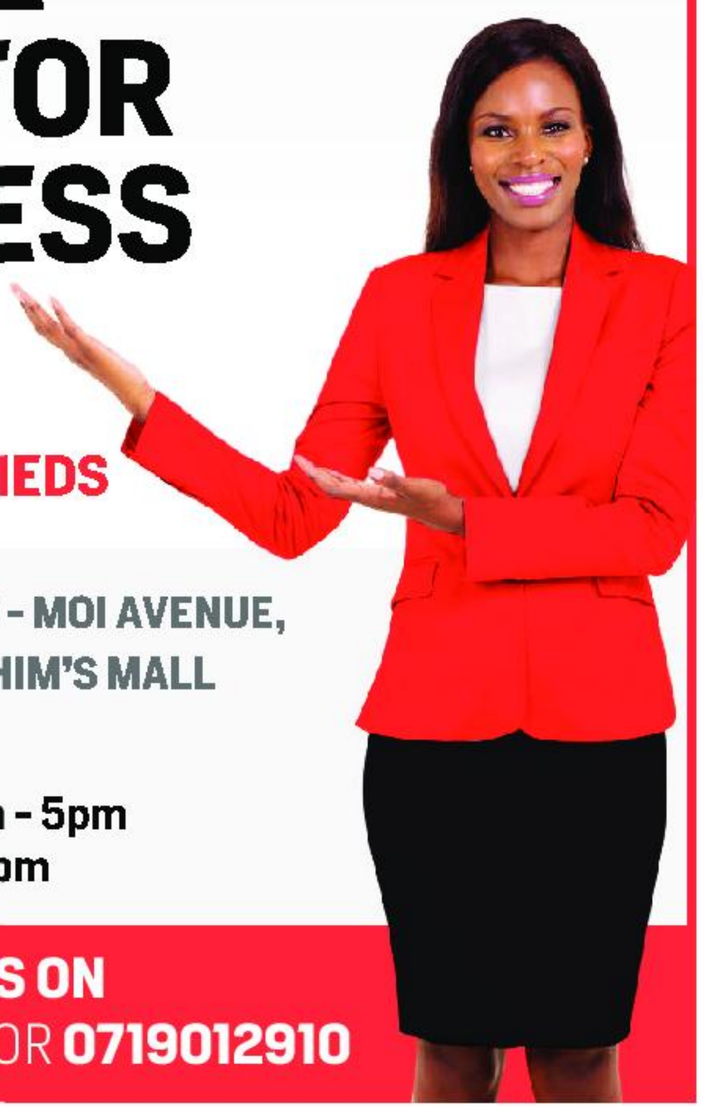

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1 Submission of memoranda/proposal on priority of the policy to be pursued by the county government of Isiolo.

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Off-Plan Surge: How Kenyans are skipping mortgages to own homes

In a booming property market, Kenyans are turning away from traditional mortgages and embracing off-plan buying as a more flexible and affordable path to home ownership.

Aerial view of Hurlingham which is a mixed use of office blocks and apartments.PHOTO:[Wilberforce Okwiri,Standard]

GERARD NYELE, NAIROBI.

In Kenya's fast-rising property market, a quiet revolution is underway. As home prices post some of the highest capital gains in Africa, many Kenyans are opting out of traditional mortgages, long considered the gateway to home ownership. Instead, they're embracing off-plan purchases, betting on unfinished properties to beat both the market and the banks.

The trend is reshaping the country's real estate landscape and exposing deep-rooted flaws in Kenya's mortgage system: high interest rates, rigid eligibility criteria, and chronic under-penetration.

"Off-plan buying is bridging the gap," says Daniel Ojijo, a veteran developer and organising chairman of the Kenya Homes Expo, the region's largest property event. "It allows buyers to spread payments over time, avoid large upfront costs, and bypass bank loans that many simply can't afford."

Recent data from the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) and the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) paints a grim picture. In 2023, there were just over 30,000 outstanding mortgages, barely scratching the surface of demand in a country of over 50 million people. The mortgage-to-GDP ratio shrank from 1.94% in 2022 to 1.86% in 2023, underlining how little impact traditional home loans have on the broader economy.

Even for those who qualify, mortgages remain out of reach. The average loan size rose to KES 9.4 million, with interest rates averaging 14.3%, while non-performing loans (NPLs) in the sector surged to KES 40.8 billion. With most loans on variable rates, borrowers are increasingly vulnerable to further cost hikes in a strained economic environment.

"Mortgages in Kenya are not fit for purpose when it comes to mass-market housing," Ojijo adds. "They're too expensive and serve too few."

As banks tighten lending and households struggle to meet eligibility criteria, off-plan projects have become the practical bridge to home ownership, offering flexible payment plans, lower entry prices, and the ability to capture capital appreciation between launch and completion.

Under this model, buyers purchase property before construction is complete, typically paying in staggered instalments tied to building milestones. This reduces the need for immediate lump-sum financing and sidesteps the high costs of mortgages.

A 2025 report from Hass-Consult reinforces the model's strength, showing 7.8% annual capital appreciation in residential property prices, one of the highest in the region. Prime off-plan developments consistently outperformed ready-built properties in both rental yields and resale value.

"Off-plan delivers value on multiple fronts," the report notes. "Buyers benefit from lower entry prices, flexible payment structures, and often realize capital gains by the time units are completed."

Many buyers report value uplifts of 15% to 30% between project launch and handover, depending on location and developer reputation.

For most Kenyans, it's not just about investment, it's the only viable path to home ownership. Rigid mortgage requirements, including proof of formal income, large down payments, and high monthly repayments, exclude a vast portion of the population, especially those in the informal sector.

"Incomes in the informal sector don't always align with bank criteria," says Ojijo. "Off-plan is accessible. It accommodates people who earn consistently but can't tick every box a lender requires."

It's within this dynamic context that the 38th Kenya Homes Expo takes center stage, running from 13th to 16th October 2025 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) under the theme "Innovative Solutions."

Ojijo says the event will bring together developers, financiers, government agencies, technology providers, and thousands of home buyers to explore practical pathways to affordable housing.

This year's Expo places off-plan developments at the heart of the conversation, showcasing how innovation in financing, smart living, and sustainable construction is reshaping access to home ownership.

"In markets like ours, off-plan offers a practical route to home ownership by easing upfront financing burdens, while ensuring developers have the steady cash flow needed to complete projects," Ojijo says. "The Expo is where these conversations turn into tangible solutions for Kenyans."

More than just an exhibition, the Expo is a marketplace of ideas and partnerships, giving buyers direct access to a range of property offerings, from affordable housing to high-end investments, and connecting them with financiers and service providers to turn intent into action.

Despite its promise, off-plan buying isn't without risks. Buyers must place trust in developers to deliver as promised, and in a sector marred by stalled or abandoned projects, due diligence is critical.

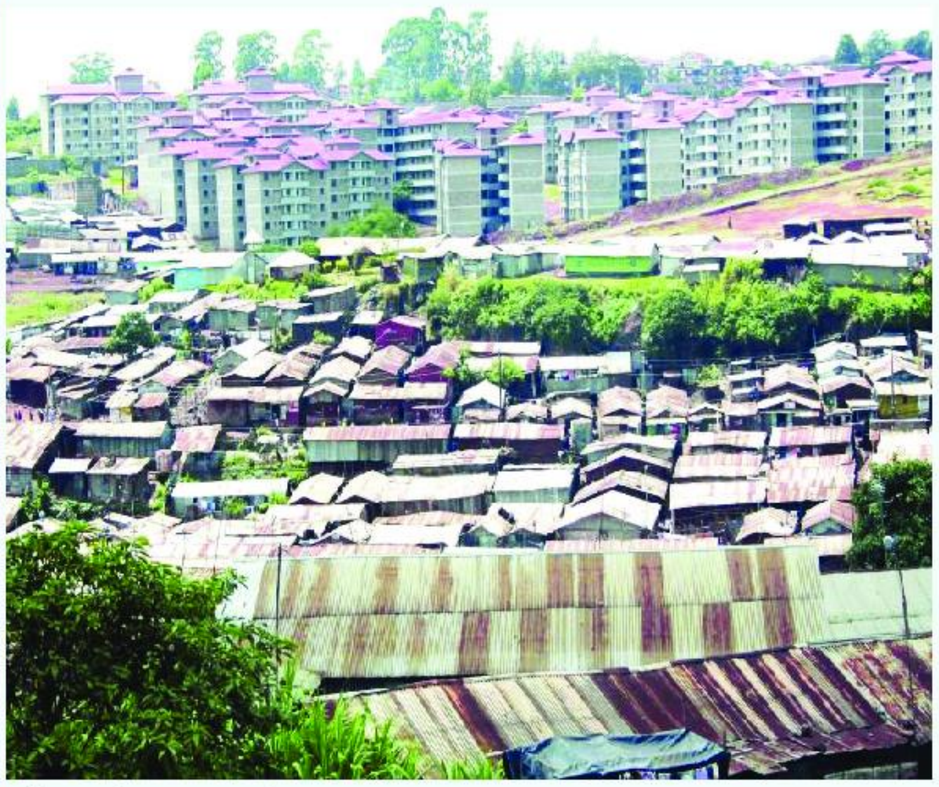
"Due diligence is crucial," warns Ojijo. "Buyers should verify developer track records, funding sources, and project approvals before committing."

Still, the benefits, flexibility, affordability, and investment upside, are tipping the scale. As traditional mortgages remain out of reach for most Kenyans, off-plan continues to rise as the most pragmatic route to home ownership.

"Off-plan isn't just a trend," Ojijo concludes. "It's a necessity. And right now, it's the best tool we have to make home ownership a reality for more Kenyans."

With innovation, collaboration, and platforms like the Kenya Homes Expo pushing the sector forward, the off-plan model is helping rewrite the home ownership playbook in Kenya, one milestone at a time.

Political goodwill key to success of slum upgrading projects



Kibera slum upgrading programme

Kenya's affordable housing agenda remains one of the government's flagship programmes, but experts argue that without strong political goodwill, slum upgrading projects will continue to stall.

According to officials in the Nairobi County planning department, many landlords in informal settlements are politically connected, making it difficult to implement reforms that could reduce their rental income. Engineer Collins Nyang'wara Oneko, a Kenyan expatriate with experience across Africa, says policymakers and politicians often have vested interests in slum real estate, which weakens their support for government-led upgrading projects.

Kenya's informal settlements, among the largest and most congested in Africa, include Kibera, Mathare Valley, Mukuru, Kariadudu, and Korogocho. These settlements are home to over half of Nairobi's urban population, yet they occupy just 10 percent of the city's land. Many of these areas lack basic services—clean water, sanitation, reliable electricity, and permanent housing—leaving residents in deplorable conditions.

Slum dwellers themselves are calling for urgent action. "We live in pitiable circumstances," says David Mutua from Kiambiyo. He urges President William Ruto to fast-track upgrading efforts to provide decent housing. Residents also highlight the economic costs of neglect. Oliver Kamau, who lives in Kibera but works in Industrial Area, explains that walking long distances to work due to poor transport infrastructure leaves many workers exhausted and less productive.

The ripple effects extend to the economy. Charles Ayoro, Managing Director of Real Estate Associates, notes that when workers arrive tired and underperform, national productivity suffers. He adds that slum environments worsen insecurity, disease, and crime, undermining Kenya's economic potential.

Health surveys reveal the consequences of inadequate housing and sanitation. In slums, about 30 percent of children suffer from diseases linked to poor hygiene, compared to 19 percent in rural areas. Past practices such as the use of "flying toilets" illustrate the desperation caused by inadequate sanitation infrastructure.

Demographic trends make the challenge even more urgent. Kenya's population, now 55 million, is projected to grow rapidly, with the majority becoming urban by 2050. UN-Habitat estimates that millions will continue to crowd into slums unless significant investments are made. "Without political commitment, the performance of slum upgrading will remain dismal," warns Engineer Oneko.

Experts emphasize that upgrading slums is not just about housing—it is also about economic empowerment. Providing decent housing, reliable infrastructure, and job opportunities can reduce crime, curb poverty, and improve the quality of urban life. Ayoro stresses that the government must invest more in water, sanitation, and youth employment while ensuring transparency and accountability in housing projects.

Ultimately, political goodwill will determine whether Kenya succeeds in transforming its informal settlements. As stakeholders insist, leadership must "walk the talk" by allocating adequate resources, enforcing accountability, and prioritizing the dignity of millions living in Nairobi's slums. Without such commitment, the growth of slums will continue to erode Kenya's social and economic progress.

[Ayoki Onyango]

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The silent revenue killer: How disorganised data is costing enterprises more than they think

VEERAKUMAR NATARAJAN, NAIROBI.

Walk into any boardroom across Nairobi, Mombasa or Kisumu today, and you'll hear the same conversations echoing as business leaders excitedly discuss their latest investments in artificial intelligence, cloud migration projects, and digital transformation initiatives. Kenyan companies are allocating substantial budgets to cutting-edge technologies, armed with the knowledge that modern tools will unlock competitive advantage, and drive the explosive growth the country's dynamic markets demand.

However, as these enterprises pour millions into sophisticated AI platforms, advanced analytics tools, and cloud infrastructure, they're systematically ignoring a fundamental weakness that quietly undermines every digital initiative they undertake. Their data is chaotic, fragmented, and fundamentally disorganised. Sales information lives in one system, financial data in another, customer service records in a third, and operational metrics scattered across countless spreadsheets and standalone applications.

This isn't merely a technical inconvenience that IT departments can eventually sort out, it's a silent revenue killer that's costing Kenyan enterprises millions in lost productivity, missed market opportunities, and competitive disadvantage. The harsh reality is that no amount of sophisticated technology can compensate for fragmented, siloed, and poorly organised data. In fact, the more advanced tools a company chooses for its chaotic data foundations, the more expensive, complex, and ultimately futile these tools become.

Companies with fragmented data systems are systematically handicapping their ability to compete, scale, and survive in increasingly sophisticated markets. For Kenya's fast-scaling enterprises, this data disorganisation represents an existential threat that demands immediate strategic attention.

The compounding costs of fragmentation

The consequences of data chaos manifest across every aspect of business operations, creating inefficiencies that compound rapidly as organisations grow. Sales representatives waste precious hours manually updating multiple systems with identical customer information. Finance teams struggle to generate accurate reports because critical data exists in disparate formats across various platforms that don't communicate with each other. Marketing campaigns consistently fail to leverage valuable customer insights that remain trapped in isolated sales databases.

These operational cracks quickly spread into customer-facing functions. Customer service suffers dramatically when representatives lack complete visibility into client interaction histories, previous purchases, or ongoing support issues. Operations teams make suboptimal decisions because they can't access real-time information about inventory levels, supply chain status, or production capacity. Management operates essentially blind, making strategic decisions based on incomplete, outdated, or inconsistent information.

These problems become particularly acute in Kenya's dynamic business environment, where companies often need to scale rapidly to capture fleeting market opportunities. Unlike mature markets where gradual growth allows for incremental system improvements, Kenyan enterprises frequently face explosive scaling demands that expose every weakness in their data infrastructure. A fintech startup handling thousands of daily transactions might suddenly need to process millions as adoption accelerates. If customer data, transaction records, compliance information, and operational metrics exist in separate, disconnected systems, the company faces an impossible choice: slow down growth to fix their data foundation, or scale inefficiently with massive operational overhead that ultimately limits their potential.

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And this challenge is not confined to fintech alone. Similar patterns emerge across sectors. Agricultural technology companies struggle to integrate farmer data, weather information, supply chain logistics, and financial records. Manufacturing enterprises fail to coordinate production data, inventory management, quality control, and distribution information effectively. Healthcare platforms cannot seamlessly connect patient records, provider information, scheduling systems, and billing processes.

In each case, data fragmentation doesn't just create inefficiency, it fundamentally limits what these businesses can achieve, trapping them in operational complexity instead of enabling them to focus on innovation and market expansion.

Harnessing unified data for a sharper competitive edge

To break free from these limitations, the solution isn't acquiring more sophisticated technology, it's implementing unified technology architecture. Successful organisations across Africa are discovering that their competitive advantage lies not in possessing the most advanced individual tools, but in creating seamless information flow across their entire operation through integrated platform approaches.

This integration imperative reflects a fundamental shift in how businesses must conceptualize their digital infrastructure. Rather than treating software systems as isolated tools for specific departmental functions, forward-thinking companies are recognizing that their entire technology stack must function as a coherent, interconnected ecosystem that enables rather than hinders growth.

When properly implemented, unified data systems transform business operations completely. Lead management becomes automated, moving prospects seamlessly from initial contact through qualification, proposal generation, and contract execution without manual intervention. Customer service representatives access complete interaction histories instantly, enabling superior service delivery. Advanced analytics become possible because all relevant information exists in connected systems rather than isolated repositories, enabling pattern recognition across customer behaviour, operational performance, and market trends that would be impossible with fragmented data.

Beyond survival: The competitive reality

All of this points to a simple truth: for Kenya's business leaders, data organisation isn't just about internal efficiency. It's about competitive survival and regional expansion capability. As the country solidifies its position as East Africa's technology hub, companies that master data integration can serve broader African markets more effectively, while those trapped in fragmented systems struggle to expand beyond their initial market boundaries.

The technology now exists to solve this fundamental challenge through integrated cloud platforms that provide enterprise-grade capabilities without requiring massive technical expertise or upfront investment. For Kenya's fast-scaling enterprises, this choice is between prioritising building of digital backbone that enables sustainable, scalable growth, and continuing to manage the mounting complexity and costs of fragmented systems.

Veerakumar Natarajan is the Country Head, Zoho Kenya

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New initiative seeks to boost women, youth entrepreneurs

Youth and women entrepreneurs in Uasin Gishu County have received a fresh boost through a new initiative seeking to create a platform that will give their businesses visibility and opportunities for inclusive growth.

In a statement released yesterday, the Iyba-Seed (Investing in Young Businesses in Africa - Strengthening Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Development) program, said it has launched its first sector-based dialogue in the county, hosted by Eldohub. The initiative marks a significant step in supporting women and youth entrepreneurs across Kenya's underrepresented sectors.

Under the auspices of the Biashara Pawa Initiative, managed by SNV Netherlands Development Organization, the dialogue aims to amplify the voices and visibility of entrepreneurs in sectors such as manufacturing, green economy, agriculture, technology, financial services, infrastructure, blue economy, and WASH(Water and Sanitation).

The event convened over 120 stakeholders—including women and youth entrepreneurs, ecosystem support organizations, financial institutions, county officials, and private sector actors—to foster inclusive economic growth and innovation.

"The event featured inspiring stories from 25 women and youth entrepreneurs, demonstrating resilience and diversity in entrepreneurial journeys. Interactive panel discussions explored challenges like access to finance, market navigation, and systemic biases, while highlighting emerging initiatives aimed at increasing inclusivity," the statement said.

County government officials reaffirmed their commitment to creating enabling environments through supportive policies, capacity-building, and targeted initiatives to empower women and youth entrepreneurs. Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA) representatives showcased efforts to facilitate business formalization, access to capital, and market expansion.

"At EldoHub, we remain committed to creating inclusive pathways for young people and women to thrive in technology and entrepreneurship. Our participation in IYBA-SEED has helped amplify underrepresented voices and foster meaningful partnerships," said Magdaline Chepkemboi, Founder and Executive Director of Eldohub.

Nduta Ndirangu, Project Manager at SNV Kenya, emphasised, "building an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem requires networks of support, learning, and mentorship. Events like Biashara Pawa are vital in unlocking pathways for women and youth to start, sustain, and grow their businesses." **[Gerald Nyele, Nairobi]**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE:

The registered owner of plot number **Loc. 11/Maragi/2026** located in Mumbi estate within **Murang'a Municipality** proposes to change the use of the land from **Agricultural Use** to **Residential (Multi-Dwelling) Use** subject to the approval by the **Murang'a County Government**. Individuals and Institutions with any objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **14 days** from the date of this notice to:
THE CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 52-10200
MURANG'A.
Name of the Registered Planner; Gitonga Kelvin Ritho, Reg. No. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019 CHANGE OF USER

The registered owners of **Title Number Kisumu/Nyalenda 'B'/3499,** located off Kisumu – Nairobi road, Kisumu East Sub County intends to change use from **Agricultural** to **Residential (Multi-dwelling Flat)** subject to approval by county government of Kisumu. Individual(s), Institution(s), Organization(s) etc., with objections/comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice to:
The CECM, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Kisumu
P.O Box 2738-40100
Kisumu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE

The registered owner of Plot No. **NAIROBI/ BLOCK7/294** located along Muthithi Road in Westlands area within Nairobi City County, proposes to **Extend the Lease** subject to approval by Nairobi County Government.

Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal should forward them within 14 days of this Notice to:

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

Registered Physical Planner: Onesmus Musyoki, Reg. No 0229

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No 13 of 2019. CHANGE OF USER.

The registered owner of Parcel Nos. **Cis-Mara/ Olkinyei/3307 & Cis-Mara/Olkinyei/4681** situated 300 Meters NW of Ngoswani Trading Centre off Narok-Sekenani Highway, Narok west Sub County, Narok County would like to change the user of the Parcels from **AGRICULTURAL USER TO INDUSTRIAL USER (SLAUGHTER SLAB)** subject to approval by the County Government of Narok. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the Proposed Development are requested to forward the same in writing within Fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to:
The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development,
County Government of Narok.
P.O BOX 898-20500, Narok.
Name of Registered Planner: James Michoma. Reg. No: RPP 0067.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE ACT (NO 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE.

The owner of plot L.R No **Machakos Town/ Block 1/17** located near Machakos Golf Club in Machakos Municipality proposes to **extend the Lease** subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos.
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:
TheCECM,Lands,housing, Urban development and Energy, Machakos County,
P.O Box 1996-90100,
Machakos.

Reg.Planner:Catherine K.Katuma(Reg.No 0254)

No. 5 Appendix A Substituted Service by Advertisement (O.5, r. 17)

To: **JOSPHINE SUSAN WANJIKO WAIGANJO** of **P.O. BOX NO 170 RUIRU KIAMBU COUNTY.** Take notice that a plaint has been filed in the **CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT AT RUIRU IN CIVIL SUIT (ELC) NO E070 OF 2025** in which you are named as 8th defendant. Service of the Hearing on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the hearing notice and the plaint may be obtained from the court at **Ruiru Magistrate Court/ ELC Registry** And further take notice that, unless you enter an appearance within 15 days, the case will be heard in your absence.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 r.3(3)(xi)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 (No. 13 2019). REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USER.

The registered owner/s of Parcel Lr. Nos. **NAIROBI/BLOCK 206/1466 & NAIROBI/BLOCK 206/1467(Amalgamated)** situated off Eastern Bypass in Utawala area, Embakasi East sub-county, wishes to **Regularize the Change of Use** from **Single dwelling unit** to **Multi-dwelling units (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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) **of Plot Title NO: KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI NORTH/27955, 27956, 27957 & 27958** situated within **Kimalat Area in Kitengela Municipality sited off Namanga Road; Kajiado East Sub-County,** proposes to Change its Use from **Agricultural to Medical Facility (Hospital)** subject to approval of this proposal by **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO.**
Any individuals, organizations, institutions, etc. with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:
The CECM Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development,
County Government of Kajiado,
P.O. Box 11-01100, Kajiado.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner of Plot L.R No. **Nyeri/ Municipality Block 1/1588** located in Nyeri Municipality, Outspan area proposes to **renew its lease** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM- Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Nyeri,
P.O. BOX 1112-10100
NYERI.
Name of the Registered Planner: Martin Wanyamu Muriuki Reg. No. 0227

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel no. Mavoko Town Block 3/14190 located Off Daystar road, Lukenya Area, Mavoko sub county proposes to Change it's use from Agricultural use to Residential use (Apartments) subject to approval by county government of Machakos. Any individual, institutions/ organization with objection are required to forward in writing within 14 days to:
The CECM, Energy, Lands, Housing & Urban Development, County Government of Machakos
P.O. Box 1996-90100 Machakos.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO.13 OF 2019) RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owners (s) of Plot **L.R. 209/7517 (original 209/2389/53),** located Off Zambarau lane, Pangani area in Starehe Sub-County; Nairobi City County wishes to **renew the lease** term subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Any individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) with comments or objections to the proposal should submit them in writing within fourteen days to:
The County Secretary
Nairobi City County Government
P.o. Box 30075-00100,
NAIROBI

Form PLUPA/DC/3 (R.3(3)XI)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Reference **No(s), KAJIADO/KITENGELA/ 33463** situated in Kitengela Township off Namanga road proposes to change its user from **Agricultural to commercial use (workshop)** subject to the approval by the County Government of Kajiado.
Any individual, institution(s) or organization(s) wishing to make any representation or objection to the above proposal is requested to forward the same in writing stating grounds of objections within 14 days of the publication of this notice to:
County Executive Committee Member in charge of: Land, Physical Planning & Urban Development
County Government of Kajiado
P.O. Box 11,
Kajiado
Name of the registered planner: Kennedy Kaburu reg. No. 0353

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner of Plot **L.R No. Nyeri/ Municipality Block 1/1591** located in Nyeri Municipality, Outspan area proposes to **renew its lease** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM- Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development
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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered Owner(s) of Plot No. Mavoko Town **Block 67/121** located off Airways Road within Utawala in Mavoko Sub-County, Machakos County, proposes to Change its Use from **Agricultural Land Use** to **Residential Multi-Dwelling Units** Land Use subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:

THE CECM-LANDS, ENERGY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 1996-90100
MACHAKOS

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner of plot No. **NAIROBI/BLOCK 251/69** Located off Komarock Road, **Kariobangi South** proposes to **renew lease** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public 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 CECM Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County,
P.O. Box 30075 - 00100,
NAIROBI

Registered Physical Planner: Gitonga Kelvin Ritho, Reg. No 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner of Plot **L.R No. Nyeri/ Municipality Block 1/1589** located in Nyeri Municipality, Outspan area proposes to **renew its leases** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM- Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Nyeri,
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NYERI.
Name of the Registered Planner: Martin Wanyamu Muriuki Reg. No. 0227

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of plot **No. Ngong/ Ngong/27345,** situated in Ngong off Ngong-Suswa Road proposes to Change use from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling (flats),** subject to approval by County Government of Kajiado.
Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) etc. with objections/comments to the proposal to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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

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

The owner(s) of land Reference no. **Thika Mun Blk 30/4285** located in Thika Sub-county would wish to **Change its use** from **Agricultural** to **Residential Multi-Dwelling Units** (Flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections or comments concerning the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PLAN. KELVIN RITHO RPP NO. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE-OF-USER

The owner Plot No. **Tigoni/Tigoni Block 1(Mwana Mukia)/346** located at Kabuku Limuru Sub County proposes to Change the User from **Agricultural** to **Residential Multi-Dwelling Flats** 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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of amalgamated plots **L.R NO. 21096 / 109 AND 21096 / 110** located in Juja Sub County off Jkuat Road, has applied for permission to change the use from **RESIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC PURPOSE (RELIGIOUS FACILITY - MOSQUE)** subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within (14) days of publication of this notice to:

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.
PHYSICAL PLANNER: KELVIN RITHO RPP NO. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USE

The owner of property **Title Number Thika Municipality Block 37/728** located in Thika area off Thika Super Highway is proposing to **change the use from Single Dwelling to MultiDwelling Residential Units (Flats)** subject to approval by the county government of Kiambu.
Individuals(s), organization(s), institution(s), etc. with comment(s) and/or objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to

CEC MEMBER,
LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING,
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O. BOX 2344-00900.
KIAMBU
Reg. Physical Planner: Kelvin Ritho Rpp No. 0270

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
JOHN MBAU - 0284

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of Land Title Number **NAIROBI/BLOCK 136/200** located in Ruai area, Kasarani Sub County along Kangundo road is proposing to change its use from **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING UNIT TO COMMERCIAL CUM RESIDENTIAL (SHOPS & FLATS)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with objections or comments on the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER (CECM)
BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN PLANNING,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY,
P.O BOX 30075-00100,
NAIROBI.
PHYSICAL PLANNER: MARVIN MUGAMBI R.P.P: 0323

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

WORCESTER Division — Docket No. 25W1224

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Davine Kimondo, **Plaintiff**
Phillip Tama, **Defendant**

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant herein, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dorn.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the Court that this is an action for Custody, Support and Parenting Time.

It is **Ordered** that said defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before 24th Day of November 2025. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

It is further **Ordered** that the accompanying summons be published once in the Newspaper of General Circulation in Nairobi, Kenya, the publication to be at least 20 days before said return day.

August 26, 2025.
Lellah A. Keomv
Justice of Probate and Family Court
CJ-D 111A (12/00)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

WORCESTER Division — Docket No. 25W1223

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Davine Kimondo, **Plaintiff**
Eric M. Wanyonyi, **Defendant**

daily@standard.com

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant herein, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dorn.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the Court that this is an action for Custody, Support and Parenting Time.

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August 26, 2025.
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Justice of Probate and Family Court
CJ-D 111A (12/00)

SURE AUCTIONEERS

NSSF BUILDING
SOUTH WING, 4TH FLOOR, DOOR 418
NKRUMAH ROAD
P.O. BOX 16846-80100
MOMBASA - KENYA.

TEL: 254-041-2494910
0726 633171
Email: benardgichuki@yahoo.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed from our Principals, the charges under statutory power of sale, we shall sell the under mentioned properties with all the improvements/developments thereon by Public Auction;

On Friday 17th October, 2025 at our offices situated at NSSF Building 4th floor Nkrumah road starting from 11:00am.

I. PETER CHORE AMADI & ESTHER WANGARI GATIKA

All that piece /parcel of land known as **CR. 54040, LAND REFERENCE NUMBER GROUP V/1191, KOMAZA AREA KILIFI COUNTY** measuring 1.14Ha or thereabouts on a leasehold title registered in the name of **PETER CHORE AMADI**. The property is situated within Komaza area, Kilifi county. It lies along Mombasa-Kilifi-Malindi road, approximately 2.7kilometres after Mavueni bus stage and trading centre. It lies about 280meteres to the East of the junction of the road leading to Mandharini estate. It is a trapezoidal shaped mixed sandlly loam soils parcel of land with a part undulating gradient and part near even gradient whose boundaries are left open. Main water & electricity are available within the immediate neighbourhood for connection to the property while foul drainage would be to septic tank/bio-digestor/pit-latrine. GPS co-ordinates -3.663168,39.831643, approximately.

II. KATANA CHENGO RANDU & 2 OTHERS AND NGENO CHARLES KIPKEMOI

All that piece /parcel of land known as **GEDE/DABASO/1099 KILIFI** measuring 0.16ha or 0.3954acres thereabouts on a freehold title registered in the name of **KATANA CHENGO RANDU & 2 OTHERS**. The property is situated off Gede Watamu road, Dabaso area Kilifi county . It is situated approximately 2.2. kilometres due west of Gede watamu road and approximately 1.6kilometres due north west of indian ocean beach. It is an irregular shapes parcel with a slightly sloping gradient. Soils are mixed soil type. The boundaries are marked by survey beacons. Main water & electricity are in proximity and can be connected to the property. Foul drainage is into a pit latrine. The immediate access road is earthen surfaced. GPS co- Latitude:3°21'16.75"S Longitude 39°59'33.75"E.

On Friday 17th October, 2025 at our offices situated at Nakuru office Saiffee Building, former Pluto's Building, third floor, Room 11 B, Kenyatta Avenue starting from 11:00am

I. JOHN WAINAINA KIRUGA

All that piece /parcel of land known as **CISMARA /OLELESHWA/16670 & 16671 OLERAI AREA, NAROK COUNTY** measuring 0.047 Ha or 0.1161 Acres on a Freehold title registered in the name of **JOHN WAINAINA KIRUGA**. The property is located within the residential area of Olerai in the outskirts of Narok town, Narok County. The property is situated off the Narok –Maasai Mara Road which is tar surfaced in an area where residential activities are on high rise due to the well-maintained feeder roads and easier accessibility to Narok Town . Main electricity and water is connected to the property. Drainage is through a pit latrine/septic tank .GPS co-ordinates 16670('1°6'9.99"S, 35°48;51.71"E) 16671('1°6'9.74"S,35°48'52.24"E)

II. AGNES SEMPEYO NAIROWUA

All that piece /parcel of land known as **CIS MARA/OLELESHWA/4034 MFALME GARDENS ESTATE – TOTAL AREA NAROK COUNTY** measuring 0.046 Ha or 0.114 acres on a Freehold title registered in the name of **AGNES SEMPEYO NAIROWUA**. The property is situated within Mfalme Gardens Estate in the larger total area in Narok County. It is approximately 400metres off Nrok-Bomet road and approximately 850 metres from total petrol station and approximately 1.6 kilometres south of Maasai Mara University and approximately 2.5 kilometres to the west of from narok town. Developed on the plot is a single stonered residential block comprising of three(3 No.) one bedroom units, two(2 No.) two bedroom units, single room, shop and an ablution block. Main electricity and water are connected to the property. Foul drainage is to septic tank.GPS co-ordinates – 1.102092 and 35.855561

III. NASHIPAE TUARARI

All that piece /parcel of land known as **CISMARA /OLOPITO/7744, OLOPITO, NAROK COUNTY** measuring 0.067 Ha or thereabouts on a freehold title registered in the name of **ANNE NASHIPAE TUARARI**. The property is located within Olopito area of NAROK County lying approximately 300 metres to the East of Narok water treatment plant and approximately 390meters off Narok – Nakuru road branching opposite the aforementioned water treatment plant. It is a rectangular shaped red soils plot with a near even gradient whose boundaries are marked by a perimeter stone wall. Entrance is via a double opening plate metal gate. Erected thereon is an incomplete double storey residential building with an attic floor. Mains electricity and water are connected to the property while foul drainage is to septic tank.GPS co-ordinates are -1.066212,35.865977 approximately.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

i) All Interested Purchasers are requested to view and verify the details by themselves as the Auctioneer or the Advocate do not warrant this.
ii) A deposit of 25% must be paid in cash or Bankers cheque at the fall of Hammer and the balance within 90 days.
iii) Interested bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh. 100,000/= with the Auctioneer to attain bidding number.
iv) Viewing of the property to be done during office hours with prior arrangements with the Auctioneer

KEYSIAN AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEERS AND DEBT COLLECTORS
Tel: 2245493/ 2216510 Cell: 0724539419/ 0708674 632 /0722768302/0722 663 528
Email: info@keysian.co.ke/Keysian2009@yahoo.com/keysianauct@gmail.com
Website: www.keysiauctioneers.co.ke
CPF House, 3rd Floor, Haile Selassie Avenue, P.O Box 2788-00200, Nairobi, Kenya.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instruction from our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Motor Vehicle as below: -

REPOSSESSION
SALE ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025 AS FROM 11.00 A.M AT LEAKEYS STORAGE YARD, LUNGALUNGA RD – NAIROBI.
1. FINANCIERS –VS- EDWARD KISAKA MUSURI
Motor Vehicle Reg. No. ***KBP 779G; NISSAN XTRAIL***

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of **Kshs.50,000.00** for the motor vehicle in cash or bankers' cheque to the Auctioneer before being allowed to bid.
2. Viewing can be done during normal working hours to verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneers nor their principals.
3. Successful bidders must settle the full purchase price at the fall of the hammer.
4. Sale is subject to a reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons for doing so.

WESTMINSTER COMMERCIAL AUCTIONEERS

Suite No. 2, 1st flr, Ngara road, next to Mellow Heights
Branch office: Kajiado Main Street (Next to K.C.B)
Address: P.O. Box 7102 – 00100, Nairobi
Tel: 020 2213078 | 020 2172354
Cell: 0723962386 | 0789542017
wct@westminster.co.ke | www.westminster.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals (the financiers) we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned heavy machinery **on Monday, 13th October 2025 starting from 11:00 am at our offices, Ngara Flats, Suite No. 2, 1st Floor, Ngara road, Nairobi.**

NO.	REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	YOM	YARD STORED
1.	KHMA 010V	SANY SY335C EXCAVATOR	2022	AUTO GALLERY LTD, WESTLANDS
2.	KHMA 015V	SANY SSR200C-8 ROLLER	2021	
3.	KHMA 101U	SANY SY335C EXCAVATOR	2022	
4.	KHMA 328U	SANY SYL956H5 LOADER	2021	

VIEWING CAN BE DONE AT THE YARD DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. A refundable deposit of Kshs. 100,000/= to be paid at our office to obtain a bidding number
2. Strictly cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer.
3. Other terms and conditions available on our catalogue

CRATER VIEW AUCTIONEERS

Licensed Class "B" Auctioneers, Repossessors, & General Commission Agents

HEAD OFFICE:-
Samima Suite, Room No. 3
Along Lang'ata road / Gandhi Avenue roundabout,
P.O. Box 73750 – 00200, NAIROBI.
Tel: 0720-779781

NAKURU BRANCH
Grey House 2nd Floor, Shirikisho Road,
P.O. Box 12781-20100, NAKURU.
Tel: 0717-782478

Email: craterviewauc@yahoo.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the undermentioned courts, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by Public Auction.

ON, MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025 FROM 12:00 NOON AT LEGACY CONNECTIONS LIMITED-NAKURU
MOLO CMCC NO. E338 OF 2024
HILLARY KIPROTICH KORIR & ANOTHER =VS= JAMES THUITA KARIHE & ANOTHER
One Motor Vehicle Reg. No. KDD 760G (Make: TOYOTA AXIO)

ON, TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025 FROM 12:00 NOON AT KWEGA POINT ENTERPRISES YARD – ATHI RIVER
ENGINEER CMCC NO. E006 & E007 ALL OF 2020
JULIUS MWAURA MBUGUA =VS= ROSAH NKATHA
One Motor Vehicle Reg. No. KCJ 522V (Make: TOYOTA ALLION)

ON, WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025 FROM 12:00 NOON AT LEGACY CONNECTIONS LIMITED – NAKURU
NAKURU SCCC NO. E725 OF 2024
GETRUDE NANGEKHE KHISA =VS= NEXUS HAULIAGE LTD
One Motor Vehicle Reg. No. KDJ 680L /ZG 8742(Make: FAW PRIME MOVER)

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers.
2. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
3. The Sale is Subject to a Reserve Price.

EKEMWANYA AUCTIONEERS

LICENCED AUCTIONEER, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, DEBT COLLECTOR & REPOSSESSOR

OLA PETROL STATION
KSM KAKAMEGA HIGHWAY KIBUYE
P.O BOX 976- 40100 KISUMU,
0733668383
Email:ikimwanya50@gmail.com

NYAMBENE HSE TOM MBOYA ST
3RD FLOOR ROOM 7
0706668383 NAIROBI

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from under mention court

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES AT KISUMU
CMC CIVIL CASE NO. E1410F 2022
SUSAN AWUOR OKUMU
-VS-
JACOB OTIENO KIDIGA

On MONDAY the 13th October 2025 AT KISUMU MAMBOLEO JUNCTION AUCTION CENTER AT 10:30 A.M
We shall sale the below mention
(a) MOTOR VEHICLE REG NO. KDB 809X TOYOTA HIACE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Interested bidders to deposit refundable fee of Ksh 50,000/=
2. Interested bidders can view the property during working hours.
3. THE SALE IS STRICTLY CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

WELCOME

Calley Auctioneers
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Collectors, Commission Agents, Private Investigators and Court brokers
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Nairobi
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calley@calleyauctions.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our clients the chargees we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties together with buildings and improvements standing and erected thereon.

ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00 A.M OUTSIDE KILIFI POST OFFICE

1. **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN MAJAONI AREA, MOMBASA COUNTY.**

All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. MOMBASA / SHANZU SQUATTER / 2232** registered in the name of **NANCY TATU KALENGA AND SILAS MWATELA MAZERA** as freehold interest of **P.O. BOX 16456 - 80100 MOMBASA.** It measures approximately **0.0537 HA**. The subject property is located in the vicinity of Coast General Hospital Utange, Mombasa county. GPS Co-ordinates are 3°58'09.5"S 39°43'17.1"E. Erected on the plot is a double storey block of flats and a servant room.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are required to view and verify the details of the property for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or our clients.
2. A deposit of 25% **must** be paid in cash, banker's cheque or RTGS at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within **90 days** to the chargees.
3. The sale is subject to a reserve price and where applicable to Land Control Board Consent and such overriding interest as may exist against the property.
4. Bidders **must** pay a refundable deposit of **Ksh 100,000.00** to obtain a bid number.
5. **Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property can be done on prior arrangement.**

ONYX AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEERS, REPOSSESSORS, DEBT COLLECTORS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS & GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
Head Office, Norfolk Towers, Kijabe Street, Off Harry Thuku Road. P.O. BOX 14857-00100 Nairobi.
Cell: 0782336834/0104336834 Email: info@onyxauctions.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Under instruction received from our principles the Financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicles through Public Auction to be held on THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2025 starting from 11.00 A.M at ADONAI STORAGE YARD.

NO	UNIT/MAKE/MODEL	REG. NUMBER	VIEWING
1	MAZDA DEMIO	KDH 649G	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
2	NISSAN NOTE	KDK 592Q	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
3	SUZUKI ALTO	KDM 959V	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
4	SUZUKI ALTO	KDP 349B	ADONAI STORAGE YARD

2. On Thursday **16th October 2025 at 11:00 AM** at our offices located at Norfolk Towers 2nd Floor, Kijabe Street Nairobi. All that piece or parcel of land known as **KABETE/KARURA/3505. Measuring** 0.05Hectares or 0.124 Acres registered in the name **JAMES MUIRURI WAIHARO AND ALISHIBA NYAGUTHII THIBA** of **P.O Box 90-10230 SAGANA**. The subject property is currently developed with an incomplete block of residential units comprising of seven(7) One bedrooms units and One (1)Two bedroom unit, an incomplete block of residential units comprising eight(8) Single rooms and an incomplete external washroom. The GPS coordinates are (1° 12'54.7"S), (36° 42'46.9"E).

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the unit and verify the details as these are not guaranteed by the Auctioneers.
2. The sale shall be on "AS-IS-WHERE-IS BASIS.
3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
4. The sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

SAMECA ENTERPRISES AUCTIONEERS

4th Floor, Suite No. 04, Contrust House, Moi Avenue, P.O. Box 14829 – 00400, Nairobi,
Tel: 0722 751 269 / 0716 621 160 Email: samecaauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our clients, the chargee we shall sell the under-mentioned properties by Public Auction on **21st October 2025** starting at **11 am** at our offices in **Contrust House 4th Floor, Suite 04 Moi Avenue Nairobi**;

1. All that parcel of land known as **Nairobi/Block/144/1157** measuring 0.0225 Ha registered in the names of **Grace Njeri Henia** of P.O. Box 1258 – 00100 Nairobi, which fronts tar surfaced Mwiki – Kasarani road, stage17 area in Mwiki ward Kasarani constituency on GPS Coordinates -1.236111,36.934806. The property is developed with a temporal structure therein being used as a car wash – Prime Car Wash, water and electricity are connected to the subject property.

2. All that parcel known **as Lr. No. Githunguri/Githiga/5545** measuring 0.10Ha, registered in the names of **Samuel Ndichu Kihiu** of P.O. Box 1050 - 00900 Kiambu, situated within Gathaithi approximately 2.6 km due southeast of Githiga Shopping Center, Githunguri, Kiambu County. The property fronts the tar surfaced Ikinu – Gathaithi – Githiga road and is developed with a 4-Bedroom Bungalow, located at GPS Coordinates -1.095231, 36.759457. All mains, water and electricity are connected to the premises.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. All interested bidders are requested to view the property and verify details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or our Client.
2. A **deposit of 25% of the bid price** is payable at the fall of the hammer and the balance **within 90 days from the date of the auction** failure to which the bidder will forfeit **40% of the deposit amount** and the property will be sold to the second highest bidder.
3. Sale is subject to a Reserve Price and the Auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reason for doing it.

VALLEY AUCTIONEERS

Court Brokers, Bailiffs, Repossessors and Debt Collectors
P.O Box 57893-00200 Csq. Nairobi, Tel: 020-3343362 / 0722313991 / 0720362301;
Email: valleyauctioneers@yahoo.com, Agip House Entrance A, 3rd Floor Room 301, Haile Selassie Avenue

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the chargee, we shall sell the following property.

PRIME PLOT WITHIN CHEBOLE KAPANGOROR AREA BOMET COUNTY
ON 16TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00AM AT INDOMITABLE AUCTIONEERS, MWALIMU BUILDING 2ND FLOOR, ROOM 8 KERICHO.

All that piece or parcel or land known as **TITLE NO. KERICHO/KIPSONOI S S/2194**_measuring 1.49 Hectares or 3.7 acres approximately. The property is located in Chebole Kapangoror area Bomet County and registered in the name **STANELY KIBET KOECH.** GPS Coordinates 0°45'51.25"S 35°12'28.83"E

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details as the financiers/chargees or the Auctioneers do not warrant these. A 25% Deposit must be paid in Banker's Cheque or RTGS during the day of the auction and the balance within 90 days. Viewing of the property can be done between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and conditions of sale can be obtained from our offices. Sale is subject to a reserve price.

Foresight Auctioneers

Licensed Auctioneers, Court Process Serves, Private Investigators, Re-possessors, Debt Collections and Commission Agents

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Eastern Bypass Road, Greyville Hub 3rd Floor, Rm B3-11B.
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Tel: 0729254448
P.O Box 69615-00400, Nairobi
Tel. +254 736 373937
Personal line: +254 722781536

PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by our Principal the financier, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles on 9TH **OCTOBER, 2025** at our offices in Nairobi, Starting **11.00A.M**

NO	M/V REGISTRATION NO.	MODEL	LOCATION
1.	KAJ 368K	MITSUBISHI	FORESIGHT AUCTIONEERS AUCTION MART

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer
2. The sale is subject to reasonable reserve price.
3. All interested purchasers are requested to view the vehicles and verify the condition as these are not guaranteed by the auctioneer or its principal.

All bidders to provide a commitment deposit of Kshs.20, 000 to obtain bidding number to be allowed in the auction venue.

Gallant Worldwide Auctioneers

(G. W. Auctioneers)
Property, Civil Law Enforcement and Commission Agents

Utalii House, Utalii Street 2nd Floor, Rm 217B P.O.Box 39805-00623, Nairobi

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals, we shall sell the undermentioned school bus by Public Auction.

ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025 FROM 11.00AM AT INTEGRA STORAGE YARD – KITENGELA
IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LOK
LANDLORD VS ZARIDI SCHOOL LIMITED

REG NO.	MAKE	Y.O.M	TO BE VIEWED AT
KCC 759D	ISUZU BUS 37 SEATER	2014	INTEGRA STORAGE YARD KITENGELA

CONDITIONS OF SALE
CASH at the fall of the hammer.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mobile No: 0725 259 379 / 0722 740 242

J.K WANDERI AUCTIONEERS

Licenced Auctioneers, Repossessors, Court Process Server & Genera Commision Agents
Head Office
Plutos building 2nd Flr, Rm 11B
Kenyatta Ave.
Tel: (office) 020-3552460
Cell: 0720-546524
P.O. Box 17481-20100 Nakuru
Email: jkwanderiw@gmail.com
Website: www.jkwanderi-auctioneers.co.ke
Branch Office
Mikie centre, 1st flr, Rm 1013/15
Behind Equity bank, Kaijado- Narenga Rd.
Kitengela Town.
Cell: 0736-239035

PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE CHARGEES, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR STATUTORY POWER OF SALE WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTY.

❖THREE SEMI-PERMANENT HOMESTEADS MEASURING 1.490HA OR 3.6818 ACRES APPROXIMATELY SITUATED WITHIN ZIWA WARD, SOI CONSTITUENCY IN UASIN GISHU COUNTY.

ON 17TH OCTOBER, 2025 OUTSIDE MOI'S BRIDGE TOWN MAIN POST OFFICE STARTING AT 12 NOON

All that piece of land is known as **L.R NO. MOI'S BRIDGE/ ZIWA BLOCK 9 (LEMORUNGENY) 18 MEASURING 1.490 HA OR 3.6818 ACRES APPROXIMATELY UASIN GISHU COUNTY.** The property is situated within Ziwa Ward, within Soi Constituency in Uasin Gishu County. The property lies approximately 7 kilometers off and to the southeast of Kitale-Cherangani Road, 2 kilometers to the southeast of Legebet Secondary School and 580 meters due Northeast of Sugutek Primary school. The property lies within GPS Coordinates 0°52'09.5"N and 35° 18'16.7" E. The Property measures 1.490 Ha or 3.6818 acres approximately and the title tenure is freehold interest. Erected on the subject property are three homesteads with the most of the developments appearing to be of semi-permanent construction and hence considered temporary and subsequently ignored for purposes of valuation. The property is registered under the name of **ELIJAH KIPROTICH LELACHEI** of P.O Box 179-20131 KERINGET.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All the interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargee.
2. A deposit of 10% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
3. A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the auctioneers.
4. **Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the Property can be done on prior arrangement.**
5. The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consent.

ALL ARE WELCOME

REGENT AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Official Court Brokers, Court Bailiffs, Process Servers, Repossessors and Estate Agents
New Kireita Building, Kirinyaga Road, P.O. Box 22826 00400 Nairobi.
Tel: 2212577, 2224581, Fax: 2216019, Mobile: 0722 653332 Email: auctioneersregent@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our clients, chargees we shall sell the under mentioned m/vehicle and property by Public Auction
ON TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025 AT OUR AUCTION MART NEW KIREITA BUILDING, KIRINYAGA ROAD AT 11:00 AM.

LOT No.	REG.No.	TYPE/ MODEL	LOCATION
1.	KDT 463B	NISSAN NOTE	VALUERS YARD ENTERPRISES

ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025 AT OUR AUCTION MART NEW KIREITA BUILDING, KIRINYAGA ROAD AT 11:00 AM
PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN PIONEER COURT, NGOINGWA ESTATE, THIKA SUB COUNTY, KIAMBU COUNTY.

1. All that parcel of land known as L.R NO. THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 20/804 PIONEER COURT, NGOINGWA, ESTATE, THIKA SUBP-COUNTY, KIAMBU COUNTY measuring **0.0720 Ha** and registered in the name of PETER MAINA NJUNGUNA & ESTHER WANJIRU LUCAS NGANGA both of P.O BOX 18554-00500 NAIROBI & P.O BOX 3060-01000 THIKA. The property lies within **GPS Coordinates 1° 2' 41.0" S, 37° 2' 35.7"E** and is in Pioneer Court, Ngoingwa Estate, Thika Sub County, Kiambu County. It is Situated approximately 910 meters off and to the left of Thika Ngoingwa Mangu Road deviating at Stepping Stones preparatory and Junior Secondary Sign Post approaching from Thika Town. The property is located about 400 meters South-West of St. Bernadette Catholic Church Ngoingwa. The property is developed with a bungalow, a servant Quarter block, an ablution Block and Semi-Permanent Structures.

Conditions of Sale

a) All intending purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our clients
b) A refundable deposit of **Ksh 500,000/=for the property and Ksh 100,000/= for the m/vehicle** must be paid to obtain a bidding number. Please note that **NO** bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.
c) For the property a deposit of 10% must be paid in cash, Bankers cheque or RTGS at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 90 days from the date of the auction to the charges advocate.
d) For the m/vehicle and container cash at the fall of the hammer
e) Sale is subject to a reserve price.

GARAM INVESTMENTS AUCTIONEERS

Western Heights, 5th Floor, Karuna Road, Westlands-Nairobi, P.O. Box 63279, 00619,
Wireless 020 2592949, 020 2592990, Cell: 0722 715838 / 0786 318663,
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PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING REPOSSESSED MOTOR VEHICLE ON **THURSDAY 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 FROM AT 11:00 AM AT TRANSPORT AND LIFTING (TNL) STORGAE YARD IN ATHI RIVER.**

REG NOS.	MAKE/MODEL	Y.O.M	CLIENT VS.
KDJ 232S	TOYOTA SUCEED S. WAGON	2016	NOOMOTOYOK PAROLE

P/S : **Pictures of the aforementioned motor vehicle can be viewed on our website www.garam.co.ke**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Viewing will be from **02.10.2025** to **08.10.2025 (during normal working hours)** at Transport & Lifting Storage Yard (TNL), Athi River, Kenya.
2. All interested bidders are requested to view and verify the details by themselves, as the auctioneer or **client** does not warrant these, as the units are being offered for sale **"AS IS, WHERE IS".**
3. All intending bidders are requested to make a refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs 100,000.00.**
4. The balance shall be payable **within seven (7) days** thereafter vehicles released upon clearance of the balance of the purchase price. **Please note that failure to pay the balance within the stipulated seven days will result in forfeiture of all deposits paid.**
5. Unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded their deposits 48 hours after the auction. Sale will be subject to reasonable reserve prices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned Goods and motor vehicle on **9TH OCTOBER 2025** at 10.30 am or soon thereafter at **PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE.**

1. DISTRESS FOR RENT
LANDLORD –VS- DANIEL MWANGI
3 pieces 6-seater green sofa-set + puff, wooden coffee table, dismantled wall unit, 13 kgs k-gas gas cylinder + regulator, G-gas Meko, Ramtons 2-burner table-top cooker, rolling pink chair, electric kettle, 43" Vitron TV.

2. MILIMANI SCCC CASE NO. E4023 OF 2025
SIMION PLIMO KEDIRENG –VS- VULA NGILA & LILIAN OBUYI
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KBY 161M (ISUZU NPR)

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

Immediate Auctioneers

KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 2ND FLOOR OFFICE SUIT NO.10, MURANG'A ROAD, NAIROBI.
P. O. Box 75185-00200, NAIROBI, KENYA
Office Line: 0792824665
Email: immediateauctioneers@gmail.com
Repossession & Realization or Charged Securities

PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR CLIENT, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION BELOW MOTOR VEHICLES ON 9TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11:30 AM AT OUR OFFICES, KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 3RD FLOOR, SUITE NO.17.

MILIMANI SCCC NO. E573 OF 2024
TRANSWORLD TRANSPORT SACCO VS. JAMES MUCHIRI & DAVID MBURU

M/V REG NO.	MAKE	LOCATION
KBV 043T	SCANIA LORRY	FORESIGHT MOTORS

FINANCIER VS. JAMES MWANGI WANGARI

M/V REG NO.	MAKE	LOCATION
KDJ 025Y	NISSAN NOTE	GREY POST YARD

CONDITION OF SALE
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

INTERCOUNTY AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Process Servers, Investigators & Commission Agents.
Suraj Plaza Room S13/14, Opposite Jamhuri High School along Limuru Road, P.O. BOX 9714-00100 Nairobi
Mobile: 0726 588 190 / 0726 101895, Email: intercountyauctions@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

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

S/ NO.	M/V REG. NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD/PLACE	AUCTION DATE	TIME
1	KBS 003G	Toyota Alphard	Startruck Storage Yard	11th October 2025	10.00AM
2	KCB 644A	Nissan Xtrail	Braifus Storage Yard	11th October 2025	10.00AM
3	KAW 696U	Toyota Lexus	Tassia Storage Yard	11th October 2025	10.00AM
4	KBM 232P	Toyota Premio	Braifus Storage Yard	11th October 2025	10.00AM
5	KAM 077C	Nissan Sunny	Maralal Oasis Hurlingham	11th October 2025	10.00AM
6	KBV 843L	Volkswagen Touran	Absolute Storage Yard	11th October 2025	10.00AM

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

DIRECT "O" AUCTIONEERS

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

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal the Naivasha Law courts, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public Auction at Naivasha Storage Yard

ON THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2025 STARTING 10.00 AM AT OUR OFFICES NAKURU
NAIVASHA CMCC CASE NO.E339 OF 2025
JOANA MWANGI KIIRU VS DAVID NJENGA NGUGI

REG NO	MAKE	BODY TYPE
KCN 501P	T/BOX	

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the hammer subject to reserve price.

SWIFTWAY AUCTIONEERS

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P.O. BOX 92933-80100, TEL: 041-2230207, MOBILE: 0722-695093 MOMBASA Email:swiftwayauctioneers@gmail.com
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public Auction the below mentioned goods on **WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025** starting from **10:30am** at our yard in Bamburi

THE LANDLORD -VS- PAUL OJWANG

TV, 3 SEATER SOFA SET, 4 SEATER DINING TABLE, SMALL FRIDGE, MICROWAVE, GASCOOKER & SMALL CYLINDER, 2 BEDS & MATRESSES, TV STAND, 2PCS CARPETS, STOOL, SMALL WATER DISPENSER, IRON BOX.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price
2. Interested bidders are requested to verify details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers nor the instructing parties
3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.

KERATI AUCTIONEERS

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KISII CHEMIST BLD, 5TH FLOOR RM NO 502, P.O BOX 1324 – 40200, KISII Tel: 0717604161

PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE RONGO LAW COURTS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDERMENTIONED MOTOR VEHICLE ON FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025 AS FROM 10:00 AM OUTSIDE KISII POSTAL OFFICES.

UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE, RONGO PMCC NO: E039 OF 2023

VIVIAN MAKUNGU GALIAVO =VS= SUNDA NYAMANYA ONGUTI

ONE MOTOR VEHICLE REG NO: KDG 735M TOYOTA HIACE; SILVER IN COLOUR

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Sale is on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
2. Sale is subject to reserve price
3. Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed and in the exercise of the charges statuory powers of sell, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned vehicle on **9th October 2025** at our offices, Victoria court 3rd Floor Suite 4 starting 11A.M.

REG NO	MAKE	TO BE VIEWED AT
KDE 955R	NISSAN TEANA	MILELE GARAGE

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Viewing can be done from Monday to Friday during working hours.
2. All interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of Kshs.50,000/= before the auctionvto obtain a bidding number.
3. The declared purchaser must pay by fall of hammer.
4. This unit will be sold on "as is where is" bases.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MILIMANI SUIT NO. E314 OF 2025 VALLEYLAND SHELTERS AND TOURS LIMITED –vs- SUPER METRO LIMITED, CHARLES WAMBUA** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDJ 591X ISUZU NQR**
2.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E1595 OF 2024 ORINA GEKARA DOMINIC –vs- ROSAITAH MISSI KISUVA, ANTHONY MWAI** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 857W TOYOTA MATATU**
3.Duly instructed by **THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT KANDARA SUIT NO. E335 OF 2023 PETER MWANIKI THIONGO & VERONICA NYAGUTHII MUTHIUKURE –vs- JOSEPH GATHITU KANYUNGU, LILLIAN WANJIKU MWANGI** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDC 764C TOYOTA HIACE MATATU**
4.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E268 OF 2024 JOYCE MUMBUA MUTIA –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
5.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E269 OF 2024 VIRGINIA MUTUKU –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
6.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E270 OF 2024 FAITH MUTHUE KILUNGU –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
7.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E271 OF 2024 FRANCIS KITUA ISUNGU –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
8.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E272 OF 2024 MARY MBITHE MAKEWA –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
9.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E273 OF 2024 MARGARET NDINDA MUTUA –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
10.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E274 OF 2024 RUTH KAVINYA MUNYAO –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
11.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E275 OF 2024 MWENDE NYAMAI–vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
12.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E276 OF 2024 KIMATHI PETER –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
13.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E278 OF 2024 BRIAN NYAMAI JOEL –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**
14.Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT MACHAKOS SUIT NO. E305 OF 2024 FRANCIS MATIKU MAILU –vs- ALBUNAS MUSYOKA KATIWA, SHADRACK KABWERE** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025** at **10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KDE 593Y TOYOTA HIACE**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

a) All interested bidders are required to view the property/items and verify details for the auctioneer does not warrant these
b) Sale is subject to reserve price. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
c) Cash at the fall of the hammer

MAMALO AUCTIONEERS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

(A Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.**
UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
RUIRU SCCC E035 OF 2025
NANCY WANGARI KAMANU-VS-NIKHIL RAMESH HALAI.
Motor Vehicle Registration Number KDT 111Q LANDROVER DISCOVERY SPORT.
(B Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.
UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
NYERI MCELRC E052 OF 2022
JULIUS MWANZIA SILA-VS-PELT SECURITY SERVICES LTD.
Motor Vehicle Registration Number KCR 198C TOYOTA PROBOX.
(C Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.**
UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI SCCC E2877 OF 2022
PHYLIS AKAROT PAPA-VS-BENSON MWENDA NGANGA & DAVID MACHARIA.
Motor Vehicle Registration Number KAQ 427S MITSUBISHI PAJERO.
(D Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on Saturday 11th October 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.
UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI MCCC E2681 OF 2021
TIMOTHY MUGENDI RUCHAH-VS-KAU NDUTO & NDOTO MOJA SELF HELP GROUP.
Motor Vehicle Registration Number KBW 137T ISUZU NQR.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. **All intending purchasers are requested to verify details themselves.**
2. **Viewing can be done through arrangements with ourselves.**
3. **Cash at the fall of the hammer.**
4. **Sale is subject to the reserve price.**

Taifa Auctioneers

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our clients the Chargees, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property (vacant plot).
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. IN OUR OFFICES AT EPREN CENTRE-BURUBURU, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM NO.8, ABOVE HFC BANK LTD-MUMIAS SOUTH ROAD-NAIROBI.
PRIME RESIDENTIAL PLOT WITHIN ZONE K–ATHI AREA, JUJA SUB–COUNTY – KIAMBU COUNTY
All that property known as L.R.NO. **RUIRU EAST/JUJA EAST BLOCK II/2087, ZONE K-ATHI AREA - KIAMBU COUNTY** registered in the name of **JANE NYAMBURA GITIYA** that measures approx. **3.58 Acres.**
This is a freehold interest situated about 11.0km from Juja Farm Shopping Centre, 23km from Thika Superhighway branching off at Muchatha township within Zone K-Athi area, Juja Sub-County Kiambu County and lies within GPS Co-ordinates **1° 08' 00.89"S 37° 09' 17. 34"E.**
It's is a rectangular shaped mixed soils parcel with a gentle slope towards River Ndarugo which marks its northern boundary whose perimeter boundaries are marked by growing hedges, barber wire on timber posts or left open and ready for development.
Main electricity and water supply are available in the neighbourhood.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Chargees or the Auctioneers.
2. A deposit of **25%** percent of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in **CASH, BANKERS CHEQUE** or **RTGS** at the fall of hammer and the balance to be paid within **90 days** from the date of the auction to the Chargees.
3. The sale is subject to a reserve price and necessary consents.
4. All the interested purchasers shall be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs. **500,000.00** to get a bidding number.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from the Chief's Magistrates court at Kisii, we shall sell by Public Auction on **9th October, 2025 at 10:00 am** the undermentioned at our yard.

1) OGEMBO CM's COURT No 249 of 2017
RUTH ISABOKE ONYAMBU
Vs
OURU SUPERSTORES LTD
M/V KCP 165V
Mitsubishi FH (running)

2) TAMU PMCC COURT CIVIL SUIT NO E082 of 2023, E083, E084, E085, E086, E087, E088, E089, E090, E091, E092, E093, & E094
various plaintiffs Vs Stephen Waruiru Thuo
M/V KDH 470K ISUZU BUS COACH (RUNNING)

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Viewing can be done at our yard any day from Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and the/vehicle is sold As-is-Basis
2. Sale is strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
3. Sale is subject to the highest bidder.

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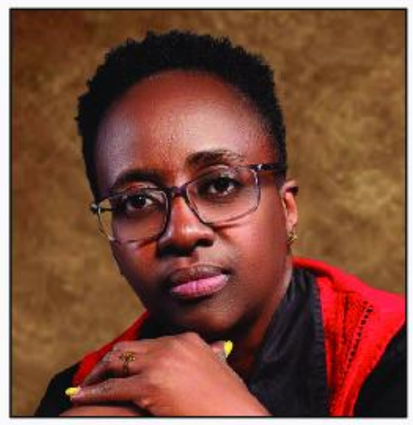

MOLLY JOY KATHAMBI KIBATA

July 9, 1972 - September 26, 2025

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) is saddened to announce the passing on of Molly Joy Kathambi Kibata, which occurred on 26th September 2025 after a short illness. At the time of her demise, she worked at the College of Human Resource Development (COHRED)

She was the loving mother of Rikkie Tumaini Kibata.

Daughter of the late Titus Ntwiga Kibata and Ruth Ntwiga. Sister to Freda and Harris Muiruri, Winnie and Kamau Mwangi, and Kim Kibata.

Devoted aunt to Tim Dagori, Joe Karani, Ruth Njoki, the late Sam Kamau, and Esther Nkatha. She was also a cherished niece and cousin to the Imanene family of Kirege, Chuka, and the Murugu family of Rianyambo, Meru.

She was a friend to many, and an active member of several communities including Parklands Baptist Church, the Rotary Club of Nairobi Thika Road, Nairobi Primary Alumni Class of '86, and Moi Girls School Nairobi Alumni Class of '90. She will be deeply missed by her family and the many friends whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held Today Thursday, 2nd October 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at Parklands Baptist Church and tomorrow Friday, 3rd October 2025 at the JKUAT Assembly Hall from 2pm.

Burial will take place on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at the family home in Kirege, Chuka, Tharaka Nithi County.

Contributions in support of the family may be sent via M-Pesa Paybill 8032492 "Molly Joy Farewell" Account "Your Name".

Rest in peace, Molly Joy Kathambi Kibata.

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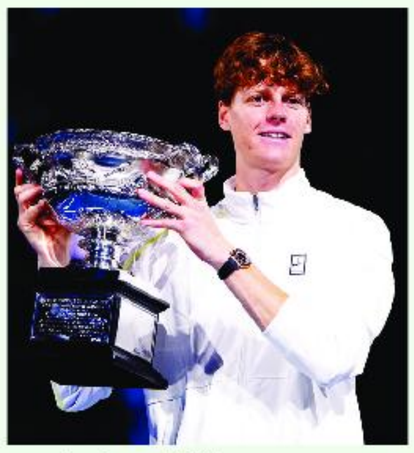
Briefing

RUGBY. WORLD CUP DRAW SET FOR DECEMBER

The draw for an expanded 2027 Rugby World Cup will take place on December 3, organisers said yesterday, with hosts Australia confirmed as kicking off the tournament at Perth Stadium.Twenty-four teams will be divided into six pools of four, with a bumper 52 games across six weeks from October 1 to November 13. A round of 16 will be played for the first time.The last World Cup in France, won by South Africa, featured 20 teams. **[AFP]**

TENNIS. SINNER BEATS TIEN FOR HIS 21ST TITLE



Jannik Sinner. [AFP]

Jannik Sinner won the 21st title of his career by thrashing American teenager Learner Tien 6-2, 6-2 in the China Open final yesterday.The Italian world number two lifted the trophy for the second time on Beijing's hard courts, where he beat Daniil Medvedev in the final on his tournament debut in 2023.The 24-year-old is the third man to win multiple China Open titles after Novak Djokovic with six and Rafael Nadal with two. His only loss on Beijing's centre Diamond Court has been to great rival Carlos Alcaraz, who won last year's championship match in three gripping sets. **[AFP]**

CRICKET. ENGLAND SEEK TO END TROPHY DROUGHT

England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt hopes her team of "outsiders" can thrive at the Women's Cricket World Cup as they seek to end a painful eight-year trophy drought.The team are one of the best-funded in the women's game but have been overshadowed in recent years by Australia and India.Since winning the 50-over World Cup at Lord's in 2017, England have fallen short on the global stage. **[AFP]**

Verstappen's late-season surge faces tough test in Singapore GP

- Red Bull driver will be seeking to turn the world championship into a three-horse race.
- Piastri leads the championship ahead of Mclaren teammate Norris with Verstappen in third place.

AFP, SINGAPORE

67
NUMBER of Grand Prix wins thatMax Verstappen has bagged, but he is yet to register victory at the Singapore Grand Prix.

44
NUMBER of points separating Red Bull driverMax Verstappen in third place with Mclaren driverLando Norris in second place.

Max Verstappen's recent resurgence will be put to the test at the Singapore Grand Prix this week as the Red Bull driver tries to turn the Formula One world championship into a three-horse race.

Back-to-back wins in Monza and Baku have left third-placed Verstappen 69 points behind championship leader Oscar Piastri with seven grands prix and three sprints remaining.

Lando Norris sits between the two, 25 points, or one race win, behind his McLaren teammate Piastri and 44 ahead of Verstappen.

Dutchman Verstappen is not getting carried away by the growing talk of a fifth consecutive world title, especially because Red Bull have a poor recent record under the lights in Singapore.

Verstappen has 67 GP wins but he has never taken the chequered flag at the bumpy Marina Bay Street Circuit, where extremes of heat, humidity and weather all play a part in a physically demanding examination.

Drivers can shed up to three kilos (more than six pounds) during the longest outing on the calendar, where completing the 62 laps often lasts the maximum two hours race time allowed.

"Basically everything needs to go perfect from my side and then a bit of luck from their side," said Verstappen when asked of his prospects of further closing the gap to the two McLarens in Singapore on Sunday.

A floor upgrade brought in for Monza coupled with Verstappen finally working out how to get the best from the twitchy 2025 Red Bull led him to call the last two results "amazing".

Red Bull veteran adviser Helmut Marko said the "hope has been revived" after Baku, which proved "Monza was not a one-off".

But Marko knows the team traditionally struggle with the high downforce set-up required for a Singapore circuit where qualifying is all-important and overtaking near-impossible.

Two years ago Singapore was the only race that Red Bull failed to win in a dominant season and the only weekend where Verstappen did not make the podium.

"It's not only high downforce, it's bloody hot always there, which our car also doesn't seem to like so much," Marko told Austrian TV.

"So it will be the real benchmark of where we are."

Piastri's crash in Baku and Norris's lacklustre seventh place means McLaren still need 13 points in Singapore to be assured of the constructors' championship for the second year running.

While that seems a formality, McLaren chief executive Zak Brown admitted Verstappen was becoming "a disrupter" in Norris and Piastri's fight for the drivers' title.

"I think you've got to pay attention to Max," Brown told Bloomberg.

"We've got to keep doing what we're doing. The constructors' (title) is looking very good, hopefully, we can get the job done in Singapore."

Brown said there would be no McLaren team orders for Piastri and Norris between now and the end of the season.

"What we want to do is we want our two drivers and Max -- but we'd like to kind of get him out of there -- to fight for the championship... and may the best man win."

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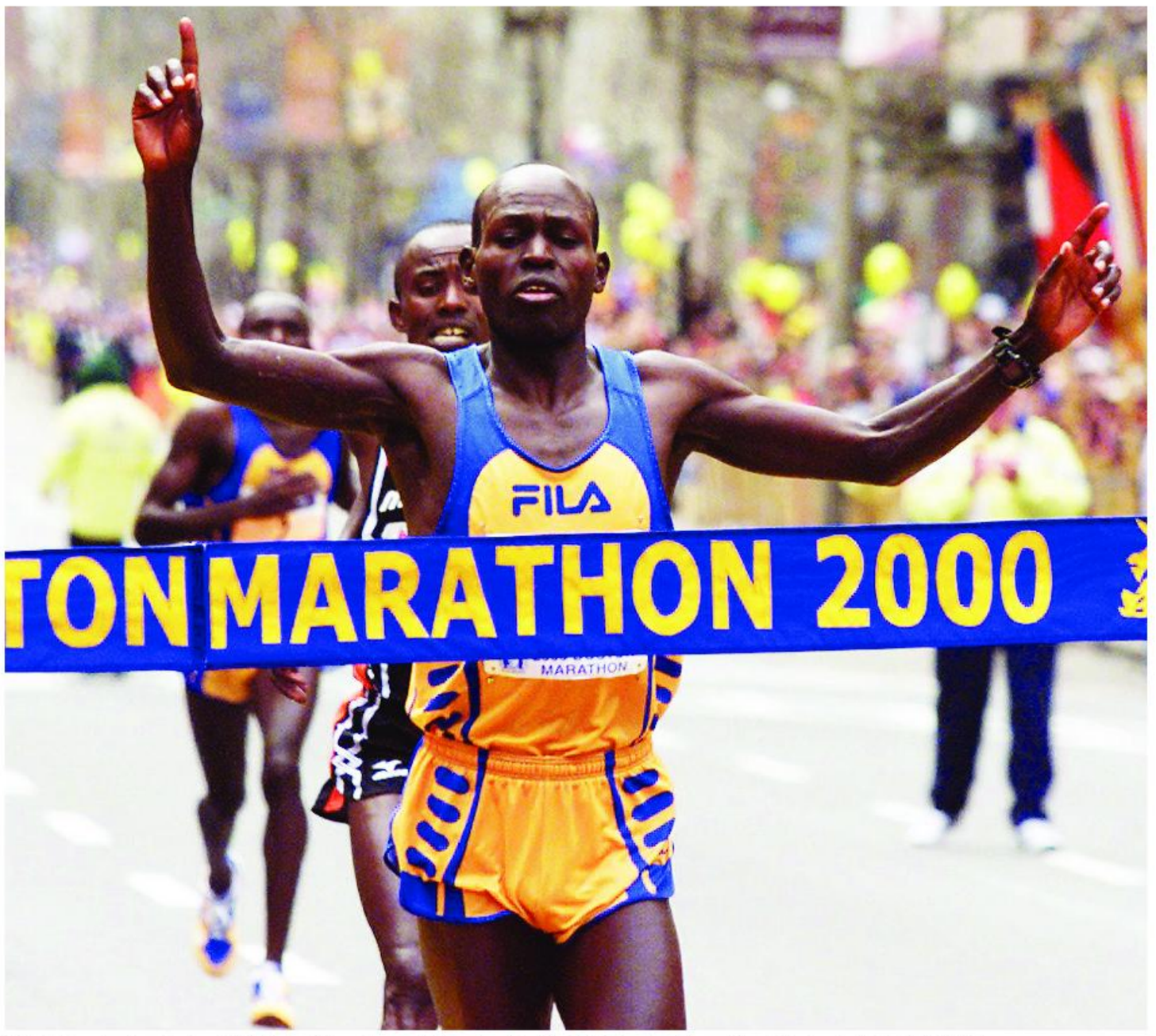
Red Bull driver Max Verstappen at Baku City Circuit in Azerbaijan on September 21. [AFP]

Elijah Lagat: From a heart problem to athletics glory and politics



Elijah Lagat when he beat Ethiopia's Gezahenge Abera to win the 2000 Boston Marathon. He clocked 2:09:47. [AFP]

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- Legendary athlete died in Eldoret on Tuesday aged 59 and a burial date was yet to be set by yesterday.
- A visit to a doctor in the 1980s propelled him into athletics stardom and he won Boston Marathon in 2000.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

You wake up one morning with discomfort and you visit a doctor. But the medic bluntly sends a tough warning – "you have a heart condition which is resulting from your overweight."

That patient was legendary athlete Elijah Lagat who passed away in Eldoret on Tuesday aged 59.

Extraordinarily, the visit to a doctor in the 1980s would later propel him to stardom in athletics.

What was the doctor's prescription to his heart condition and obesity? Lagat answered that question when he retired from long distance running in the early 2000s.

He said the doctor said in his warning that he (Lagat) risked dying prematurely unless he started rigorous physical exercises that would reduce his weight.

And that did not only become the cure to his overweight and heart problem but pushed him into athletics.

The prescription became his springboard into many races which were athletics, politics and public service as well as business.

After running to regain his health it became a norm, he discovered that he would make a superb road racer and when he attempted to compete professionally in the early 1990s, the results were exciting.

He shot to international fame when he won the 1997 Berlin Marathon, the same year he chalked up victory at Prague 42km.

Lagat confirmed his dominance in marathon racing when he stormed to victory at the 2000 Boston Marathon stunning bigger names such as two-time champion Moses Tanui and Ethiopia's Gezahenge Abera in the final yards to win the 104th edition of the American race.

It was never his ambition to be a professional given the battle with obesity and the risk of a heart condition that rocked his childhood.

"In the 1980s, I was not an athlete. I was overweight. My doctor said you need to lose weight or you will die. I went from 72 kilograms to 57 kilograms," said the late Lagat in an interview in the 2000s.

Before he switched to athletics around 1994, Lagat had worked briefly as an education administrator. He was 27-years-old when he made the decision.

"I never had any intention of being a professional athlete. I was only rescuing myself from a life-threatening condition," he said.

On Tuesday the late Lagat's family said the former athlete and Member of Parliament died of high blood pressure.

Friends said he was full of life and was a towering figure while in athletics and later when serving as MP for Emgwen and Chesumei constituencies in Nandi County from 2007 and 2017.

He joined the Nandi governorship race in the 2022 general elections but failed.

Until his demise on Tuesday, Lagat was a director at the National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse.

Lagat went on to win the Berlin and Prague marathons in 1997 and 1998. He also has a sixth-place finish in New York (1999) and a 10th-place finish in Chicago (1998) on his docket. His best time was 2:07:41 in Berlin.

The late Lagat's brother Abraham Lagat said the family was yet to set a burial date.

"We are consulting with the government and church leaders before announcing the date. We are currently receiving condolence messages," Abraham said.

Yesterday, the country continued mourning the loss of a man who conquered athletics, politics and public service.

Two-time Boston Marathon winner Moses Tanui who competed alongside Lagat as they defended the 1999 title won by the late Joseph Chebet said he was elated after Lagat helped Kenya defend the Boston Marathon title in the 2000 edition.

"He was a good man. He was my training mate in Kaptagat and he was a very disciplined athlete. He never missed training," Tanui, who is the director of Eldoret City Marathon, said.

Tanui went on to say: "I was happy for him when he won Boston and I finished third. An athlete from Ethiopia was second and Kenya managed to retain the title through Lagat."

"However, I initially discouraged him from joining politics and he insisted that he wanted to serve his people. He used kind words to defend his decision to join elective leadership and I agreed with him. Eventually, he served his people well."

Athletics Kenya President Jackson Tuwei said: "So sad to learn of the news about the loss of a great leader and athlete."

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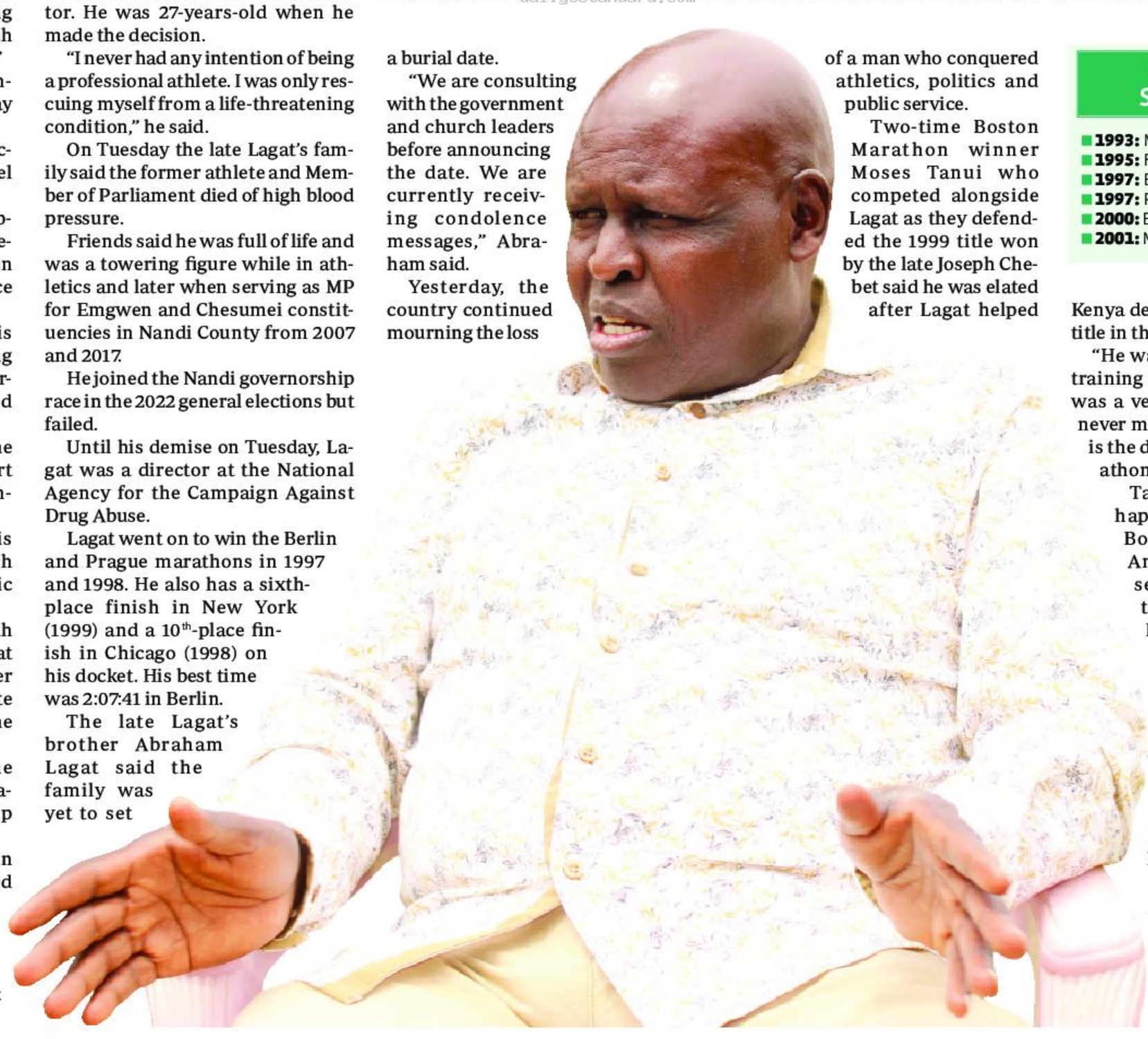
ELIJAH LAGAT'S SELECTED RACES:

1993:	Mombasa Marathon	2nd place
1995:	Frankfurt Marathon	2nd place
1997:	Berlin Marathon	winner
1997:	Prague Marathon	winner
2000:	Boston Marathon	winner
2001:	Madrid Marathon	6th place



Former Chesumei Constituency legislator Elijah Lagat during an interview in 2022. Lagat died in Eldoret on Tuesday aged 59. [File, Standard]

Tusker's tipsy start continues after draw against Mathare Utd

- Under pressure Tusker coach Okere rues missed chances after barren draw at Dandora Stadium.
- New league boys Nairobi United beat Mara Sugar to register first win in the league.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

Former league champions Tusker's winless run stretched to three matches after they were held to a barren draw by Mathare United during a Sportpesa Premier League match at Dandora Stadium yesterday.

The brewers have had a poor start to the season, losing 2-0 to KCB in the opening match and falling 2-1 to Posta Rangers last weekend before yesterday's stalemate.

Under pressure coach Charles Okere rued missed chances while also praising his players for sticking to their tactical plan.

"I am happy with the tactical discipline shown today by the players. I know it's a draw but it's our first point especially coming off two tough defeats. I believe we will bounce back and hit the ground running," he said.

Looking forward to their next challenge against Shabana, Okere said they will be ready for the challenge despite being regarded underdogs considering The Glamour Boys' stellar start to the campaign.

"These are the matches I am looking forward to. I know we started blunt, but there is no small or big team in the Premier League. We will be looking forward to playing them. It will be a mental test for my boys and Shabana too," added Okere.

On his part Mathare United coach John Kamau called for more from his players after their first draw of the campaign.

Kamau believed his team missed the chance to build on their momentum following last weekend's 1-0 win over KCB.

"It's always important to build on momentum especially coming from a big win against KCB. We have played well though and a draw is not that bad. I believe the team has time to settle, and we will get the ball rolling consistently," said Kamau.

In another match, Nairobi United launched their league debut on the front foot after narrowly seeing off Mara Sugar 1-0 in a rescheduled round one match played at Awendo Green Stadium in Migori County.

Tusker's Dennis Oguta (left) and Mathare United's Steve Kimari tussle for ball control during a SportPesa Premier League at Dandora Stadium yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

YESTERDAY'S SPL RESULTS

Mara Sugar	0-1	Nairobi United
Tusker	0-0	Mathare United

The Football Kenya Federation Cup champions have been busy with CAF Confederation Cup assignments.

Commonly known as Naibois, they knocked out Uganda's National Enterprises Corporation on away goals rule after a 3-3 on aggregate.

Heading to Nyanza, the National Super League champions were seeking a win on debut and they did just that thanks to a second half strike from former Kariobangi Sharks and AFC Leopards winger Ovella Ochieng.

The former Harambee Stars winger found the back of the net in the 50th minute to hand the visitors a narrow win especially after a cagey first half affair that witnessed no goals.

For Mara Sugar, their hunt for their first win of the 2025-2026 season continues.

Meanwhile, Mathare United and their sponsors have launched their first joint project that will be a tree-planting initiative in the Mathare area — the birthplace of the club and a community now in need of support, environmental care, and new energy.

At the same time, Kenya Police has received a Sh25 million sponsorship boost from the Cooperative Bank of Kenya for the 2025/26 Kenya Premier League season.

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Wanderah eyes top seat in upcoming Chess Kenya polls

Ahead of next year's Chess Kenya elections current treasurer Gilbert Wanderah has announced his intention to go for the top seat.

He will be challenged by current vice chairman Andrew Owili. Both candidates will make their respective line-ups in due course.

The veteran sports journalist made his announcement on Sunday during an Annual General Meeting.

Wanderah said he will use his vast experience over the last eight years to steer the federation to an even better place.

"We have had massive success in many areas and especially in promoting the sport among our youth. I will build on that success to bring even more success in other areas," he said.

He added:"One of my key areas of improvement is the league and already my team has identified two major sponsors who will come on board immediately we are elected."

He said he will seek to increase the prize fund for teams taking part in both the Premier League and Super League.

"In the first year our target is to ensure that teams taking part in the top tier league benefit from a Sh1.5million sponsorship while the second tier league will have a Sh1million prize fund to be shared among teams.

"For many years our teams have complained about low prize fund and my team has listened to their plea and we are going to do something about it," he said.

To make the league more competitive and attractive to sponsors Wanderah said both the top tier and second tier competitions will have a maximum of 16 teams. **[Standard Sports]**

Gilbert Wanderah. [Courtesy]

REVIEW

Emotional evening ends in frustration for Mourinho at Chelsea

Jose Mourinho during the Champions League match against Chelsea on Tuesday. [AFP]

Jose Mourinho insisted fond memories of his time at Chelsea were not enough to satisfy him after Benfica were beaten 1-0 on his return to Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

Former Blues boss Mourinho was given a warm welcome by Chelsea fans who chanted his name on several occasions throughout the Champions League tie.

But the 62-year-old ended an emotional evening frustrated that Benfica couldn't turn their solid display into a tangible reward.

An own goal from Richard Rios in the 18th minute proved decisive as Benfica were beaten for the first time in Mourinho's four matches in charge.

After winning seven major trophies, including three Premier League titles, across two spells with Chelsea, Mourinho is the most successful manager in the history of the west London club.

While he was twice sacked by former owner Roman Abramovich and angered Chelsea fans by managing rivals Tottenham and Manchester United, time has healed those wounds and Mourinho's latest homecoming was a love-in from start to finish.

Ever the contrarian, Mourinho disagreed that he should be comforted by the show of affection because the loss was all that mattered to him.

"I don't feed myself with these memories," he said. "I feed myself with victories. Of course I take the memories. On the pitch I was focused on the game, but you have always a little bit of the sound.

"I thank the fans. I live around here and when I'm in London I meet them every day on the street. I know that it's going to be a relationship for ever.

"Hopefully I come back here in 20 years with my grandkids. They belong to my history and I belong to their history." There was more disciplinary woe for Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca when substitute Joao Pedro was sent off. **[AFP]**

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NORWAY. SPURS SNATCH LATE DRAW AT BODO

Tottenham emerged from a chastening trip to the Arctic Circle with a 2-2 draw in the league phase of the Champions League on Tuesday courtesy of a late own-goal by Bodo/Glimt's Jostein Gundersen.Local-born Jens Petter Hauge scored a brace for the impressive hosts before Micky van de Ven and the 89th-minute own-goal snatched a point for Thomas Frank's Europa League winners.The repeat of last year's Europa League semis looked set to finish as a first win for Bodo/Glimt until the late drama. **[AFP]**

ITALY. INTER MILAN SWEEP ASIDE SLAVIA PRAGUE

Inter Milan's Lautaro Martinez celebrates a goal in a past tie. [AFP]

Inter Milan continued their strong start to this season's Champions League on Tuesday with a comfortable 3-0 win over Slavia Prague at the San Siro.Goals in each half from captain Lautaro Martinez and another strike from Denzel Dumfries made sure that dominant Inter joined Real Madrid and Bayern Munich on perfect six points.Last year's losing finalists are on a run of four straight wins in all competitions and were fully deserved winners in Milan. **[AFP]**

KAZAKHSTAN. REAL THRASH MINNOWS KAIRAT

Kylian Mbappe struck a hat-trick as Real Madrid romped to a 5-0 league phase win over Kairat in Kazakhstan on Tuesday.Xabi Alonso's side bounced back from their thrashing by city rivals Atletico Madrid on Saturday with an emphatic victory on the road, after travelling more than 7,000 kilometres.Mbappe put the hosts to the sword with his treble and Eduardo Camavinga and Brahim Diaz wrapped up Madrid's victory. **[AFP]**

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah in action Galatasaray at the Rams Park on Wednesday. [AFP]

Liverpool walking alone as Slot now faces reality check

- Slot says even though his team lost, the performance was different to the loss to Palace.
- Osimhen's 16th-minute penalty was all Galatasaray needed to beat the EPL champions.

AFP, ISTANBUL

Liverpool started the season with seven straight wins as they threatened to sweep all before them but consecutive defeats underscore pressing issues that Arne Slot must address.

The Reds travelled to Galatasaray on Tuesday eager to bounce back from their defeat at Crystal Palace at the weekend, which ended their perfect record in the Premier League.

But a first-half penalty from Victor Osimhen put the home side ahead and Liverpool were unable to reply despite dominating possession and having 16 shots in Istanbul.

There is no reason for Slot to panic -- Liverpool are still two points clear at the top of the Premier League and won their opening game in the Champions League league phase.

But a series of dramatic late winners have masked unconvincing performances since an expensive rebuild of the squad that strolled to the Premier League title last season, Slot's first as manager of the club since replacing Jurgen Klopp.

Liverpool uncharacteristically splashed out nearly £450 million on new signings as the club sought to build from a position of strength.

Florian Wirtz arrived from Bayer Leverkusen for £116 million to sprinkle creative magic but the German has yet to score a goal or even register an assist in the Premier League or Champions League.

Club record signing Alexander Isak, who joined for £125 million, is still short of full fitness after his protracted transfer from Newcastle.

Hugo Ekitike is arguably the only one of the new signings to make his mark so far, scoring three Premier League goals, but he was absent against Crystal Palace after being sent off in Liverpool's League Cup win against Southampton.

Much of the focus has been on Wirtz, who arrived at Anfield with a reputation as one of the most promising talents in world football.

But ex-England captain Wayne Rooney has questioned where the German fits in, saying on his show on the BBC that he "damages the balance of Liverpool and how they play".

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher also believes the balance of the team is not right and says Wirtz needs to be taken out of the firing line.

"He's just not at the races at all," he told CBS Sports. "He's a young boy coming into a new league -- he has got plenty of time to go as a Liverpool player.

"But right now I think he needs to come out of the team, Liverpool go back to what they were last season and then go from there and build some confidence, build some defensive solidity.

"Because right now it is a mess. It's not the losses, it is not the defeats. This has been coming from day one."

Compounding the problems in attack, Mohamed Salah's form has dipped after a stellar campaign last season. The Egyptian was left out of the starting line-up in Turkey.

Liverpool also look vulnerable in defence, with French centre-back Ibrahima Konate coming in for heavy criticism over his performance against Palace.

The club are light on options in central defence alongside captain Virgil van Dijk, having missed out on signing Palace's Marc Guehi on transfer deadline day.

Slot was given an extra headache when newly-signed Italian defender Giovanni Leoni, 18, suffered a knee injury on his debut last week that will sideline him for up to a year, while Joe Gomez has been a peripheral figure so far.

Liverpool are also getting used to a new pair of full-backs after years of sterling service from Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson.

Slot has brought in Jeremie Frimpong for the departed Alexander-Arnold at right-back and has preferred new signing Milos Kerkez to veteran left-back Andy Robertson.

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TUESDAY'S CHAMPS LEAGUE RESULTS

Atalanta	2-1	Club Brugge
Kairat	0-5	Real Madrid
Atletico Madrid	5-1	Eintracht Frankfurt
Bodø /Glimt	2- 2	Tottenham
Chelsea	1-0	Benfica
Galatasaray	1-0	Liverpool
Inter Milan	3-0	Slavia Prague
Marseille	4-0	Ajax
Pafos	1-5	Bayern

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