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Expose'

Cocaine highway



CRIME SCENE Marketed as a model of aviation security, JKIA now stands exposed as a soft underbelly in the global drugs trade. Investigations reveal how a British passport holder Da Mata Dos Santos, 28, was waved through checks with cocaine worth millions in his luggage, aided by handlers in uniform and plain clothes. His arrest in London has left Kenya's law enforcement silent, fuelling fears that East Africa's busiest hub is in the grip of cartel infiltration. **PAGE 4**

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MOVE: A foreigner walked into Kenya's supposedly highly guarded international airport carrying a briefcase packed with class A and B drugs that included cocaine worth millions of shillings. With surprising ease, he slipped through departures.

Suspect

THE MAN: The 28-year-old has been identified by investigators as Da Mata Dos Santos. He was travelling on a British passport but believed to be of Brazilian origin aboard flight BA064.

Sept 2

TRIPS: Dos Santos had made another trip on September 2 last year. He travelled again using his British passport, arriving in Nairobi on a KQ flight. Four days later, he booked a flight back to London.

June 16

ARREST: The Metropolitan Police confirmed to The Standard the arrest of Dos Santos, noting that he appeared before Isleworth Crown Court on June 16, where he was remanded in custody pending trial on December 3, 2025.

Knife, condom, HIV kits: Chilling details in socialite's murder case

► Police officer displays horrifying scenes in room where Starlet Wahu was found dead.

► Hospital worker recalls John Matara seeking treatment for his wounds wrapped in blood-soaked towel.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

A suspected murder weapon, used condom, HIV test kits, blood stains, and a passport were tabled in Milimani High Court yesterday as the prosecution built a case against the prime suspect in the murder of socialite Starlet Wahu.

The images, presented by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, laid bare the grisly details of the crime scene inside a South B apartment where Wahu's body was discovered on January 4, last year.

Police constable Allan Njoka described the scene in room Y32 at the Papino Apartments, narrating how a security guard saw John Matara, the man who had hired it, leave in a blood-soaked towel.

"I recorded a used condom, the pack that held it, a knife suspected to be the murder weapon hidden behind the sofa, a handbag, a passport belonging to Wahu, HIV test kits, and a mobile phone," Njoka told Justice Alexander Muteti.

The officer also presented three photos depicting the deceased's body in a pool of blood.

"Photos 12 and 13 show close-up views of the face of the deceased, exposing injuries on the forehead and left ear," he said.

"Photo 15 is a close-up view of the right leg showing a deep stab wound



Murder suspect John Matara at the Milimani High Court. [Nancy Gitonga, Standard]

on the thigh. This injury was significant."

Other images captured smeared blood on the bedroom walls and the sitting room, a blood-stained tissue, and the personal belongings of the deceased.

Rahma Abdul Muthoni, a receptionist at the South B Hospital, narrated how Matara sought medical treatment on the same night.

"At around 10pm, an injured man came in wrapped in a white towel soaked in blood," Rahma said. "He was bleeding from his arms and legs."

The man identified himself as Fredrick Opondo, aged 36.

"He was kind of rude," Rahma recalled. "The nurse asked about his rel-

atives, but he said he had none nearby. He also said he does not have a wife."

Matara claimed he had been attacked by thugs and rescued by boda boda riders.

"He paid Sh2,000 in blood-stained cash, and the balance of Sh500 was settled via M-Pesa by a man named Anthony."

The doctor referred Matara to the Mbagathi Hospital due to the severity of his wounds.

Former government pathologist Peter Ndegwa confirmed the 24-year-old socialite died from excessive bleeding caused by a deep stab wound on her right thigh.

"The deceased had ten figure nails marking on her neck, bruises on her face, and a penetrating stab wound on the thigh. The body was very pale, indicating massive blood loss," said Dr Ndegwa.

Jane Wairimu Mutugi, an Airbnb operator in South B, painted a grim picture of how a normal booking turned into a nightmare.

"I received a call from an unknown number. We switched to WhatsApp, and he asked for photos of available rooms. He insisted on a unit with a balcony," Wairimu testified.

The man, later identified as Matara, paid Sh3,200 in cash.

"Everything seemed normal until around 9pm when I got a call from the house owner, Charity, saying the guest had just left the building wearing a towel soaked in blood."

When police broke into the unit, Wairimu witnessed the horror. "From where I stood, I could see blood everywhere inside the house. The woman (Wahu) was squatting near the door, her face down," she said.

The case was adjourned with four more witnesses expected.

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YEARS

AGE of Starlet Wahu, who was killed in an Airbnb in South B on January 4, last year.

TAXATION



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

New sugar levy will transform sector, Kagwe tells Senate

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe says the four per cent Sugar Development Levy is meant to build capacity to deal with emerging needs.

Kagwe told the Senate Delegated Legislation Committee that the Kenya Sugar Research and Training Institute had its mandate broadened under the new Act to include training, a development that requires heavy investment in curriculum and infrastructure.

The CS said the levy followed extensive public participation.

"During the public participation, stakeholders expressed various opinions with majority proposing the imposition of the levy be at 4 per cent while others proposed it be imposed at between six and 10, while another section wanted it fixed at three, two and one per cent," said Kagwe.

He said under the Sugar Act, 2024, the levy is ring-fenced for key sector priorities such as 40 per cent for cane development, 15 per cent for factory development and rehabilitation, and 15 per cent for research and training.

Others are 15 per cent for infrastructure, 10 the Kenya Sugar Board and five per cent for farmer organisations.

The CS said the industry is set to transition from weight to quality-based cane payment system, which requires significant investment in cane varieties for high yields, drought and disease resistant. [Edwin Nyarangi]

TURF WARS

Court stops police recruitment as Kanja and commission battle

The Employment and Labour Relations Court has frozen the police recruitment exercise.

Justice Hellen Wasilwa issued the orders in a case filed by former Kilome MP John Harun Mwau, which has ignited fresh debate on who between the Inspector General of Police and the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has the powers over the Sh60 billion police payroll.

The nationwide recruitment was to kick off today, but will now have to wait until the matter is settled.

Mwau claims NPSC has no powers to manage the police payroll or conduct recruitments.

He argues that instead, the commission can only recruit its own staff, who are civilians, while the IG is mandated to recruit police officers.

The commission is not a security organ, he argues, and cannot take over functions set out

exclusively for the IG.

"Its (NPSC) recruitment mandate under Article 246(3) is distinct and applies only to civilian human resource positions within the NPSC, not to sworn members of the Service whose recruitment falls under Article 238(2)(d)," he claims.

"This separation preserves operational security, ensures recruitment is handled by those with functional and operational competence, and protects sensitive processes from unnecessary civilian intrusion."

IG Douglas Kanja, who heads the National Police Service (NPS), has been at loggerheads with the commission, which he sits in.

In its argument, NPSC, which is chaired by Dr Yudo Komora, says payroll is a human resource issue that should be under them, while Kanja has argued that it is an operational issue.

In a separate case, Attorney General Dorcas

Oduor backed Kanja, saying the commission has no powers over payroll and recruitment.

Kanja alongside his deputies Gilbert Masengeli and Eliud Lagat as well as Director of Criminal Investigations Mohamed Amin sit in the commission.

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

In the case, Wambui had sued IG Kanja, NPS, and AG, with NPSC and the Law Society of Kenya as interested parties.

In her response to the petition, Kiramana said Wambui and Sheria Mtaani were misrepresenting the law.

"No provision in the Constitution expressly assigns payroll management or financial admin-

istration 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, in his petition, had stated that payroll management should be part of NPSC's human resource mandate, and the commission had the right to determine how much officers earn.

Hearing was set for October 21.

[Kamau Muthoni]

Race to save Mau is more about life than medals

- ▶ Faith Kipyegon to promote inaugural Mau Conservation Marathon later this month.
- ▶ Endangered Mau Forest supports millions of livelihoods and has produced world beaters.

KIPSANG JOSEPH, NAKURU

As dawn breaks, silhouettes of athletes cut through the mist along the Keringet-Olenguruone road. On these Mau Forest ridges where thin, cold air drifts heavily, such a scene is a daily rhythm.

But this is no ordinary training ground. At over 2,400 metres above sea level, the highlands have shaped rivers, nourished farms and forged world beating champions.

In Keringet, Nakuru County, some of Kenya's most decorated athletes have been born, raised and molded.

Faith Kipyegon, the world star of the 1,500m, still remembers running barefoot through the dusty forest paths, where lungs were toughened by altitude and spirit, and legs hardened by hills.

She is not alone. Janeth Chepngetich, the African 10,000m champion, marathoner Geoffrey Kirui, among others, all trace their roots to these ridges.

"As an athlete born and trained here I can tell you Mau is a natural gym. The altitude here sharpens us and the forest is what sustains us. That is why conserving it is not just about trees but it is about our future," says Kirui.

But Kenya's largest water tower has been under siege. Illegal logging, encroachment and settlement have scarred its once dense canopy. Streams have dried, wetlands are shrinking and what was once a green fortress is increasingly fractured. Yet the rivers flowing from here, including Mara, Sondu, Njoro, and Ewaso Nyiro sustain millions downstream. They, too, power hydroelectricity dams, feed lakes Victoria, Turkana and Naivasha, and several water bodies as far as Narok and Nandi.

Athletics coach Charles Ngeno, who is also the chairman of the Na-

AT A GLANCE

- Inaugural Mau Conservation Marathon is scheduled for October 24
- Starts in Kuresoi South and ends in Kuresoi North
- Prizes - 350,000 for 21km race and Sh100,000 for 10km run.
- Meant to raise funds for conservation of Mau Forest under the theme Linda Mau, Boresha Maisha
- Mau Forest complex is about 400,000 hectares spanning Kericho, Nakuru, Bomet and Baringo counties



3,000m steeplechase star Faith Cherotich, marathoner Vincent Ngetich, Environment PS Festus Ngeno and Governor Susan Kihika plant trees at Rift Valley Sports Club during the launch of Mau Conservation Marathon in Nakuru on Wednesday. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

kuru County Coaches Welfare Association, sees the forest as inseparable from athletics excellence. He links the science of high altitude training to the Mau's unique ecosystem.

"The altitude here is already a gift for us. The trees make it (Mau) a power bank of oxygen. It releases clean and healthy air," he says.

"At high altitude, oxygen is scarce, and the body adapts by producing more haemoglobin. It is like a natural EPO (Erythropoietin) but unlike dop-

ing it is sustainable and honest. That is why athletes from here dominate when they run at lower altitudes."

For him, conservation and sports are two sides of the same coin.

"Planting trees is not just saving the environment; it is investing in champions. Every seedling is a future medal. If we lose the Mau, we lose our runners," concludes Ngeno.

This marriage of sport and conservation has birthed a bold new idea; the Mau conservation marathon un-

der the theme "Linda Mau, Boresha Maisha".

On October 24, Kuresoi will host the inaugural race, a grueling test from hills and valleys.

According to Environment and Climate Change PS Festus Ngeno, the event patron, says the marathon is more than a race; it is a rallying call.

"By running for the Mau, we run for clean rivers, biodiversity and healthier communities. This marathon is not about medals, it is about our survival," said Ngeno.

He spoke at the launch of the marathon in Nakuru on Wednesday, when he named Kipyegon, who is preparing for the all-women Athlos New York City meet later this month, as the race ambassador.

"The Mau is not just a forest, it is a lifeline. It feeds our lakes, sustains our fans and powers our economy; we cannot afford to ignore it. The time to act is now," said Nakuru Governor Susan Kihika at the event.

According to Jephtha Rono, a public relations officer at the Athletics Kenya, South Rift region, they are targeting to register 3,000 athletes in the competition for 21km and 10km, and 5km and 2km fun runs.

Winners in the major races will pocket Sh350,000 and Sh100,000 respectively, where all top 30 athletes in both events will be awarded.

The marathon doubles as the launch of the Mau Forest Complex integrated conservation and livelihood improvement programme, a 10-year plan to restore the critical ecosystem.

The project targets to rehabilitate 33,138 hectares of the forest, fence 500km to stop encroachment, and bring 143,803 hectares of farmland under sustainable practices. It also hopes to enroll 200 schools in environmental education, with 10 model schools leading the way.

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HEALTH

Maternal health trial cuts miscarriages, readmissions

A maternal health pilot in Kenya has halved miscarriage rates and reduced post-delivery hospital admissions by 73 per cent, offering fresh hope for tackling high maternal and neonatal deaths.

The findings, published in the Lea Mama value-based care pilot report, highlight a shift from focusing solely on access to improving the quality of care received. Kenya records 355 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births and 21 neonatal deaths per 1,000—figures far above the 2030 SDG targets of 70 and 12 respectively, according to the World Health Organization.


Despite years of investment in free maternity programmes, infrastructure and training, outcomes have lagged behind expectations. Initiatives such as Linda Mama have expanded access to skilled birth attend-

ance, which rose from 66 per cent in 2014 to 89pc in 2022.

Yet the Lea Mama report, echoing WHO data, found that over 80 per cent of maternal deaths in low- and middle-income countries are linked to poor quality of care rather than lack of access. Kenya's reliance on the fee-for-service model, rewarding providers for volume rather than outcomes, has often led to fragmented care.

The pilot, launched in May 2024 by Financial Sector Deepening Kenya in partnership with Britam's Afya Tele micro-insurance product, tested value-based models in Nairobi, Kisumu and Murang'a. The programme aims to expand to more counties and work with the Ministry of Health and insurers to integrate outcome-based payments into universal health coverage framework.

[David Njaaga]



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Cocaine highway: JKIA at the heart of international drug smuggling

► A man bribed his way into a London-bound plane carrying drugs in connivance with airport officials.

► While he was arrested in Heathrow and has been presented in court, in Nairobi it is business as usual.

FRANCIS ONTOMWA, NAIROBI

From a general outlook, nothing betrayed the quiet of Tuesday night, May 13, at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

By all standards, it looked an ordinary evening, with families embracing at the departure halls, trolleys humming across polished floors, crowds moving with usual ease as vehicles snaked in and out of the terminals. It looked every bit the perfect, uneventful night at East Africa's busiest gateway.

But it was not.

Strategic airport cameras captured what the human eye could not or perhaps chose not to see.

Unknown to scores of travellers at the facility, quietly behind the scenes something was cooking, one that would soon thrust Nairobi into the heart of an international drug scandal.

A foreign national walked into Kenya's supposedly highly guarded international airport carrying a briefcase packed with class A and B drugs that included cocaine worth millions of shillings.

With surprising ease, he slipped through departures, carefully shepherded past security checks by airport officials and within no time, he was airborne, bound for London aboard a British Airways flight to Heathrow.

But the smooth run would end on arrival when the hawk-eyed Metropolitan Police Service pounced and in an instant, the man was promptly arrested.

The Standard's investigations unit has obtained rare footage of how the operation was meticulously conducted, laying bare the mechanics of a trade many only whisper about, showing how one of Africa's proudest airports has become a vulnerable crossroads in the global narcotics economy, aided by corrupt officials and compromised systems that give traffickers a free pass.

The CCTV footage unravels a rare sequence that investigators now describe as a classic handoff used to move narcotics on international flights.

And this is how it went down.

At 9:29 pm a man emerges from one

end of the terminal. He is easy to notice, he has dreadlocks tucked under a beige cowboy hat, dressed in all black, pulling a suitcase with one hand while clutching a laptop in the other. On his shoulders hangs a black backpack. Beside him is a bald man calm and seemingly composed escorting him every step straight toward the check-in counters.

The 28-year-old has been identified by investigators as Da Mata Dos Santos. He was traveling on a British passport but believed to be of Brazilian origin aboard flight BA064. What would unfold over the next hour at JKIA before departure can be described as a textbook case of how narcotics slip quietly through international airports under the nose of officials.

The flight left Nairobi at exactly 2310 hours from Terminal 1A and arrived at Heathrow at 0622 hours at Terminal 5.

The Metropolitan Police confirmed to *The Standard* the arrest of Dos Santos noting that he appeared before Isleworth Crown Court on June 16, where he was remanded in custody pending trial on December 3, 2025.

In sharp contrast, their counterparts in Kenya the National Police Service and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, did not respond to our inquiries on the status of the investigation.

Travel documents seen by *The Standard* show that Dos Santos had arrived in Nairobi on May 6 aboard a KQ flight, reason for travel recorded as holiday/tourism. He stayed in the country, at least according to the documents, for exactly one week until he made the trip back to London that sealed his fate.

"It is appalling that corruption, the greatest threat to our national security, is once again rearing its ugly head in the very places where vigilance should be highest. A foreign national casually bypassing security checks to smuggle drugs is the worst possible scenario for this country, and it should worry everyone," observes Chris Otieno, a security analyst familiar with aviation security who reviewed the video.

Just how could Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, East Africa's busiest aviation hub, manned around the clock by police units, detectives from anti-narcotics teams, customs officers, and even hosting a magistrate's court within its precincts quietly become an invisible highway and stopover for the global narcotics trade?

JKIA is Africa's fourth-busiest airport, handling millions of passengers annually and offering direct connections to major cities such as London, New York, Amsterdam, Dubai, Mumbai, and Guangzhou.

"In some countries, you cannot



Da Mata Dos Santos heads to London through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on May 13. He was later arrested at Heathrow Airport in possession of Class A and B drugs, which included cocaine. [Courtesy]



DRUGS HAUL



■ In 2010, one of the most high-profile cases unfolded when Brazilian drug baron Anthony Rezende Oliveira, infamously nicknamed 'the King of Cocaine,' was arrested at JKIA while attempting to smuggle drugs through Kenya.

■ Another top arrest came in 2016, when security officers impounded 12 kilograms of heroin from a Tanzanian woman transiting through JKIA. The drugs were concealed in food packages—a method traffickers increasingly turned to in an attempt to beat scrutiny.

■ Also, in 2019, a Ghanaian national was arrested at JKIA with 1.1 kilograms of cocaine valued at more than Sh30 million destined for Europe.

sneak in drugs and get away with it. These cartels do their homework, they study the system and identify the weaknesses they can exploit," explains George Musamali, a Nairobi-based security expert.

"Nairobi, unfortunately, offers the perfect blind spot: Massive passenger and cargo flows, multiple international connections, and a ready supply of cheap mules to ferry drugs to their final destinations. That combination is every trafficker's dream," Musamali adds.

The CCTV video captures Dos Santos acting uneasy at first, and when he queues up with other travellers, he is visibly seen shifting his clothes here and there as he shuffles in line.

The bald handler, who seems like a plainclothes officer attached to the airport, is seen making calls, lingering near him, making sure nothing stalls the process. Moments later, as the queue inches closer to the scanner, the handler is seen speaking to a uniformed police officer and next Dos Santos is seen gently nudging his suitcase away from the scanner's direct path.

At 9:31, he is seen handing his

passport to an official for scrutiny and, at that moment, a man with a blue badge walks past the airport official with a Unit Load Device (ULD) a metal-framed container that looks like a stretcher, about one meter long, used to hold passenger baggage in the belly of the aircraft during international flights. But as we are learning, it could have other uses.

A source familiar with aviation travel intrigues has told *The Standard* that sometimes the ULD can be used by rogue individuals to conceal illicit packages especially when corrupt and crafty officials are involved to conveniently look away, exactly what seems to happen in the video.

Apparently, *The Standard* has learnt that this was not the first trip Dos Santos, 28, was making to and from Nairobi.

On September 2 last year, Dos Santos travelled again using his British passport, arriving in Nairobi on a KQ flight with the reason for travel captured as holiday/tourism.

Four days later, he booked a flight back to London, reason for travel captured as returning home.

But just how many more similar consignments have slipped through the gates of JKIA unchecked, finding their way to Europe, Asia, and beyond under the cover of a system supposedly airtight?

For a facility marketed as a fortress of security and adhering to international aviation standards where every suitcase is meant to be scanned and every passenger vetted, how do drug couriers manage to outwit the supposed watertight layers of surveillance and oversight?

"The human element has always been the problem. Behind every breach in security, there is a human hand. You may have the best technology, but the human factor remains the greatest obstacle to total security, and this case illustrates it in black and white," says Musamali.

This is not an isolated incident, as over the years JKIA has been at the heart of several high-profile drug seizures.

Currently, JKIA's Formation Criminal Investigations Office is led by Bridget Kanyai, while the Anti-Narcotics Unit is under Suleiman Nahid. Both are reportedly aware of the incident but no action has been taken against officers implicated, according to our independent investigations.

Our investigations also led us to a revelation that there is a senior detective attached to the Mines Department who enjoys full access to all areas at the airport against existing airport security regulations.

In its response to our inquiries, the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) acknowledged the incident, noting that the case was under active investigation, adding that they would cooperate with investigators.

"We are unable to provide specific details at this stage so as not to prejudice ongoing investigations," KAA said in their letter.

Statistics show that global cocaine production and consumption surged to record highs in 2023.

Data by The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime show that illicit cocaine output jumped to 3,708 tons nearly 34 per cent more than in 2022 while global seizures climbed to 2,275 tons, representing a 68 per cent rise over just four years.

Analysts estimate there are now about 25 million cocaine users globally, up from 17 million a decade ago.

In Kenya, a recent survey by the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse indicated that 1 in 63 university students reported having used cocaine.

"Sadly, for cartels, Nairobi is both a disguise and a launchpad: a place where narcotics consignments can be repackaged, rerouted, and slipped into legitimate air traffic, we are actually listed as a trafficking route," says Musamali.

Kenya's location at the intersection of African, Asian, and European air routes makes it nearly impossible to ignore for global cartels.

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Two Kenyan activists abducted in Uganda



Longton Jamil, his brother Aslam Longton and activist Bob Njagi (centre), after addressing the press on February 2, 2025, at the Human Rights office in Nairobi. [File, Standard]

- ▶ The duo had travelled to neighbouring country to join Bobi Wine's campaign.
- ▶ Civil society fear for their safety after they were picked up by four armed men.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA AND JULIET OMELO, NAIROBI

Two Kenyan activists, Bob Njagi and Nicholas Oyoo, were on Wednesday abducted in Uganda under unclear circumstances.

The two, leaders of the Free Kenya Movement, had travelled to Uganda to join Robert Kyagulanyi, popularly known as Bobi Wine, the country's opposition leader on his presidential campaign trail.

Witnesses said the two were seized from a petrol station in Kireka, East of Kampala, where they had stopped to check on their car.

At around 3pm a van pulled up and four armed men alighted. Since then, their whereabouts remain unknown, with civil society organisations fearing for their safety. Their phones were reportedly switched off moments after the abduction.

Bobi Wine, who has long accused the Museveni government of using abductions and intimidation against political opponents, posted on X: "The two were picked up mafia-style this afternoon from a petrol station in Kireka and driven off to an unknown destination! We condemn the continuing lawlessness by the rogue regime and demand that these brothers are released unconditionally! The criminal regime apparently abducted them simply for associating with me and expressing solidar-

ity with our cause!"

This is not the first time Njagi has fallen victim to enforced disappearance. In August 2024, he and brothers Aslam and Jamil Longton were abducted in Nairobi. They were held incommunicado for over 30 days, tortured and released without charge. Since then, Njagi had spoken publicly about surveillance, harassment and threats, which he said placed him at constant risk.

Civil society organisations through a joint statement, noted that his re-abduction across the border represents a dangerous escalation in the pattern of regional repression. On Thursday, Amnesty International Kenya, the Law Society of Kenya and Vocal Africa wrote an open letter to Uganda's Acting High Commissioner to Kenya, Ambassador Eunice Kigenyi. "This latest incident represents yet another alarming case in a pattern of abductions and enforced disappearances of East African activists, exposing the deepening crackdown on dissent," the letter reads.

They urged Ugandan authorities to disclose whereabouts of the two Kenyans, guarantee their right to legal representation and communi-

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These abductions are not confined to Kenya. They have occurred in Tanzania and Uganda, creating a dangerous precedent across East Africa.

Steve Mbugua, LSK council member

cation with their families, and hold those responsible accountable.

The groups also called on Kenyan government to intervene and secure the release of its citizens and ensure cross-border activism is not criminalised or violently suppressed.

Lawyer Steve Mbugua, a council member of the LSK, placed the incident within what he described as a regional crisis of abductions and state-sanctioned repression.

"These abductions are not confined to Kenya. They have occurred in Tanzania and Uganda, creating a dangerous precedent across East Africa. Our president and presidents of East African countries alike have no respect for human rights, and that is why you never see them address such issues," Mbugua said.

He stated that the pattern undermines regional security and erodes rule of law, adding that the abduction symbolizes the erosion of constitutional freedoms under political classes more concerned with retaining power than protecting rights.

Mbugua pledged that the legal profession would resist the culture of impunity through petitions, data collection on victims, and relentless pursuit of justice in the courts.

The civil society linked the abductions of Njagi and Oyoo to a wider pattern of cross-border intimidation and enforced disappearances. Between 2024 and 2025, at least a dozen high-profile cases of abductions involving activists, journalists, and opposition figures have been documented across Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

In July 2025, Kenyan activist Mwabili Mwangodi was abducted in Dar es Salaam and later dumped in Kwale, Kenya.

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RONGO

Ex-MP Dalmas Otieno given befitting sendoff

Emotions ran high as the body of former Rongo MP Dalmas Otieno was laid to rest at his Kangeso village in Rongo, Migori County.

Mourners recounted his contribution to development and love for people. His first born son Fred Otieno eulogised him as a patriot who loved both the country and people.

"Some people whom I have never met have confessed that my father helped them. If anybody believed in people, it was my father," Fred said.

He said his father used his years of service to transform the lives of people. Otieno's third wife Dorothy Otieno in a light moment said she was married thoroughly. "I was married 46 cows," I have not heard any woman in Luo Nyanzaget married the way I did," Mrs Otieno said.

She thanked Kanu party leader Gideon Moi for buying a coffin for Dalmas, who was a party member. "We thank him for giving us a house which will be used to bury my husband," she remarked.

His first wife Priscilla Otieno fondly remembered their time together since he married her aged 15. She said the long serving politician did not involve himself in corruption, and remembered him as a wonderful man. "He is in a better place. He was friendly, full of wisdom, a man of few

words who was a dedicated father and also a man of faith. He was my life long companion very handsome," she said.

The burial ceremony led by Catholic Church bishops was attended by government officials including Prime Cabinet Minister Musalia Mudavadi who represented President William Ruto and Interior PS Raymond Omollo. Others were Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko, Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o, Homa Bay Deputy Governor Oyugi Magwanga, Senators Oburu Odinga (Siaya) (representing former PM Raila Odinga), Eddy Oketch (Migori), Beatrice Ogolla (Homa Bay), MPs Paul Abuur (Rongo), Walter Owino (Awendo), Peter Masara (Suna West), Mark Nyamita (Uriri), Samuel Atandi (Alego Usonga), Adipo Okuome (Karachuonyo), Babu Owino (Embakasi East), Mairori Kitayama (Kuria East), Woman Representatives Fatuma Mohammed (Migori), Joyce Osogo (Homa Bay), and former governors Evans Kidero and Jack Ranguma.

Politics also took centre stage, with leaders allied to President Ruto and Raila lashing out at the opposition.

Mudavadi said he had lost a true friend and a role model. "He served the country with honour," he said.

[Anne Atieno and Olivia Odhiambo]



Family and friends of Dalmas Otieno during his funeral at Kangeso High School in Kangeso Village, Migori County, yesterday. [Michael Mute, Standard]

KAKAMEGA

Confusion as MCA aspirant for Kisa East Ward returns ODM certificate

The Orange Democratic Movement has been forced back to the drawing board after an aspirant for Kisa East Ward by-election in Kakamega County returned his certificate.

On Wednesday, Kakamega Governor and ODM County Chairperson Fernandes Barasa handed a direct nomination certificate to Isaiah Abraham Ayaya. However, Ayaya returned the ticket to the Orange party on Thursday.

In a letter seen by *The Standard* dated October 2, the aspirant said he was returning the ticket to the party after his name was forwarded to the

Democratic Action Party of Kenya, where he is a life member.

"I sincerely thank ODM for reaching out to me with a view of having me run as its candidate in the forthcoming by-election. It is regrettable that the nomination certificate was drawn and issued in my name before the consultations could reach their logical conclusion," reads the letter.

However, questions abound about how Ayaya accepted and received the ODM certificate at the party's county branch office and later returned the same certificate the following day.

[Benard Lusig]

Tried and tested: Gideon returns to Baringo politics, eyes Senate seat

► Kanu hails Gideon as symbol of experienced, people-first leadership.

► November 27 poll pits Gideon against UDA's Chemitei and two independents.

JULIUS CHEPKWONY, NAKURU

It is now official. Kanu chairman Gideon Moi will fly the Independence party's flag in the November 27 by-election for the Baringo senatorial seat.

The seat was declared vacant following the death of William Cheptumo on February 15 this year.

In a statement signed by the Director of Communications Manasse Nyainda, the party said the decision to have Gideon run was reached after extensive extensive consultations and deliberations.

"The Kenya African National Union (Kanu) wishes to formally announce that, following extensive consultations, deliberations, and consensus within the party and with the people of Baringo, our National Chairman, Hon Gideon Moi, has been nominated as the party's candidate for the forthcoming Baringo Senatorial by-election," read the statement in part.

The party said the decision to get Gideon contest underscored its unwavering commitment to offering experienced, visionary, and people-centered leadership at a critical juncture for

Baringo County and the nation at large.

"In accepting this call to serve, Gideon has expressed profound gratitude to Kanu members, supporters, and the people of Baringo for their patience, confidence, and steadfast support," further read the statement.

The party stated that Gideon remains committed to running a people-driven campaign anchored on inclusivity, accountability, and service to all.

The party affirmed that Gideon's candidature will resonate widely with the electorate and called on its supporters in the county and the country at large to rally behind him as they embark on its campaign journey.

Gideon will now contest against United Democratic Alliance candidate Vincent Kiprono Chemitei, Daisy Jep-too Kimosop (Independent), and Benjamin Chebon (Independent).

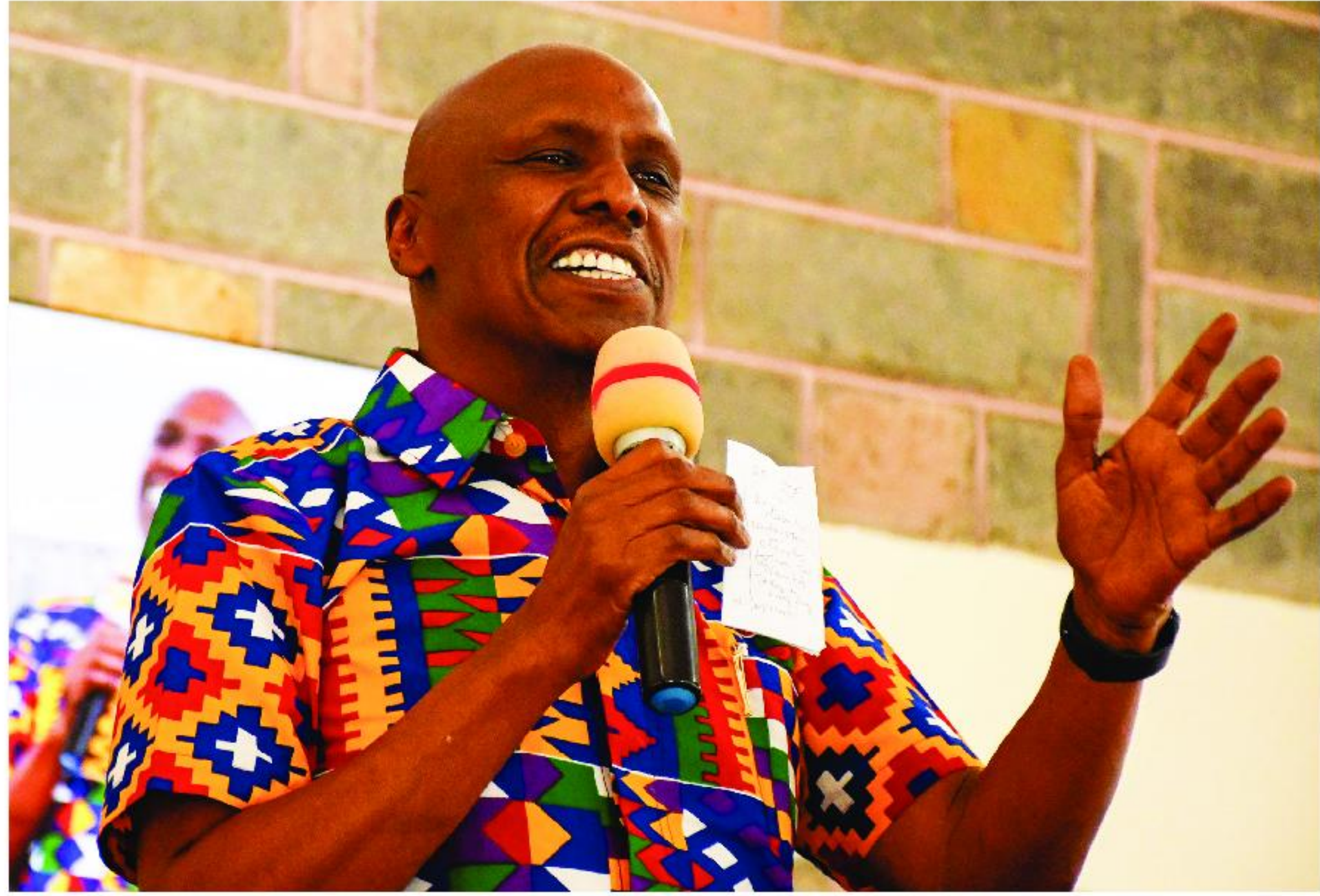
Chemitei emerged as the winner after garnering 48,791 votes against eight other aspirants in UDA primaries.

Before the party's announcement, Baringo residents had been kept guessing. Locals had been all over social media pushing for his comeback, a call he answered with the announcement.

"There is no other leader here in Baringo who is going to help us transform this county. In fact, for a change, for transformation and for salvation, I am telling you it is only Gideon Moi," said one Vincent Kemboi.

Kemboi questioned the interest other leaders from other counties had in the seat, having flocked to the county.

"We have seen leaders from other



Kanu chairman Gideon Moi at the AIC Milimani in Nakuru during a thanksgiving service on November 10, 2024. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

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Vincent Kemboi, Baringo resident

counties come here to dictate to us the kind of leaders we should elect. As Baringo residents, we need to ask ourselves why some of those who come are failures. Let's elect a leader who will help us," Kemboi said.

Baringo County Assembly Leader of Minority Daniel Tuwit called on the other aspirants to step down in support of Gideon.

"Gideon is our kingpin; he understands us better, and we will support him," he said.

Isaiah Biwott, a resident, said they welcomed the party's decision.

"Gideon has been tried and tested. He has the ability and has done us a lot. He represents the voice of the people and cannot be influenced easily," said Biwott.

Stephen Marutit, another social media commentator, said the coming of Gideon was long overdue. He

said he supports Gideon and will also drum up support for him.

Erastus Ababu, a youth, said it is time Baringo residents redeemed themselves.

Political analyst Gitile Naituli said Gideon is better placed to win the seat.

"Gideon Moi will probably win that seat; he has a big chance," Prof Naituli said.

Little was known about Gideon before he joined active politics in 2002, when he clinched the Baringo Central Parliamentary seat.

He inherited the seat from his father, who had held it for 40 years but lost it to Sammy Mwaita in 2007.

Gideon made a comeback in 2013, where he whitewashed his opponent, Rev Jackson Kosgei, with over 80 per cent of the total votes cast. He was re-elected in 2017.

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SECURITY

Murkomen: Kenyan police officers in Haiti to return home soon



Correctional Services PS Salome Beacco and Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has hinted that the Kenyan troops in Haiti will return home soon, after a "successful" tour of duty.

Murkomen said, following a decision by the United Nations Security Council to form a larger force, the Kenyan police officers serving under the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM) whose mandate ended yesterday will return home, and a fresh team deployed.

On Tuesday, the UN Security Council authorised formation of a Gang Suppression Force (GSF) to replace the Kenyan-led security support mission.

Under an initial 12-month mandate, the GSF will work closely with the Haitian National Police (HNP) to dismantle gangs controlling many towns and making life unbearable in the Caribbean country.

The 5,550-strong force will also protect vulnerable groups, support reintegration of former fighters and help strengthen Haitian institutions.

For the last one year, more than 700 Kenyan police officers have been part of the MSS mission, which faced serious underfunding, insufficient personnel, and limited operational capacity.

US ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said that the MSS mission lacked the scale, scope and resources needed to take the fight to the gangs and restore order in Haiti.

"Today's vote sets that right. It will transform the MSS mission to the new Gang Suppression Force, a mission five times the size of its predecessor and with a strengthened mandate to go after the gangs," Waltz said.

The resolution co-penned by Panama and the

United States, and backed by dozens of countries, was adopted by a vote of 12 in favour, with three abstentions from China, Pakistan, and Russia.

"Our officers in Haiti have done a good job of pacifying towns. But since the United Nations Security Council has expanded the scope of the operation, our officers will return home and a new team deployed there. Those returning home bring with them valuable experience that will be of benefit to the country," said Murkomen during the Jukwaa La Usalama forum held at the Kenya School of Government, Lower Kabete yesterday.

And while welcoming the return of the officers, participants at the forum said they saw no need of having them in Haiti when there were serious security challenges in Nairobi and other parts of country.

[Hudson Gumbi]

Gachagua denies Sh25m house claim

- ▶ The former DP said he was a stranger to any arrangement between a property firm and Julia Muthoni Mwangi.
- ▶ Muthoni accuses firm of harassment, citing acknowledgement of her full payment and no outstanding dues.

STANDARD REPORTER, NAIROBI

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has threatened legal action against a property firm over allegations linking him to an unpaid Sh25 million for an apartment.

Through his lawyer, Moses Mabeya, Gachagua dismissed the claims as defamatory, insisting he was a stranger to any arrangements between Julia Muthoni Mwangi and Royal Importers and Exporters Limited. He demanded an apology within 24 hours or face a defamation suit.

"Unless we receive your evidence of compliance with the above demands, within twenty-four (24) hours, you will leave us with no alternative but to file a lawsuit against you for defamation at your peril and other incidental costs. We have strict and peremptory instruction to seek general, aggravated and exemplary damages, along with the cost of the suit without further reference to you," demanded Mabeya.

The row began on September 30, when Royal Importers' lawyer, Dr Adrian Kamotho, issued a joint letter to Gachagua and Muthoni demanding that they admit liability and pay the outstanding sum.

Kamotho accused Muthoni of illegally occupying Skyrock Apartment Unit 2 without settling the agreed price. "Despite your failure to settle the price, you have in utter impunity remained in unlawful occupation of our client's premises. Our client has been magnanimous, anticipating that you would honour your obliga-



Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua. [John Muia, Standard]

tions. Instead, you have chosen to take our client for a ride," he wrote.

The lawyer warned that unless Muthoni and the Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) leader complied, Royal Importers would pursue all legal measures available.

Muthoni, however, disputes the claim. Through her lawyer, Obano Ondigi, she described the demands as baseless and insisted that she had already paid the full amount. He added that Royal Importers had acknowledged receipt of payment but had failed to provide the necessary completion documents.

"Accordingly, there is no outstanding sum due from our client, a fact acknowledged by your client under their own hand. Your demand of any monies owed is therefore denied in total," said Mr Ondigi.

He further accused Royal Importers of breaching its obligations by refusing to issue Muthoni with the documents, demanded that the company should retract the demand and proposed arbitration to resolve the matter.

"Any threats of interference or eviction will be met with strong opposition and the full force of the law, as they amount to infringement of her rights," Ondigi added.

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ELDORET

Family seeks answers over man's disappearance

A family in Tot, Marakwet East is seeking justice following alleged abduction of their relative.

Hassan Kiptoo, 33, was allegedly seized by police officers on September 22, 2025 from an entertainment joint in Tot village, where he had been socialising with friends.

His mother, Margaret Kipchumba, claims he was taken to an undisclosed location and has not been seen since.

The 60-year-old widow said all attempts to establish her son's whereabouts have been fruitless, as officers at Tot Police Station have declined to provide answers.

"I am a widow with six children. The disappearance of my son for the past month has caused us sleepless nights," she said.

"I appeal to the government to tell me where my son is—whether alive or dead. Our county is governed by the constitution, and I cannot understand why the family has not been informed of any crime he is accused of."

Margaret insisted that her son was not a criminal, recalling that his only previous arrest had stemmed from a land dispute, unrelated to cattle rustling.

Her daughter, Chebet Kipchumba, described her brother as a humble man who became the

family's breadwinner after their father's death.

In an emotional address in Eldoret, the 28-year-old explained that after learning of his arrest, the family searched police stations, hospitals, and mortuaries nationwide without success. "What we want is a clear answer as to why he was arrested. We do not condemn the police for doing their job. If someone commits a crime, they should be taken to court, either released or jailed, and that should be the end of it," she said.

"The situation is traumatising his children. They even refuse to go to school. It's very painful."

Chebet added that her brother had been running a barbershop in Lodwar before travelling to Tot to visit family.

The family has since filed a statement at Tot Police Station (OB No. 10/28/09/2025) and reported the matter to Iten Police Station.

Elgeyo Marakwet Police Commander, Peter Mulinge, confirmed the case had been reported and investigations launched.

"When the incident was reported, signals were circulated to all police stations across the country. I have also urged the family to share any information that may help us establish the truth about his arrest," Mulinge said. [Peter Ochieng]

Appointment of Group Chief Executive Officer Crown Paints Kenya plc ("the Company" or "Crown Paints")



Mr. Mustafa Turra Group Chief Executive Officer Crown Paints Kenya plc

The Board of Directors of Crown Paints Kenya plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mustafa Turra as the Group Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 October 2025. Mr. Mustafa Turra joins Crown Paints from Olam Agri Nigeria, where he served as the Business Head and Vice President of Soy Crush Integrated Feed & Protein, overseeing Sub-Saharan Africa's largest feed business. He has also successfully led businesses in more than 10 countries, building and managing high-performance multicultural teams across fast-paced manufacturing and distribution-led industries where he has consistently delivered profitable growth and business turnarounds. He brings on board over 20 years of international leadership and Financial Management experience across India, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, and South Asia. He is an entrepreneurial business leader with a proven track record in transformational growth.

Mr. Mustafa Turra holds an MBA in Strategic Management and Marketing from XLRI Jamshedpur, and a Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The Board is confident that with his global perspective, strategic acumen, and strong background in business transformation, Mr. Mustafa Turra is poised to lead Crown Paints into its next phase of growth and innovation, reinforcing its position as the region's leading brand.

The Board welcomes Mr. Mustafa Turra and extends their congratulations on his appointment as the Group Chief Executive Officer of Crown Paints Kenya plc. The Board and Management of Crown Paints Kenya plc express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Rakesh Rao for his exceptional leadership, stewardship and the pivotal role he has played in driving the Group's growth and success during his tenure as Group Chief Executive Officer.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Conrad Nyukuri
Company Secretary

29 September 2025



Gen Zs mobilise to build hospital but skip voter registration drive

► Mobilisers draw inspiration from successful crowdfunding for other causes.

► Media reports say there has been a slow start to the voter registration process.

BRIAN OTIENO AND OMONDI POWEL,
NAIROBI

Young Kenyans on social on TikTok are daring to dream. Based on video clips shared by content creators, there are plans to crowdfund for a Level 5 hospital, highlighting the growing mistrust in the government's ability, or commitment, to provide essential services.

Estimates suggest the hospital could cost Sh4 billion. Raising this amount would be daunting.

Although they are yet to make concrete steps towards setting up the TikTok Community Hospital, its tentative name, the steep climb ahead does not seem to intimidate them.

"Nimeskia maGen-Z kuna vile kuna plan ya kujiundia hosi yetu (I've heard that there are plans to have us Generation Z to build a hospital)," a voice in a clip shared by Shujaa Humphrey, a TikTok creator, says in Sheng', a slang spoken by Kenya's urban youth. "Hosi moja genje. Kila kitu itakuwa bure (A marvellous hospital. Every service will be free of charge)."

How do they plan to finance the hospital? "Endelea kushangaa (keep wondering)," he tells doubters. "Tupatane mbele. Mimi kwanza wani-dunge paybill nitume simiti yangu moja (They should furnish me with the paybill so that I send my contribution for cement)."

Mobilisers of this cause draw inspiration from their crowdfunding for other causes. A few days ago, they came through for a 17-year-old TikTok creator, Vincent Kaluma, who has been struggling to care for his ailing father.

Young people have come through for others in distress through movements like *Sisi kwa Sisi*, spearheaded by comedian Eric Omondi. In 2023, they raised funds online to support treatment for those injured in anti-tax protests and help offset burial costs for those who died.

Economic protest

The TikTok hospital idea may well be a "pipe dream," as many, even those who have said they would contribute to building it, have dismissed it. But it exposes the exasperation among the youth over apparent poor service delivery.

Lovine Oreta, 23, said the idea is like "an economic protest."

"The government should be reminded that if it has gotten to the



Protesters in Nairobi on June 25, 2025. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

point where citizens must crowdfund to build hospitals, then things are truly on the edge," said Oreta, arguing that basic healthcare had deteriorated.

The youth have promised to act on bad governance. The 2027 election provides them a platform to express their frustrations. The journey to the elections started on Monday, when the Independent Electoral Commission (IEBC) resumed continuous voter registration at the commission's constituency offices.

IEBC plans to register 6.3 million new voters, most of whom comprise the Gen-Z that rattled Kenya with protests last and this year. At the height of the protests, many of them said they would register enough numbers to decide Kenya's next president.

But media reports point to a slow start to the process, as young Kenyans largely stay away. On social media, they do not seem to be mobilising as vigorously as they did for the protests.

Peter K'opiyo, 23, said he was planning to enlist, which he hails as "the only way to bring change," but added he did not know where the registration was happening.

"There is a need for more public awareness, sensitisation and mobilisation campaigns," he said.

Kamau Ngugi, the executive director of the Defenders Coalition, an umbrella of rights groups, said that young Kenyans "don't want to feel coerced into registering as voters," but a "very good case" should be made on why they should participate in the electoral process.

He argued that the IEBC should use technology to woo the youth.

"What are the tools that should be used to reach out to them and engage them?" Ngugi posed. "We've seen the youth using social media to mobilise,



Voting is not only a civic duty for every citizen, but also an act of responsibility to future generations. We owe them a better nation,"

Lovine Oreta, Youth

but we want to confine them in some corner... the IEBC should be much more mobile and provide for the use of technology."

The Standard spoke to 15 young Kenyans, some of whom are unregistered, asking them about whether they plan to vote in the next election and their motivations for doing so.

Oreta said she enlisted as a voter in Karachuonyo, Homa Bay County, in 2022 and voted in the election.

"I believe the change we all desire starts with the decisions we make at the ballot, and our leaders are a reflection of the choices we make. Voting is not only a civic duty for every citizen, but also an act of responsibility to future generations. We owe them a better nation," she said.

Boletta Ngere, 25, from Kisumu Central is planning to register in the ongoing process. She said she wants to be involved in deciding her future and in holding leaders accountable.

"Interests vary, and at least I can choose one with my interests involved," said Ngere, adding that she hopes the next crop of leaders can entrench good governance.

So does Eugene Opondo, 26, who registered as soon as enlisting was reopened this week.

"Come 2027, I will be there to vote out the bad leadership we have cur-

rently led by President (William) Ruto," he said. Opondo took issue with the "con game" he said the government is playing with its new social health insurance scheme.

Jane Njeri, 23, said she is planning to register soon "to see whether my vote will make a difference." This feeling is shared by many more, like Edwin Wachira, 24, who registered to vote in 2022.

Joel Wafula, 23: "I am a registered voter and am planning to vote. The reason is to remove bad leaders."

Akoth Opiyo, 23: "I am a registered voter. Although I have never voted, this time I must. I believe my one vote can make a difference. (I plan to) Elect a non-corrupt leader who is capable of creating strategies that benefit every citizen."

Linah Kamande, 25: "I am already a registered voter, and I would urge everyone to register to vote out all these corrupt leaders."

Leah Nyawara, 24: "I have registered to vote because I believe it is my right and an opportunity to elect the leaders of my choice."

Samuel Kazungu, 28: "I registered as a voter back in 2022. My main reason for taking the voter's card was to participate in the election leaders with the vision I wanted."

Elijah Omondi Odiwuor, 23: "I have registered as a voter because I believe there should be a change of leadership."

Ruth Mochore, 25: "I haven't registered yet, but I will when I get time. I need to actively participate in creating the change I would like to see."

Tracy Agani, 22: "I have registered but I'm planning to change my voting station due to convenience and who I want in my region of interest."

Jacob Ochiro: "I have been a registered voter since 2021 and I voted in the last election."

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NAIROBI

Sh2b pedestrian underpass in city has shops, toilets

Pedestrians who use the Haile Selassie, Mombasa Road, Uhuru Highway and Ngong Road roundabout will soon be required to use an underpass so as not to interrupt traffic flow at the busy intersection.

The Greenpark terminus pedestrian underpass network worth Sh2 billion is now at 97 per cent complete and is expected to be open to the public before the end of the year.

This was revealed on Thursday, during a tour by the Parliamentary Transport Committee organised by Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

The project being constructed by China Roads and Bridge Corporation as part of smart city initiative comes with outstanding features for pedestrians divided into four tunnels with a total length of 176 metres.

Underpass 1 cuts from Haile Selassie towards Railways, underpass 2 cuts through Mombasa Road, underpass 3 leads to Upper Hill and underpass 4 leads passengers towards Westlands.

For people with disabilities, the facility has seven elevators and tactile tiles to guide people with visual impairment.

The underpass has 39 stalls and shops that are expected to boost security around and to provide a business environment.

"Two major things that normally make Kenyans not to want to use an underpass, is matters of security, and also matters of, say, flooding and cleanliness and safety," Kenya National Highways Authority engineer Victor Njiru explained.

He added: "In terms of the physical attributes of the underpass, we have eight metres of visuals provided at each underpass. Six metres is actually for pedestrians to walk through, and it's quite spacious. Then the stalls occupy the remaining two metres meaning eight metre wide underpass."

The height from the ceiling to the floor is three metres.

It is expected that the facility will serve 21,000 pedestrians daily with the police on patrol to enhance security.

"We are below the road surface by one metre meaning the underpass walls are quite thick. We used grade 40 of concrete," the engineer added.

The other features include two ablution blocks with washrooms and an equipment room. Around the facility, there are two water tanks that have a capacity of 150,000 litres.

Nakuru West MP Samuel Arama asked how those relying on wheelchairs would move around in case of power outages owing to lack of ramps.

The engineers said there were generators on standby and solar panels power supplies to light the tunnels in case of a blackout.

"We will ensure that the people will utilize this facility with ease and we will look into the issues that have been raised and incorporate those that can be accommodated," Principal Secretary Joseph Mbugua sated.

[Pkemoing'eno]

Uhuru's return splits Jubilee and the nation

► His comeback divides party and stirs national debate.

► Supporters cheer return to politics while critics warn of legacy risk.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta's return to active politics has divided members of his Jubilee party and a section of political actors.

Some feel he should be an elder statesman watching from the sidelines, while others maintain he has every right to agitate for and demand better governance.

Those who maintain that he should not drag his name in the murky waters of local politics want him to borrow a leaf from his predecessors Daniel Moi and Mwai Kibaki who led a quiet life after leaving office. After leaving office, the second President led a private life where senior politicians and their successors would occasionally visit for consultations on matters of national importance.

Kibaki too, did not engage in local politics but retreated to his Muthaiga home where he enjoyed his retirement until his demise in 2022.

But those supporting Uhuru's return maintain he has a constitutional right to participate in the political discourse and can even seek any elective office except the presidency.

They maintain that unlike Moi and Kibaki who were elderly, Uhuru is younger and energetic to guide the country politically.

Fanya Mambo Kinuthia, a political analyst said Kenya borrows heavily from the US where former President Barack Obama served for eight years, then campaigned vigorously for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, after leaving office.

"Given that Uhuru is retired that does not take away his civil liberties and rights of an individual to participate in demanding better governance. We can't say we aspire to be like developed nations such as America but when it comes to one enjoying his rights we then draw the line," Kinuthia maintained.

Reacting to concerns that Uhuru would attract unwarranted political attacks from his rivals and especially the government, Kinuthia said the former President too understood that "there was no cleaner way to conduct politics in Kenya than the smear campaign."

Political commentator Barrack Muluka, also observed that Uhuru had constitutional right to use his political influence to guide the country into having good leaders who shall fight corruption, nepotism and govern by the rule of law.

"There is no harm when the former President calls out those who brought disrepute to the office of

the President, we should only judge him based on his performance when he was the President but he can't be stopped from criticising the current administration," Dr Muluka noted.

Those against Uhuru's return to active politics believe nasty reactions from local leaders demean his social stature as leader of peace talks in DRC, alongside former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and his contribution to conflict resolution in Northern Ethiopia.

Former Starehe MP Maina Kamanda said although Uhuru was within his rights to actively participate in politics, he was above local politics and ought to play in the regional league.

"I have been a Starehe MP for over 20 years. I retired, but if I try to dictate the political direction of the constituency, I will attract insults from the youth who are now in politics. A wise leader abandons the political arena once he retires from politics. He has his legacy, he brought BBI and warned us of electing Ruto but that is now water under the bridge," he said.

He added if he decides to come back to politics, he won't change the political mood in Mt Kenya and will only attract name calling and smear campaigns to his name and that of the Kenyatta family.

But Uhuru's remarks during the Jubilee Special National Delegates Conference that the Ruto administration had replaced his policies has elicited sharp criticism from the Kenya Kwanza camp led by Deputy President Kithure Kindiki who accused him of using lies to de-campaign the administration.

"I urge him to correct the current administration based on facts. If they want to criticise it, Linda Mama programme has been expanded and is now Linda Jamii," Prof Kindiki said in Garissa.

Eldas MP Adan Keynan, a Jubilee leader urged Uhuru to respect Ruto's administration and let him work. "He was accorded respect when he served as the President and he was given time to work for the country and he should now let the Kenya Kwanza administration work for Kenyans. May he get good health to witness development projects being initiated by Ruto," he said.

Taveta MP John Bwire said: "Uhuru has no moral obligation to disrespect



Former President Uhuru Kenyatta, who is also the Jubilee Party leader, at the National Delegates Convention in Nairobi. [File, Standard]

the office of the President and if he has any advice to give him, he can do that properly."

Judy Muthoga, a political commentator and a member of Jubilee party said she would not wish to see Uhuru on top of car roofs and in political rallies campaigning.

"Imagine a retired head of state, who once commanded respect of the entire nation, being shouted down and mocked in political rallies. Picture Uhuru's campaign trail being teargassed, just like DAP-K or DCP where people are often dispersed or even his rallies being disrupted by hired goons," she posed.

Muthoga said Uhuru ought to imitate leaders such as former Internal Minister John Michuki who eventually stepped back when their mission was accomplished after ensuring that Uhuru become the Mt Kenya kingpin urging Uhuru to identify and pass his blessings to someone else.

"We love him too much to see him subjected to the indecency and uncouth of Kenyan politics. We want to see him smiling, strong, and healthy whenever he shows up at events not being heckled, insulted, teargassed, and certainly not having his meetings disrupted by goons," she said.

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► Prism accuses Galaxy of breaching distribution deal and colluding with regulator.

► The dispute exposes the country's fragile pharmaceutical sector and allegations of regulatory bias.

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An Indian pharmaceutical manufacturer is locked in a dispute worth more than Sh1.3 billion with a Kenyan firm and the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB), in a row over a distribution agreement.

Prism Life Sciences Limited has accused the Board of siding with Galaxy Pharmaceutical Limited by permitting it to supply products from multiple companies, while at the same time freezing the distribution of Prism's medicines.

Galaxy and the PPB, however, deny the allegations, arguing that the Kenyan court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case.

Prism's lawyer, Elias Mutuma, told the court that the company manufactures drugs for chronic illnesses including heart disease, atherosclerosis and diabetes. He said Kenyan law allows foreign pharmaceutical firms to distribute their products only through a local technical representative, a requirement that led to Prism's initial business arrangement with Galaxy.

However, the lawyer said that there was no agreement between Prism and Galaxy that it would manufacture its medicine in Kenya.

According to Mutuma, the relationship between the two companies was smooth between 2020 and 2022, but Galaxy later breached the agreement by sourcing products from other manufacturers without Prism's knowledge.

"To the Plaintiff's utter dismay, it

discovered that the first defendant had not only changed its pharmaceutical suppliers but had also indirectly acquired a pharmaceutical company by the name Prism Medico & Pharmacy Ltd from India via its subsidiary company called Galaxy Vitacare Private Limited registered in India, in which company the first defendant owned 25 per cent majority shares," said Mutuma.

He further alleged that Galaxy began exporting products under the same brand name, using identical artwork, patterns and colour schemes on packaging. An investigation revealed that Galaxy was sourcing supplies from Ovation Remedies and Saitech Medicare Private Limited in Himachal Pradesh, India.

Mutuma claimed that some of the medicines failed quality tests conducted by a reputable Indian laboratory. Yet, when Prism complained, the PPB allegedly ignored the matter and instead quarantined Prism's own stock—comprising 45 products—on grounds that they were suspected to be substandard.

"The plaintiff has a reasonable apprehension to the extent that the second defendant colluded with the first defendant to taint the plaintiff's brand by using the counterfeit products to the benefit of the first defendant," he said.

Both Galaxy and the PPB strongly denied the claims. Galaxy argued that Prism, being a foreign company, lacks the legal standing to appear before the Kenyan court.

It further argued that Prism had no manufacturing license to make any pharmaceutical products in India at the time it was filing the case.

Galaxy insisted it was never Prism's agent but rather an independent entity that contracted Prism to manufacture and supply medicines on its behalf. It said it turned to other suppliers only after learning of what it termed Prism's "serious breaches" in 2023.

Galaxy also denied any ties with



WHAT PRISM ARGUES:

- Galaxy went against distributorship agreement
- It looked for other firms and sold their products
- The products were tested and did not meet Indian quality standards
- Pharmacy and Poisons Board allowed sale of the products but quarantined those from Prism
- The court should allow the case against the two

Galaxy's reply:

- The court has no powers to hear the case
- All the claims by Prism are denied
- There was no distributorship agreement
- Instead, the deal was that Prism manufactures products for Galaxy

- The allegations against Galaxy are not backed by evidence
- It moved on to other manufacturers when it got information that Prism had serious breaches

Board's reply:

- There is no collusion between it and Galaxy
- It got information about some products and which were found to have been of low quality
- It quarantined all the products at the warehouses to protect the public from harm
- The products Prism complained of being allegedly counterfeit were tested and cleared as they met the standards
- Prism tests of products by Galaxy was illegal and irregular

Ovation Remedies or Saitech Medicare. Its lawyer, Pravin Bowry, told the court there was no evidence to support Prism's allegations.

The PPB, for its part, dismissed claims of collusion. It alleged that it received information that Galaxy, through its Indian subsidiary Galaxy Vitacare PVT was exporting similar products to Prism's.

It stated that it immediately purchased five products and did tests, which indicated they were substandard. The board quarantined

all the products to prevent harm.

It also argued that tests done by Prism were irregular and illegal, as the collection was allegedly unprocedurally done. The regulator also said that the products, which Prism claimed to be counterfeit, were tested and cleared after passing the test.

Galaxy had separately sued both Prism and the PPB over a notice to cancel its registration certificates, but Justice Roselyn Aburili struck out that case.

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JUSTICE

Court hands back Sh500m to Sonko as graft case collapses

The Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court has given former Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko a huge reprieve, ruling that the Asset Recovery Agency (ARA) failed to prove that Sh500 million in his possession was the proceeds of crime.

Delivering judgment on Wednesday, Justice Nixon Sifuna said he expected that ARA would give evidence to prove its case, which would be similar to the claims leveled against him in a criminal trial at the magistrate's court.

Instead, he noted, ARA "cherry-picked" data to suit its narrative and never called any witness to back its case, other than a statement of an alleged investigator.

"Where an investigator chooses to use statistics, he should conduct credible statistical analysis and not just draw lay or wild statistical inference that are not supported by the entire record or statistics. Such a goof can lend credence to a suspect or subject's allegation of witch-hunt. Investigations that leave loopholes and potholes leave room for speculation, guesswork and scapegoating," he said.

The judge also criticised the agency's opaque handling of information sources, saying that while the identity of a complainant in an investigation need not be disclosed, the origin of the information must be clearly described.

He said that information whose source remains hidden amounts to gossip or suggests the agency is driven by grudges, as in Sonko's case.

Sonko, who has long claimed he is the target of a witch-hunt, argued that ARA was pursuing him based on mere suspicion. He maintained that he had started making money well before his election as governor.

In its filings, ARA alleged that Sonko received Sh500 million through suspicious cash transactions, which it said demonstrated a "clear case of smurfing"—a money-laundering technique where large sums are broken into smaller deposits by intermediaries, or "smurfs," across multiple accounts to avoid detection by banks.

[Kamau Muthoni]

INFRASTRUCTURE



Roadworks are currently ongoing on SDA Road in Umoja 1 Ward, Embakasi West. [Courtesy]

Road works, drainage ease daily city struggles

Two months after President William Ruto and Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja launched an ambitious plan to reconstruct and rehabilitate roads in the capital, the initiative is taking shape, with works now underway across all 85 wards.

The programme, unveiled during the commissioning of the Bridge Savannah-Stage 17-Masimba Road in Embakasi, promises a city-wide transformation through new and rehabilitated roads, modern drainage systems, and pedestrian walkways.

Completed works include Muthangari Gardens Road in Kilimani, AIPCA Road in Kasarani, Mathioya Road in Hamza, Jua Kali Road in Embakasi, and 8th Street and 2nd Avenue in Airbase Ward. Others include Deliverance Road in Imara Daima, St. Mary's Catholic Church Road in

Mihango, Kisauni Road in Nairobi West, Ngara Crescent, Muhia Road in Riruta, Sifa Sugura Estate Road in South C, Mukorino Githima Road in Uthiru, Kamiti Road in Zimmerman, and Greenfield Estate Road in Upper Savannah.

"This is about ensuring every corner of Nairobi feels the impact of development. Whether in estates or informal settlements, every resident deserves safer mobility and improved infrastructure," Sakaja said.

The joint initiative, executed by the Nairobi County Government and the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), has spread across industrial hubs, leafy suburbs, and densely populated estates.

In Industrial Area, Kitui Road and Road C are being rehabilitated with asphalt overlays to ease

cargo movement, while in Eastleigh, Hombe, Muinami, and Quarry roads are under reconstruction to curb flooding. Starehe has seen work on Chai, Kombo Muniyiri, and Mweni roads, while Lavington and Kileleshwa benefit from repairs on Jacaranda Avenue, Ivengara, Karandini, and Hatheuru roads.

"Embakasi, Umoja, Fedha, and Komarock carry Nairobi's largest commuter populations. These works will decongest key arteries, improve access to schools and hospitals, and uplift living standards," Sakaja said.

Residents welcomed the long-awaited works. "We hope this time the roads will be completed fully and not left halfway," said kiosk owner Mary Mwasia. **[Correspondent]**



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Grounded for eight hours, the response from passengers was nothing more than bewildered exasperation

Travelling around Africa in 36 hours, and marvels of our Kenyan democracy

I am writing this from the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, in Dakar, Senegal, where I have been for the last 36 hours, and from where I depart in a few hours. Well, well, the cycles of my life spin so fast these days, I measure the passage of time in hours, especially if I am going to spend most of my waking hours in airports.

My trip from Nairobi was ordinary and seamless, flying on an airline that I was encountering for the first time: ASky. I assume the "A" is for Africa because its marketing mantra is "the pan-African airline."

We were well fed (which is something airlines can no longer afford to do), and which was surprising because the flight was nearly empty. So generous were they, when I asked if the red wine was sweet or dry, I was offered both white and red by a hostess that I later found scrubbing the toilet. That might sound like strange division of labour; a hostess who cleans.

We descended into the Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport in Lome rather suddenly, named for the OG dynast who ruled, alongside his son, Faure, for a very long time. It was a clear, humid day, only 11.30am local time, with a 12.30pm connecting flight to Dakar. We tracked the boarding gate but we were turned away. Our flight was delayed and would be boarding from a different gate at a time that was not disclosed.

Not a good sign. That was the ping-pong that would go on for one, two, three four hours... Surprisingly, my growing irritation appeared to be isolated. The rest of the passengers appeared more bemused than upset.

Finally, we boarded. And waited. Nothing doing other than a toddler wailing in the back of the plane because, I suspected, the air-conditioning was inadequate. Another announcement was made. We were waiting for passengers coming from Niamey, and who needed to board our plane to Dakar.

To keep us motivated we were offered sound

snack that tasted like sawdust. The passengers from Niamey arrived. One of them sat next to me. He said he was travelling from Yaounde and his flight from there had been delayed, too.

Still, the plane did not move. The toddler, perhaps more irritated than me, wailed at the top of its lungs. The announcer returned. The passengers grumbled their disapproval from the lilting French inflections that were later translated as follows: The flight's captain (pilot) had exceeded his or her flying time. So, another pilot was on the way to relieve him or her.

I always thought that it's more expensive to ground planes, but here was instance where grounding pilots was more expensive. We waited for the exalted pilot to arrive. Minutes ticked away. Five, ten, 15...

I had no idea if the fabled pilot was travelling by road, rail, water, or air, so when the announcer returned on air, I was anxious for an update. I got a sense that things were not going well from the grumbles that grew louder and longer. Then came the English translation. The passengers were required to disembark...

And just like that, one by one, they left, many bearing bemused expressions on their face, shaking their heads in disbelief, clutching their small tins of *njugu karanga* mixed with fragments of *kaimati* that tasted like dust.

Had that happened in Nairobi, I was certain what would have happened. All passengers would have been shuttled to the nearest five-star hotel, a firm commitment for the next available flight would have been communicated and apologies published. And that wouldn't have stopped the fiasco from going viral.

Those are the dividends of our democracy, the sort that demands a little more respect for the citizens from those who purport to wield power. We were grounded for eight hours, only making it to Dakar 24 hours after I had left Nairobi, sleep-deprived and discombobulated by the experiences of the last dozens of hours.

Attention, the national anthem is playing, but the people are true wielders of power

I experience new cities around the world by walking around, mainly aimlessly, and Dakar, the city of the great poet, Leopold Sedar Senghor hasn't been less delightful. I have been walking around the city, outside the presidency, outside the defence headquarters, bumping into friendly soldiers who help with directions.

The number of museums and art exhibition outlets are simply wonderful, but one highlight of my visit was my friends and I being waved down the street by a hawkker because the national anthem was playing at the presidency.

Everyone, motorists and pedestrians alike, were required to stop in their tracks and stand to rapt attention as the anthem played. I don't think anyone has ever asked Nairobians to stop because the anthem was playing at the House

on the Hill. And if that happened, I am certain the matter would have been presented before a court of law for adjudication.

The reason is simple. We like clarity on every aspect of life and those that assume to wield levers of power are always being reminded about their limits.

Another buddy from Cameroon remarked that their long-serving Prezzo, Paul Biya, is almost guaranteed to retain power, not just because of his assumed popularity, but also because he controls the system.

I reminded him things are different where I come from. Neither those who assume to be immensely popular, nor those who control the system are guaranteed of anything. We, the people, can decide to humiliate them any day, any time, in any contest.

PIGEONS FEAST



India hosts various pigeon species which thrive in urban areas from human support and habitat mirroring. Here is one such spectacular incident captured on October 2, 2025. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

What the height of toilet bowls say about the quality of life in Togo and Senegal

We're urged to always count our blessings, and I am doing precisely that this morning.

If you thought my eight-hour ordeal was such a disaster, some friends travelling from Johannesburg had a much gruelling experience.

From Johannesburg, they landed in Dubai, from where they were assured they would be transported to Dakar.

It wasn't to be. Instead, they were asked to head to Istanbul, from

where they would be delivered to Dakar.

But the folks in Instabul, Turkey, said they had no plans to travel to Dakar, so they were grounded in Instabul for two more days before being delivered to Dakar, some 48 hours later than their original schedule, arriving just in time for the official closing ceremony of the conference they were supposed to preside over.

That's the absurdity of colonial leg-

acies that make inter-Africa travel a virtual impossibility. For some ancient, if deliberate historical reasons, it's always been cheaper smoother to travel to North America and Europe than it is to travel from Ethiopia to Eritrea, Rwanda to Burundi, Kenya to Senegal.

Then of course we have our local attitudes towards service that militates against common sense.

The outward sign of the dysfunction of the Gnassingbe Eyadema

International Airport was in a leaking urinal—with a patchwork of wastewater pipe that drained to a blue dustpan on the floor.

I know resources are in short supply and it be could that this national resource needed *viraka* from their *fundi*, rather than their artisans having broken disjointed thoughts about plumbing.

A curious distinction is that toilet bowls in the Lome airport toilet are pretty low, almost at small boys' lev-

el, while those in Dakar are pretty high, so that even tall men have to tiptoe.

I have no preference, either way, because I don't mind exercising to perform the most mundane of tasks.

By the way, what's the reason behind malfunctioning soap dispensers? Why invest in them if they seldom work, and when washing soap is packaged in contraptions that drip droplets at a simple press? Some things just don't make sense.



"This (abduction of two Kenyan activists in Uganda) is a grave escalation. It signals the persistence of state-linked repression intended to silence those demanding justice and accountability,"

Irungu Houghton, Executive director of Amnesty International Kenya



EDITORIAL

Time to end protracted Kiambu doctors' strike

For more than four months, public hospitals in Kiambu County have been without the services of doctors, clinical officers and nurses after they downed tools in the last week of May.

This protracted standoff between medical workers and the county government has caused the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentist Union to threaten to call a nationwide doctors' strike unless the national government intervenes to resolve the impasse.

The medical practitioners went on strike to protest poor working conditions, shortage of adequate doctors, delayed payment of salaries, lack of promotions, lack of drugs and failure by the county government to remit union dues amounting to Sh10 million.

The withdrawal of services has had devastating effects on Kiambu residents. Scores of deaths have been blamed on lack of specialised attention, and the maternity wards appear to be the hardest hit. The onus of managing patients has been thrust on intern clinical officers and nurses who are yet to gain the requisite experience to manage such cases. Worse, the county government has been forced to withdraw a large number of the interns from the Kiambu hospital for deployment in other health centres where the strike has hit hardest.

Four months of a standoff between the striking medical staff and the county government, without resolving the issues is a betrayal of the trust citizens have in both parties, and an abdication of duty to the public that pays taxes in exchange for competent services.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi holds the key to solving the impasse. It is not too much to ask that hospitals be supplied with enough medicines, that working conditions be improved and that the doctors' welfare be taken care of. Moreover, if union dues are being deducted, why are they not being remitted?

Every effort must be made to not only allow doctors in Kiambu go back to work, but to ensure that the strike does not have ripple effects across the country should doctors decide to down tools in sympathy with their colleagues in Kiambu. It's time to end this strike.

Gen Zs, this is your time

The continuous voter registration exercise that began on Monday this week has been characterised by countrywide low turnout. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission rolled out the exercise seeking to register more than 6.3 million new voters for the 2027 general election. The target, mostly, are the youth, but they seem reluctant to take up the voters cards.

In Naivasha, only 20 people had registered by the third day. For the better part of Monday, most stations in Mombasa, Lamu and Bomet had registered less than five people while some had not. Youth should register en masse so that they help decide the political direction that this country will take come 2027.

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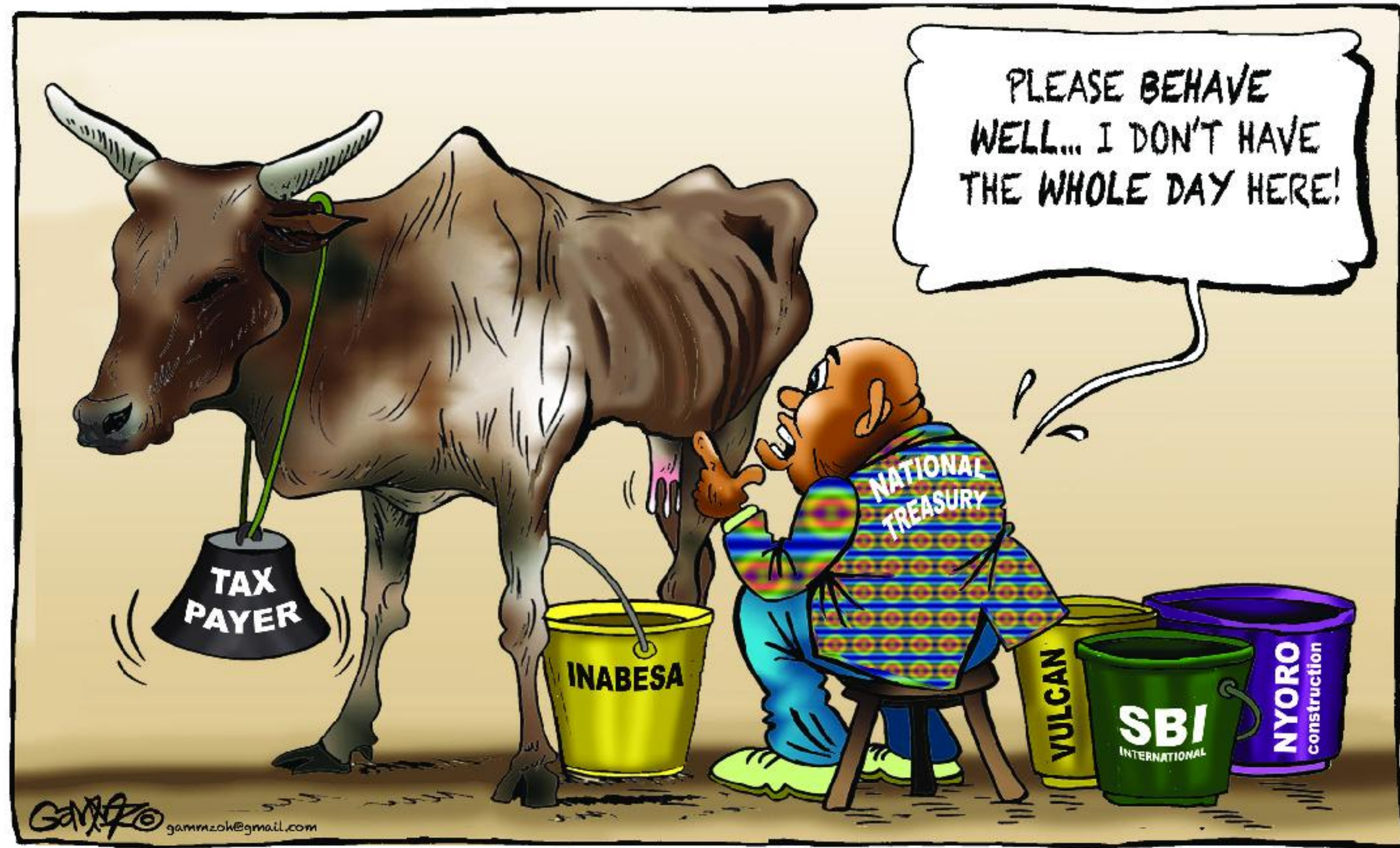
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Ruto will get second term due to Uhuru and clerics' prayers



MICHAEL NDONGE

Today, I am here to anger Kenyans and provoke their thoughts. My thesis is that the political heavens cannot reverse William Ruto's two-term tenure because it was sealed before the 2022 ballot.

In the ancient Greek world, for example, oracles did not engage in negotiations. They declared. Whether in Delphi or Dodona, once a prophecy was uttered, it was irreversible. Oedipus tried to flee his fate, only to run straight into it. Croesus misread the oracle and lost his empire. Themistocles interpreted the "wooden wall" correctly and saved Athens. These were not mere predictions; they were divine verdicts.

Kenya, too, has its oracles. And in our political liturgy, the voice of the king and the cry of the clergy carry weight beyond the ballot. After 2013, former President Uhuru Kenyatta publicly declared that he would serve a 10-year term, and his deputy Ruto would follow with an additional 10 years. That was not a campaign slogan; it was a

kingly edict.

In monarchic doctrine, the king's voice is equated with the voice of God. And in Kenya's hybrid democracy, where political utterances often double as spiritual decrees, such pronouncements are not easily revoked.

Yet, as history unfolded, Uhuru attempted to reverse his own decree. He endorsed another candidate. He campaigned against his former deputy. But the political heavens had already recorded his earlier utterance. The reversal failed. Ruto ascended.

This is not a coincidence. It is protocol. In biblical tradition, even kings were bound by their own words. Herod could not revoke his promise to Salome. Darius could not save Daniel from the lions once the decree was signed. The weight of a king's word is not subject to mood or regret. It is covenantal. And that is the reason presidents should be self-controlled, not controlled by emotions and excitement like normal citizens.

But the king was not alone. Before the 2022 elections, Kenya's clergy gathered in prayer, fasting, and prophetic endorsement. They laid hands on Ruto. They declared him chosen. They invoked divine favour. In that moment, they did not merely bless a man; they submitted a petition to the political heavens. And the heavens responded in their favour. Why cry now?

Why murmur discontent? Why question his fitness? Why seek to unpray what they prayed for? The political heavens do not operate on whim. Once a prayer is ratified and a priestly utterance is sealed, reversal is not as easy. Even the clergy cannot revoke a

prayer that was answered.

This is not blind loyalty. It is recognition of spiritual protocol. If the clergy now find fault, let them reflect on their own role in the enthronement. If the king regrets his utterance, let him remember that even biblical kings were bound by their own words. That is why presidents and the clergy should learn to check their utterances, like commoners.

We must resist the temptation to treat prophecy like preference, or prayer like polling. The political heavens are not a suggestion box. They are a throne room.

This is not to silence critique. It is to locate it within the bounds of spiritual consistency. If the clergy now wish to speak, let them do so with the humility of those whose prayers were answered. If the political class wishes to pivot, let them do so with the awareness that they themselves, including Rigathi Gachagua, endorsed Ruto with all their hearts.

As I usually say, politics is not just a strategy; it is a ritual. The pulpit and the palace are intertwined. When both speak in unison, the heavens listen. And when the heavens respond, the matter is settled.

Let us not like a prophecy when it suits us, only to repudiate it when it does not. Let us not treat divine endorsement as a campaign tool. That is why the hypocrisy we are now witnessing must end, where clergy and top politicians endorse leaders at the height of emotions.

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PALAVER

Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com] recently read an interesting article in The Standard about President William Ruto's visit to New York. "The writer compared the advanced state of the USA to our seemingly stuck development. There was a nice photo of a dapper President Ruto as he walked on a zebra crossing with some of his aides and bodyguards. The President had his eyes up as he admired what I guess was a skyscraper. I think Kenyan leaders generally know we are heading nowhere and they are mostly not listening to what top leaders like the President would like them to do to uplift the lives of the people."



A clean environment, notes Onyango Moffat [onyangomoffat89@gmail.com], is one of the things that guarantee good health. "On October 10, we will celebrate Mazingira Day. This should not be just a celebration, but a measure of what we have been doing and what we should be to improve our environment. Mazingira Day is not only about a clean environment, we should plant trees to give us oxygen while absorbing carbon dioxide."

Shisanya Majanja [shisanyamajanja@gmail.com] read with fascination Caleb Atemi's piece (in The Standard on September 30, 2025) on the late researcher, Professor Arthur Obel. "When he lends credence to the efficacy of Obel's Pearl Omega, I sit up. As Atemi goes ahead to give incidences of people who are now fully cured of Aids courtesy of Pearl Omega, I am hooked and believe in the 'conspiracy theories' of big pharma. The government should ignore the pressures of WHO and continue research on Pearl Omega."



A university enrollment, says George Onyango Odhiambo [georgeonyangoodhiambo5@gmail.com], is fundamentally a contract. "Students pay tuition and fees with the expectation of receiving quality education on a clear, predictable schedule. A strike by lecturers—driven by disputes over salaries, benefits, or working conditions—is a direct breach of that contract. Students are right to be angry. The academic calendar is not a flexible suggestion; it's a non-negotiable timeline that dictates their entry into the job market. This prolonged instability imposes severe, often financial, burdens."

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Do you agree with Ruto's verdict on Linda Jamii?



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Linda Jamii programme's scope is wider

I agree with President William Ruto that the Linda Jamii programme is far much better than Linda Mama, which was mooted by his predecessor, President Uhuru Kenyatta. Although the two outfits play very similar vital roles, it is only fair to admit that Linda Jamii is wider in scope and beneficial to Kenyans. I say this because Linda Mama was specifically designed to cover mother and child during the maternity

period. On the other hand, Linda Jamii is covering much more. It covers both in-patient and outpatient treatment of the entire family and for a longer period. Linda Jamii comes out as a better deal because there is life after maternity. Provision of quality healthcare services is extended beyond the maternity season covering the entire family. For me, it is not open for debate as to which between the two outfits is more beneficial and convenient to Kenyans. To judge fairly, we should look at the two schemes objectively and with a futuristic sense. I encourage fellow mothers and Kenyans to embrace Linda Jamii.

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We should've upgraded Linda Mama

I disagree. Even though Linda Jamii offers more comprehensive coverage, they should have upgraded the Linda Mama programme which is well known. Linda Mama had automated reminders, flexibility in choosing hospital, and effectiveness in motivating women to attend early pregnancy clinics. It would remind women about their pregnancy due dates through SMS based on the prior information given by the mothers. In addition, one

could give birth in any hospital in any county as long as they had the Linda Mama card. Allowing women to attend any hospital was good because labour pain is unpredictable and can come at any place. The government has taken long to address the Social Health Authority problems. Monthly contributions might also be a drawback for some people. Many Kenyans wish the government should have upgraded the Linda Mama reimbursement rates, including C-section and any other medical treatments related to pre-post natal care up to 18 years for children and life for women. This could have been more beneficial, than introducing a new system.

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STATE'S ASSETS

Why proposed government asset valuation policy is bad for Kenya

Who is a valuer and what does he or she do? For many people, a valuer's work is to "guess" the price of land, houses, or buildings, and then compile and submit a valuation report. Only a few people appreciate that valuation is a highly technical process guided by professional standards, and undertaken by professionally trained, registered, and licensed individuals who adhere to a strict code of conduct.

This misconception makes valuation one of the most misunderstood professions. And now, the misconception could get worse should the government succeed in implementing its proposed policy on public asset valuation in its current form. Several proposals in the Draft Government Asset Valuation Policy Framework for the Public Sector, 2025, contravene existing legislation and undermine the integrity of the valuation profession, defeating the very purpose for which it is being created, which is to enhance accountability and transparency in the management of public assets.

One of the most egregious proposals in the draft policy is that accountants, auditors, engineers, or even internal government staff may conduct valuations. These officers don't have the training, competence, or capability to ensure public assets are valued efficiently, professionally, and effectively. This is a direct violation of the Valuers Act (Cap 532), which explicitly reserves valuation practice for registered professionals under the oversight of the Valuers Registration Board (VRB).

Valuation is not just a matter of assigning a figure to a building, a parcel of land or an asset. Rather, it is a professional opinion underpinned by rigorous research, standardised methodologies, and independent judgment. Kenya's valua-



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tion system, anchored by the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) and regulated by the VRB, has for decades ensured accountability by requiring that valuers are trained, indemnified, and disciplined to protect consumers. That is why valuers are bound to national and international standards, including the Kenya Valuation Standards and the International Valuation Standards, which ensure consistency and comparability.

The Valuers Act clearly stipulates that no person shall practise as a valuer unless they are registered. It also prescribes the professional route of education, supervised practice, and registration of a valuer by VRB. Only VRB registered valuers are permitted to undertake valuations, sign, and submit valuation reports.

Allowing untrained and unregistered people to conduct valuations will not only erode the integrity of the process, undermine the independence of valuation, and open dangerous loopholes for misrepresentation, but also lead to undervalua-

tion or overvaluation of public assets – buildings, machinery, vehicles, electronics, and ICT equipment – and systemic corruption, or outright theft. The result would not only lead to legal disputes over the validity of valuation reports but also loss of public trust in how the government manages public assets that belong to all Kenyans.

It is even more absurd that the draft proposes the formation of a Public Assets Valuation Board to, among other things, guide the public sector entities on valuation and develop standard operating procedures on valuation of public assets. This contravenes the Valuers Act that establishes VRB as the sole statutory authority for licensing and regulating valuers and valuation practice. The creation of two parallel boards is an illegality, a duplication of roles, and a clear wastage of public funds.

As if the parallel boards clause is not enough, the draft proposes that ministries and agencies may appoint internal staff to carry out valuations. In addition, the draft recommends the creation of ambiguous supervisory offices, yet that role is well covered and taken up by the Chief Government Valuer, whose function includes valuation of government assets and supervision of valuation of government assets. This again is another duplication of roles and a waste of public resources.

Another concern is proposed establishment of Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee to resolve intergovernmental disputes that may arise during the valuation and transfer of assets between national and county governments. This is unnecessary because the Valuers Act empowers VRB to investigate complaints about professional misconduct, negligence, or improper practices by registered valuers.



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IEBC must embrace proactive communication ahead of 2027

Silence breeds suspicion, but timely truth builds trust and democracy! As the country moves closer to the 2027 General Election, attention is slowly turning to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). The commission remains the single most important body in steering the electoral process and safeguarding the credibility of the vote. However, in the past, one persistent challenge continues to shadow its work: Communication. Too often, the IEBC waits until rumors, half-truths, and political spins dominate the public space before it clarifies its position. By that time, damage has already been done. In a political environment where perception is as critical as reality, this reactive posture is dangerous.

The IEBC must recognise that in a democracy, silence is never neutral. When information gaps exist, politicians, commentators, and bloggers rush to fill them. Unfortunately, their versions are rarely accurate. This breeds suspicion, mistrust, and cynicism among the public. The result is a fragile electoral environment where conspiracy theories thrive. The solution lies in a radical shift: The IEBC must abandon its reactive style and adopt a proactive communication strategy that sets the agenda and tone for the electoral process. Proactivity means speaking before speculation takes root. It means informing Kenyans, clearly and consistently, about ongoing processes, whether it is mass voter registration, the management of by-elections, or preparations for the general election. The commission should not wait until a political actor alleges malpractice for it to respond. Instead, it should issue regular, structured updates as a matter of routine. By doing so, the IEBC builds confidence not just in its systems but also in its intentions. This duty is not merely a matter of strategy; it is rooted in the Constitution. Article 10 enshrines national values and principles of governance, including accountability, transparency, and public participation. These values bind all state organs, including the IEBC. Communication is the lifeline through which these values are realised. Without open, timely, and proactive disclosure, transparency is hollow, and accountability is weakened. A commission that hides behind silence violates both the spirit and the letter of Article 10.

Consider the controversies that have marked Kenya's electoral history. Disputes over voter registers, tallying processes, and transmission of results have often been worsened by unclear communication from the commission. In some instances, Kenyans have learned of changes or crises through the media rather than directly from the IEBC. Each time, confidence is eroded further. Proactive communication could have prevented unnecessary mistrust. By engaging openly with citizens at every stage, the commission would not only have clarified its role but also insulated the process from manipulation by external actors. Proactive communication is particularly urgent when it comes to voter registration. Kenya still



struggles with low levels of registration among young people. The IEBC must not wait for civil society or the media to raise alarm. It should actively inform Kenyans of registration drives, the technology being used, and measures taken to protect data. When the public sees transparency in even the smallest processes, they are more likely to trust the commission when the stakes are highest.

The same applies to civic education. Elections are not only about casting a ballot; they are about understanding rights and responsibilities in a democracy. Civic education should not be left to sporadic campaigns or outsourced entirely to non-state actors. The IEBC has the constitutional mandate to lead this process. Proactively sharing simple, clear, and accessible information about the electoral framework, how electoral disputes are resolved, how votes are counted, helps demystify the process. Citizens who understand the system are less vulnerable to misinformation and political propaganda. In managing by-elections, the IEBC also has an



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opportunity to model best practices. These smaller contests should not be treated casually. They are test runs for the general election. Proactive communication about logistical preparations, results management, and lessons learned would send a clear signal that the commission is committed to openness. It would also provide an opportunity for self-correction ahead of 2027.

A shift to proactivity also requires rethinking the tools of communication. Gone are the days when a press release sufficed. The modern information landscape is fast and unforgiving. Social media platforms, online portals, radio stations, and town hall forums must all be part of the IEBC's communication arsenal. More importantly, information must be released in real time. This is not to say that the IEBC must respond to every rumour in circulation. That would be exhausting and counterproductive. Instead, the commission must set its own rhythm of communication, predictable, structured, and authoritative. For example, issuing weekly or monthly bulletins on preparations for 2027 would ensure that citizens always know where to find credible updates. In this way, the IEBC seizes control of the narrative rather than allowing others to define it. The stakes are enormous, public trust in the electoral process is the bedrock of national stability. Without it, every election becomes a flashpoint for dispute. The time for change is now. The IEBC must take the lead in shaping the national conversation around elections. It must speak clearly, consistently, and proactively, ensuring that no space is left for rumour to masquerade as fact. This is how it will honour Article 10, uphold transparency, and restore faith in the democratic process. Only through proactive communication can the IEBC guarantee not just a credible election in 2027, but also a stronger democracy for generations to come.

Journalism

Newspaper sales have gone up thanks to bold headlines



VICTOR BWIRE

Political campaigns, populism competition among the political class, and catchy headlines focusing on governance issues, that are widely circulated in the evenings via digital platforms have provided revenue to newspapers, giving them a new hope for sustainability, providing alternative revenue. Print media readership and circulation in Kenya are picking up attributed to bold newspaper headlines on matters of public interest and the heightened political exchanges. While the figures for overall news consumption ranks newspapers a distant fourth from TV, radio and social media, through innovative approaches from long reads, punchy headlines that are widely promoted on digital platforms to article summaries on self-promotion platforms, print media is surviving—circulation figures are increasing steadily.

Away from the challenges of dwindling revenues from advertising, shrinking markets and competition especially from digital platforms, print media faces hurdles caused by high taxes on the broadsheet, operational costs related to printing and distribution of newspapers, professional news gathering and costs of defamation suits.

An interim study of news circulation figures in Kenya by the Media Council of Kenya shows that prevailing political conditions and newspaper headlines determine whether a newspaper is sold in a region or not. Other factors affecting the sale of newspapers include timeliness of newspaper delivery, entertainment, accessibility of the newspaper, sports news, and most important promotions through newspaper review segments in TV and radio.

Weekend newspapers, Saturday and Sunday editions, record the highest circulation figures, while morning hours are the peak selling hours of newspapers as most vendors reported to have at least a regular customer buying newspapers daily. While some vendors reported that the days of the week did not determine any trend in sales, a big number of vendors reported better sales over the weekends. The Standard and Daily Nation dominate the circulation figures, with publications with specialist content or inserts on business, sports, agriculture and regional economic blocs pulling the biggest readers, indicating interest from readers on deep, well done long reads with public interest touch.

The Kenyan media landscape has undergone significant changes since enacting legislation that operationalised, articles 33, 34, and 35 of the Constitution aimed at protecting media freedom and freedom of expression. This followed other key events in the history of the industry including the liberalisation of the airwaves in 1992 and the digital migration in 2016. This has seen an exponential growth in the sector, which currently has seen the country register 100 print publications, 135 TV stations and over 300 radio stations. However, the growth in the sector has not seen a relative development in terms of job creation, quality of content, diversity and plurality in voices and both viability and sustainability.

With the proliferation of digital media and citizen journalism, the old business model for sustainable media outlets has come into question in the 21st century. Not much is known about the promotion of media sustainability in emerging markets such as Kenya. Media players need to enhance knowledge on media sustainability by stimulating, identifying and aggregating knowledge and best-case studies that will generate a variety of practice-oriented information tools that can be used by the media industry in Kenya and Africa at large.

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HOT ON X

MP wants Kenya Pipeline privatised

@KIMANIICHUNGWAH: Privatisation is more than just an economic move, it is about ensuring good corporate governance which drives sustainability, growth and profitability of institutions. It is also an opportunity for Kenyans to invest, build wealth, and be part of a national success story. We've seen the successes before—Safaricom and KCB grew stronger after privatisation, transforming lives and shaping industries. The Kenya Pipeline has the same potential to rise even higher.

@MoGAbdi: Privatisation without transparency is just elite capture. Safaricom isn't Kenya Pipeline—strategic assets tied to energy and security can't be auctioned off to cover budget holes. Fix governance, not sell the nation.

@MartinMKivuva: Privatisation is good all over. The problem is, we doubt you people are genuine about this. The motive is very suspicious.

@MurimaMaestro: You have a point but our trust in you and other people like you in the government is in the pits.

@NyagaGachoki020: Why haven't KQ and Uchumi grown after privatisation?



@StarboyKE_: Kenya Pipeline is a strategic asset that we cannot allow to fall into the hands of private individuals. The greed of this regime to sell national assets is suspicious and questionable.

@Francis4052549: Safaricom and KCB are business entities from the word go while Kenya Pipeline borders more on national security than profit orientation. How can we be so blind that a vital entity be transferred to private hands?

@Angry_254AI: With the people in government, I can't trust their integrity in handling such sensitive public transactions.

@Ngala987: Use the proceeds to finance a tangible project - for instance - JKIA's modernisation or even a toll-free Rironi - Nakuru highway. Claiming it will be used to settle pending bills is just but a polite way of saying that the money will be looted like the 2014 Eurobond

@huyokama: This government is like a son who inherits his family's fortune and immediately sells them off to live lavishly.

@someemwandoe: The next government shall reverse all this theft being disguised like growth.

TAXATION

Kenya Revenue Authority's successful 30-year journey and what it must do to boost gains

As it celebrates its 30th anniversary, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) needs to review gains made, learn from mistakes made, cement gains and utilise experiences received to expand its tax base as a way of increasing revenue collections.

Since its establishment in 1995, KRA) has been at the heart of Kenya's fiscal transformation, turning a once fragmented and inefficient tax system into a central pillar of economic governance.

Prior to KRA's formation, Kenya's highest revenue collection was Sh122 billion but that has risen to Sh 2.5 trillion (2024) riding on an ambitious digitalisation programme that saw the income tax (iTax) portal launched in 2014. This self service platform enables taxpayers to register for tax PIN numbers and file their tax returns online, ending paperwork, reducing compliance costs and widening the tax net to nearly 9.7 million.

More recently, the Electronic Tax Invoice Management System (eTIMS) launched a year ago has transformed how Value Added Tax (VAT) is calculated where VAT-registered businesses use KRA-enabled point-of-sale software to generate sales receipts. eTIMS calculator taxes due and transmits real-time transaction data to KRA.

Last year, KRA obtained permission to have a bird's eye view of all transactions taking place within financial institutions. This is a game-changer where application of data analytics and artificial intelligence enables it to process large amounts of third-party information for tax purposes.

While eTIMS, iTAX and the latest introduction Monthly Rental Income Tax have contributed to new revenue streams, compliance costs remain high for small firms, discouraging formalisation. Public trust in tax administration is fragile, especially when citizens question whether their taxes translate into value for money. And with rising debt repayments squeezing public finances, the pressure on KRA to raise even more revenue will



only intensify.

The lesson of the past three decades, however, is that fiscal reform is possible. KRA's evolution demonstrates that with the right institutional frameworks, technology, and service ethos, a revenue authority can be more than a collector of taxes, it can anchor a nation's fiscal sovereignty. The journey ahead must focus on deepening trust, simplifying compliance, and broadening the base to include sectors that have been previously perceived to be hard to tax.

For Kenya to realise that vision of fiscal resilience and inclusive growth, KRA must continue to evolve—not simply as a tax administrator, but as a trusted partner in national development.

Kariuki Kamau, Nairobi

'TRIBUTES'

Gen Zs telling truth even during funerals

Funerals across the country are taking a new turn as Gen Z mourners choose to address what they see as long-standing hypocrisy in how the dead are remembered. Instead of sticking to the usual praises and glowing memories, some openly question why such affection was not shown when the deceased was still alive.

According to my observation, young speakers have departed from tradition by pointing out that many relatives failed to support or stand by the deceased during their lifetime. These candid remarks, delivered directly and without ceremony, often surprise older attendees who expect only positive recollections at such gatherings.

Community leaders note that this shift reflects a generational desire for transparency and truthfulness. Rather than allowing funerals to become events of pretence, Gen Z speakers are calling for greater authenticity, reminding mourners that genuine love and support should be expressed while people are still living. The practice, though sometimes uncomfortable, has sparked debate among families. Some see it as disrespectful, while others believe it serves as an important reminder to strengthen bonds and show care before it is too late. **Kamufiti Bernard**

LA NIÑA

Farmers should plant drought-tolerant crops

Meteorologists have warned of a looming climate threat: The return of La Niña which will last from October to December, paired with a negative Indian Ocean Dipole. This double blow could severely reduce rainfall across Kenya, threatening food production. The question is, are Kenyans ready for this period? According to the United Nations, global hunger has surged to levels not seen since 2005, with food prices remaining higher in more countries than during the 2015–2019 period. In Kenya, the crisis is compounded by

climate shocks, insecurity, rising costs of living, and declining agricultural output.

The UN's Zero Hunger Goal envisions a world free of hunger by 2030, but that vision demands action now. To protect food security, farmers should prioritise drought-tolerant crops like sorghum, millet, cowpeas, and green grams, which perform better in dry spells. Rainwater harvesting, using tanks, trenches, or sand dams can provide critical irrigation and livestock support. **Pendo Setim, Journalist**



HEALTH

Linda Jamii programme remains largely theoretical

Despite grand promises by the Kenya Kwanza administration, the Linda Jamii health plan remains largely theoretical. Recently, heart-breaking news has emerged of mothers being detained at Thika Level 5 Hospital due to unpaid medical bills. These cases directly expose the failure of the current Social Health Authority (SHA) system, which was supposed to replace the Linda Mama programme and provide broader, family-centred healthcare. Instead, it has failed to deliver on its promise, leaving vulnerable Kenyans to suffer.

Linda Mama, introduced under the Jubilee adminis-

tration, worked. It provided free maternity care through NHIF. It actually functioned, despite being limited in scope. In contrast, Linda Jamii, as rolled out under Kenya Kwanza's administration, is not fully operational. The SHA lacks infrastructure, transparency, and capacity. Families are not receiving the promised coverage, and hospitals are not being paid on time. It is misleading to speak of "broad, family-centred insurance" when families are being held hostage in hospitals due to non-payment by the very government that promised care. **Evans Mwendwa, Activist**



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PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECEIPT OF MEMORANDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 196(1) (a) & (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and section 87 of the County Governments Act (Cap.265), the County Assembly committee on Education, Youth, Sports Gender, Culture and Social Services invite members of the public, civil society organizations, special interest groups and professionals to attend and or submit presentations to the public hearings of The Tana River County Ward Bursary Fund Administration (Amendment) Bill 2025, scheduled as indicated below:

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
The Tana River County Ward Bursary Fund Administration (Amendment) Bill 2025,		
Thursday, 9 th October, 2025	Laza Miembeni	9:00AM – 12:30PM
Thursday, 9 th October, 2025	Village 6	9:00AM – 12:30PM
Thursday, 9 th October, 2025	Maridhiano	9:00AM – 12:30PM

Written Memoranda may be forwarded or hand delivered to the Clerk, County Assembly of Tana River, P.O Box 113–70101, **Assembly Buildings, Hola** or emailed to info@tanariverassembly.go.ke; to be received on or before **13th October, 2025 at 5.00pm.**

Copies of the documents can be obtained from the office of the Clerk, Ward Managers, Ward Administrators and the County Assembly website www.tanariverassembly.go.ke.

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CLERK, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TANA RIVER



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

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VACANCIES

Pursuant to the provision of Articles 176 and 235 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and Section 65 of the County Governments Act (2012), Kiambu County Public Service Board hereby invites suitably qualified persons fill the following vacant positions in Kiambu County Public Service.

S/N	Post	Job Group	Vacancy Ref. No.	Terms	Vacancies
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT					
1.	Director Public Participation	CPSB 03 (R)	KCPSB/01/2025	Contract	1
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC PLANNING					
2.	Deputy Director Supply Chain Management	CPSB 04(Q)	KCPSB/02/2025	Contract	1
3.	Assistant Director Supply Chain Management	CPSB 05(P)	KCPSB/03/2025	Contract	1
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES					
4.	Drivers	CPSB 15 (F)	KCPSB/02/2025	Contract	30

For further details on job description, requirements for appointment and how to apply, please visit our website: www.kiambu.go.ke.

The Board and the County Government of Kiambu is committed to Zero tolerance to Corruption. We CAUTION applicants and their families not to fall victim of fraudsters and impersonators who solicit for money with a promise to secure them jobs in the County Government. The Board shall bear no responsibility for any personal loss arising from such unlawful dealings. Report any of such cases to the Police.

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MEDICAL SPECIALISTS I JOB GROUP CPSB 04 (JG 'Q')-77 POSTS

The County Public Service Board is a body corporate established under Section 57 of the County Governments Act, 2012 pursuant to Article 235 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Section 59 of the County Governments Act 2012 outlines the functions of the CPSB among them being "appoint persons to hold or act in offices of the county public service including in the Boards of cities and urban areas within the County and to confirm appointments." Pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012 Section 45 (1), the County Public Service Board wishes to recruit Medical Specialists I(Job Group 'Q') under the department of Health Services as below listed;

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| 1. Obstetrics and Gynecologist | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 2. General Surgeon | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 3. Psychiatrist | - Fifteen (15) Posts |
| 4. Pediatric Dentist | - Eight (8) Posts |
| 5. Radiologists | - Eight (8) Posts |
| 6. Maxillofacial Surgeon | - Eight (8) Posts |
| 7. Physician | - Eight (8) Posts |

TERMS OF SERVICE: Contract

SALARY SCALE: CPSB 04: Ksh. 102,860 X 5,070 -107,930 X 5,300 -113,230 X 5,560 - 118,790 X 5,840 -124,630 X 6,070 -130,700 X 6,370 - 137,070 per month

Duties and Responsibilities

- Undertaking general diagnosis, care, treatment and rehabilitation of patients
- Carrying out specialized clinical care; providing psycho-social interventions
- Providing clinical services to patients
- Training, consulting and performing surgeries in various health facilities;
- Carrying out forensic and medicolegal services
- Coordinating disease surveillance, prevention, and control
- Coordinating health education and promotion; implementing health projects and programmes; maintaining up-to-date health information systems
- Monitoring provision of health treatment and care
- Undertaking health research; and analyzing medical reports

Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have: -

- Served in the grade of Assistant Director, Medical Services/Medical Specialist II in the public or private sector or its equivalent for a minimum period of three (3) years
- A Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.Ch. B) degree from an institution recognized by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
- A Master of Medicine degree in any of the following disciplines: - , General Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology ,Psychiatry, Radiology, Internal Medicine, Paediatric Dentistry, Maxillofacial Surgery from an institution recognized by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
- A Certificate of Registration by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
- A valid practicing license from the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council
- A Certificate in Strategic Leadership Development Programme lasting not less than six(6) weeks from a recognized institution or its equivalent is an added advantage
- A Certificate in computer application skills will be an added advantage

How to Apply

All applicants should submit their applications cover letter together with copies of their detailed curriculum vitae with names, address and telephone contacts of three referees. academic and professional certificates, testimonials, national identity card or passport and any other supporting documents.

Applications should be addressed to:

Secretary/CEO
 County Public Service Board
 County Government of Kiambu
 P O Box 2362 - 00900
 KIAMBU

NOTE:

- ALL applications should be hand delivered in a sealed envelope, **clearly marking on top of the envelope the position applied for**, and dropped in the specific box provided at County Public Service Board offices, Room 103, first floor at Thika Sub-County offices between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
- Applications should reach the Board on or before Wednesday **15th October, 2025.**
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to produce their **original** identity card, academic and professional certificates and submit clearance from the following institutions:
 - Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)
 - Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
 - Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
- County Government of Kiambu is an equal opportunity employer, women, youth and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.

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**ADDENDUM
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA
ON THE COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (C-ADP) 2026/2027**

Pursuant to Article 201(a) and 232(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 in line with section 125(1)(a), 125(2) and section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the County Government of Isiolo invites Stakeholders, Civil Society Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, leaders, professionals, Members of the General Public and all other special interest groups to attend consultations on the development needs to be prioritized in the County Annual Development Plan 2026/2027. The interested stakeholders can also give their inputs through-

1. Submission of memoranda/proposal on priority of projects and programs to be pursued by the county government of Isiolo for the above plan.
2. Submissions on the possible sources of funding for the projects, strategies and cost saving measures and investments.

Written submissions should be hand delivered to the Chief Officer, Department of Economic Planning, Budgeting & Statistics or soft copies emailed to cco-economicplanning.statistics@gmail.com

The ward public consultative forums will be held as per schedule set out below.

WARD	VENUE	DATE	START TIME
Oldonyiro	Oldonyiro Social Hall	10/10/2025	9:00 AM
Chari	Bulesa social Hall	9/10/2025	9:00 AM
Cherab	Merti social Hall	9/10/2025	9:00 AM
Sericho	Sericho Social Hall	9/10/2025	9:00 AM
Garbatula	Garbatulla social Hall	9/10/2025	9:00 AM
Kinna	Kinna Centre	9/10/2025	9:00 AM
NgareMara	Ngaremara Social Hall	10/10/2025	9:00 AM
Bula Pesa	Pepo La Tumaini	10/10/2025	9:00 AM
Wabera	Isiolo Catholic Mission Hall	10/10/2025	9:00 AM
Burat	Kilimani Hall	10/10/2025	9:00 AM

**HON. LUQMAN AHMED ABDI
CECM – FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING**



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE NYANDARUA COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
FY2026-2027 AND THE NYANDARUA COUNTY ENERGY PLAN 2024-2028**

The Nyandarua County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2026/2027 and Nyandarua County Energy Plan 2024-2028 were submitted and tabled to the County Assembly and subsequently committed to the County Budget and Appropriations and Roads, Transport, Energy and Public Works Committees respectively.

Pursuant to Article 196(1) and 201 of the Constitution, Section 87(1) (a) and (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and the Nyandarua County Public Participation and Civic Education Act of 2016. Jointly, the committees invites the general public for public participation on the Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2026/2027 and Nyandarua County Energy Plan 2024-2028 at the venues and time and as indicated below:

DATE	TIME	SUB-COUNTY	WARD	VENUE
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Kinangop	Gath-aara	AIC Engineer
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Kinangop	Githabai	Kwa Haraka AIC Hall
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Ndaragwa	Kiriita	Mutanga Catholic Hall
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Ol'jororok	Gatimu	St. Theresa Equator Catholic Hall
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Kipipiri	Turasha	Muhonia Water project Hall
Monday- 13 th October 2025	10.00 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.	Ol'Kalou	Kanjuri	Ngorika Catholic Church Hall

Members of the Public, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Professional Bodies, People with Disabilities, Youth, Women Groups and all Stakeholders are invited to attend and participate.

Written memoranda may be submitted to the **Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly, P.O. Box 720-20303-OL'KALOU**, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk at the County Assembly Chambers on or before Monday, the 13th October 2025 at 5.00pm or via email clerk@nyandaruaassembly.go.ke or info@nyandaruaassembly.go.ke.

The hard copies of the County Annual Development Plan FY2026/27 and County Energy Plan 2024-2028 can be obtained from the office of the Clerk, County Assembly Offices, Ol'Kalou, while soft copies are available at the County Assembly website www.nyandaruaassembly.go.ke.

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*In the Matter of consideration by the Nairobi City County Assembly of the County
Annual Development Plan for the FY 2026-27*

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Article 196(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that "a County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the County Assembly and its Committees"

Further Section 7(a) of the Nairobi City County Public Participation Act 2015 provide that "the Speaker of the County Assembly shall promote and facilitate public participation in the proceedings and other activities of the County."

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Article 196 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 **notice is hereby given** to the public of the public hearings to be undertaken by the County Assembly Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on **Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October 2025** in the seventeen (17) Sub counties between **9.00am and 1.00pm** as provided for in the table below.

Date	Sub County	Venue	Time
Tuesday 14 th October, 2025	Ruaraka	Mathare North Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Embakasi North	Dandora Phase I Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Westlands	City Park	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Embakasi South	Mukuru Health Centre (Imara Daima)	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Kamukunji	Eastleigh North Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Makadara	Jericho Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Embakasi East	Embakasi Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Mathare	Undugu Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Embakasi Central	Kayole II Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
	Wednesday 15 th October, 2025	Dagoretti North	Dagoretti Muslim Primary School
Kasarani		Kasarani Health Centre	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Embakasi West		Umoja I Grounds	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Dagoretti South		Waithaka Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Langata		Karen Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Kibra		Joseph Kangethe Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Starehe		Kariakor Social Hall	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m
Roysambu		Kahawa West Market	9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m

The Committee further invites interested members of the public to submit written memoranda they may have on the County Annual Development Plan for the FY 2025-26. The submissions may be hand delivered to the **office of the Clerk, Nairobi City County Assembly, P.O BOX 45844 – 00100, Nairobi, City Hall Building, Assembly Wing, 2nd Floor, Room 273, or by email clerk@nairobiassembly.go.ke** to be received on or before, **Monday 13th October, 2025**. Copies of the County Annual Development Plan are available in the County Assembly website, www.nairobiassembly.go.ke or at the County Assembly Budget Office.

Dated, 29th September 2025

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Traders who sell fake goods to face 10 years in jail, Sh20m fine

► The proposed law casts a wide net, holding all players in the supply chain accountable.

► Most severe penalties target manufacturers, traders or importers of goods that fail to meet Kenyan standards.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

Rogue manufacturers and traders in the country face up to a decade behind bars and fines exceeding Sh20 million for dealing in substandard goods. This is according to a tough new government Bill that threatens to wipe out margins for counterfeiters.

The draft Standards Bill, 2025, which aims to repeal and replace the existing Cap 496 law, ramps up the enforcement powers of the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) and introduces a stringent new penalty regime to safeguard consumers and protect legitimate trade.

"The Bill seeks to provide an overarching framework to promote standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment in industry and trade, provide for the safety and quality of products and services, and facilitate fair trade practices in Kenya," said the Trade Ministry of the Bill.

The proposed crackdown comes as Kenya has, over the years, seen the rise of an illegal trade worth hundreds of billions of shillings in counterfeiters and substandard goods.

They range from electronics and building materials to food and pharmaceuticals. This is as rogue traders capitalise on unsuspecting consumers.

Fire risks

The most severe penalties target the manufacture, trade, or import of goods that fail to meet Kenyan standards. Under Clause 77 of the Bill, offenders could be fined up to Sh10 million or face imprisonment for a decade, or both.

"Any person who manufactures, trades, distributes, sells... or imports a product that does not comply... shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding Sh10 million or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten (10) years or both," the Bill states.

This would apply to a wide range of products, such as fake mobile phone chargers that pose fire risks, substandard steel rods used in construction that compromise building safety, or counterfeit fertiliser that devastates farmers' crops.

The legislation casts a wide net, holding all players in the supply chain accountable. Importers and distributors share liability.

The Bill also introduces new regulated categories, requiring cargo consolidators—firms



Kenya Bureau of Standards office. Offenders who use uncalibrated or tampered equipment face a fine of up to Sh1 million or one year imprisonment, or both. [File]

that bundle shipments—to register with Kebs, with unregistered operation carrying a penalty of up to Sh1 million or a year in jail.

The proposed law also targets a widespread and costly practice in Kenyan markets, where unsuspecting consumers are routinely short-changed by purchasing essential goods that are underweight.

From bags of cement that fall several kilograms short to packets of milk, loaves of bread, and cuts of meat that do not meet their stated weight, the deception cuts across the economy.

Unscrupulous traders and manufacturers deliberately tamper with their scales or pre-pack goods with intentional inaccuracies, a widespread fraudulent tactic used to inflate their profit margins.

Under the new Bill, this specific vice is squarely targeted, with offenders who use uncalibrated or tampered equipment facing a fine of up to Sh1 million or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, according to Section 46.

Furthermore, the act of selling underweight goods falls under the bill's most severe category

of offences. As stated in Section 77, any person who "manufactures, trades, distributes, sells, exhibits, supplies or imports a product that does not comply with the requirements of Kenya Standard shall be guilty of an offence," punishable by a fine of up to Sh10 million or ten years in prison. Beyond product quality, the Bill criminalises actions that undermine the integrity of the standards system.

Knowingly obstructing a Kebs inspector, illegally using official certification marks, or impersonating a bureau officer could result in a Sh5 million fine and a five-year jail term.

New administrative powers

Clause 83 specifically targets those who flout rules on goods under inspection, stating that anyone who disposes of products under conditional release "shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years (10) or to a fine not exceeding Sh20 million." The Bill also grants Kebs powerful new administrative powers.

The bureau can impose direct fines of up to Sh5 million on manufacturers and service providers for licensing violations, with repeat offenders facing double that amount. For the first time, the draft law also formally establishes a Standards Tribunal to hear appeals against Kebs decisions, providing a dedicated legal pathway for businesses to challenge penalties.

The proposed law is now subject to parliamentary debate. While consumer advocacy groups are expected to welcome the tougher stance, business lobbies are likely to scrutinise the potential for increased operational costs and the broad discretionary powers granted to the standards bureau.

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BUYOUT

CAK denies approving EAPC deal

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) has clarified that it did not approve the acquisition of shares in East Africa Portland Cement Company (EAPC) by Kalahari Cement Ltd, stating it lacks the legal mandate to do so.

Appearing before a National Assembly's Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Committee, yesterday, top CAK officials said their role in the transaction was purely advisory, and that the law does not grant the Authority powers to approve or block such acquisitions.

Appearing before the Committee, lawmakers questioned why the Authority appeared to have abdicated its regulatory role and relied on questionable data to issue an advisory in support of the deal.

MPs also expressed concern over the lack of thorough due diligence before CAK offered guidance on the transaction.

"Where two partners collude to buy shares below the market value, doesn't that concern you as the competition authority?" asked Gichugu MP Robert Gichimu. "Doesn't it worry you that selling shares at half the trading value on the NSE could dilute the value of government and public ownership in Portland Cement?"

Committee Chairperson Benard Shinali pressed the Authority to explain why it allowed the share sale to proceed through a private deal, effectively blocking EAPC's right to buy back the shares, potentially putting the livelihood of employees at stake.

"When the management of EAPC appeared before us, they said that they were not aware of the shares by Holcim to Kalahari and that if they knew, they had the money to buy the shares back. Why favour an overseas company?" Shinali asked.

Aldai MP Maryanne Keitany also questioned why the authority allowed the deal to go through knowing very well that it would potentially hand Kalahari dominance on the cement company, further emboldening it to veto any decisions of the Board at EAPC.

"The sale will see Kalahari possess 41.7 per cent of the shares at EAPC yet you claim that that they will not have dominance. But doesn't it mean that they will have the power to countermand decisions by the board?" queried the lawmaker. But in response, Amenyah Omari, the director in charge of competition and consumer protection at CAK, clarified that the authority had no such powers to approve or decline the acquisition of shares.

"We did not approve the sale of the shares to Kalahari. Ours was just an advisory role. There was no provision in the Act that allowed us to intervene in that transaction and all we did was to offer advice to the parties involved," said Omari. "That issue falls outside the jurisdiction of CAK." [Josphat Thiongó]



SH5 MILLION FINE or five-year jail term for knowingly obstructing a Kebs inspector, illegally using official certification marks, or impersonating a bureau officer.

Crude oil 67.72 -4.07(-5.67%)	Gold 3,905.90 +8.40(+0.22%)	BitcoinUSD 118,637.38 +2,327.56(+2.00%)	Euro/USD 1.0825 +0.0021(+0.1782%)	FTSE 100 9,452.92 +6.40(+0.07%)	Nikkei 225 44,936.73 +385.88(+0.87%)	S&P Futures 6,772.00 +10.50(+0.16%)	NASDAQ Futures 25,110.25 +92.75(+0.37%)
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Tops & Flops

LONGHORN	3.03	3.30	8.91%
WILLIAMSON TEA	302.50	324.25	7.19%
CROWN PAINT	58.00	61.2	55.60%
SAMEER	14.80	15.60	5.41%
KENGEN	8.66	9.12	5.31%
UCHUMI	0.41	0.39	-4.88%
FLAME TREE	1.68	1.62	-3.57%
KAPCHORUA TEA	399.75	390.75	-2.25%
BAT	428.25	421.75	-1.52%
OLYMPIA	6.52	6.44	-1.23%



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	20.85	20.40	12,487
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	426.00	422.25	316
402.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	390.75	399.75	9,867
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME	380.00	380.00	1,609
32.60	13.60	Sasin Plc Ord 1.00	18.75	18.50	6,368
302.50	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	324.25	302.50	53,036
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	41.90	41.35	10,759
BANKING					
23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	22.00	21.50	220,968
42.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	37.25	37.40	2,371
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	105.00	104.75	14,528
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	58.00	58.00	525,879
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.65	10.70	148,344
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	42.95	42.95	11,180
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	57.00	56.50	754,872
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	70.00	69.75	11,277
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord 5.00	197.25	194.25	3,861
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	284.00	284.25	20,974
21.55	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	20.85	21.00	270,758
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	1.39	1.40	36,476
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.06	7.92	6,126
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME	4.66	-	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.94	3.94	718,280
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	3.30	3.03	10,786
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.61	1.61	41,243
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.25	13.00	28,761
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	15.60	14.80	54,367
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	5.90	5.90	4,706
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.60	16.40	4,002
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.39	0.41	609,477
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.91	2.87	14,786
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	61.25	58.00	911
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.71	-	-
64.25	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	58.75	58.00	1,895
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.40	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	9.12	8.66	1,949,604
14.90	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	14.75	14.40	3,353,680
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	TotalEnergy Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	33.85	34.05	56,518
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.88	8.82	620,994
INSURANCE					
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.96	8.88	163,734
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord 1.00	4.87	4.84	159,078
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	320.00	319.75	7,291
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.18	3.16	4,709,947
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.95	11.00	4,880
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	9.14	9.22	5,902
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.50	15.55	83,915
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.31	1.25	376,362
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	6.44	6.52	84,021
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	14.70	14.80	26,512
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	123.00	120.00	1,673
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	421.75	428.25	4,871
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	26.75	26.80	23,977
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	213.00	211.75	8,352
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.62	1.68	88,386
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	23.90	24.00	560
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.18	8.06	15,073
TELECOMMUNICATION					
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.35	29.30	7,453,413
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	4680.00	187
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	811.00	811.00	42

ECONOMY

Kenya to diversify its tourism offering

Kenya's tourism sector continues to post impressive growth, with international arrivals reaching nearly 2.4 million in 2024.

But despite this, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki says the country still lags behind top African destinations, such as Egypt and South Africa.

Speaking during the opening of the 15th Magical Kenya Travel Expo in Nairobi, Kindiki called for renewed efforts to enhance competitiveness and unlock the sector's full economic potential.

He urged the Ministry of Tourism to intensify marketing, attract investment, and diversify the country's tourism offerings beyond traditional wildlife safaris and coastal retreats.

"While we lead in East Africa, our performance struggles when compared to destinations in North and South Africa," Kindiki said.

"We must operationalise our bilateral air service agreements and grow intra-African tourism through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)."

According to the Kindiki, tourism is a fundamental business enabler and a platform that stimulates investment while giving foreign exchange and uplifting countless auxiliary industries.

"We must do more to tap into growth and drive performance," he said while comparing Kenya's performance to Uganda and Tanzania.

In 2024, Tanzania and Uganda welcomed 2.1 million and 1.37 million visitors, respectively, while Kenya welcomed close to 2.4 million visitors, marking more than a 15 per cent increase from 2023.

Revenue from tourism increased by 20 per cent to Sh452 billion (\$3.5 billion).

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano said Kenya aims to attract 5.5 million annual visitors by 2027, double domestic bed nights to 10 million, and push sector earnings to Sh1 trillion.

She emphasised that investment, bold marketing, and capacity building were critical in meeting these goals.

The World Travel and Tourism Council has projected that Kenya's tourism sector is set to contribute Sh1.2 trillion (\$9.3 billion) to the economy this year.

The tourism sector is also expected to support 1.7 million jobs, which is over eight per cent of the total national employment.

"These figures translate into jobs for youth, markets for farmers and sustained customers for micro, small and medium enterprises," said Kindiki.

And in a bid to enable tourism through ease of movement, the government is improving connectivity infrastructure, such as the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit highway.

The expo drew over 6,500 delegates from 40 countries, including 400 exhibitors and 200 international buyers.

[Esther Dianah]

Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE		
JAPANESE YEN (100)	88.1068		
US DOLLAR	129.2395	SWEDISH KRONER	13.7849
STERLING POUND	174.7577	NORWEGIAN KRONER	13.0257
EURO	151.9275	DANISH KRONER	20.3504
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.5295	INDIAN RUPEE	1.4578
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	26.7720	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6082
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	19.0344	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.4543
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2316	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4611
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.7853	CHINESE YUAN	18.1528
AE DIRHAM	35.1859	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	85.5565
CANADIAN DOLLAR	92.7878		
SWISS FRANC	162.2287		

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE		
Apollo Money Market Fund	9.53%	10.00%	Stanbic Money Market Fund Ksh	6.24% 6.42%
GCIB Money Market Fund Ksh	11.55%	12.18%	Stanbic Fixed Income Fund USD	4.74% 4.84%
GCIB Fixed Income Fund Ksh	11.91%	12.59%	Sanlam Money Market Fund	9.08% 9.50%
GCIB Shar'ah Fixed Income Fund Ksh	6.93%	7.15%	Sanlam US Dollar Fund	4.99% 5.12%
Madison Money Market Fund Ksh	10.09%	10.62%	Sanlam Sterling Fund	2.59% 2.62%
Madison Fixed Income Fund Ksh	10.73%	11.32%	CIC Money Market Fund	8.22% 8.53%
African Alliance Money Market Fund Ksh	7.23% 7.48%		CIC Fixed Income Fund	9.99% 10.46%
African Alliance Enhanced Yield Sh	7.68% 7.95%		CIC Wealth Fund	7.00% 7.00%
Mali Fund Kenya Shillings	9.42%	9.42%	CIC Dollar Fund	4.55% 4.65%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund Ksh	7.69%	7.93%	GenAfrica Money Market Fund Ksh	10.26% 10.74%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund USD	3.76%	3.83%		
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	11.34%	12.04%	OTHER FUNDS	
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund (\$)	5.00%	5.11%	ICEA LION FIXED INCOME FUND	126.39 126.39
Britam Bond Plus Fund Ksh	10.86%	11.48%	ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	152.31 152.31
Britam Money Market Fund Ksh	10.34%	10.90%	ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	145.00 145.00
Britam Fixed Income Fund USD	5.36%	5.50%	ICEA LION USD FIXED INCOME FUND	106.05 106.05
Britam Money Market Fund USD	4.49%	4.59%	Britam Balanced Fund Ksh	164.19 169.50
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund Annual Yield			Britam Equity Fund Kenyan shilling	133.85 138.51
3 Months Kenyan shilling	10.08%	10.56%	Sanlam Fixed Income Fund	7.56 7.56
Old Mutual Money Market Fund Ksh	10.06%	10.54%	Sanlam Balanced Fund	26.67 26.67
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	4.93%	5.04%	African Alliance Balanced Fund Sh	22.8371 21.5082
Enwealth Money Market Fund Ksh	10.60%	11.13%	African Alliance Equity Fund Ksh	206.4596 193.8875
Old Mutual Special Fixed Income Ksh	11.07%	11.64%	African Alliance Fixed Income Fund	11.7651 11.3856
Faulu Money Market Fund Ksh	9.53%	9.95%	Apollo Balanced Fund	160.64 154.21
Equity Money Market Fund Ksh	4.94%	5.05%	NCBA Equity Fund Kenya Shillings	217.29 217.29
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.63%	9.01%	Lofty-Corban Bond Fund (KES)	13.33 13.33
			Equity Balanced Fund Ksh	163.31 164.69
			CIC Equity Fund	7.95 7.75
			CIC Balanced Fund	7.47 7.30

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6,000	6,000	1.90	0.00
4,200	4,200	4.00	+0.05
1,000	1,000	16.00	0.00
300	300	14.95	+1.25
200	200	150.00	0.00
500	500	130.00	0.00
1,200	1,200	19.50	+0.00

NUMBER OF THE DAY
SH5B

FIXED INCOME SECURITIES MARKET SEGMENT. The Bond market registered bonds worth Sh5 billion, down from the Sh8 billion registered previously.

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Sudan: UN demands action to prevent atrocities in El-Fasher

► Siege of western city deepens amid fears of ethnic attacks.

► Civilians trapped as RSF accused of executions and torture.

AFP, GENEVA

The United Nations called Thursday for urgent action to prevent “large-scale, ethnically-driven attacks and atrocities” in Sudan’s besieged western city of El-Fasher.

The call from the UN rights office came after reports that long-range drones were being pre-positioned by Sudan’s paramilitary Rapid Support forces in South Darfur, raising fears of a large attack on the North Darfur city of El-Fasher in coming days.

The RSF is currently waging its fiercest assault yet on El-Fasher, which is the last major city in the vast western region of Darfur still under control of the country’s regular army.

“After over 500 days of unremitting siege by the RSF and incessant fighting, El-Fasher is on the precipice of an even greater catastrophe if urgent measures are not taken to loosen the armed vice upon the city and to protect civilians,” UN rights chief Volker Turk said in a statement.

Following persistent reports of

serious violence against those fleeing the city, including summary executions and torture, Turk insisted that “atrocities are not inevitable”.

“They can be averted if all actors take concrete action to uphold international law, demand respect for civilian life and property, and prevent the continued commission of atrocity crimes.”

Since April 2023, the war between the RSF and the country’s regular army has killed tens of thousands and created the world’s largest hunger and displacement crisis.

Between September 19 and 29 alone, Turk’s office said at least 91 civilians were killed in RSF artillery shelling, drone strikes and ground

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Volker Turk, UN rights chief



Khartoum Governor Ahmed Osman Hamza arrives to launch a citywide cleaning programme in the capital, which has been scarred by more than two years of internal conflict. The paramilitaries have since lost control. [Noor Khamisi]

incursions.

This “appears to be an effort to force the mass displacement of civilians from El-Fasher”, it warned.

Turk demanded protection for civilians remaining in El-Fasher, including those who may be unable to leave like the elderly and disabled, and called for parties to the conflict to allow in desperately-needed aid.

He described the “unimaginable difficulty” facing civilians there, decrying the continued arbitrary RSF restrictions on bringing food and essential supplies into the city, and citing credible reports of civilians

tortured and killed by RSF fighters for doing so.

He also insisted that the “safe and voluntary passage of civilians must be ensured out of El-Fasher, and throughout their movement along key exit routes”.

Turk highlighted the high risk of ethnically-motivated violations and abuses, like those that took place during the earlier RSF offensive on the Zamzam displacement camp south of El-Fasher in April, including the systematic use of sexual violence targeting Zaghawa women and girls.

Briefing

MOROCCO. PROTESTS AFTER DEMONSTRATORS KILLED

► Protests in Morocco calling for reforms to public services and an end to corruption were set to take place for a sixth day on Thursday, after two demonstrators were killed the night before. The protests, which have convulsed several cities in the North African country, were called by the group GenZ 212, a recently formed collective based on the Discord web platform whose organisers remain unknown. GenZ 212 has repeatedly urged demonstrators to remain peaceful, and announced Thursday on Discord that further “peaceful protests will be organised today, as part of a civilised and responsible expression of our demands”. The protests were set to begin in the afternoon (1600 GMT), the group said, adding that gathering points would be announced later in the day.

[AFP]

MANCHESTER. TWO KILLED IN SYNAGOGUE ATTACK

► Two people were killed Thursday and three badly wounded outside a packed synagogue in Manchester in a car and stabbing attack, with the suspect believed shot dead by UK police. As the Jewish community marked the holiday of Yom Kippur in the northwestern city, police were called to the incident, activating a national terrorism-response protocol. Prime Minister Keir Starmer swiftly condemned the attack as “horrific”, and announced security was being boosted at UK synagogues. He left a European political summit in Denmark early to chair an emergency security meeting in London. King Charles III said he and Queen Camilla were “deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the horrific attack in Manchester, especially on such a significant day for the Jewish community”. [AFP]

JERUSALEM

Israel blocks Gaza flotilla, vows to deport Greta and other activists



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg. [File]

Israel said on Thursday it will deport pro-Palestinian activists on an aid flotilla intercepted at sea as they headed towards Gaza, adding that none of the vessels had successfully breached its maritime blockade.

The Global Sumud Flotilla of around 45 vessels began its voyage last month, with politicians and activists including Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg heading to Gaza, where the United Nations says famine has set in.

The Israeli navy has intercepted ves-

sel after vessel at sea since Wednesday, after warning the activists against entering waters it says fall under its blockade, with Thunberg’s boat among those stopped from going further.

“None of the Hamas-Sumud provocation yachts has succeeded in its attempt to enter an active combat zone or breach the lawful naval blockade,” Israel’s foreign ministry said in a statement.

“One last vessel of this provocation remains at a distance. If it approaches, its attempt to enter an active combat

zone and breach the blockade will also be prevented.”

According to Greek Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis, 39 of the around 45 ships have been intercepted and were headed to the Israeli port city of Ashdod, according to state broadcaster ERT. “All passengers are in good health. No violence has been exercised,” Gerapetritis said.

Israel said the activists would be deported to Europe, without specifying which countries they would be sent to.

“Hamas-Sumud passengers on their yachts are making their way safely and peacefully to Israel, where their deportation procedures to Europe will begin,” the foreign ministry said on X, posting photos of Thunberg and other activists aboard a boat.

In a statement, the flotilla organisers branded the interceptions as “illegal”.

“Beyond the confirmed interceptions, livestreams and communications with several other vessels have been lost,” they added. [AFP]

GENEVA

More than 16,000 killed in Haiti since 2022: UN

More than 16,000 people have been killed in armed violence in Haiti since the start of 2022, the United Nations said Thursday, warning that “the worst may be yet to come”.

“The human rights situation in Haiti has reached a boiling point”, with abuses and violence having escalated and intensified since March, UN rights chief Volker Turk said.

The poorest country in the Americas, Haiti has long suffered at the hands of violent criminal gangs that commit murders, rapes, looting, and kidnappings against a backdrop of chronic political instability.

“More than 16,000 people have been killed and some 7,000 people injured in armed violence since January 1, 2022, when we began our monitoring on gang-related violence,” Turk told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

He said gangs were spreading fear beyond the capital Port-au-Prince, and the violence threatens to “destabilise the wider sub-region”.

On Tuesday, the UN Security Council in New York adopted a resolution to transform a UN-backed security mission in Haiti into a larger, full-fledged force with military troops.

The new force can now have a maximum of 5,500 uniformed personnel,

including police officers and soldiers, unlike the current mission, which is just law enforcement.

“International commitment and backing for this are urgent. Without them, the worst may be yet to come for Haiti and the broader region,” said Turk.

The UN high commissioner for human rights decried the “spiral of violence” between gang members, the population, and the security forces.

He said that since March, the Haitian government had stepped up its use of explosive drones in its anti-gang operations in the capital.

“As of mid-September, drone strikes have killed at least 559 people, including 11 children. Most of these drone strikes are likely unlawful under international human rights law,” said Turk.

He said it was also “deeply worrying” that so-called self-defence groups and spontaneous crowds had killed more than 500 alleged gang members this year.

He voiced alarm at the fate of Haiti’s children, saying they were subjected to trafficking, exploitation and forced recruitment by gangs.

“We can -- and must -- turn this situation around for the people of Haiti,” said Turk. [AFP]



Children attend the first day of school at the Jean Marie Vincent High School in Port-au-Prince on October 1, 2025. [AFP]

ADDIS ABABA

Scaffolding collapse at Ethiopia church festival kills at least 36 and injures 200

Makeshift scaffolding set up at a church in Ethiopia collapsed Wednesday, killing at least 36 people and injuring more than 200, state media said.

The incident occurred at around 7:45 am in the town of Arerti, roughly 70 kilometres east of capital Addis Ababa, when a group was visiting for an annual Virgin Mary festival.

District police chief Ahmed Gebeyehu told state media Fana: “The number of dead has reached 36 and could increase more”, adding “more than 200 people have suffered injuries” and were receiving treatment at a local hospital.

Some people remained under the

rubble, local official Atnafu Abate told the Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC), without giving further details about those trapped or possible rescue efforts.

He said some of the more seriously hurt were taken to hospitals in the capital. Images shared on the EBC’s Facebook page showed a mess of collapsed wooden poles, with crowds gathering amid the dense debris.

Other pictures appeared to show the outside of the church where scaffolding had been precariously constructed. A government statement shared by EBC expressed condolences, and added that “safety must be given priority”. [AFP]

Trailblazer: Chimpanzee expert Goodall dies at 91

▶ Renowned primatologist reshaped science with her chimpanzee studies in Tanzania.

▶ Goodall became a leading global voice for conservation and climate action.

AFP, WASHINGTON

British primatologist Jane Goodall, who transformed the study of chimpanzees and became one of the world’s most revered wildlife advocates, has died at the age of 91, her institute announced Wednesday.

Goodall “died peacefully in her sleep while in Los Angeles” on a speaking tour of the United States, the Jane Goodall Institute said in a statement on Instagram.

In a final video posted before her death, Goodall, clad in her trademark green, told an audience: “Some of us could say ‘Bonjour,’ some of us could say ‘Guten Morgen,’ and so on, but I can say, ‘Hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo! That’s ‘good morning’ in chimpanzee.”

Tributes poured in from conservationists, politicians and entertainers.

“I’m deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Jane Goodall, our dear Messenger of Peace,” said UN chief Antonio Guterres. “She is leaving an extraordinary legacy for humanity & our planet.”

“Renowned zoologist, primatologist, researcher and a friend of Tanzania, Dr. Goodall’s pioneering work at Gombe National Park transformed wildlife conservation, and placed our country at the heart of global efforts to protect chimpanzees and nature,” said Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

“I think the best way we can honor her life is to treat the earth and all its beings like our family, with love and respect,” said actress Jane Fonda, herself an environmental activist. “I loved her very much.”

Born in London on April 3, 1934, Goodall grew fascinated with animals in her early childhood, when her father gave her a stuffed toy chimpanzee that she kept for life. She devoured Tarzan books, about a boy raised by apes who falls in love with a woman named Jane.

In 1957 she traveled to Kenya at a friend’s invitation and began working for the renowned palaeo-anthropologist Louis Leakey, who dispatched her to study chimpanzees in Tanzania. She became the first of three women he chose to study great apes in the wild, alongside American Dian Fossey and Canadian Birute Galdikas.

Goodall’s most famous finding was that chimpanzees use grass



British primatologist Jane Goodall visits a chimp rescue centre on June 9, 2018 in Entebbe, Uganda. [AFP]

stalks and twigs as tools to fish termites from their mounds.

Leakey urged her to pursue a doctorate at Cambridge University, where she became only the eighth person ever to earn a PhD without an undergraduate degree.

Goodall also revealed chimpanzees’ capacity for violence -- from infanticide to long-running territorial wars -- challenging the belief that our closest cousins were inherently gentler than humans.

In 1977 she founded the Jane Goodall Institute to further research and conservation of chimpanzees. In 1991 she launched Roots & Shoots, a youth-led environmental program that today operates in more than 60 countries.

Her activism was sparked in the 1980s after attending a US conference on chimpanzees, where she learned of the threats they faced: exploitation in medical research, hunting for bushmeat, and widespread habitat destruction.

From then on, she became a re-



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Jane Fonda, Actress

lentless advocate for wildlife, traveling the globe into her nineties.

Goodall married twice: first to Dutch nobleman and wildlife photographer Baron Hugo van Lawick, with whom she had her only child, Hugo Eric Louis van Lawick, who survives her.

That marriage ended in divorce and was followed by a second, to Tanzanian lawmaker Derek Bryceson, who later died of cancer.

Goodall wrote dozens of books, appeared in documentaries, and earned numerous honors, among them being made a Dame Commander by Britain and receiving the US Presidential Medal of Freedom from then-president Joe Biden.

She was also immortalized as both a Lego figure and a Barbie doll, and was famously referenced in a Gary Larson cartoon depicting two chimps grooming.

“Conducting a little more ‘research’ with that Jane Goodall tramp?” one chimp asks the other, after finding blonde hair. Her institute had its lawyers draft a threatening letter, but Goodall herself waved them off, saying she found it amusing.

“The time for words and false promises is past if we want to save the planet,” she told AFP in an interview last year.

Her message was also one of empowerment.

“Each individual has a role to play, and every one of us makes some impact on the planet every single day, and we can choose what sort of impact we make.”



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Government scales up irrigation and water projects to secure food basket

MIKE KIHAKI, NAIROBI

As Kenya grapples with climate change and rising food costs, the push for irrigation aims to increase agricultural productivity and strengthen livelihoods and ensure long-term resilience for millions of households across the country.

The government is taking bold steps to expand its water infrastructure and irrigation systems as part of its long-term strategy to achieve food security, build climate resilience, and reduce reliance on food imports.

President William Ruto has reiterated that irrigation will be the cornerstone of agricultural transformation, noting that the country can no longer depend solely on unpredictable rainfall patterns.

Speaking during the opening of the Nairobi International Trade Fair this week, the President said Kenya is entering a new phase of agricultural development, anchored on irrigation.

“Our next phase is to involve irrigation. The ministry identified between 30 and 40 mega dams, because irrigation is going to be the next tier to improve production,” said President Ruto.

President Ruto said water and irrigation remain central to his administration’s vision for a self-reliant Kenya.

By combining mega projects with community-driven initiatives, the government hopes to transform agriculture into a reliable driver of economic growth.

“Irrigation has the potential to transform Kenya’s agricultural landscape. We will continue investing in irrigation infrastructure to expand farmland, empower farmers, and make Kenya food secure,” Ruto said.

He explained that agriculture and trade remain the twin engines of Kenya’s inclusive growth and national development. This year’s Trade Fair theme, “Promoting climate smart agriculture and trade initiatives for sustainable economic growth,” he said, was timely as it emphasized the urgent need for climate adaptation in farming.

“The full potential of agriculture has for long been constrained by formidable challenges. Prolonged drought, sudden floods, and erratic rainfall have disrupted dairy farming and harvesting cycles. Irrigation is the solution that will secure our food systems,” Ruto added.



Joseph Kayaa a farmer from Chakama in Magarini Sub County harvesting green grams at his Chakama farm, Magarini Sub County, Kilifi County. [Nehemiah Okwembah, Standard].

Last year in February, the Head of State announced a Sh60 billion investment in water projects, arguing that the move would reduce food imports and strengthen local production. Kenya spends about Sh500 billion annually to import food that could be produced locally.

“We want this money to go to our own farmers. Irrigation will increase acreage under cultivation, create jobs, and enable Kenya to feed itself sustainably,” Ruto said in Gatundu, Kiambu County, where he commissioned the Rwabura Irrigation Project Phase I, set to benefit more than 5,000 farmers and create over 25,000 jobs.

On the same day, the President also launched the Mathira Community Water Supply Project in Nyeri County, which will serve 25,000 residents, and flagged off the Blue Valley Affordable Housing Project, linking water and housing developments.

Ruto also launched a series of irrigation projects in Embu County. The State Department for Irrigation has since invested Sh3.49 billion in Embu, with five projects already completed, putting 5,300 acres under irrigation, and 10 others underway with the potential to add nearly 4,000 acres.

Among the flagship projects is the Thuci Social Dam, part of 100 dams planned by the Kenya Kwanza administration.

The 84-meter-high dam, with a storage capacity of 23 million cubic meters, is expected to expand irrigation by 16,309 acres in Embu County, benefitting more than 7,000 farmers.

The project, structured under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) public-private partnership (PPP), will also generate 40 megawatts of power per hour.

Recently, the Principal Secretary for Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho said the State Department has already put 47,000 additional acres under irrigation in the last year alone. He highlighted the role of PPPs in expanding water storage and flood control.

“The Galana Kulalu Food Security Project is already showing results. A private investor’s model farm on 536 acres has yielded 35 bags of maize per acre, demonstrating the transformative potential of irrigation,” Kimotho said.

Technical studies for the Galana Dam, with a capacity of 350 million cubic meters, have been concluded. Once complete, the project could put more than 200,000 acres under irrigation, producing up to 14 million bags of maize annually and cutting Kenya’s maize deficit by 40 percent.



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Another mega project in progress is the High Grand Falls Dam, located across Kitui, Tharaka Nithi, and Tana River counties. The 5,600 million cubic meter dam will irrigate 400,000 acres, generate 1,000 megawatts of hydropower, and provide flood control along the Tana River.

Other dams under PPP development include Lowaat, Radat, Gogo, and Isiolo, alongside smaller but impactful projects like Kyakivai, Kaiti, Olenkironito, Naromoru, and Mara.

Alongside mega dams, the government is investing in community-scale water pans and irrigation systems to empower households.

In Kajiado, the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) is implementing 16 community water pans across Kajiado with a combined capacity of 1.13 million cubic meters, capable of irrigating 756 acres. The Authority has also constructed 357 household water pans, supporting 701 acres, and is working on seven smallholder irrigation projects that will put 8,650 acres into production.

Kajiado West Constituency, rehabilitation of the Mutaitin-Matura water pan is 85 percent complete. The upgraded 60,000-cubic-metre facility will provide water for domestic use, livestock, and irrigation.

“They strengthen community resilience against drought, promote food security, and especially ease the burden for women and school-going children,” he said.

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CHANGE OF USE
The owner of parcel no. LOC.7/ GAKOIGO/ 1989 located in Maragua, off Kenol – Murang'a road, proposes to change the use of the land from Agricultural to Commercial – Cum Multidwelling Residential 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 AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI
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Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga Kelvin Ritho, Reg. No. 0270

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PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER.
The Registered owner of the LR No. 209/5362 (NAIROBI/BLOCK 68/16). Situated off Muhoho Avenue within Nairobi West Area in Langata Sub-County, proposing to change its use from Residential Use to Serviced/Furnished Apartments, Subject to approval by the County Government.
Individuals, organizations, etc with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) days of this publication to:
The County Secretary,
Nairobi City County Government
P.O BOX 30075-00100, NAIROBI.
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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER
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P.O. BOX 2870-20100, NAKURU
Physical Planner: Onesimus Musyoki
Reg. No 0229
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019)
RENEWAL OF LEASE
The registered owner (s) of property L.R. No. 209/2763/36 Located along Pumwani Road in Pumwani wishes to apply for a Renewal of Lease Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organizations, institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14days of publication of this notice to:
The CECM- Urban Planning, Lands and Housing,
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P.O. Box 30075-00100
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Name of the Registered Planner: John Thomas Ngugi Mbau Reg. No. PPO284

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Physical & Land use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USER
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PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF USE
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P.O Box 2344-00900
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NAME OF THE REGISTERED PLANNER.
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REG NO.0229

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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE
THE REGISTERED OWNER OF PLOT NO. NYERI/ MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 8(MASHINA)/14 PROPOSES TO CHANGE ITS USE FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO BUSINESS-CUM-RESIDENTIAL USE (MULTI-DWELLING UNITS) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI. INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS E.T.C WITH ANY COMMENTS OR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE SAME IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO:
THE CECM LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI.
P.O BOX 1112-10100
NYERI.
RPP 0163

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(x)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of plot no THEBENGE/KARIA/7185 located in Ruiru Area off Nyeri - Othaya Road, proposes to Change Use from Agricultural to Residential (Multi-dwelling) use subject to approval by County Government of Nyeri. Individuals, institutions, members of the public e.t.c. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member - Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development,
County Government of Nyeri.
P.O. Box 1112-10100,
Nyeri.
Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga K. Ritho
Reg. No PPO270.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(x)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER
The registered owner(s) of Land Parcel No. Kijabe/Kijabe Block 1/30246 situated at Maai Mahu area within Naivasha Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to; Change its use from Agricultural Use to Light Industrial Use (Godown) subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM- Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development
County Government of Nakuru.
P.O Box 2870 - 20100, NAKURU.
Registered Physical Planner: Newton G. Karuri
REG NO: 0145

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019)
RENEWAL OF LEASE
The registered owner (s) of property L.R. No. 209/2768/1 Located along Kumasi Road in Central Business District wishes to apply for a Renewal of Lease Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organizations, institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14days of publication of this notice to:
The CECM- Urban Planning, Lands and Housing,
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075-00100
Nairobi.
Name of the Registered Planner: John Thomas Ngugi Mbau Reg. No. PPO284

TENDER NOTICE
Boiman Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society Ltd invites interested bidders to submit enquiries via teresiahndungu1979@gmail.com for construction of a cooler room.
Deadline for enquiries: 15th October 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owners of Land Title No. Thegonge/Karia/4334 located in theguri area, wish to change its use from Agricultural to Residential subject to approval by the Nyeri County Government. Individuals, Institutions or organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of this publication to:
THE CEC LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING NYERI COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 1112-00100, NYERI
KELVIN RITHO GITONGA - REGISTERED PHYSICAL PLANNER NO. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE
THE REGISTERED OWNER OF PLOT NO. AGUTHI/GATTU/1400 PROPOSES TO CHANGE ITS USE FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE (PETROL SERVICE STATION) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI. INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS E.T.C WITH ANY COMMENTS OR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE SAME IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO:
THE CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI.
P.O BOX 1112-10100, NYERI.
RPP 0163

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(x)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF LAND USE
The Registered Owner of land parcel Title No.: Nairobi/Block 97/1674 located off Outer Ring Road at Tassia area in the Nairobi City County, proposes to Change its use from Residential to Commercial cum Residential (Apartments) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public, etc. with Comments and or Objections should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member - Built Environment & Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County,
P.O. Box 30075-00100 Nairobi
Name of Registered Physical Planner: Jassan N. Njani; PPRB Reg. No.: PP0363

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO.13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of this Parcel TITLE NO.NAIROBI/BLOCK 82 /3333 located OFF SAVANNAH ROAD, IN DONHOLM AREA within the jurisdiction of Nairobi City County intends to change the use of the parcel from RESIDENTIAL TO EDUCATIONAL (KINDERGARTEN) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, institutions and Organizations with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen days from publication of this notice to;
THE CECM BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING.
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY,
P.O.BOX 30075-00100, NAIROBI.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019
EXTENSION OF USER
The registered owner of PLOT L.R NO: 209/229/8 located along Rendile road, in Nairobi City County is proposing to extend its use to include a Sfaricom Base Transceiver Station (BTS) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organizations with comments or objections to the development proposal, are requested to submit them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member (CECM),
Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County Government,
P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.
NAME OF PLANNER: DAVID WEYUSIA ZINNY
REGISTRATION NUMBER: 0200

TENDER NOTICE
South Kinangop Farmers Co-operative Society Ltd invites interested bidders to submit enquiries via southkinangopfarmers@gmail.com for supply of:
1. Silage Baler
2. Chopper
3. 20Kw Solar
Deadline for submission of tenders: 15th October, 2025
SOUTH KINANGOP FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD
P. O. BOX 68 - 20319

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title number **Ruiru /Kiu block 2/9800** situated off Eastern bypass (Kamakia area), Ruiru subcounty, Kiambu County. Wishes to subdivide and change its use from **agricultural use to Residential multi-dwelling Units (Town Houses)** Subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu, Individuals, organisations, institutions etc with comments or objections 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) Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Municipal Administration, County Government of Kiambu P.O Box 2344- 00900, Kiambu Physical Planner: Kelvin Ritho

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Plot L.R Numbers Thika Municipality Block 20/1383, 1384,1387 and 1388, located in Ngoingwa off Mangu Road, wishes to amalgamate and change the user of the amalgamated properties from **Agricultural to Educational (Health Care Assistant Training Institute) and Associated facilities** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individual, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member, Land, Housing, Physical Planning, & Urban Development County Government of Kiambu P.O. Box 2344-00900 Kiambu, Kenya Pln. Timothy Ndorongo PP. NO. 0038

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No 13 (2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **NDUMBERI / RIABAI /2176** located at Kirigiti, Kiambu Municipality proposes to change user from **Agricultural Use to Residential Multi-dwelling (flats)** subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM - LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.

PHYSICAL PLANNER: MARVIN MUTWIRI RPP NO. 0323

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner(s) of L.R No.156/19 Located in **Tigoni Area, Limuru Sub County** would wish to **Change the Use** from **Agricultural to Residential (Staff Quarters)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. 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:

THE CECM, LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, KIAMBU COUNTY, P.O.BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU, PHYSICAL PLANNER : KELVIN RITHO

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title No. **Juja/Kiaura Block 41 (Waroma)/123** Located in Juja Sub-County proposes to Change its use from **Agricultural Use to Residential Multi dwelling Units (Flats)**, subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O BOX 2344-00900 KIAMBU Physical Planner: Kelvin Ritho Reg No: 0270

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 r.3(3)(vi) PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of plot **L.R No. Tetu/ Muthuni/3489** located in Nyeri municipality, Gatitu area, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Residential (Apartment)**, 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, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development County Government of Nyeri, P.O. BOX 1112-10100, Nyeri. Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga Kelvin Ritho Reg. No. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owners of Land Title No. **Mweiga/ Block 2/ (Kumar)/392** located off Nyeri-Nyahururu Road, in Mweiga area, wish to change its use from **Cgricultural to commercial cum Residential** subject to approval by the Nyeri County Government. Individuals, institutions or organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of this publication to:

THE CECM LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING NYERI COUNTY GOVERNMENT P.O. BOX 1112-00100, NYERI KELVIN RITHO GITONGA - REGISTERED PHYSICAL PLANNER NO. 0270



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ALLOCATE LAND To The General Public and any other Interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that at the expiry of **30 days** from the date of publication of this notice, The National Land Commission (NLC), on behalf of the County Government of Kilifi, intends to regularize tenure of Land Parcel No. Malindi Municipality Block 1/789 in Kilifi County for Commercial use (Subject to terms, Covenants, Conditions and reservations which shall be included in the conveyance documents) in accordance with Section 14 of the Land Act 2012.

Any interested person wishing to raise any comments may do so to the Chairman, NLC within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

In the absence of any valid objections, the allocation shall take place at the Commission's office in Nairobi (316 Upper Hill Chambers 2nd Ngong Avenue) as from 2.30 p.m. on the next working day following the expiry of this notice.

The terms of allocation are available at the Commission's offices in Nairobi and the office of the NLC County Coordinator in Kilifi County.

The land is planned and surveyed, and ownership details may be inspected at the offices of the CECM in charge of Lands for Kilifi County, Director of Surveys in Nairobi and NLC offices during working hours.

Chairman
Chairman

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A Diplomatic mission in Kenya announces sale of the following car which can be viewed during official work hours. (Location and Place will be disclosed on appointment basis only)

#	Car Type	Car Model	Mfg. Year
1	Toyota Land Cruiser	VX-L-AUTO 2982CC TURBO DIESEL 7-SEATER LEATHER SEATS	2018

In accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- An appointment will be allocated to the applicant for viewing the car during working days only. (MONDAY 6th TO FRIDAY 10th October 2025 - 8.30AM TO 3.30PM).
- Appointment will be reserved by contacting 0208893840 - 0758220529
- Applicants are required to submit their bid in sealed envelopes and deliver them to the mission after viewing the vehicles within a duration of 5 working days.
- Applicants must attach a bank cheque of 10% of their bid for the car. (refundable if the bid is unsuccessful.)
- The bank cheque is nonrefundable in case the successful bidder fails to complete the full payment within 10 days from the date of notification of the successful bid.
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT (No.18 of 2015) COLLECTION AFRICA LIMITED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

PURSUANT to sections 534, 537 and 539 of the Insolvency Act, 2015 and regulation 103 of the Insolvency Regulations, 2016, notice is given that effective the 29th September 2025, Phillip Ibrahim Onyango, I.P. No. OR/IP/033 has been appointed as an administrator ("the Administrator") of Collection Africa Limited ("the Company").

The appointment of the Administrator is by Rubicon Landing LLP, a holder of a qualifying floating charge over the Company's assets.

The Administrator takes control over the business assets and the management of the affairs of the Company without personal liability. By virtue of the administration, the powers of the directors of the Company in terms of dealing and/or transacting with the Company's assets have ceased, unless with the express permission of the Administrator. Moving forward, all matters, operational or otherwise pertaining to the affairs of the Company should be directed to the Administrator or their authorized representative.

The Administrator is currently engaging all key stakeholders of the Company to elicit their cooperation in order to achieve the best possible outcome. Creditors of the Company are required to send full particulars of any claims they may have against the Company to the undersigned on or before 31st October 2025.

The Administrator acts on behalf of the Company without any personal liability. All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Administrator, Collection Africa Limited (In Administration) c/o P.I. Onyango & Co., The Westwood, 4th Floor, Ring Road Westlands P.O. Box. 773-00606 Nairobi

Telephone: +254113 804 990
Email: caladministrator@pio.ke

Dated the 3rd day of October 2025
PHILLIP IBRAHIM ONYANGO Administrator Collection Africa Limited

RAGAWA AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Court Brokers, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators, General Commission Agents.

KIGIO PLAZA 3rd Floor Room 3.5.5
P.O. Box 6782, Thika
Call: 0728 636 849/ 0733 636 849
Email: ragawauctioneers0@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTION RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE

ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025 FROM 11.00 AM AT THE OFFICE KIGIO PLAZA RM3.55-THIKA IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION 1. THE CREDITOR -VS- WESLEY KIPKEMO LANGAT

MOTOR VEHICLE	MAKE	CONDITION	TO BE VIEWED AT
KDC 372W	TOYOTA SPADE	RUNNING	RAZOR SHARP STORAGE YARD-KERICHO

CONDITION FOR SALE

- CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.
- Bidder to pay refundable deposit of ksh.50,000 to get bidding No
- NO BIDDING WITHOUT A BIDDING NO

COMPLIANCE AUCTIONEERS
(Licensed Auctioneers) Auctioneers, Repossession, Private Investigators, Debt Collectors, Process Servers, Court Brokers, Estate & Commission Agents.

4th Avenue Towers
9th Floor Suite No. 2
4th Ngong Avenue, Ngong Road
P.O Box 59969-00200 Nairobi
Tel: 0720846060/ 0727237483
Email: complianceauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal/financiers, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles and as follows:

1. ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00 A.M AT PHILLIPS INTERNATIONAL STORAGE YARD KILELESHA NAIROBI.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION FINANCIER VS BENJAMIN NKAATE KEREMA

REG NO.	MAKE	MODEL	YOM	BODY	COLOUR
KDE 324C	TOYOTA	PRADO	2014	S.WAGON	BLACK

1. ON TUESDAY 14 TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00 A.M AT MATRIZ MOVES KENYA LIMITED MOMBASA.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION FINANCIER VS WINNIE WANJIKU MICERE

REG NO.	MAKE	MODEL	YOM	BODY	COLOUR
KDS 057C	NISSAN	SERENA	2017	S.WAGON	SILVER

CONDITION OF SALE:

- All interested Purchasers/bidders are requested to view the motor vehicles during normal working hour upon prior arrangement with our office and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or the chargee/principals.
- Bidders are required to obtain a refundable deposit of Kshs. 5,000 to obtain a bidding number.
- Cash or Bankers Cheque at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving reasons for doing so.

S&A SAMTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
Cathedral Holdings Building 1st Floor Rm. No. 1 & 2 Kanisa Road Opposite Mwalimu Sacco
P.O. BOX 2629-10140 NYERI
TEL : 0728288017 / 0786990240
Email : samtruckauctioneers@gmail.com

(Licensed Auctioneers, Court Process Servers, Repossessors, Private Investigators and General Commission Agents)

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principal, the chargee in exercise of "chargee's statutory power of sale" we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties described herein below together with all the developments and improvements erected thereon.

1. ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 11.00 A.M. AT OUR OFFICES LOCATED AT CATHEDRAL HOLDINGS BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR RM NO. 1 & 2 ALONG KANISA ROAD OPPOSITE MWALIMU SACCO - NYERI .

(i) **PRIME AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN SHAMATA AREA IN NYANDARUA COUNTY**
All that parcel of land known as TITLE NO. L.R. NYANDARUA/SHAMATA/ 4420 Measuring 3.436 HA (8.48 Acres), held on Freehold interest and registered in the name of JOHN WAWERU KARIA of P.O. BOX 317 NYAHURURU.
The property is situated in Kirima Area Approx. 1 Kilometre South East of Shamata Girls High School in Shamata Sublocation within Nyandarua County. An agricultural property irregular in shape, composed of red loam soils and characterized by northwards low gradient bending towards Mukuru Valley GPS Co-ordinates :- -0.208023, 36.500330.
IMPROVEMENTS:- Water is already connected while electricity is available for connection from within the neighbourhood.

(ii) **PRIME AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN SHAMATA AREA IN NYANDARUA COUNTY**
All that parcel of land known as TITLE NO. L.R. NYANDARUA/SHAMATA/2216 Measuring 2.02 HA (4.98 acres) held on Freehold interest and registered in the name of JOHN WAWERU KARIA of P.O. BOX 317 NYAHURURU guaranteed to MILKAH WANGUI WAWERU OF P.O. BOX 16 KAHHEHO.
The property is situated in Canary Area Approx. 2 Kilometres North West of Shamata Girls High School in Shamata Location within Nyandarua County. An agricultural property triangular in shape, composed of red loam soils and characterized by westwards steep gradient.
IMPROVEMENTS:- Water and electricity available for connection.

2. ON TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 11.00 A.M. AT OUR OFFICES LOCATED AT CATHEDRAL HOLDINGS BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR RM NO. 1 & 2 ALONG KANISA ROAD OPPOSITE MWALIMU SACCO - NYERI .

(i) **PRIME AGRICULTURAL / RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN GATURIRI SUBLICATION ("KWA J") IN NAROMORU LOCATION WITHIN NYERI COUNTY**
All that parcel of land known as TITLE NO. L.R. NAROMORU/NAROMORU BLOCK 1/KIENI EAST/2873 Measuring 0.408 HA (1 Acre) held on Freehold interest and registered in the name of PAUL NGATI MURAGE of P.O. BOX 238 KARATINA.
The property is situated in Gaturiri Sublocation Approx. 700 metres Eastwards from (KWA J) shopping centre and Approx. 9 Kilometres from Naromoru Town in Naromoru location within Nyeri County. An agricultural / residential property rectangular shaped and composed of black cotton soils.
GPS Co-ordinates :- -0.245620, 37.190003.
IMPROVEMENTS:- Water and electricity available for connection.

(ii) **PRIME AGRICULTURAL / COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITHIN BIRISHA "3" AREA, LAMURIA SUBLICATION, KIENI WEST SUB-COUNTY WITHIN NYERI COUNTY.**
All that parcel of land known as TITLE NO. L.R. GATARAKWA/GATARAKWA BLOCK II/1464 measuring 0.04 HA (0.11 acres) held on Freehold interest and registered in the name of PAUL NGATI MURAGE of P.O. BOX 238 KARATINA.
The property is situated in Birisha "3" area Approx. 6 Kilometres South of Rutiri Primary School in Lamuria Sublocation, Kieni West Subcounty within Nyeri County. An agricultural/commercial property rectangular shaped, composed of black cotton soils and characterized by a northwards low gradient.
IMPROVEMENTS:- Water and electricity available for connection.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the chargee or the Auctioneers.
- A deposit of 25% of the purchase price MUST be paid in CASH or BANKERS CHEQUE at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within NINETY (90) days from the date of sale to the chargee.
- Viewing of the properties can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves, the auctioneers.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and necessary land control Board consents (where applicable).

ALL ARE WELCOME

BRIGHT SEASONS AUCTIONEERS
 FORMER CDF OFFICES BALOZI ROAD
 P.O. Box 28266 (01430), Nairobi
 Cell: 0722174816
 Email: brightseasonsauctioneers@gmail.com

REPOSSESSION, REALIZATION OF CHARGED SECURITIES, DEBT COLLECTION AND INVESTIGATION.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicle through public auction on **13th October, 2025** starting at **11.00 AM.**

REG NO	MODEL	YARD
KDP 265N	TOYOTA FIELDER	CHUI ROAD YARD

FINANCIER -VS- DEBTOR

REG NO	MODEL	YARD
KDA 620C	TOYOTA WISH	STARTRUCK STORAGE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view the motor vehicles during working hours.
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

CHROME AUCTIONEERS
 DONHOLM HEIGHTS, 2ND FLOOR
 OUTERING-ROAD
 P.O. BOX 12853-00400
 NAIROBI
 TEL: 0722420633 & 0732514399

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
 MILIMANI SCC NO. E3233 OF 2025
 PHINEHAS MUITA KINYUA -VS- METROTRANS EAST AFRICA LIMITED AND
 STEPHEN CHEGE, MUTHEE,
 Motor Vehicle Registration Number KDK 278M MITSUBISHI FUSO 33 SEATER
 MATATU**

SANKARA AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers | Repossessors | Official Court Brokers | Debt Collectors
 Private Investigations | Commission Agents | Court Process Servers
 Shankardass House, 1st Floor, Room 102, Moi Avenue, Nairobi. P.O. BOX 22693 00100. G.P.O Cell: 0726-274204

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell the under mentioned Motor vehicles by public auction: On **SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2025 at STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD LTD ALONG KIAMBUR ROAD FOURWAYS JUNCTION STARTING FROM 10.30 A.M.**

M/V REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KCZ 768C	NISSAN CARAVAN	SILVER

**MAVOKO CM'S E 107 OF 2025
 NICHOLAS KAMAU MBURA -VS- MIALE SOLAR INVESTMENTS LTD.**

M/V REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KDP 184 Z	PROBOX S WAGON	WHITE

**MACHAKOS SCC CASE NO E 072 OF 2023
 JAMES NDUMA NTHEKETHA ALIAS JAMES NTHUMA NTHEKETHA -VS- BONFACE NYAMAI MULE AND SIMON MUNYAO**

M/V REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KAL 907H	VAN NISSAN	BLUE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Sale subject to reasonable reserve price
- All interested purchasers are requested to view on prior arrangements.
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

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VINTAGE AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers/ Repossessors/ Debt Collectors/ Court Process Servers
 Delamere Flats, Block E, Room 26,
 Milimani Road, Opposite Integrity Centre
 P.O. Box 105190-00101, Nairobi Tel: 0703 381 005 / 0714 588 332
 Email: vintageauction10@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

- Under instructions received from The Small Claims Court at Thika we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Capitol Diamond Storage and Auction Yard** on **14th October 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.
**SCCC NO.E1074 OF 2023 - THIKA
 BERTRAND SIGFRID-VS - NEEMA SCHOOLS LTD.
 M/V REG NO. KCA 782N - MITSUBISHI**
- Under instructions received from The Principal Chief Magistrate's Court at Siakago we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **CAPITOL DIAMOND STORAGE AND AUCTION YARD** on **14th October 2025 at 10:30 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.
**PM'C E040 OF 2023- SIAKAGO.
 NALEAH MICERE NJERU-VS- FRED RUGENDO KANUKO ASIMON MURIITHI WILSON.
 M/V REG NO. KCT 940U -TOYOTA TOWNACE.**
- Under instructions received from The Chief Magistrate's Court at Mavoko law courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **TNL SERVICES** on **14th October 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.
**CM'S E484 OF 2023 - MAVOKO.
 KENNEDY MULONGO-VS- KENNEDY MIKE KARISA & TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA
 M/V REG NO. KCZ 216L - ISUZU D MAX.**
- Under instructions received from The Chief Magistrate's Court at Mavoko law courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **TNL SERVICES** on **14th October 2025 at 11:30 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.
**CM'S E096 OF 2024 - MAVOKO.
 BENARD ONJOLO-VS- KADEM ENTERPRISES
 M/V REG NO. KDE 395M - DAIHATSU ELS MIRA.**
- Under instructions received from The Small Claims Court at Milimani we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Capitol Diamond Storage and Auction Yard** on **14th October 2025 at 12:00 p.m.** at our above mentioned office.
**SCCC NO.E1695 OF 2023 - MILIMANI
 ISAAC MACHANI MOSONGO-VS - JAMES KAMAU KIMANI & CHRISTOPHER MUIA MUTHENYA.
 M/V REG NO. KBH 953J- XTRAIL**

CONDITIONS ON SALE

- Interested purchasers are required to verify the details and particulars of the motor vehicles for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer, Chargee or Advocate AS SALE IS "ON-AS-IS-WHERE-IS-BASIS."
- All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs. 50,000/= by bankers cheque to obtain a bidding number prior to the auction.
- The declared purchaser must deposit 25% of the purchase price at the fall of the hammer and balance by close of business auction day, failure to which the money received including the deposit will be forfeited. The Auctioneer reserve the right to reject any bid.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, THE FINANCIERS, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **11th October 2025 at our yards starting 10.30 a.m.**

NO	REG NO	MODEL	YOM	YARD
1	KCF 176U	Nissan J32	2008	SK Dhahabu yard
2	KDL 751Y	Toyota Liteace	2015	Joyland yard
3	KDK 998K	Isuzu Elf	2014	SK Dhahabu yard
4	KDN 389M	Subaru		SK Dhahabu yard
5	KCM 401H	Toyota Axio		Startruck Caryard storage

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- The bidding to be done through the office email or during auction date.
- The auctioneer has a right to reject any bid without giving a reason.
- The subject of sale is as it is.
- All the interested bidders are requested to view and verify the details for this is not warranted by the auctioneers or our principal.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned Vehicles by public auction on **Tuesday 14th October 2025, Starting from 11.00am.**

M/V REG. NO.	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KDP 885P	TOYOTA FIELDER	LEGACY CONNECTIONS NAKS
KCK 971L	MITSUBISHI CANTER	STARTRUCK STORAGE YARD
KDT 331P	LANDROVER RANGEROVER VELAR	ACE PRESTIGE AUTOS LTD
KBH 007N	TOYOTA HILUX	STARTRUCK COMFORT
KCS 512L	TOYOTA SIENTA	JOYLAND STORAGE YARD ELDORET

CONDITIONS

- Vehicles are being sold on "as is where is basis".
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

Duly instructed by our principal the chargee, we shall sell the under mentioned Property together with buildings and improvements erected therein by public auction on **Tuesday October 21st 2025** outside Meru town post office Starting from 11.00am.

All that piece of land known as LR.NO.KIBIRICHIA/NTUMBURI/4090 registered under Catherine Mwendwa measuring 1.17ha or approximately 2.89 acres. The property is in Matundwa area, Buuri Sub County, Mery County. It is situated about 6km to the North East of Subuga junction shopping Centre, approximately a kilometer to the South west of TM Shopping Centre and about 200m off and to the right of Subuga-Isiolo tarmac road about 1.5km from Lewa Wildlife Conservancy entrance.

CONDITIONS

- All interested parties are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by neither the auctioneer nor the chargee.
- A deposit of 25% of sale price must be paid at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 90 days failure to which the deposit money will be forfeited.
- A refundable deposit of Kshs.100,000 before being issued with bid number.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consents.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, The Financiers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned on **Saturday 10th October, 2025 at 11.am** or soon thereafter at our offices in **Hazina Shopping Complex, Plains view road South B, Nairobi;**

- FINANCIER VS PETER KIRU MAINA**
 1, Motor Vehicle Reg No. KDS 027T - Suzuki Solio
- FINANCIER VS PAUL GITHAIGA KIRIBA**
 1, Motor Vehicle Reg No. KDC 1936 - Isuzu NQR Matatu

On **Friday 17th October, 2025 at 11.am** or soon thereafter at our offices in **Hazina Shopping Complex, Plains view road South B, Nairobi;**

- FINANCIER VS ELIJAH NJORE NJORGE**
 1, All that residential property on TITLE NO: RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 2/17041 situated near Thome Primary School, Gwa Kairu, Ruiru Kiambu County. The house is a 5 bedroomed Maisonette. The tenure is freehold interest (Absolute Proprietorship) registered under the Land Registration Act No. 3 of 2012, Section 108 of Laws of Kenya under the Proprietor ELIJAH NJORE NJORGE OF P.O BOX 1445-00235, RUIRU.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are required to make arrangements to view the motor vehicles and the property and verify the details, as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or our clients. SALE WILL BE "ON - AS - IS - WHERE - IS - BASIS"
- For the property, a deposit of 25% must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid to the financier within 90 days.
- The sale is subject to the reserve price.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the financier, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **13th October 2025 at .11.00 am.**

NO.	M/V REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	YARD TO BE VIEWED & SOLD
1.	KBS 433A	TOYOTA NOAH	BLACKBIRD - KISUMU
2.	KBV 886D	TOYOTA TOWNACE	LEGACY STORAGE- NAKURU
3.	KCY 279B	TOYOTA PRIUS	CAPITOL DIAMOND - RUIRU

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DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS WE SHALL SELL THE UNDER MENTIONED ITEMS BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON **TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025, STARTING AT 10:30AM AT FORE-SIGHT MOTORS RUIRU KAMAKIS & AUCTION PALACE STORAGE YARD KIAMBU ROAD, IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA.**

LANDLORD VS KEN SAMPEKE (FORESIGHT MOTORS)
 1. Sofa set 8seater, TV Stand, TV 43 Inch Sky Worth, Woofer (2speakers), 13kg Gas Cylinder, Gas cooker 4 burner, 1 Carpet, Fridge Ramtons, Microwave Ramtons, Coffee table.

LANDLORD VS JUDES OBONYO KOINA (AUCTION PALACE)
 2. Assorted T-Shirts and Shirts men (New), Assorted Men & Ladies Jackets (New), Assorted Ladies Shirts (New), Assorted men, Ladies & Kids Shoes (New), Assorted sweatpants (New), Assorted kids wear (New), Assorted Caps (New), Assorted Crocs (New), 4 Display Dummies, Assorted Jeans wear, 1 Plastic chair

LANDLORD VS DENNIS KABOSHO (FORESIGHT MOTORS)
 3. Wooden TV Stand, 1 Office Desk, Mika Dispenser, 3Seater Sofa set, Armco 1 door fridge, Von 4-burner cooker, 6kg pro-gas cylinder, 8-Seater Sofa Set, Wooden Coffee table.

CONDITION FOR SALE

- Sale is subject to reserve price
- Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal the financier, we sell below listed motor vehicle by public auction on **11/10/2025 at STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS**

FINANCIER VS PETER CHEGE MAINA	MV REG NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD
	KDP 089P	SUZUKI BALENO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS

FINANCIER VS WILLIAM MGALA KOMBO	MV REG NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD
	KDL 356E	TOYOTA PASSO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS- MOMBASA

CONDITION OF SALE

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Duly instructed by our Principals, the Financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **Friday 10th October, 2025** starting from 10.30 a.m.

REG NO.	CAR AND MAKE	YARD
1. KDA 537R	SUBARU IMPREZA	TAC STORAGE YARD

1. All interested buyers are requested to view from **03rd OCTOBER, 2025 BETWEEN 8.30am to 4.30p.m.** And verify all the details of the Motor vehicle as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer.
 2. The motor vehicle will be sold on 'As Is Where Is' basis.
 3. The successful bidder **MUST** make arrangements to pay the balance of purchase price within 24hours failure to which storage charges shall be leveled and deposit paid **FORFEITED.**

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the Financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **Friday 10th October, 2025** starting from 10.30 a.m.

REG NO.	CAR AND MAKE	YARD
1. KBW 758J	TATA BSG TRUCK	NAIVASHA STORAGE YARD

1. All interested buyers are requested to view from **03rd OCTOBER, 2025 BETWEEN 8.30am to 4.30p.m.** And verify all the details of the Motor vehicle as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer.
 2. The motor vehicle will be sold on 'As Is Where Is' basis.
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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 on **13TH OCTOBER 2025 at 10.30 am** or soon thereafter at **1. EMINING STORAGE YARD, JOMVU .2. IN-SITU (INFINITY)**

- DISTRESS FOR RENT**
LANDLORD -VS- NANCY MWANYALE
 Fridge, 3-seater sofa-set, 2-seater-soa-set, coffee table, TV stand, Hisense TV, small water tank, 13 kgs gas cooker, 1 mini-cooker, assorted utensils, side bed mirrors, table stand, water tank, iron, extension cable.
- DISTRESS FOR RENT**
LANDLORD -VS- FAULU FLOOR MILLS LIMITED
 Flour milling machine, fuel tanks, office chairs, office desks, water dispenser, filing cabinets, TV set, assorted maize flour, assorted wheat flour, packaging bags, office tables, pedestals, pellets, weighing machines.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instruction received from our principal/ clients we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by public auction on Friday 10th October 2025 starting 11:00am at our yard.

1. KEEKOROK CAPITAL SOLUTION LTD VS JULIUS OTUCHA
 ONE MOTOR VEHICLE REG. NO. KCE464A BMW

2. PRINCIPAL VS NOBERT ODHIAMBO OCHOLLA
 ONE TOYOTA COROLLA REG. NO. KAB214X

CONDITION OF SALE

- Sale subject to reasonable reserve price
- All interested purchasers are requested to view on prior arrangements
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

ON FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M IN OUR OFFICES KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 3rd FLOOR, SUITE NO. 17, ALONG MURANGA ROAD, NAIROBI.

1. PRIME PROPERTY IN KIAMBU COUNTY, WEITIEHIE AREA, OFF THIKA SUPERHIGHWAY
 All that property known as **JUJA/KALIMONI BLOCK 22/14** registered in the name of **BERNARD KARANJA NDUNGU OF P.O BOX 6851-01000, THIKA.**
 The subject property is developed with a Six Storey Residential Building comprising of Four (4) Single Shops, One (1) Double Shop and Three (3) Bedsitters on Ground Floor, Twenty Nine (29) Bedsitters and Five (5) One Bedrooms on Upper Floors. The property is identified as **EBENEZER PLAZA** within Weitethie Area. It is located 230 metres off and to the right of Thika Superhighway/A2, 335 metres of Mang'u High School and 60 metres South West of Weitethie Market, Juja Sub-county, Kiambu County.
 The property extends to approximately Naught Decimal Naught Two One Six (0.0216 Ha) Hectare. The property lies on GPS coordinates 1°17'78.5" S; 37°34.71" E.

The property is rectangular shaped. Commercial cum residential plot with a moderate slope to the North East. The Soils are mixed black cotton and murram type. Boundaries are marked by the Building lines. Entrance to the property is via a Single Leaf Metal Plate Door.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view the property and verify all the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Charge.
- A deposit of 25% must be paid in form of banker's Cheque at the fall of the hammer, the balance will be payable within Ninety (90) days to the Charge.
- Further conditions of sale may be obtained from our offices and viewing of the property can be done upon prior arrangements with ourselves.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

In Pursuant to court order issued by the Principal Magistrate's Eldoret Law Court, we shall sell by public auction the under listed unclaimed motor vehicles and motorcycles lying unclaimed within the below Police Stations on **Tuesday 14th October, 2025 at Eldoret Police Station at 10:30am.**

1) ELDORET POLICE STATION

a) Motor vehicles	b) Motorcycles
NCPS1-02856-20- Toyota Probox	Num berless Loncin-Red
110-51045-36- Toyota Corolla	Num berless Bajaj- Red
ZZT240-00526-20- Toyota Corolla	Num berless JG0-Green
RZ195-00516-96- Toyota Land Cruiser	

2) BAHARINI POLICE STATION

Motorcycles:
 KBC 694L, Kingbird, red in color, KMCL 4896, CHASSIS NO MAKE Kingbird, blue in color
 KMEC 721Q, CHASSIS NO MD625NF55H85088, MAKE TVS, red in color
 KMDY 507N, CHASSIS NO LEAPK03460015288, MAKE BONUS, blue in color
 KMDA 442L, IGO, grey in color, KMEF 299V, CHASSIS NO MD2A2158677, MAKE Boxer, black in color, KMFQ 219Z, numberless Bajaj Boxer, CHASSIS NO MD2A18AXXKMWL89805, red in color, Numberless TVS 100cc, chassis number MD625GF5681P62401, red in color, Numberless Honda Ace 125, chassis number BFOJA3092HS230340, red in color

Scrap Motorcycle Frames/Shells:
 Burnt frame (shell) KMG1 645S
 Burnt frame (shell) of KMS 284C
 Burnt frame (shell) chassis number MD615B7JWL87287
 Frame only of KME X 936Y, chassis number MD625GF 51K1E 0097Z

3) HURUMA POLICE STATION
 KMCB 886C BOXER MD2A18JXHW449183, KMEF 774W SHINERAY (DAMAGED) LYPCJ47E021019, NUMBERLESS KINGBIRD LRYPCX101K0A14500, NUUMBERLESS SKY60 L3P0070809005126, KMEF 1168 HONDA BFO4A 309481504397
 NUMBERLESS TVS MD625NF38ELA20908, KMEF 128X TVS MD625F388L7981
 KMEF 774F BOXER (DAMAGED) MD2C150R4LNK85352

TERMS

- Cash at the fall of the hammer
- The sale is subject to a reserved price
- All interested purchasers are required to view and verify details of the property for themselves and is not warranted by the Auctioneer or our client
- Sale is AS-IS -WHERE-IS-BASIS and subject to reserve price

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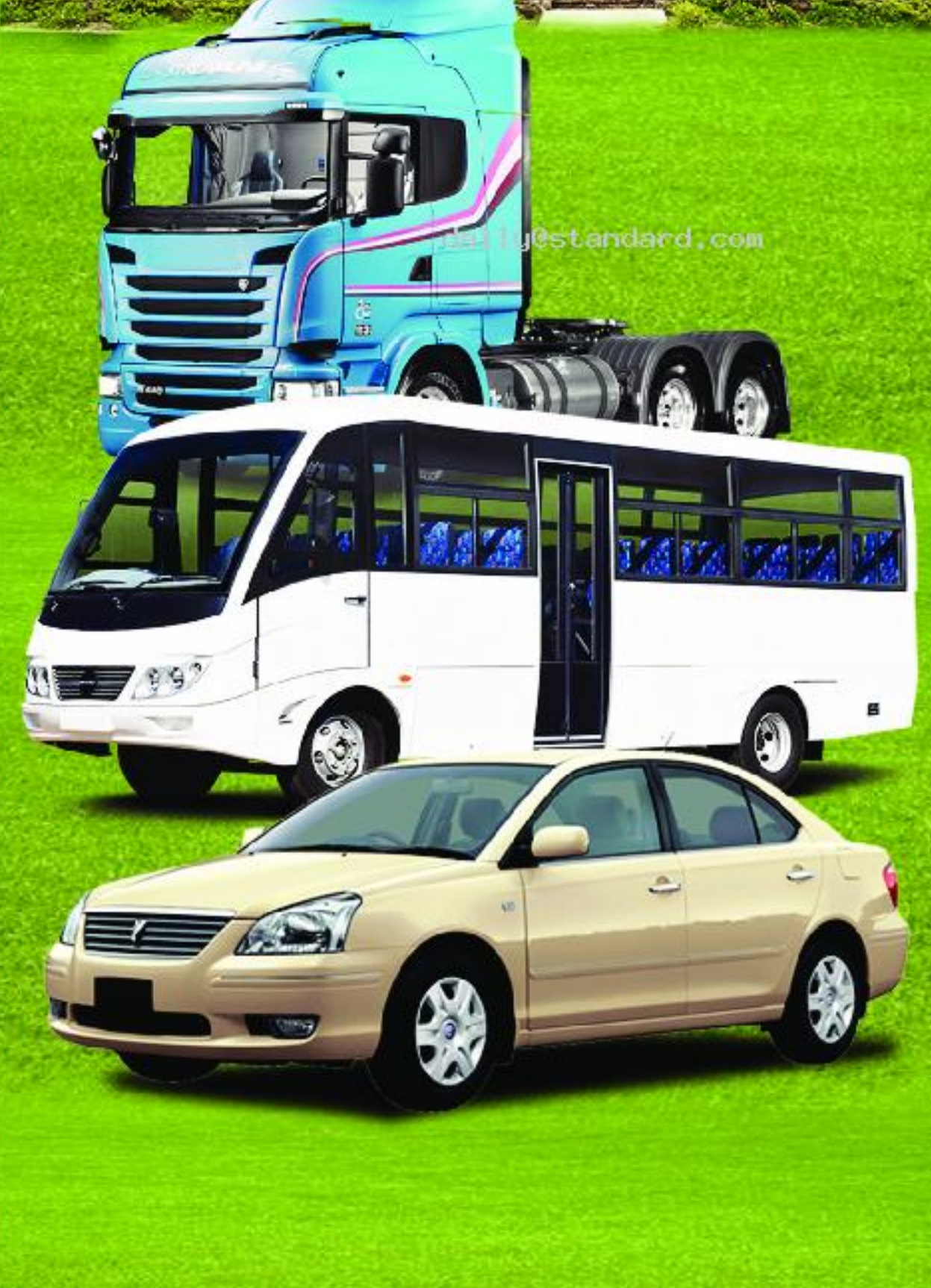
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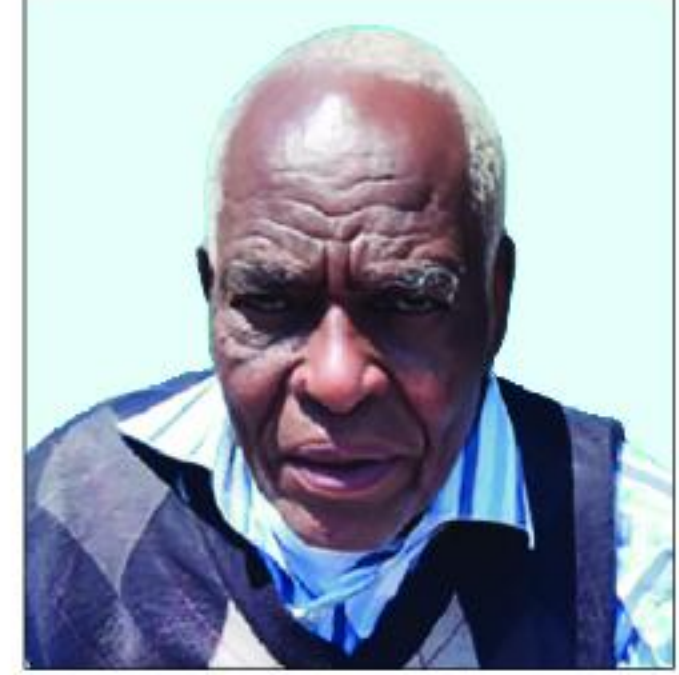
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SAMUEL M'RIMBERIA M'NGAYA

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our beloved patriarch, Mzee Samuel M'Rimberia M'Ngaya (fondly known as Mberia), who peacefully rested in the Lord on 23rd September 2025 at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital, at the age of 90 years.

Mzee Mberia was born in 1935 in Athinga Village, Muthara Location, Tigania East Sub-County, Meru County. He was the third-born child of the late M'Ngaya and the late Ciolinyiru. He grew up in a humble and loving home, surrounded by his siblings: the late M'Lintari, the late M'Imangi, the late M'Kuyu, Kaloki, and Mwari. From a young age, he was known for his kindness, discipline, and gentle nature — values he upheld throughout his life.

In 1965, he married his beloved wife, Priscilla, and together they were blessed with eight children: the late Joyce, Charles, Rose, Gladys, George, Daniel, Catherine, and Jackline.

He was a cherished father-in-law to the late Atanasio, Regina, Mr. Moenga, Mr. Thambura, Purity, Kaimuri, Kaiyongi, and Mr. Jesse.

Mzee Mberia was a proud grandfather to 22 grandchildren: Kimathi, Kendi, Nkirote, Muthomi, Mwendwa, Sharon, Victor Mutethia, Joy, Thurani, Cox, Upendo, Tiffany, Kaume, Fami, Brian, Munene, Jayden, Gatwiri, Tamara, and Natasha.

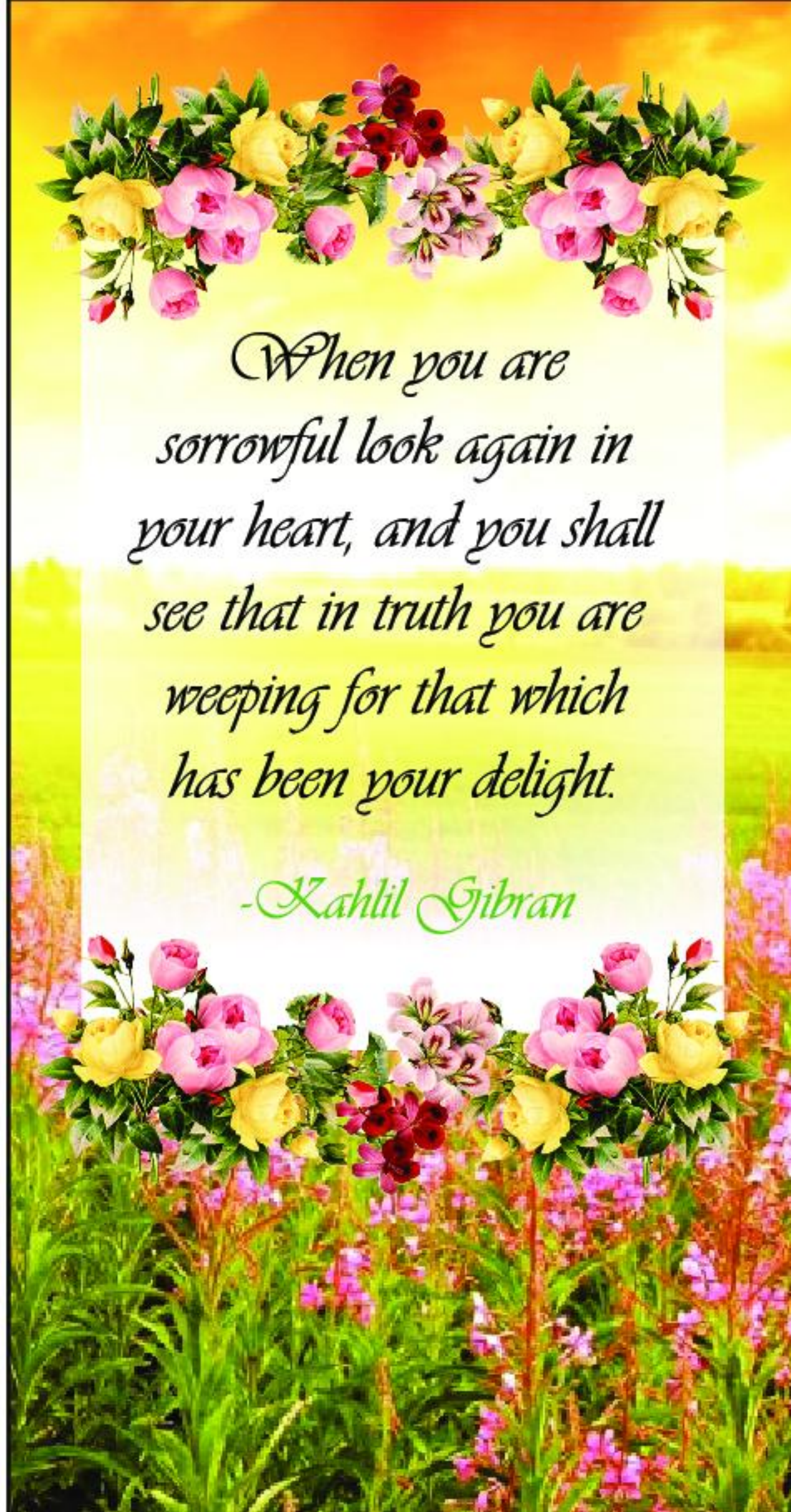
He was also a great-grandfather to four: Thurani, Mukiri, Murimi, and Munene.

Mzee Mberia will be laid to rest on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at his home in Muthara, Meru County.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
 — 2 Timothy 4:7

*When you are
 sorrowful look again in
 your heart, and you shall
 see that in truth you are
 weeping for that which
 has been your delight.*

-Kahlil Gibran



Sports

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Why Wambui switched from football to badminton

▶ Wambui hopes to make historic debut in Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics Summer Games.

▶ The Bomas of Kenya chef embraced badminton at 24 and now the sport is taking her places.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Teresa Wambui Kamau was a talented footballer who had lofty dreams of making it big in the beautiful game.

She dreamt of crisscrossing the skies, traveling home and abroad to play football for the national team and international clubs.

But this fantasy, to take a plane ride to travel and showcase her sporting skills and talents on global arena never materialised until she joined badminton.

As she turned 24 in 2019, Wambui realised that her football objective was not picking up, it was on a rocking chair-moving very hard but going nowhere.

She called herself to a 'boardroom' meeting and had a very honest conversation with her inner self.

From the 'meeting', she concluded that she needed a sport that could eventually give her a breakthrough

and an international limelight that she badly needed, and that is how she embraced the game of badminton.

"I chose badminton because it's mostly an individual effort. So, I will have to stretch beyond my limits to succeed. I'm happy that so many opportunities have come my way with this decision, I don't regret joining the sport," Wambui told Standard Sports at her training base at the Nairobi Jaffrey Sports Club.

True to her words, six years later, Wambui has now linked up with the national deaf badminton squad that will be making its debut at the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics Summer Games slated for Japan on November 15-26.

"I can't wait to board my first-ever plane, and I'm glad that it is coming through sports, which has always been my passion. I had dreamt of this moment with football, unfortunately my hopes grew dim with it," Wambui said.

The 30-year-old Wambui proved her mettle in the national badminton trials held in Mom-



basa to choose the national team for the Deaflympics.

During the intense exercise, she was among the top four who floored players from other 14 counties to punch their tickets to Tokyo. Her other Tokyo bound compatriots are Titus Kiprof, Joseph Kago and Maryline Wanjiru.

"I'm happy to be part of the final four. We are training hard, as the mission in Tokyo is to return home with a medal," optimistic Wambui said.

"Our training has been very intense. We know the competition at the Deaflympics will be tough, so we just have to keep going," noted the Kilifi County-born Wambui.

"I'm focused on returning home with a medal because I'm inspired with the Sh3 million pledged that the government has promised to reward all gold medallists from international events," the alumna of Karen Technical Training Institute for the Deaf highlighted.

Though she doesn't go to the gym, Wambui does rigorous exercises that has made her very agile, steady and outstanding in her new sport.

"I also train with my hearing friends, they gave me exposure

and are the main reason why I'm so good in the game.

They helped me to learn badminton very fast despite embracing the sport very late in life," underlined Wambui, who is also a chef at the Bomas of Kenya.

The deaf national badminton team is currently under the guidance of former Kenya top seed in men's doubles Morgan Kirimi who is taking the squad through paces at both Pumwani Social Hall and at the Nairobi Jaffrey Sports Club.

The team trains three times a week - on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In Tokyo, the Kenyan squad will compete in both the men's and women's singles, the men's and women's doubles and the mixed doubles.

"We are targeting at least a medal in any of the categories. We are hopeful to do better in Japan," Kirimi said.

Kirimi who is confident his charges will make the country proud at the 25th edition of the quadrennial Games stated: "My players are very much ready (for the Deaflympics) because they have been training for quite a while now."

"My target as a coach is to bring fame to the country. I am hoping to get some medals. The players are very keen to bring glory to the country because just recently we were told that if you win a gold medal, you will get Sh3 million, so every player is keen to get more packages on that," the BWF-accredited international coach, who is currently pursuing a certificate course in Sports Coaching at the University of Nairobi, added.

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ATHLETICS

Lokedi blames fatigue for poor show in Delhi

John Lokedi has blamed fatigue for his performance in the ongoing New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championships at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

The Kenyan athlete finished fourth in the men's 5000m T13 finals, which was won by Russian Aleksandr Kostin on Wednesday. Algerian Abdelhadi Boudra and Brazilian Jean Oliveira da Silva settled for silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Lokedi started well in the first rounds before fading off in the dying minutes due to what looked like exhaustion.

"The race was good. There was no pressure. I competed in 1500m on Tuesday, I didn't rest and this could have

affected my performance. I tried all my best and I thank God for this performance. My aim was to reduce my time. My next project is training for Olympics 2028," said Lokedi.

Just like Lokedi, Brian Esogon had a bad day in the office failing to qualify for the finals with a slow time despite finishing second in his heat in 400m T12.

But Sheila Wanyonyi was in cloud nine after breaking African record to win silver in javelin on Sunday.

"I knew getting a medal is not easy, but once I threw the first throw, I realised I can be in the medal bracket and pushed myself to win silver," said Wanyonyi.

"There are a lot of competitions ahead,

and from here I'm going to work on the mistakes. My target is to become a world record holder, nothing else."

On her part, Nancy Chelagat, who won a silver medal in the 1500m said: "My aim was to improve on my time but unfortunately the weather couldn't allow. I was training in a very cold area and here it's too hot."

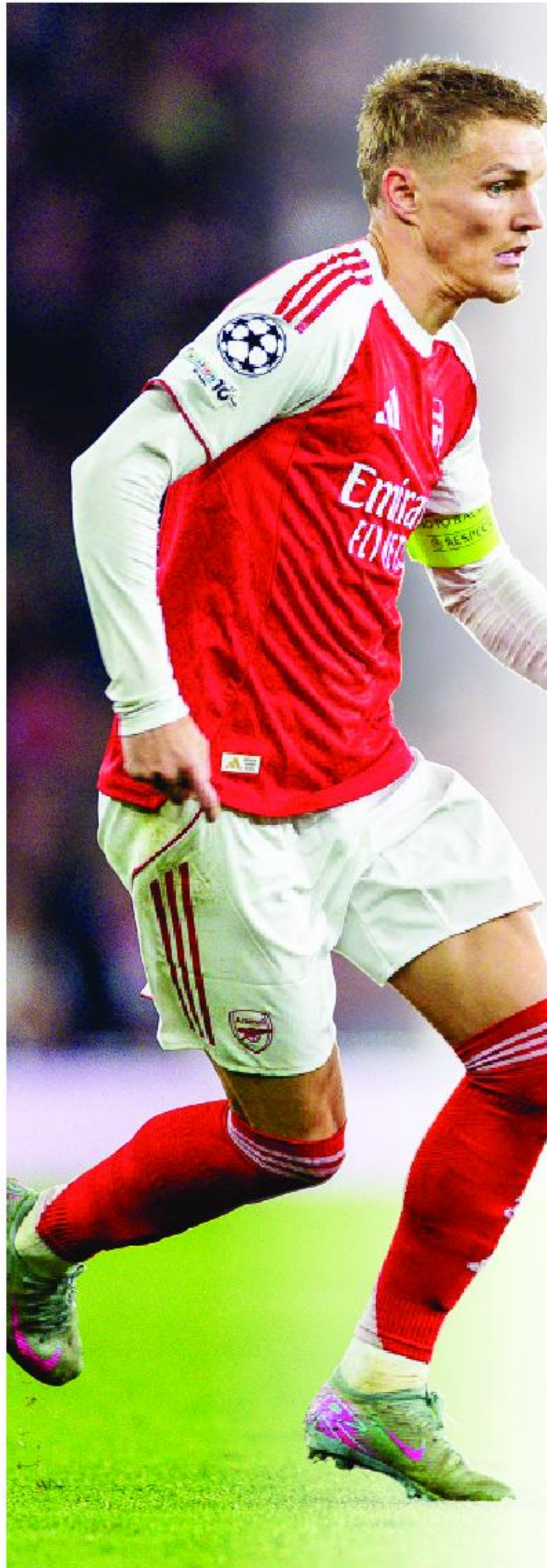
Nathan Kemboi, an upper amputee who finished ninth in javelin on Monday, said he was satisfied with the results, citing poor preparations for the performance.

"I operated from home. I was training at any open ground I found and javelin needs an open place," said Kemboi. [Stafford Ondego in Delhi]



John Lokedi competes in the 5000m T13 finals during the New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championships. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

'Dangerous' Martin Odegaard has freedom to shine for Arsenal



► Norwegian midfielder inspired the Gunners to victory over Olympiakos in Champions League tie.

► Arteta believes Odegaard's qualities are perfectly matched with the high octane pace provided by Martinelli, Saka, Eze and Madueke.

AFP, LONDON

Mikel Arteta said his decision to give Martin Odegaard "total freedom" has helped the Arsenal captain after he starred in Wednesday's 2-0 win over Olympiakos.

Back in the starting line-up after a spell on the sidelines with a shoulder injury, Odegaard made up for lost time with an influential display against Olympiakos as Arsenal extended their perfect start to the Champions League.

The Norway midfielder was the catalyst for Gabriel Martinelli's 12th-minute opener before his deft ball into Bukayo Saka produced the Gunners' second goal in stoppage time.

"Martin has all the license in the world to go forward. To play with that freedom and that level of threat," Arteta said.

"Not only with the passes but the way he was taking the ball, carrying the ball, making runs, he was really dangerous.

"He should have scored a goal today. Great to have him back. He played some good minutes to help us win at Newcastle on Sunday as well."

Arsenal are at their best when Odegaard leads their pressing game high up the pitch, while sparking their attacks with his intelligent passing and movement.

Arteta believes Odegaard's qualities are perfectly matched with the high octane pace provided on the flanks by Martinelli, Saka, Eberechi Eze and Noni Madueke.



Not a lot of players can do it

"We have to play with

our qualities and when we have a front three with that pace we have to do that 100 percent," Arteta said.

"That creativity part is his nature. It doesn't bring any extra pressure to him. It is his best ability. Not a lot of players can do it. It is his nature.

"He has total freedom from me to explore and feel the movement in the spaces. He has certainly done that in the last few games."

With Madueke currently injured and Saka working his way back to full fitness after a hamstring problem, Arteta was able to turn to Martinelli and Leandro Trossard as his wingers.

That strength in depth -- bolstered by a summer spending spree on new signings -- was a far cry from the problems Arteta faced during the latter stages of last season, when injuries dented Arsenal's bids to win the Premier League and Champions League.

"With all respect last season I was looking and we had five academy players that had never played professional football in the Champions League last season. So yeah it makes a difference," Arteta said.

"Today I changed six players because I want everyone to feel involved and feel part of it. It was great.

"Physically we were dropping because we played a really intense match at Newcastle. The ones who came in lifted the level and helped us win today."

Arteta said the ability to keep key players like Saka fresh will be especially vital as his side chase their first English title since 2004 and a maiden Champions League crown.

"Especially with Bukayo, he came from a long-term injury, he played 46, 60 and 70 minutes in a short space of time, so it was more risky," he said.

"We decided to play Gabby instead. It is great to have someone like him coming in with a different profile. He performed really well."

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WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RESULTS

■ Arsenal	2-0	Olympiakos
■ Barcelona	1-2	PSG
■ Bayer Leverkusen	1-1	PSV
■ Dortmund	4-1	Ath Bilbao
■ Monaco	2-2	Man City
■ Napoli	2-1	Sporting CP
■ Villarreal	2-2	Juventus
■ Qarabag	2-0	Copenhagen
■ Royale Union	0-4	Newcastle

REVIEW

Manchester City 'not good enough' for frustrated Haaland

Erling Haaland said Manchester City must show more energy to end their miserable run on the road in the Champions League after twice blowing the lead in a 2-2 draw at Monaco.

Haaland scored both the visitors' goals at the Stade Louis II to take his tally for the season to 17 in just 10 appearances for club and country.

Monaco rallied to level through a wonder strike by Jordan Teze and Eric Dier's late penalty secured a point for the Ligue 1 side.

"I'm pissed off, I think everyone should be," Haaland told the BBC.

"It's not good enough."

City have failed to win away from home in Europe for a year, although a point did at least snap a run of four consecutive Champions League defeats on the road.

Pep Guardiola's men were dumped out before the last-16 stage last season for the first time since the 2012/13 campaign.

City scraped into the play-off round despite winning just three of their eight league phase games before a 6-3 humbling by Real Madrid over two legs.

Haaland was frustrated by his side's approach as they tried to protect their slender lead in the second half in Monaco rather than seeking to kill the game off.

"Of course I don't feel good, we didn't win," he added.

"We do something unnecessarily in the second half and we don't think we played good enough. We don't deserve to win.

"We need more energy. We need to get at them more as we did in the first half and dominated much more."

City sit eighth in the Champions League table with four points from their opening two games. [AFP]



Manchester City's Erling Haaland reacts during their match against Monaco. [AFP]

REVIEW

Hansi Flick: Barcelona must defend better to reach PSG level

Barcelona coach Hansi Flick insisted his team must learn how to defend better after conceding a last-gasp winner against Champions League holders Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday.

The French side struck in the 90th minute through Goncalo Ramos to claim a 2-1 victory at the Olympic stadium in the league stage clash.

Barcelona's high defensive line was unpicked with Achraf Hakimi racing in and crossing for Ramos to finish, and Flick admitted PSG were operating on a higher level.

The Catalans were knocked out in the semi-finals of last season's Champions League by Inter Milan as their defensive deficiencies were exposed, conceding seven goals across the two

legs. "With (the score at) 1-1 you have to defend better, have a better structure in the defence," Flick told reporters.

"We will learn this and we have to make it better next time against this quality of team."

The German coach said PSG deserved to win the game and that his team were below their best and could not match the European champions on the night.

"There is no point in saying we are on the same level (but) I believe in my team -- today wasn't our best day," continued Flick.

"We train to get better and better and this game today (will) help us a lot, also for the future. The whole team has to defend, the whole team has to attack..

"The philosophy that they (PSG) have, is



fantastic. They have young players, they had high quality and speed on the ball, very, very good."

Flick said when his team were playing at their best they could match Luis Enrique's side.

"We could see today how the level of PSG is, I'm 100 percent sure we can play like this," added the coach.

Meanwhile, Barcelona's return to the Camp Nou has been delayed again after the Spanish champions said on Thursday the stadium would not be ready to host the club's next Champions League match against Olympiakos. [AFP]

Barcelona coach Hansi Flick. [AFP]

Doping: Will Kenya survive tough Wada sanctions as compliance deadline lapses?

► Adak is likely to face sanctions if it doesn't meet conditions for reinstatement while Kenya will lose rights to host future global events.

► President William Ruto has directed the Ministry of Sports to reorganise Adak even as Kenyans await to see what will happen today.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

Kenya was yesterday holding onto hope as uncertainty hung over the country's compliance with the World Anti-Doping (Wada) rules.

Wada had on September 11 given the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (Adak) 21 days to comply with 35 allegations of non-compliance, failure to which the country would face serious sanctions beginning today.

The announcement by Wada was made public on September 12, just a day to the 2025 Tokyo World Championships.

In the all-stakeholder communication, Wada stated that Adak was allegedly non-compliant with immediate effect.

According to Wada, if Adak would not have met demands to correct all the non-conformities by midnight yesterday, it would be declared non-compliant and would likely be slapped with a suspension.

It emerged yesterday, just hours to the deadline that Kenya had responded to 30 non-compliance allegations out of 35, leaving an anxious nation crossing its fingers for a favourable decision by Wada.

"Consequently, the signatory consequences listed in the Executive Committee decision will apply as of October 3, 2025 if Adak does not correct its non-conformities in full, or dispute Wada's allegation of non-compliance, and/or the Signatory consequences, and/or the reinstatement conditions by midnight on 2 October 2025," Wada said in a statement.

Wada has already outlined the consequences that Kenya faces if it will not be compliant by today.

Until reinstated, Kenya will lose rights to host future regional and global championships.

"The Republic of Kenya shall not be awarded the right to host any future editions of regional, continental or World Championships, as well as other international events, until Adak is reinstated," Wada warned.

Kenya formally submitted its bid to host the 2029 World Championships at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani during the Tokyo World Championships, with the nation already announcing pre-qualification procedures. This will also depend on the decision by Wada.

If it does not succeed in challenging

the allegations, the Kenyan anti-doping body will lose its Wada privileges including withdrawal of funding from the world body, holding office in the international agency, hosting events and taking part in observer programmes among others.

But worse still, Kenya is staring at tougher sanctions including joining the list of non-compliant nations such as Russia and Sri Lanka if it fails to meet reinstatement conditions within 12 months from today.

"The flag of the Republic of Kenya will not be displayed at or in association with regional, continental or world championships, as well as other events organised by Major Event Organizations, including the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, until Adak is reinstated," Wada said in its communication.

Yesterday, President William Ruto assured a nation that is clinging on hope that the Kenyan government was working with Wada to have Adak reinstated and to continue running clean sport.

Ruto, in what appeared as acknowledgement of Adak's flaws in adhering to compliance rules, directed Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya to reorganise the national anti-doping body to ensure that it discharges its mandate professionally.

"We will do whatever it takes (to comply with the non-conformity allegations) and my instruction is that we reorganize Adak properly, inject professionalism and ensure that you work with the best practices and international standards so that we continue sports with integrity," Ruto said during the reception of Team Kenya to the World Championships at State House, Nairobi.

Ruto lauded the Ministry of Sports for working with Wada in addressing the non-compliance issues and ordered immediate end to the doping menace.

"Kenya is a great sporting nation and we don't want our sportsmen and women to be adulterated in any manner and for whatever reason by anybody," the President said.

CS Mvurya said Kenya has had several discussions with Wada over the non-compliance allegations in recent days.

"I want to assure you that 30 (non-compliance) issues have been resolved and we await their decision and direction," Mvurya said.

By yesterday, however, the particulars of the 35 issues that could place Kenya on the wrong side of history had not been specified.

Adak has been struggling with financial woes which saw its annual budget drastically cut, crippling key operations including the battle for clean sport in Kenya.

The Ministry of Sports reinstated the budget in June, boosting it from a paltry Sh20 million to Sh185 million in a move that acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Peninah Wahome said would revive enhanced anti-doping testing, education and intelligence.



Adak acting CEO Peninah Wahome, addresses journalists on the sidelines of the Kenya Enhanced Anti-Doping Project Joint Working Groups Retreat in Naivasha last year. [File,Standard]

THE NUMBERS



280

KENYAN athletes that have been sanctioned.

400

RUSSIA is the highest with 400 sanctions

340

INDIA follows with 340 athletes



DATE OF ALLEGED NON-CONFORMITY: September 11, 2025
PERIOD TO DISPUTE ALLEGATIONS: 21 days



World Anti-Doping Agency President Witold Banka during a past event. All eyes will be on Wada today as they are expected to make a decision on Kenya. [AFP]



Athletics Kenya President Jack Tuwei with Adak officers during an AK Track and Field Weekend Meeting at Afraha Stadium early this year. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

In a statement released on September 26 following the sentencing of Indian teenager Aman Malik to three years imprisonment, Wahome – the acting Adak CEO assured stakeholders including athletes, sports federations and partners that it will work closely with Wada, Athletics Integrity Unit, investigative

agencies and the judiciary to ensure full compliance with the global code.

"The conviction and sentencing of Malik demonstrates that Kenya's legal and regulatory frameworks are operational and effective in protecting clean athletes," Wahome said in a statement.

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President William Ruto, his deputy Kithure Kindiki (left) and Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya (right) pose for a photo with Tokyo medallists yesterday. [PCS]

Red carpet rolled out for Team Kenya after good show in Tokyo

► President Ruto promises the athletics stars houses and disciplined forces recruitment.

► Athletes said they were proud of their achievements at the Tokyo World Championships which came to a close on September 21.

STEPHEN RUTTO

The country's team to the 2025 World Athletics Championships was yesterday hailed for their historic performance in Tokyo as the Kenyan government rolled out a red carpet for the squad at State House, Nairobi.

Athletics superstars who bagged gold medals reaped from the heroic reception as they were awarded affordable houses on top of their Sh3 million rewards.

Team Kenya brought home seven gold medals, two silver and a similar number of bronze from the global showpiece which came to a close on September 21.

According to the team, Kenya cemented its legacy as an athletics powerhouse at the Tokyo event.

Former world javelin champion Julius Yego, who was the team captain said the squad was thrilled as it returned back the Kenyan flag with 11 medals.

Yego, who represented the country in the men's javelin said the team from Tokyo was young and



Faith Kipyegon hands over the flag to President William Ruto. [PCS]

would still make the nation proud in upcoming championships.

"We did so well in Tokyo and we returned the Kenyan flag with medals. It was a good performance and we keep going," said the 36-year-old Yego.

The 2015 world champion went on to say: "The team was young. I think I was the oldest member of the team together with Faith Kipyegon and Boniface Mweresa. It means the future of our athletics is bright."

A light moment came when Kip-

yegeon, who stormed to her fourth 1500m world title in Tokyo praised Kenya's ambassador to Japan Moi Lemoshira for helping 800m champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi get his favourite dish, Ugali in Tokyo.

Kipyegon said she believed that the ugali delivered through the envoy's efforts powered Wanyonyi to the only gold medal won by Kenyan men in Tokyo.

"He (the ambassador) did an amazing job to look for ugali for Wanyonyi. I don't know if we would have gotten a gold medal from the men were it not for the ugali," she said.

Additionally, Kipyegon who was speaking in place of deputy team captain Beatrice Chebet - a double world champion said the brigade to Tokyo performed 'extremely well' compared to 2023 in Budapest where the country achieved three titles. Chebet lost her father-in-law and wasn't present in the State House reception.

President William Ruto said Sh27 million rewards for Tokyo World Championships had been disbursed in line with his directive to enhance the awards.

"Just like we did for Harambee Stars during Chan, the seven gold medalists from Tokyo will each get (on top of the cash rewards) an affordable house at half the price," Ruto promised.

He further promised recruitment of 500 young sports personalities into the disciplined forces including the Kenya Defence Forces and the National Police Service.

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REWARDS TO TEAM KENYA

Cash:

- Sh3 million each for gold medalists
- Sh2 million each for silver medal winners
- Sh1 million each for bronze

Other pledges:

- Affordable houses at half the prices for each gold medalist

Disciplined forces recruitment:

- KDF: 200
- NPS: 150

AWARDS

Kirwa bags Sjak award for September

Julius Kirwa, Team Kenya's head coach to the World Championships which were held in Tokyo last month is the Betika/Sjak Coach of the Month for September.

Kirwa guided the team in bagging 11 medals (seven gold, two silver, and two bronze) over the nine-day global showpiece.

Speaking after receiving the award, Kirwa appreciated the organisers noting the role of the private sector in promoting excellence on and off the field.

"This is such a pleasant surprise and quite encouraging to realise that beyond the fans, there are also private sector players who are keen to see us shine. Such recognition will go a long way to increasingly give us the much needed momentum. Ours is to always grow the winning mentality as we focus on the next opportunity to raise our flag high," Kirwa said.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Marya Wachira, Betika Marketing Executive, noted the significant improvement from the last World Championships while underscoring the gap that the Betika/Sjak Coach of the month award has come in to fix.

"This performance marks a significant improvement from the 2023 Championships in Budapest where the team secured 10 medals including three gold, three silver and four bronze. For Team Kenya to have made such strides, leadership came in handy and that's why we have made this strategic decision to have this monthly coach of the month award towards recognizing such outstanding leaders," Wachira said.

On his part Sjak president James Waindi said it was still competition among the coaches in the fight for the monthly award.

"We acknowledge the increased competitiveness across the sports disciplines as the future of sports in Kenya is very promising. Kirwa's victory was earned against stiff competition from Nairobi City Thunder coach Bradley Ibs, KCB rugby coach Andrew Amonde and Kenya Under-20 Men's volleyball coach Luke Makuto," Waindi said. [Jonah Onyango]



Coach Julius Kirwa when he received his award in Nairobi yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



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Artistic Gamble

How international deals promise reach, threaten identity. **Pg 6-7**

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THAT ROCKED



Tems

FESTIVAL Flow

ACROSS JUST ONE WEEK, NAIROBI BECAME A CANVAS FOR MULTIPLE EXPRESSIONS OF CULTURE: FROM BEER AND MUSIC TO CLASSIC CARS AND AFRO-VIBES UNDER OPEN SKIES. THE CITY DIDN'T JUST HOST EVENTS, IT LIVED IN THEM, **BONIFACE MITHIKA** AND **MOLLY CHEBET** WRITE

Oktobafest
Last Thursday, Nairobi set the tone for a month of celebration as Tusker Oktobafest was officially launched at the Tusker Brew House.

The unveiling was more than a press event with the organisers saying it was a declaration of intent: that this year's festival would be "deconstructed," moving the party to where people are, rather than expecting them to come to a central location.

It is expected to deepen connection with local communities, spotlight regional talent, and create richer, more immersive experiences beyond just beer.

The Nairobi edition, slated for tomorrow at Carnivore Grounds, promising a throwback "Kulture" night celebrating

2000s Kenyan music.

"This year, we are taking the festival to our consumers, allowing us to truly meet them where they are and deepen our social and economic impact across the country," said KBL's Marketing Manager Mark Mugisha said.

The Oktobafest launch provided the prologue for a busy weekend. The city's rhythm shifted quickly into high gear two days later.

One Night Only

On Saturday, Pulsers were treated to a rare, sold-out spectacle: Kenny G's 'One Night Only' concert at KICC.

The global jazz icon charmed the audience not just with smooth saxophone lines, but also through light banter and the occasional Kiswahili phrase moments that made the evening feel intimate rather than grand.

Adding a local dimension to the show, Kenyan talents Kato Change and Coster Ojwang provided some home touch to the exclusive event, proving the city has homegrown artistes ready for the international stage.

In a symbolic gesture bridging music and craft, Kenny G was gifted a locally crafted saxophone engineered from 'mvule' and mahogany wood by a Gikomba artisan as a tribute both to his music and Kenyan creativity.

"Every cut and curve was guided by a meticulous dedication and appreciation for the artiste it was meant for. For me, this was an honour; to create something unique that speaks to the heart of art and craft," said Cosmas Mumo, who spent a week crafting and designing the wooden sax.

An emotional moment also played out when Kato's mother surprised him on stage with a bouquet of flowers.

Concours d'Elegance

As the week progressed, the spotlight turned towards elegance in motion. On Sunday, the 2025 Africa Concours d'Elegance rolled into Nairobi Racecourse.

Vintage car aficionados gathered in admiration as Sati Gata-Aura's metallic green 1947 MG/TC was crowned overall winner, scoring across rigorous judging categories from external finish to roadworthiness.

A field of 75 entrants among them a 1928 Ford Model A and a 1930 Essex Super Six competed fiercely for the crown.

Beyond the shine and horsepower, the Concours offered Nairobi a moment to reflect on craftsmanship, history, and aesthetic excellence. It served as a refined counterpoint to the louder, music-driven events.

Blankets & Wine

On Sunday, again, music enthusiasts surrendered to the vibes at Blankets & Wine. This was day two of the two-day Nairobi's beloved picnic-style music festival.

Held at Laureate Gardens (Kasarani), the day was anchored by a headlining performance from Tems, whose set balanced soulful intimacy with stage command, drawing sustained crowd sing-along energy.

Backing her up was a lineup of local and regional names, We Are Nubia, Joshua Baraka, Toxic Lyrikali, Zaituni, Flier, Billy Black, among others each carving out their sonic space on either the main Live stage or the dynamic Onja Onja DJ stage.

The festival also maintained its signature "vibe ecosystem": food markets, art installations, chill zones, and a marketplace for small creatives.

WASSUP - Geoffrey Korio

Oktobafest x Kulture experience

Kenya's biggest beer festival meets 2000s music throwback like never before. Tomorrow, Carnivore Grounds will come alive with legendary Kenyan hitmakers performing on one stage for one unforgettable night. The festival will showcase the best of Kenyan beer and culture, blending iconic music and bold experiences. From nostalgic tunes to endless toasts, it's a chance to relive the good old days. Entry is Sh3,000

Caribbean Brunch First Anniversary

Expect a non-stop ride through dancehall, soca, reggae, ragga, bashment, and all-round island tunes courtesy of the Caribbean Brunch's first anniversary at Ngong Racecourse, Nairobi, tomorrow. Spinmasters Kaneda, Kace, ZJ Heno, Andie, Mad Maxx, Tadgue, KK, Spinstar, and MC Awicky among others are the headline acts bringing pure island heat with a touch of homegrown sound. Charges are from Sh2,500.

The Captain's Yard Takeover

Nakuru is set for a thrilling night as the Captain's Yard Takeover hits the Rift Valley Sports Club tomorrow. Performances will be Mejja, Iyarii, Maandy and Topsy Gee, hype from MC Gogo and Azeedah, and non-stop mixes by top DJs; DJ Gibbz Tha Daqchild, DJ Malaika, DJ Bash, DJ Ruby, DJ Jomba, and Jussneera, promising an unforgettable party from 2PM till late.

Tyler ICU Live

South African Amapiano deejay and record producer Tyler ICU performs live in Kenya at various places in Nairobi and Eldoret tomorrow and Sunday respectively. He kicks off his performances with his counterparts Cas Da DJ and Freddy at Mass House in Nairobi alongside Kenya's Junior Petes, Kimani, Kaneda, Hanuman and Skylers. He shares the stage with Ian, Dusmale, Mike T, Sule, MGM, Brys, Aricko, Ms Bune, 7 Dusks, Plato, G400, Sir Me, Gudah Man, B-Boy, and MC Emma in Rupa Mall, Eldoret. Charges are from Sh2,000.

BYSS: Sina Maoni

Because You Said So! (BYSS) returns with 'Sina Maoni'; a night of spontaneous, laugh-out-loud comedy at Braeburn School tomorrow. Eight of Nairobi's arguably sharpest improv performers; Mugambi Nthiga, Yafesi Musoke, June Gachui, Patricia Kihoro, Kevin "K1" Maina, Justin Karunguru, Elsaphan Njora and Jason Runo, take the stage with no script, creating unforgettable moments in the moment. Expect quick wit, unexpected twists and plenty of reasons to laugh till it hurts. Entry is Sh3,500.

MoNgoma

The 20th edition of Friends of MoNgoma, a social progressive musical soiree, goes down at Mass House, Nairobi, tonight with performances from deejays Iborian, Mack Lean, Braines, and Fadhilee. There is no cover charge.

Single Mother's Party

Team Swag Empire and Wilko presents the Single Mother's Party at Five One Lounge, Kilimani (former Blackyz Lounge) tomorrow featuring live performances from Kellechi Africana, Colonel Mustafa, deejays Zeddy B, Crucial, Star, Said and, Ice. Gate charges are Sh2,000.

Komplex: Back to Basements

Komplex KE is back this October, with a basement party edition, reigniting its raw industrial underground feel featuring a line up Argento Dust, Foozak, Tina Ardor, Suraj, Aahil, Santa and Dylan-S at Aspire Centre, Nairobi, tomorrow. Charges are from Sh1,500.



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SPOTLIGHT

NIA WITH Purpose

MEET ILA NIA, BORN SHEILA LIGEYO, A KENYAN ARTISTE KNOWN FOR HER SOULFUL VOICE AND SEAMLESS FUSION OF AFRO-FUSION, R&B, AND CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN RHYTHMS, **MOLLY CHEBET** WRITES

I la Nia presents herself as a passionate performer, a devoted mother, and a vocalist driven by ambition to make the world a better place.

Her personal narrative traces a path from humble beginnings to a professional career marked by persistence in a demanding industry.

The songbird began her musical journey early, learning to sing from her mother at the age of three. However, her formal education in music during high school presented her first significant challenge.

Despite studying music as a subject and continually auditioning for the choir's main performances, she was consistently among the students who were cut.

Her breakthrough came in her fourth year when she performed a solo set piece, translating it herself and ultimately winning the top spot in the whole of Nairobi County.

This tenacity paved the way for a professional career, starting with training as a background vocalist under renowned voice coach and former Tusker Project Fame principal Helen Mtawali.

She has established herself professionally, providing background vocals both in studios and during live performances for artistes like including Nameless, Wahu, Size 8, and Nadia Mukami. With a degree in Chemical Engineering, her first job opportunity in Dubai

was, unexpectedly, a music job. Recognizing this as 'alignment' and destiny, she committed fully to music, a choice that led her to leave her academic pursuits behind.

After rebranding from Sheila to Ila Nia in August of the previous year, she pursued a collaboration with Nameless for her second single, an opportunity she described as an immense honour.

Looking at the broader industry, Ila Nia expressed deep admiration for the unity and vocal power displayed by male groups like the Kodong clan.

This admiration fuels her vision for the future, where she hopes to inspire a similar collective spirit among female artists.

She strongly believes that "when women come together great things happen" and is determined to be the one to start this movement of collaboration over competition.

Despite her success, the 'Pon Me' singer was candid about the challenges she faces.

The primary hurdle is financial, noting that music is "very expensive," particularly when securing high-quality audio, video, production, marketing, and promotion, especially as an independent artist.

Furthermore, she highlighted the industry's heavily male-dominated nature, saying female artistes must work "twice or 10 times as hard" to gain recognition.

Beyond professional challenges, she navigates the complexities of motherhood and career. She took a two-year break from music to focus on her lovely daughter.

The 'Harmony' singer urges fans not to give up, even when struggling with overwhelming feelings, citing her own example of taking breaks but continuously working "behind the scenes".

She stressed the importance of preparedness, stating that success must find one ready so that fame does not "break you".

She advises artistes to utilize their network, reminding them that "your network might just be your net worth", and encouraged them to be fearless in asking for help.

The 'Haya' hit maker concluded by describing her music as a mirror for all experiences. Her songs offered something for the heartbroken, the deeply in love, and, specifically for women, a reminder to "own your power".

She encouraged fearlessness and boldness, stating, "you have to believe in yourself first before other people believe in you".

With aspirations for global stardom, Ila Nia eyes future collaborations with Kenyan artistes like Njerai and We Are Nubia, and internationally with Grammy award winner Tyla and renowned Nigerian singer Ayra Starr.

'GIRL A BAD'

Her latest offering is a single which is a bold fearless anthem of confidence, resilience and unapologetic authenticity.

ATTITUDE

PHOTOS: Courtesy of Pinterest

LINE UP



FOR TOO LONG, THE HUMBLE SCHOOL GIRL LINES HAVE BEEN THE QUIET WORKHORSE OF PROTECTIVE STYLES – NOT THE CUTEST BUT FUNCTIONAL. WELL, CONSIDER THAT NARRATIVE OFFICIALLY RETIRED, WRITES **ESTHER MUCHENE**

1 Here, the classic cornrow gets a luxury upgrade. These sleek, perfectly laid braids serve as the grid for this incredible pearl matrix. Each section is punctuated with lustrous white pearls, aligned with precision to create a geometric pattern that's both opulent and fiercely modern.

2 Can you even dare? The intense emerald-green gemstones generously scattered and embedded into each braid totally steal the show. This isn't subtle but a bold, jewel-toned infusion that turns a protective style into a high-fashion moment.

3 This is a stunning show of controlled chaos. The foundational cornrows provide a streamlined base that allows an incredible array of mixed accessories to shine.

4 Now this is where hair transcends traditional styling and enters the realm of sculptural design. The braids themselves are structured, forming a dynamic backdrop for an intricate web of thin metallic wires and hoops. Fire!



PULSE NEWS

XLVI K RELEASES 20-TRACK ALBUM 'RACING THOUGHTS'

Kenyana gospel drill rapper XLVI K has released his debut album *Racing Thoughts*, a 20-track project that captures the tension between our private thoughts and the words we dare to say out loud.

Known for blending the grit of drill with the spirituality of gospel, he uses this album to push boundaries and invite listeners into the raw, unfiltered space of honest expression.

Speaking about the inspiration behind the project, the rapper described *Racing Thoughts* as a deeply personal journey.

"We live in the space between our truest thoughts and our voiced words," he explained.

"It's here that we filter our ideas, fearing they're culturally inappropriate, too confident, or too weak. *Racing Thoughts* is a testament to the power of un-silencing yourself. It's for anyone who has ever held back, for the dreams we've buried out of fear that they're too big to achieve or too small to matter."

The album has drawn praise from music tastemakers. DJ Perouz called it "a journey into that unfiltered space ... a collection of songs that finds freedom in honest expression. This is the sound of speaking your mind, free from the weight of judgment."

XLVI K is a pioneer gospel drill artiste in Kenya signed under Christian Geng Record Label. He is also the chairman of Kenya Holy Hiphop, a collective of Christian hiphop creatives in the country.

Having started his career in 2022 with his debut single *Afande Ati?*, which highlights the plight of Kenyan citizens undergoing police brutality, especially in the slum areas of Nairobi City.

His subsequent singles and collaborations have all done quite well on streaming platforms. With the success of the singles, He has followed that up with a couple of EPs including; *Peace Mtaani*, *Drip*, *Son Rise*.

Asked why he prefers being masked, he says, "because it is not about me but about the one who lives in me. The aim is to see Christ not me when you hear my music."

[Boniface Mithika]



COVER STORY

DEAL OR COMPROMISE

SIGNING A DEAL IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL FOR ANY ARTISTE; THE ACCESS, THE NETWORKS, NEW MARKETS AND A GLOBAL SOUND. BUT DOES THAT MEAN A COMPROMISE ON STYLE? **MKALA MWAGHESHA** ASKS

Take the whole Blankets and Wine experience out of the way and nothing else has captured the imagination of a country than *Yariasu*, the 13-song album that Nyashinski dropped the other day.

The opinions have come in hard and strong, and for the first time in probably the artiste's entire existence, there is no consensus on whether his art and craft, in this case a feature body of work, is great, or not.

"Unpopular opinion: Nyashinski needs Cedo. Cedo does not need Nyashinski," one X user wrote, another writing, "That Nyashinski album is actually fire kama unalewa music."

According to one online review: "Yariasu feels weighed down by an overextended formula, and more troublingly, marred by puzzling music choices that dull the impact of Nyashinski's craft."

Full disclosure, for a writer who has made a name reviewing music week on week, the album is great; experimental in sound in songs like *Don't Play With My Money (DPWMM)*, *Elegance*, *Celebrate Life*, *Grateful* and *Becoming*, and bold—he does all the heavy lifting as there is no single feature.

To the creator, *Yariasu* is "...a very honest album. It talks about how people love you some days, but they may not love you forever."

And that's where the big divide between Nyashinski, a Johnnie Walker brand ambassador, and the fans comes in - they want him to rap and sing a certain way, something he has refused to be boxed in, time and again.

While some have voiced it, most have thought about it.

Yariasu's artistic direction is a product of circumstances - Nyashinski has signed a deal with Sony Music Entertainment East Africa Limited. Thus, the stylistic output reflects the global viewpoint of what the album should look, feel and sound.

Sean Watson, Managing Director for Sony Music Africa, captures this school of thought, and what the future looks like for Nyashinski's fans, saying: "Nyashinski represents everything the world needs to see from East Africa - authenticity, versatility, longevity, and artistic excellence."

Yariasu is written to a wider, global audience, *M.I.A.*, *Fresh* and *Tai Chi* the only song written for a Swahili speaking audience, the latter the most brand-Nyashinski of the tracks; full of bravado, bars that sting, and still, danceable.

The choice of an eclectic sound style that transverses the continent - tapping into Amapiano, Afrosoul, and Afrobeat, cements the suggestion, and opinion, that Sony influenced the album choice of sound, and writing.

The artiste himself was quoted saying: "With *Yariasu*, I'm speaking to the world, but I'm also speaking to every person who's been with me through the highs and the lows."

Does signing a major recording, publishing or distribution deal with a major label automatically mean a shift in sound?

Nyashinski is not the first Kenyan or East African act to sign a deal with a major label, he's just the latest.

Before him, Xtatic, Redsan, Ali Kiba, Nikita Kering, and Sauti Sol have penned deals with global labels, with arguably nothing much coming from the said deals.

Just last year, Afro-Indie and Afro pop sensation Njeræ signed on Universal Music Group East Africa (UMG EA), assuring her fans that she still "...intends to work even harder to produce even bigger hits."

The assurance, whether intended or not, partly reflects the journey that many artistes who signed to global labels experienced - a hiatus from being active in the music scene.

When Xtatic, then a fresh and immensely talented young



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femcee signed a deal with Sony Music Entertainment in 2012, it heralded a new chapter for the local entertainment scene, a move that validated 'usanii' as a potentially lucrative career.

By the time Xtatic left Sony Music in 2017, it had been five years of almost becoming irrelevant, the promising artiste becoming a short-lived star.

"It was great when it started - that's all I can say," she said when it came to an end, amid rumours that the deal wasn't sufficient enough for her to even pay rent at times, respectfully adding, "Well, to just sum it all up it's been a learning journey, as hectic as it was."

When he walked away from both Sony and Rockstar4000 in the year 2021, the *Nakshi Mrembo* singer cited disagreement over how his musical affairs were being handled as the main reason.

Ranting on Tiktok in early 2024, Nikita opened up about the loopholes that labels tend to hide in contracts, which, in her case, led to depression.

"There is always a loophole," she confessed. "And that's how my year went. Complete depression. Knowing that a decision you made thinking that you're big enough, smart enough to make it. We made it, and it was the wrong choice."

Even the legendary group Sauti Sol walked away from Universal Music Africa after only two years of *Midnight Train*, the most global of their albums.

But the biggest shift is, while Static, Redsan and Ali Kiba has serious expectations for the labels to push their brands ahead, Sauti Sol, like Nyashinski, had an album to drop immediately when the deal was announced.

According to Boni Nyaga, CEO of Mawaitha Africa, what most labels look at before investing in a brand, is the global appeal, not necessarily the potential.

"Global Music labels invest in global Music brands who have built a global audience for their music; key word here is Global. Unfortunately, most of our talents are Kenyan artistes and not international artiste from Kenya."

Not to pour cold water on the massive talent and potential in the industry, he clarifies that marketing is where a big gap exists.

"As far as music talent, we have the best in the world but we never market it well outside our borders. A case in point, my agency Mawaitha Africa has recently rebranded as a Global Expansion Marketing Agency, helping African businesses from all sectors go global and I can assure you most of my music clients are Nigerians!"

Passionate about marketing and branding, Boni is adamant that

only thinking outside the box will prepare Kenyan acts for the global stage.

Redsan, who signed for the South Africa-based Rockstar4000 in the mid 2010s sees the situation, especially the despair and disappointment around global labels, differently.

Speaking to Pulse in 2022, he said; "To everyone trying to drag Sony through the mud, let me tell you the truth; if you are a failed artiste, don't blame the label. As an artiste you should give the label ultimatums rather than sit and wait for them to push you."

Nyashinski is upbeat, and as a man who doesn't say much outside his music, his optimism is captured in bars and lines from *Yariasu*.

"*Niko ready kuona million dollars*," he raps on Fresh, indicating his intentions of wanting to go global. He also raps, "I'm on a mission to be legendary," on *Legendary*, and if takes a deal with a global brand, who has the right to stop the Ogopa legend from touching the skies?

The words that keep popping are 'world' 'universal' and 'showcase'.

Nyash's wife Zia Bett Nyamari posted words that reflect the new career goals, saying; "Watching you pour your heart into this album has been nothing short of inspiring and now the world gets to hear it too."

The artiste himself said; "This partnership with Sony Music is more than just a deal - It's a recognition of East Africa's rich musical talent and a platform to showcase our stories to the world."

For sure, it's time for East Africa to showcase its talent to the world. But on whose terms?

"Unfortunately, our local artistes don't know what it means to build a global brand or market their music globally. No matter how good your product is, if you market it locally it will stay local, and a global music label will not invest in a local brand," said Boni.

Speaking on Nyashinski's deal, Sean added; "This partnership is about more than music; it's about elevating the culture and giving East African voices the global platform they deserve."

Go back to 2020, and Sipho Dlamini, the MD of UMG South Africa And Sub-Saharan Africa, while speaking of Sauti Sol's deal, said: "Universal Music Africa is dedicated to helping the best African music talent reach new audiences around the world and we are excited to welcome them to our global UMG family."

On Njerai, UMG EA general manager Chinasa Udeala said; "Listening to her style of music, she transcends not just East Africa, but internationally in the way it addresses everyday needs and speaks to core life experiences regardless of people's age, generation or class."

Sound familiar?

MIC CHECK

BREAKING BARRIERS

FROM THE QUIET STREETS OF NYERI TO THE STAGES OF DUBAI, DJ RIQQ HAS CARVED A PATH OF GRIT AND FEARLESS PASSION, WRITES **BONIFACE MITHIKA**

Behind the decks, DJ Riqq is known for his electrifying sets. But beyond the turntables, he describes himself as a humble, God-fearing Christian with an adventurous spirit, a love for music, and an appetite for life's experiences.

Born and raised in Nyeri, Riqq grew up in a modest household with loving parents and extended family who, he says, "did everything it took to ensure I had what I needed to be ready for life."

Music, however, was always his true calling. As a child, he was constantly tuned in to the radio, soaking up sounds and learning songs.

Singing never felt like his path "I couldn't pick up a mic or stand in front of people to sing," he admits.

His passion began to take shape during his university years, where he started experimenting with decks while balancing jobs in sales and hospitality.

He was never fully satisfied with his day job. Deejaying, on the other hand, offered energy, expression and engagement. His big breakthrough came in 2013, when he won a regional DJ competition.

More recently, in September 2025, he cemented his reputation by taking the runner-up spot at the international DMC Champion M.EST contest.

"I knew I was on the right path when I realised I could earn five times my salary from something I'd loved since childhood," he says.

The pursuit of growth eventually led him beyond Kenya. While working at an Apple iPhone shop in sales department he chose to try his luck somewhere else.

"Things weren't moving at the speed I wanted," he says.

He resigned and took a chance on Dubai, a decision he describes as timely, given that a few months later the world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Dubai, he found himself judged purely on his skills rather than connections.

The market was bigger, the genres more diverse, and the pay better. Still, there were challenges: stereotypes, cultural barriers and the difficulty of establishing himself in a competitive global scene.

Yet he embraced the change, carving out a niche in Latin, UK and US genres, even though it meant playing less Kenyan music.

His open-format style has become his hallmark mixing and blending on the fly, with tracks ranging from Chinese pop to Russian dance hits.

"That way my sets are always different, and it pushes me to learn more music," he explains.

Technology and social media are central to his brand. He treats his Instagram as a digital CV, constantly updating it to appeal to potential clients.

Yet the journey has not been without setbacks. His biggest disappointment was being betrayed by fellow Kenyans who used his ideas for personal gain.

"It hurt, but I overcame it by working with new communities and lowering my expectations," he says.

Balancing nightlife with personal life has also been a challenge. "That's the ultimate curse of DJs," he admits, noting how friends and family live on opposite schedules.

Still, he makes time to reconnect with Kenya's entertainment scene whenever he visits home, keeping tabs on new music and industry trends.

Away from music, Riqq is also a graphic designer and video editor. He currently works as Creative Director for The Guestroom Podcast by DJ Lowkey, an American project that highlights fresh and established DJs from around the world.

"It's a great way to connect and learn directly from other top international DJs," he says.

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Boni Nyaga,
CEO, Mawaitha Africa



PARTY SCENE

Photos: David Gichuru, Edward Kiplimo, Elvis Ogina, Courtesy

Oktoberfest Launch @ EABL Microbrewery, Nairobi



Music artistes Mbithi Masya and Zaituni Wambui 'walikaribia.'



Annstella Karimi with the ever hyper MC Azeezah Hashim.



Sir M DJ dropped the beat like it was hot.

Concours D'Elegance @ Ngong Racecourse, Nairobi



Jane Chemngoren and Mwende Nzioki added some aesthetics to the event.



Majot Leyan and Marion Leyan are vintage car aficionados.



Mary Kaworo (2nd left) and team enjoyed the show.

AdeleDEJAK JASIRI 2026 collection @ 125 Mushroom Road, Kiambu Rd



Cherubin Angelo, Sydney Wambua and Ron Kisochi were the ring leaders.



Florida Kanini, Nailantei Kenga and Chebet Mutai.



Muthoni Matu and Salina Araya made a statement.

One Night Only @ Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC)



These models' smiles said it all.

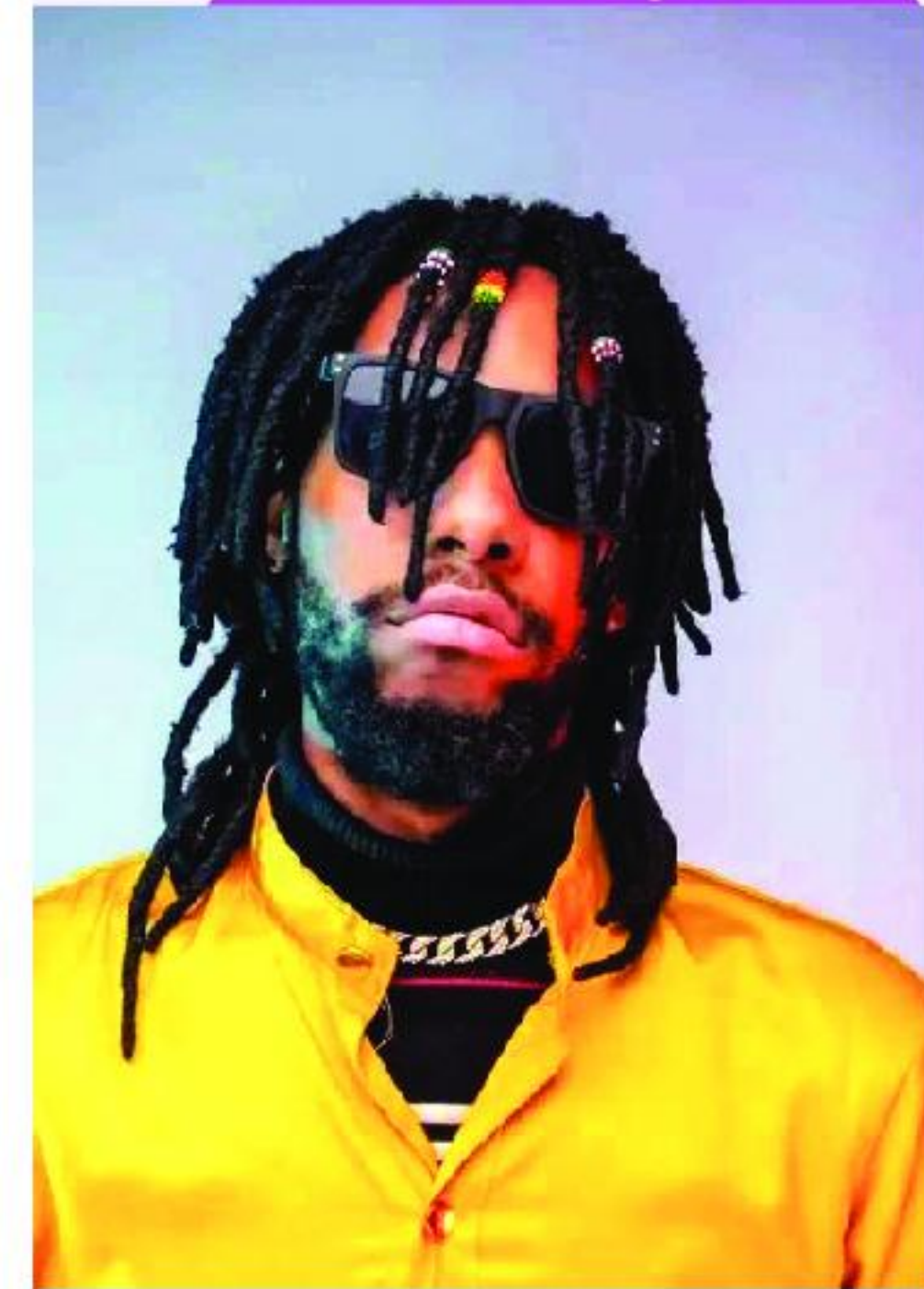


The legendary Kenny G in his element.



A toast to a fabulous night.

VIDEO REVIEW
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Artiste: Rekless
Audio: Tekno Sean
Rating: 7/10

The leading man and standout artiste from Ethic knows how to flex – sing/rap through just five but fire songs that have no one else featured.

An artiste whose potential is bigger than what we've been served so far, he sings and raps through them comfortably, begging the question whether he even needs the group to survive.

Nki Kucheki and *Peng Manenoz* are written to ladies, or love, while *Mi Ndo Najua*, *Doba Mbaya* and *Kanyagia* are written to his haters and other mbleinaz.

Doba Mbaya is the dance floor pick, while *Mi Ndo Najua* picks up where Vybz Kartel left off on the Story Book Riddim, and the most stylistic of the lot, Rekles going into his rhythm and melodic bag.

What was different with the Ep is the level of rapping that Rekless, always a melodic artiste with a penchant for catchy hooks, employs.

He glides through beats, tapping into culture to find references, and language to convey what he means. He just doesn't use words to make rhymes, he makes absolute sense, telling stories through complete thoughts and sentences that feed one verse to the next.

N.B: The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and not necessarily those of Pulse Magazine.

RATING BAROMETER	5: Average
1-2: Not worth your time	6-7: Good
3-4: Needs work	8-10: Excellent