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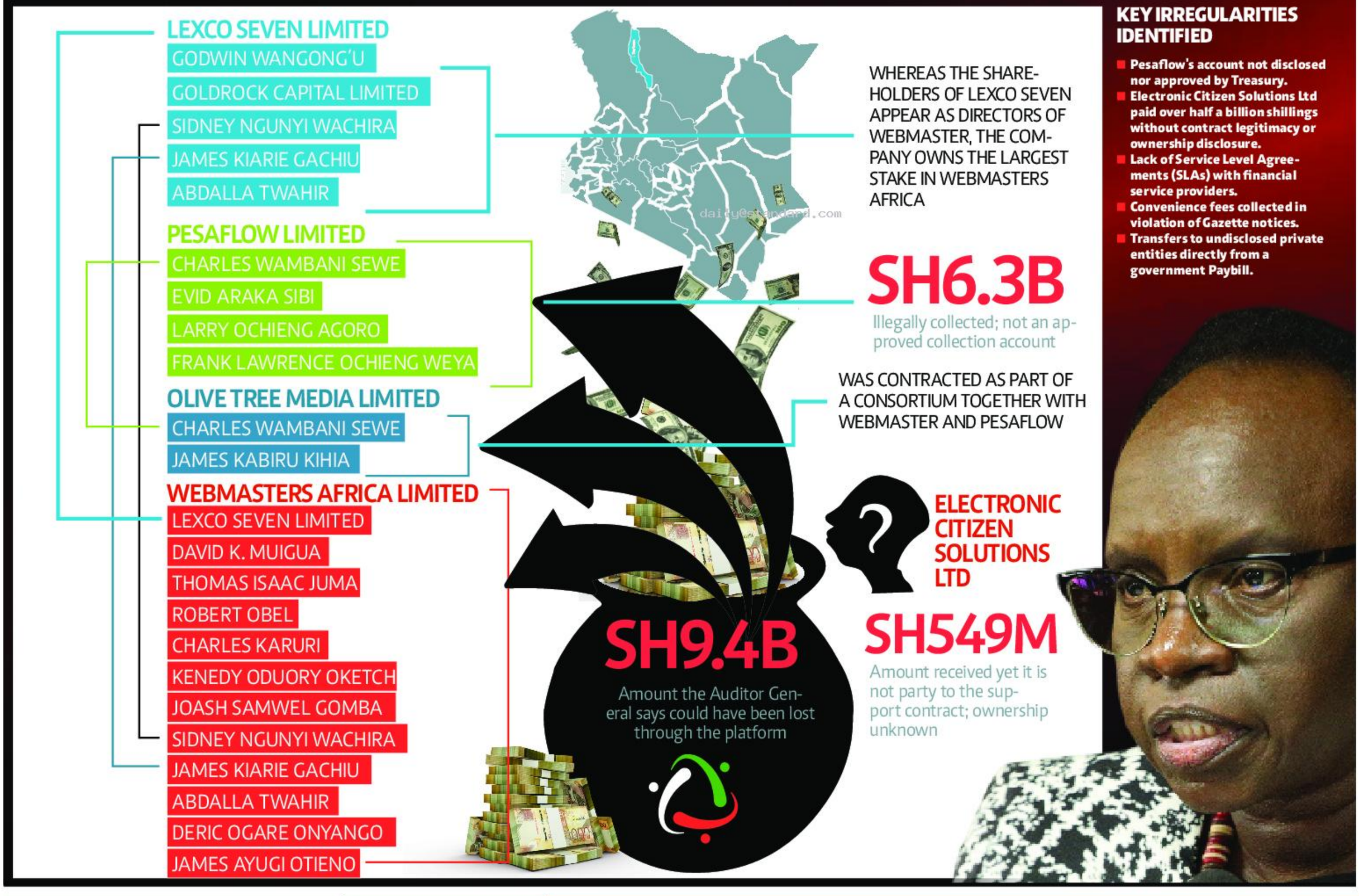
e-Citizen billions trail

ACCOUNTS **Sh9.4 billion was moved from the e-Citizen in an intricate manner and involving a shadowy web. A damning audit report has exposed how the money may have been siphoned off through illegal payments, unaccounted-for convenience fees, and questionable withdrawals. The revelations, which Parliament is now probing, point to a system plagued by opacity, poor oversight, and possible collusion. As lawmakers call for the platform's termination and a full-scale investigation, the scandal has reignited debate over the dangers of unchecked digitisation without transparency.** PAGES 4, 5 &6



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Students teach financial literacy using verse

- Little Friends Academy from Naivasha clinched the top spot with a verse titled "Under the Roof".
- PCEA Kagema was second with their song dubbed "The Fluffy Wing" performance.

PHARES MUTEMBEI, MERU

Insurance and wealth creation themes dominated the Kenya National Music Festival as students continued to urge parents, teachers, schools, and the audience to protect themselves from an uncertain future.

This happened as the Kenya National Music Festival entered the third day with an impressive show of talent.

At Meru Teacher College, under the Junior Secondary School's elocution class, Little Friends Academy from Naivasha clinched the top spot with a verse titled "Under the Roof".

This year's event, themed 'Enhancing the Creative Economy through Artistic Expression for Sustainable Development,' complements Equity's theme of 'Securing Lives Transformed and Wealth Created through Life, Health, and Wealth Insurance.'

Little Friends Academy trainer, Amos Barasa, was all smiles following the breathtaking show.

"Today, we won an Equity category. As for how many are proceeding to State House, we have one team going to the gala, with a different class. We have received an invitation for them to perform at the gala on August 13," he said.

PCEA Kagema was second with their song dubbed "The Fluffy Wing" performance.

Their trainer, Joram Ojwang, heaped praise on the children's performance in the also Equity-sponsored poem.

"It was due to a combination of disciplined training, creative interpretation, and deep understanding of the theme."

Under the guidance of their trainers, the learners delivered a powerful performance marked by clear diction, emotive expression, and synchronized movement.

The poem's message centered on financial literacy, empowerment, and social transformation, and it was brought to life through vivid imagery and confident stage presence.

The team's ability to blend artistic elements with educational content resonated strongly with the adjudicators, showcasing not only talent but also a strong grasp of the poem's objectives.

"The Fluffy Wings" is a powerful poem that celebrates the life-changing impact of Equity Group's insurance and financial services. Using the metaphor of "fluffy wings," the poem paints Equity as a nurturing and protective force that shelters individuals, families, and communities from life's uncertainties, including illness, accidents, disability, and financial hardship.

The poem highlights the benefits of health insurance, education cover, property protection, and savings plans, showing how Equity transforms lives with compassion and reliability.

It ends with a passionate appeal to the audience to join and trust in the "fluffy wings" of Equity — a true friend, protector, and companion.

Lukenya Academy's "Arise and Flap Your Wings" secured an impressive third place.

Their trainer, Boniface Ochieng Ochieng, scripted for Lukenya Academy.

"We qualified for the nationals with our Equity-sponsored script in the elocution category. The script I wrote for them was titled "Arise and Flap Your Wings." The unique aspect of this script, and why it stood out, is that I typically draw ideas from my learners through auditions. The Equity-sponsored theme encouraged creativity, focusing on key areas where Equity is involved, such as insurance, education, and healthcare, to help Kenyans grow," he said.

Other schools that performed under this class were Rapogi Girls (Nyanza), Bamburi School (Coast), The Stepping Stones (Coast), and Moi Forces Academy of Nairobi.

In the often-intense world of the festival, where thousands of young performers vie for top honours, the path to success is typically paved with rigorous practice, vocal precision, and flawless delivery.

But for Ochieng, a scriptwriter and trainer at Lukenya Academy, the secret to unlocking truly captivating performances lies not just in skill, but in the raw, authentic emotions of his students.

"My unique approach," Ochieng explains, "is rooted in a psychological perspective. I ask students to try writing their own scripts initially, and when we conduct auditions, I listen to what they speak about."

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Githunguri Ranching in an elocution piece in the Equity-sponsored Insurance Theme at the National Music Festival at Meru TTC. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

Lukenya Academy perform "Arise and Flap Your Wings," in the Equity-sponsored Insurance Theme. They emerged third in the category. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

Little Friends Academy perform "Under the Roof" an elocution in the Equity-sponsored Insurance Theme. They emerged tops in the category. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

PCEA Kagema perform in an elocution that emerged second in the Equity-sponsored Insurance Theme at National Music Festival at Meru TTC. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

Kakemer Junior School in an elocution piece in the Equity-sponsored Insurance Theme at the National Music Festival at Meru Teachers College. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

TRAGEDY

Six killed, two injured after Amref plane crashes on houses

Six people were confirmed dead by last night after an Amref Flying Doctors aircraft crashed in Mwihoko, Kiambu County.

County Commissioner Henry Wafula said those killed were four Amref staff and two civilians on whose house the plane crashed. He did not reveal the identities of the deceased, saying that more updates would follow.

Amref Flying Doctors said the Cessna Citation XLS, registration 5Y-FDM, had left Wilson Airport at 2.17pm on way to Hargeisa, Somalia.

"Our immediate focus is on the safety and well-being of those on board and providing full support to their families and colleagues. We are also offering all necessary assistance to the authorities as investigations continue," said Chief Executive Officer Steven Gitau.

A multiagency team was deployed to the scene for the rescue mission, and appealed to members of the public to surrender the black box.

Witnesses said the plane started emitting sparks while airborne before it came crashing down on the residential buildings. Some said it hit some power lines before crashing.

"It crashed here but when you go to the surrounding areas you'll find body parts," said James Maina.

Hellen Wangui claimed her friend could not trace her 13-year-old child and by last evening they were still trying to establish whether the child was among the fatalities.

Elizabeth Njoroge said they had helped authorities collect two bodies from the scene as well as some debris.

Samuel Kimani was counting losses as part of his building in a nearby plot went up in flames after the crash.

Staff from Kenya Power disconnected power to the nearby residential houses. **[Fred Kagonye and Omondi Powel]**

Life changed for worse yet we've been forgotten, says blast victims

- Some victims living in destitution after they lost jobs and livelihoods.
- The blast killed 224 people and injured more than 5,000, mostly Kenyans.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, NAIROBI

A group of survivors and families of victims gathered at the August 7 Memorial Park in Nairobi yesterday to mark 27 years since the 1998 US embassy bombing.

The event was filled with prayer, memories, and a call for compensation that has gone unanswered for nearly three decades.

The attack, which killed 224 people and injured over 5,000, mostly Kenyans, remains one of the worst terror attacks in the country. Yet for many survivors, the pain is not just about the loss, it is about being forgotten.

"Life has never been the same. We are not asking for too much. We just want support, free medication and compensation. We have waited too long, and some of us have sadly passed," said Michael Nyakanga, one of the survivors.

Nyakanga, who worked for Kenya Breweries at the time, was caught in the blast after visiting the Cooperative Bank with a friend.

"We had just parted ways. I was walking back to the office when I heard a loud explosion. I fell down, and glass shattered all over me. My eyes were injured. I was treated at Kenyatta National Hospital, but I still struggle. The US and Kenyan governments gave us help then; counseling, treatment, but many of us are still suffering to this day. That help ended long ago," he said.

Another survivor, Simon Ayienda, had gone to the Cooperative Building with a friend when the blast occurred. "I thought it was a tyre burst at first. Then we saw people screaming, and glass rained on us. I was badly injured and treated for six months at Kenyatta. But I have never fully recovered," said Ayienda.

Ayienda said that as the result of the injuries sustained, he lost his job, could not educate his children and has lived in poverty.

Rose Kwamboka, who was four months pregnant, worked at Posta and had gone to withdraw money at the bank.

The psychological toll has been just as heavy as the physical injuries. Rose said her life changed that day; at work, at home, and in her relationships.

"I was never the same again. My husband left. I struggled to raise my son who was in high school then. I still live with fear and trauma."

Michael Macharia was only three years old when the bombing killed both his parents. He did not understand what had happened until much later.

Victims and families of the August 7, 1998, bomb blast light candles during the 27th anniversary of the tragedy at the memorial park yesterday. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

"I used to think maybe my parents had just travelled and would come back. I waited. But as I grew up, I learned the truth," he said.

Macharia said being raised by relatives has not been easy. "There have been more bad days than good ones. I have struggled."

Ali Mwadama, the chairperson of the victims association, expressed frustration at how survivors have been neglected.

"We come here every year, but it feels like the government has moved on without us. Americans who were injured or lost loved ones in the attack were compensated," he said, adding that some have died while others remain too poor to buy medicine or pay rent.

As part of the commemoration, the Memorial Park, Matatu Owners Association and the Galana Energies offered free rides on different routes in the city.

In recent years, some progress has been made in US. A lawsuit filed in 2008 by over 600 victims led to the awarding of billions of shillings from Sudan and Iran, which were found to have supported al Qaeda.

In 2020, the US Supreme Court upheld the damages. But the awards have not benefitted Kenyans.

Last year, a Senate report urged the government to lobby the US to expand compensation to Kenyans.

Deadliest attack

224

DEATHS

PEOPLE killed in the August 7, 1998 bomb blast at the US embassy in Nairobi. This remains the deadliest terror attack in the country.

Briefing

NAIROBI. NEW LAWS TO REGULATE BETTING

■ Prominent personalities will not promote betting, thanks to a new law President William Ruto signed yesterday. The Gambling Control Act requires celebrities to seek permission from the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Kenya, which replaces the Betting Control and Licensing Board, before endorsing gambling. Approved advertisements should not air between 6am and 10pm unless done during a live sporting event. **[Brian Otieno and Josphat Thiong'o]**

NAIROBI. TEAM PICKED TO IMPLEMENT REPORTS

■ President William and ODM leader Raila Odinga have appointed a five-member team to oversee the implementation of their agreement as well as the National Dialogue Committee report.Agnes Zani will chair thecommittee, while members are Gabriel Oguda, Fatuma Ibrahim, Kevin Kiarie and Javas Bigambo. On March 7UDA and ODM signed 10-point MoU, while the Nadco report was a product of talks between the government and the opposition. Additionally, the two formed a secretariat to support the committee's operations. **[Jacinta Mutura]**

MERU. HOSPITAL SET FOR UPGRADE TO PARASTATAL

■ Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has launched a project that will see Meru Level 5 Hospital get Level 6 status. Speaking at the hospital yesterday, the DPsaid the upgrade would benefit residents from several other counties, includingTharaka Nithi, Isiolo, Laikipia and Marsabit. The DP said the county government was expected to hand over the facility to the national government once the upgrade is done.Other present included Governor Isaac Mutuma, his deputy Linda Gitonga and MP Rahim Dawood.**[Phares Mutembei]**

How billions were moved in a shadowy web through e-Citizen

- New report reveals how the platform may have led to loss of an accumulative Sh9.4 billion.
- Some Sh2.6 billion was also paid, illegally, to the platform, and monies withdrawn irregularly.

JOSPHAT THIONGO, NAIROBI

As the country reels from the shocking revelations of how Sh9.4 billion was irregularly funnelled from the e-Citizen services platform by the Auditor General, a scrutiny of the damning report has unearthed how the funds were irregularly diverted and paid out to 'alien' companies and private entities.

The report, tabled before the National Assembly Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Tuesday, told of how the digital service platform may have led to the loss of an accumulative Sh9.4 billion and how it was used to unlawfully collect Sh2.6 billion from Kenyans in convenience fees for using the platform.

The Standard has unveiled the intricate money trails through which the public could have lost billions.

It all started in 2023 when the Information Communication and Technology Authority (ICT Authority) entered into the e-Citizen Platform support and maintenance framework and contracted M/s Webmasters Kenya Limited, in consortium with Pesaflow Limited and Olive Tree Media Limited.

According to the Business Registration Service (BRS), Webmasters Africa Ltd was registered in 2010 and is owned by Lexco Company Ltd, which has 50 ordinary shares, while James Ayugi Otieno holds 50 shares. Others with one share each are Derick Onyango, Thomas Isack Juma, Robert Obel, Charles Karuri, Kennedy Oduory, Oketch Joash, and Samuel Gomba. Abdala Twahir, James Kiarie Gachiu, and Sidney Ngunyi Wachira are directors with no shares.

A BRS search shows that Olive Tree Media, incorporated in July 2010, has two directors: Charles Wambani Sewe and James Kabiru Kihia. The company's physical location is unclear, though it has a Nairobi postal code. However, Sewe's address is listed in Kakamega.

A further search for the real owners of Lexco at the Registrar of Companies shows the company has 1,000 ordinary shares split between Abdala Twahir (400), Goldrock Capital Ltd (300), and James Kiarie Gachiu (300), while Godwin Wangondu is company secretary and Sydney Wachira a director with no shares. Wachira is also a director at Webmasters, again with zero shares.

According to the agreement, the government was to pay the vendor for support and maintenance, standardisation of the system, and provision of payment gateway services.

A perusal of the report detailed that total payments made in relation to the maintenance and support contract as at 30 June 2024 amounted to Sh549.69 million — comprising Sh492,162,940 and USD 414,299.60 (Sh545.8 million) — but details show that millions were paid to a company identified as 'Electronic Citizen Solutions Ltd', which was not party to the agreement.

"This arrangement exposes the Government to potential legal dispute that might arise from payment to third parties to the contract," reads the report in part.

Irregular pay

Further, out of the total amount paid, Sh195 million was for provision of payment gateway services. These payments were, however, deemed irregular by Gathungu, as the Government should not pay for the use of a system it owns.

A search of the ownership of Electronic Citizen Solutions Ltd on the Business Registration Service (BRS) yielded no details on its ownership.

The audit further shed light on how massive irregularities led to the unauthorised diversion of revenue amounting to Sh6.3 billion to e-Citizen's Equity Bank account from an undisclosed account named Pesaflow.

"It was established that the Equity Bank statements for e-Citizen's collection accounts had receipts amounting to Sh68,719,877 and USD 48,142,844 (Sh6.2 billion) from an undisclosed account named 'Pesaflow'.

This account was not listed among the approved collection accounts by the National Treasury. In this regard, it was used to irregularly collect money," detailed the report.

Gathungu noted that the total amount irregularly collected using the 'Pesaflow' account over the years could not be established, as the bank statement for this account was not provided for audit.

Records obtained by **The Standard** from the BRS search indicate that Pesaflow was registered in August 2017 and is owned by Frank Lawrence Ochieng Weya with 15,000 ordinary shares, Charles Wambani Sewe with 10,000 ordinary shares, Evid Araka Sibi with 10,000 ordinary shares, and Larry Ochieng Agoro (10,000 shares). Sewe is also listed as a director at Olive Tree Media.

Further, there were unaccounted-for receipts of Sh2.6 billion in settlement accounts that could not be linked to any invoices from the Pesaflow system.

Gathungu noted that the unaccounted-for receipts were due to partial payments, erroneous payments, and duplicate payments.

"This further indicates a lack of revenue traceability and accountability, which can lead to misappropriation, fraud or revenue leakages."

Irregularities in the operation of the e-Citizen platform's paybill were also wanton, as evidenced by what the report highlighted as the unauthorised transfer of Sh127.9 million to four private entities from Mpesa Paybill 222222.

The Auditor explained that a review of the records revealed that the National Treasury initially used Paybill number 206206 for revenue collection through the e-Citizen platform, which was operated by the vendor Webmasters Kenya Ltd.

The paybill was initially configured to transfer collected funds to the National Treasury Settlement Account at KCB Bank every midnight.

But following the Presidential directive and Gazette Notice No. 16008 of 20 December 2022, which designated the official government paybill number as 222222, all collections paid using the new paybill number 222222 were expected to be auto-transferred to the Settlement Account held at KCB Bank.

Private entities

"However, a review of the 222222 paybill statement revealed that on January 25, 2024, there were four transactions made from the paybill to private entities instead of the designated collection account. The four transactions amounted to Sh127,850,950," noted the report.

"Approval and documentation to support this transfer of money directly from the paybill to the private entities were not provided for audit. This is against Article 201 on principles of public finance, which requires public funds to be used in a prudent and responsible way."

At the same time, it emerged that the government irregularly collected a staggering Sh2.6 billion in convenience fees by charging Kenyans for use of the platform.

Notably, Gazette Notice No. 9290 of December 2014 required a nominal administrative fee per transaction, prorated as a percentage of the amounts paid. However, the report noted that prior to 23 January 2023, the National Treasury had not established a prorating band.

Instead, the convenience fee was charged at Sh50 or USD 1 per transaction, contrary to the Gazette notice.

Similarly, between 14 December 2023 and 30 June 2024, the National Treasury irregularly collected a convenience fee of Sh50 instead of prorating the fee as stipulated in a Gazette notice of 2023.

"This led to an overcharge to the public amounting to Sh30.7 million for collections made through the previous gateway and Sh319.09 million for collections made through the unauthorised new gateway," the report added.

All this, the audit reveals, was enabled by the government's failure to develop a legal framework to govern and manage e-Citizen's operations.

There was a lack of clear governance structures, no designated authority to coordinate the Directorate of Citizen Services and the National Treasury (where the platform is domiciled), and no standard operating procedures or service level agreements with financial service providers such as banks.

By not signing the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with financial service providers engaged in the collection and settlement of revenue, the National Treasury had created an avenue whereby the service providers could utilise the funds at the expense of service delivery by Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

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Mr James Ayugi, founder of Posnet (K) Limited and Webmasters Developers, during the interview on February 11, 2024 in Nairobi. Ayugi was the brain behind the e-Citizen portal. [Edward Kiplimo,Standard]

THE MONEY TRAIL

- Pesaflow account illegally collects Sh6.3 billion – transfers it to the E-citizen's Equity bank account
- Treasury irregularly paid Sh549.69 million (comprising Sh492,162,940 and USD 414,299.60) to Electronic Citizen Solutions Ltd company- an 'alien' party to the e-Citizen agreement
- A staggering Sh2.6 billion transferred from the Pesaflow system to the e-Citizen settlement accounts not be linked to any invoices, from the Pesaflow system
- Four transactions amounting to Sh127 million made from the e-Citizen's 222222 paybill – transferred to private entities not disclosed by the Auditor
- Government irregularly collects Sh2.6 billion in convenience fees by illegally charging Kenyans for the use of the platform- the money was transferred from the users to the platform through the two 206206 and 222222 paybills.

Treasury, auditors clash over Sh9.4b e-Citizen platform probe

- Treasury PS Chris Kiptoo insisted that no money has been lost.
- He, however, acknowledged illegal collections of Sh2.6 billion in convenient fees.

JOSPHAT THIONGÓ, NAIROBI

A heated exchange erupted yesterday between National Treasury Principal Secretary Dr Chris Kiptoo and officials from the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) over claims that billions of shillings may have been lost through the e-Citizen platform.

The OAG, had in a special audit report tabled on Tuesday, revealed that up to Sh9.4 billion could have been lost due to irregular fund diversions, absence of clear governance structures, and other malpractices linked to the digital platform.

Covering the 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24 financial years, the audit aimed to assess the platform's operational effectiveness.

However, appearing before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) alongside Principal Secretaries Belio Kipsang (Immigration and e-Citizen Services) and John Tanui (ICT), Dr Kiptoo strongly refuted the report's findings.

"I want to assure Kenyans that since 2023, no money has been lost to the best of my knowledge. We have an interest like everybody else to have this matter addressed once and for all so that Kenyans can know the truth," stated PS Kiptoo.

Kiptoo further criticised the OAG for failing to share its final audit report with the Treasury during the review period, arguing this denied his office an opportunity to respond.

"I wish we had the chance to discuss this report with the auditors. There are things here we also feel we could have provided and that is the disadvantage with special audit--you are not given an opportunity to reply."

But in a swift rejoinder, OAG officials told off the PS, accusing him of not being truthful with his comments concerning the audit and even through some of his submissions.

"Before we finalised the audit report, we had an exit meeting where PS Dr Kiptoo attended. We have the management letter, responses and I can even go on record to say that some submissions he had made here were not submitted to us," a representative of the OAG said.

He added, "There are some responses that he has provided here that are contradicting the submission he made to us."

According to documents tabled before the committee, Sh360.1 billion in revenue has been collected through the platform since 2014. Kiptoo detailed a steady growth in transactions: Sh425 million in 2014/15; Sh3 billion in 2015/16; Sh8 billion in 2016/17; Sh12.2 billion in 2017/18; Sh17 billion in 2018/19; Sh14.4 billion in 2019/20; Sh16 billion in 2020/21; Sh20.1 billion in 2022/23; Sh88.7 billion in 2023/24; and Sh163.8 billion in the most recent financial year.

He also disclosed that of the 25,604 services identified for digitisation, 21,685 have been onboarded to the e-Citizen platform.

Dr Kiptoo affirmed that the system is now fully government-owned after its handover from Webmasters Kenya Ltd.

"The directorate of Citizen services took over the e-Citizen platform operation in July, 2024 after which a contract novation was initiated indicating the introduction of Electronic Citizen Services (ECS) and its role within the consortium," stated Kiptoo.

However, he acknowledged the illegal collections of Sh2.6 billion in convenient fees from Kenyans using the platform.

"It is true that there was delay in implementing the revised fees as per the gazette notice due to system challenges," he said.

Following the session, PAC members requested an adjournment to study the audit report in detail, with plans to recall the officials in two weeks.

"While I support the adjournment, the PS's responses have been inadequate. When they return, they must offer more substantive explanations," said Gatundu South MP Gabriel Kagombe.

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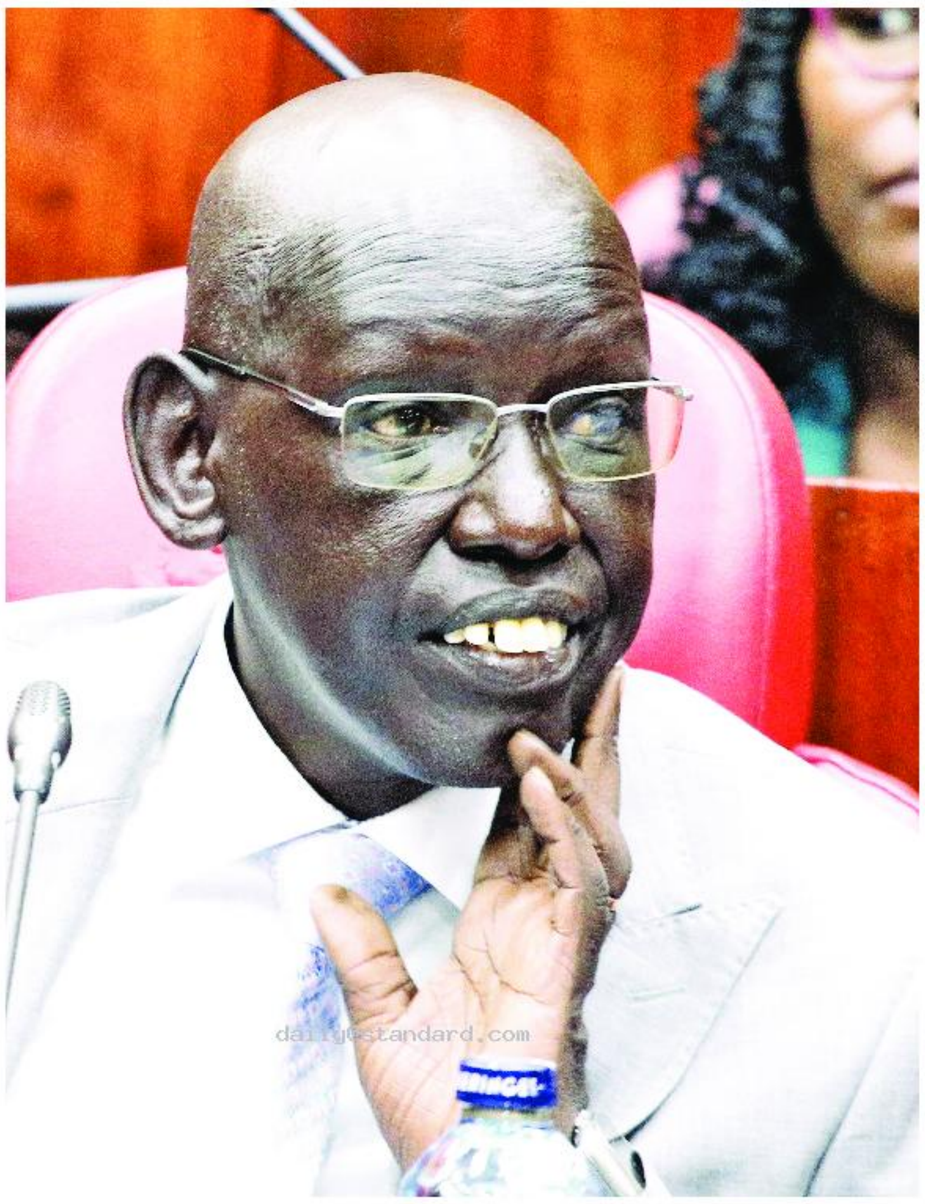

Immigration and Citizen Services PS Belio Kipsang. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Money Matters

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BILLIONS

REVENUE collected through e-Citizen platform since 2014 accoding to documents table before the National Asssembly's Public Accounts Committee

NAIROBI

Teachers uproar over medical scheme, shift to SHA

Teachers across the country have threatened industrial action following government plans to abolish their current medical insurance cover in favour of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) scheme.

Through their union, the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet), educators have voiced strong opposition to a proposal that would see them transitioned from the Minet insurance scheme to the Social Health Authority (SHA).

On Tuesday, Education Principal Secretary Julius Bitok announced that the Ministry was reviewing the teachers' medical insurance scheme to provide a more accessible and responsive health cover.

"I have received numerous complaints from teachers across the country regarding their health insurance. We are in discussions with the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to find a solution where there will be one insurance provider under the Universal Health Insurance, in order to eliminate confusion and reduce the suffering faced by our tutors," said Bitok.

However, Kuppet has warned that the proposed move would severely disadvantage teachers.

"This is not acceptable," said Kuppet Secretary General Akello Misori during press briefing at the union's offices in Nairobi.

He argued that transferring teachers to what he termed a "heavy laden and populated cover" would amount to denying them value for their money.

"Such a plan, which would take away a benefit that teachers already enjoy through Minet Insurance Brokers, would be illegal in law and amount to an unfair labour practice," Misori said.

He noted that the current medical scheme is a negotiated benefit under the 2025–2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and that dismantling it would undo progress made in securing teachers' welfare.

"We will not allow our scheme to be lumped into universal health coverage. Teachers deserve the respect accorded to professionals. We are prepared to defend our scheme using every legal tool available," Misori warned.

The standoff comes just three months after legislators called for the termination of Minet's contract, describing it as an "amorphous structure" plagued by inefficiencies.

[Okumu Modachi]

PS Basic Education Julius Bitok. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

EDUCATION

Ministry issues subjects guide for Senior School

The Ministry of Education has increased the number of subjects in Senior School from seven to ten, ahead of the rollout of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) for Grades 10 to 12.

Under the new guidelines, Mathematics, English, Kiswahili, and Community Service Learning will be compulsory and examined. In addition, Physical Education, ICT Skills, and Pastoral or Religious Instruction will also be mandatory, though not subject to national assessment.

This brings the total number of compulsory subjects to seven—four examined and three non-examined. Learners will also select three elective subjects, ideally two from their chosen career pathway. The Ministry, however, admits that learners may need stronger personality, interest, and aptitude assessments to help guide more informed subject selection.

Mathematics will be tiered according to pathways. Learners pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) must take Core Mathematics, while others will take Essential Mathematics. Non-STEM learners with strong prior performance may opt into Core Mathematics, adding a new layer of complexity in subject placement logistics.

In a circular issued by the Ministry, the first cohort of CBC learners is set to transition into Grade 10 in January 2026.

Principal Secretary for Basic Education Dr Julius Bitok stressed the need for coordinated national readiness, curricular flexibility, and infrastructure expansion to support the new Senior School framework. "The essence of Senior School is to offer learners a pre-tertiary, pre-university, or pre-career experience. This is a critical stage where learners begin aligning their education with their talents, interests, and aspirations," said PS Bitok.

All curriculum designs for Senior School have been developed by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) and are ready for distribution. **[Mike Kihaki]**

Kenya pursues diplomatic fix to Tanzania's rising trade barriers

- MPs wondered why the government appeared lenient with other countries that treat Kenyans less favourably.
- Tanzania, last month introduced a prohibition on non-citizens from engaging in 15 specified business activities.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said that Kenya will not retaliate over Tanzania's move to restrict business permits for foreigners, stressing that diplomacy remains the best approach to resolving the issue.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Committee on Regional Integration, the CS reassured MPs that the government had not abandoned Kenyans working abroad. However, he cautioned against rising xenophobic sentiments at home, warning such attitudes could have destructive consequences.

Mudavadi insisted: "My appeal is that, let us pursue the diplomatic angle. The Ministry will have a bilateral diplomatic engagement with Tanzania with a view to have the matter resolved for the benefit of Kenyans currently operating businesses in Tanzania. If diplomacy fails, I will declare and say we use a different method, so let us allow it to work."

The CS urged Tanzania to consider reciprocal treatment for Kenyans by waiving business pass fees and work permit charges. He called for the passes to be valid for multiple entries or a duration of six months to a year, as is the case in Kenya for East African Community (EAC) partner states.

Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu congratulates President William Ruto after being elected as the new EAC Chairperson on 30/11/2024. [PCS]

AT A GLANCE

- Issuance and renewal of work permit to Kenyan business people in Tanzania takes up to one year
- In Kenya issuance takes 21 working days and a renewal takes 14 days
- Kenyans cannot get a work permit extended after working in Tanzania for five years
- The work permit is for a period of two years and Kenyan can only renew once
- A student pass is tied to the work permit which affects the children of Kenyan workers enrolled in the country's learning institutions
- Kenyans are re-entering Tanzania to continue with their employment, especially after visiting Kenya, are issued with a temporary work permit
- Currently it takes more than three weeks to get approval forcing Kenyans to stay without their passport before the immigration releases the passport
- A spouse of a Kenyan cannot engage in any economic activity as long as their names appears in the Principal's Resident Permit including opening a bank account
- In Tanzania, Business Pass and Special Pass are administered by immigration department whereas work permits are administered by the labor department

During the session chaired by Nominated MP Irene Mayaka, MPs questioned Kenya's foreign policy posture, asking why the government appeared lenient with other countries that treat Kenyans less favourably.

He said the move by Tanzania must be viewed in the context of the EAC Common Market Protocol, which came into force in July 2010. Under the Protocol, partner states committed to liberalise seven key service sectors, including business, communications, distribution, education, financial, by removing existing and refraining from introducing new restrictions.

While most Kenyans operating in Tanzania may not be under "Mode 3" (commercial presence), those holding valid licences risk losses of up to Sh19 million unless the Tanzanian government revokes the order and amends its Finance Act.

Kenya has since formally notified the EAC Secretariat of the violations and called for a regional meeting of ministers responsible for finance, economic affairs, trade and investment finance, trade and investment to address tariff and non-tariff barriers.

The dispute stems from Tanzania's Business Licensing (Prohibition of Business Activities for Non-Citizens) Order, 2025, gazetted on July 28 under the country's Business Licensing Act (Cap. 101). The order bars non-citizens from participating in 15 business activities including including mobile money transfers, repair of mobile phones and electronic devices, salon business unless conducted in hotels or for tourism as well as home, office and environmental cleanliness services.

CONFLICTS

Court petition challenges KNCHR chairperson pick

Two lobby groups have filed a petition challenging President William Ruto's nomination of Dr Duncan Oburu Ojwang as Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).

The lawsuit filed before Milimani at the High Court Constitutional and Human Rights Division, Katiba Institute, and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) argues that President Ruto's nomination of Dr. Ojwang is unconstitutional.

They claim that nomination would result in both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commission being of the same gender, male.

"Article 250(11) of the Constitution is unequivocal, which explicitly states that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of a constitutional commission must not be of the same gender," the petition states.

The current Vice Chairperson of KNCHR, Dr. Raymond Nyeris, has been acting in the role since the death of former Chairperson Roseline Odede on January 3, 2025, making Dr. Ojwang's nomination unlawful, according to the petitioners.

"By nominating a man to serve alongside a male Vice Chairperson, the President has violated both the letter and spirit of the Constitution."

The petitioners are now seeking conservatory orders to bar the National Assembly from proceeding with Dr Ojwang's veting

According to court documents, the selection process began on April 11, 2025, when a nine-member selection panel was gazetted by the President. The panel invited applications on April 30, shortlisted six candidates on May 23, and conducted interviews on May 27.

On August 5, the National Assembly confirmed it had received the nomination of Dr Ojwang and referred it to the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee for vetting. **[Nancy Gitonga]**

CRIME

Three suspects detained in M-Kopa phone unlocking syndicate

Jeremiah Njoroge, Mervine Wandugo, and Victor Kimani at the Milimani Law Courts yesterday. [Nancy Gitonga, Standard]

A suspected criminal syndicate believed to be behind the unlawful unlocking of M-Kopa mobile phones in the city, resulting in losses amounting to millions of shillings, is under investigation by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

This follows the arrest of three mastermind suspects, Jeremiah Njoroge, Mervine Wandugo, and Victor Kimani, who are accused of illegally bypassing M-Kopa's digital payment and device-locking systems.

The trio were apprehended in Nairobi's Central Business District and arraigned at the Milimani Law Courts yesterday in a case that reveals a serious threat to the integrity of Kenya's fast-growing mobile financing model.

In an affidavit filed in court, by Inspector of police Beth Kariuki attached to DCI Central police station, the three suspects were busted allegedly tampering with locked M-Kopa phones, devices typically sold on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The court heard that the suspects have been assisting Kenyans who purchased phones through M-Kopa, worth thousands of shillings, to unlawfully bypass the payment system and continue using the devices without completing their payments.

While seeking seven days to continue holding the three to complete the probe into the matter, Officer Kariuki told Magistrate Benmark Ekhubi that the arrest followed a tip-off received by Joseph Mutiso. Mutiso is an employee at M-Kopa Kenya Limited, who had received intelligence from members of the public that one individual in the Nairobi CBD was offering illicit phone unlocking services.

"I immediately notified police officers on foot patrol. They moved quickly and apprehended one suspect, Victor Kimani, who was found with five phones of various makes," said Mr. Mutiso in his report.

According to court documents, Kimani led officers to a second shop within Intermark Business Centre along Taita Taveta Road, where his alleged accomplices, Njoroge and Wandugo, were caught red-handed in the act, unlocking several M-Kopa phones using unidentified electronic equipment.

During questioning, Njoroge and Wandugo reportedly failed to account for the numerous electronic devices found in their possession.

The devices, including several CPUs believed to be part of the illegal operation, were seized as evidence.

The case will be mentioned again on August 12, 2025. **[Nancy Gitonga]**

Kenya and US relations not in crisis, Mudavadi tells Parliament

- Prime Cabinet Secretary says move to review ally status not initiated by Trump administration.
- Foreign Affair CS says Kenya and US engaging to agree on wide rage of issues.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi yesterday affirmed that there is no crisis between Kenya and US, saying diplomatic engagements between the nations are on course.

Mudavadi, who heads the Foreign and Diaspora Affairs docket, told the National Assembly Committee on Regional Integration that the call to review the non-Nato ally status for Kenya did not originate from the US government but was a private member's Bill, Senator Jim Risch.

"We have no issues in the United States. There is no challenge whatsoever, and we are not downplaying the matter. Challenges may come up once. First of all, let it be on record that it is not the government of the United States that has raised the issue. It is not the Executive," he said.

Noting that he a meeting with the Secretary of State Marco Rubio during his recent tour of the US, the CS said critics should not "politicise partnerships".

On the recent trade tariffs imposed for nations worldwide by President Trump, Mudavadi noted that Kenya is one of the beneficiaries of the lowest rates at 10 per cent. He added that the matter was still under negotiation.

"You just need to go to the media and you will find that some other African countries or other countries globally are being hit by higher tariffs. And that is obviously a direction that is being taken from the United States, not from Kenya. So, we should not have an exaggeration on this issue by some of our friends," he said.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi before the National Assembly Committee on Regional Integration yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

The CS also said the two countries have been engaging on other matters, citing the looming expiry of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa), a US trade preference programme for African exports.

If the American government is not renewing the framework for all African countries, he said each nation would engage the Trump government on its own. "I have been to the Trade Department and the minister portrayed this conversation, that we are working through our mission on this matter so that we can tackle the issues around the trade between us and the United States," said Mudavadi.

"I also wish to state that there are some issues that some of us are also surprised about because we're not listening to that. Kenya is a sovereign state and for whatever it is worth, the principle of sovereignty must be upheld and respected by all nations."

He said Kenya was free to engage with other countries.

"On what basis do you come to a conclusion and say that you want to monitor the relations between one country? We have no challenge whatsoever in working with America. We are working very closely. We are working together on many other issues, both bilateral and regional programs, security-related programs. We are working together with the United States, and we also work with the other countries in the region."

He also told the committee that the US passed a motion to extend Kenya's mission in Haiti.

"I just want to ask for measured consideration of these issues when we are talking to each other. I think there is a concerted effort to try and create the impression that Kenya is under siege or under attack. We are not under siege. We are not under attack."

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GOVERNANCE

Gachagua: I'll present evidence against President Ruto to Trump

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua now says he will hand over evidence of President William Ruto's human rights violations to the US government.

Gachaguawhile welcoming the decision to review Kenya's major non-North ally status, urged President Donald Trump's administration not to punish the country for Ruto's mistakes, suggesting they could impose sanctions on the President.

"Don't withhold military aid to Kenya. Don't withhold sharing of intelligence with Kenya. Don't withdraw all those facilities that come with that privilege of being recognised as a Nato ally. Please just do the right thing. Impose sanctions on William Ruto as a person never to come to America," he said.

Speaking in Midwestern region, Gachagua said he went to the US to not only engage Kenyans but also "put the Kenyan case to the American government, to the Congress and to the Senate".

"And as much as you (referring to Ruto) think we are stupid, don't think we are here just moving around. I have all the details and I have all the evidence. I was your deputy when the meetings took place and we are giving all the details to America," he said.

Saying he met senior American leaders on Sunday, Gachagua claimed they were concerned with the decision to scrap the vetting of residents of the North Eastern region before issuing national identity cards would threaten world security.

"The Americans are concerned that suspected terrorists will register as Kenyans and then find their way to America and to the rest of the world and create terror. They want to know why Turkish people with American origin were abducted. These are the things on the radar of the American government," said the Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) leader.

However, there was no evidence of the former DP meeting any top US Government official.

While dismissing Ruto's defence on the relationship between Kenya and China, Gachagua said the the issue was much more than that.

"Don't hide behind China... You have compromised world security in pursuit of business interests and this time round you will not escape. You may harass everybody in Kenya but I don't think you have capacity to harass the American government."

Gachagua claimed Ruto was misusing his position of to conduct businesses, a move he claimed had killed the local businesses and hence the economy.

He accused the government of using e-Citizen to defraud Kenyans.

At the same time, Gachagua accused Raila of betraying the people and joining the "looting bandwagon".

He criticised the Kenya Kwanza administration's move to import 5,000 metric tons of rice, saying there was enough produce in the country.

"We don't have a government, we have a criminal enterprise. Ruto is the chief procurement, he is the chief accountant, he is the supplier and everything," he added.

[Ndungu Gachane]

World Health Organization

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The World Health Organization (WHO) Kenya Country Office wishes to invite eligible research/consulting firms to submit bids for the provision of consultancy services for:

1. **Gender Equity and Rights Analysis and Barriers, Assessment for Strengthening Primary Health Care in Kenya with bid ref: RFP/AFRO/KEN/004/2025.**

Interested bidders can obtain the bidding document containing all the requirements and Terms of Reference by sending a request to: **AFKENPROC@who.int** no later than 15th **August 2025 at 2:00pm**.

Additional Requirements:

1. Provide copies of Certificate of Incorporation, VAT registration, Trading Licenses, Registration and any relevant certifications.
2. Letters of recommendation from reputable organizations.
3. Latest Bank Statement
4. Audited Accounts
5. A Letter of Credit from the Bank

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) WHO reserves the right to reject any bid.
b) WHO is not bound to select the lowest bid.
c) Only successful bidders will be notified in writing of the final bid decision.

Deadline for submission of bids is Thursday **29th August 2025** at **2:00pm**, Kenya Time.

All bids shall be clearly marked with their respective Bid References as listed below.

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Innovation agency chief urges universities to take the lead in AI skilling

The KeNIA CEO is the guest speaker during today's graduation ceremony taking place at Mount Kenya University's main campus in Thika

Universities should embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) for innovation to positively transform society, says Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) chief executive Dr Tonny Omwansa.

The KeNIA CEO is the guest speaker during today's graduation ceremony taking place at Mount Kenya University's (MKU's) main campus in Thika. More than 8,700 students will graduate during the event themed, *'Catalyzing Innovation: Universities as Drivers of Artificial Intelligence'.*

AI, says Dr Omwansa, can enhance sectors such as agriculture, healthcare and education, among others. However, this can only happen when higher education institutions "embrace innovation, equip learners with hands-on skills, and build ecosystems that connect academia, industry, and government," he argues.

"At KeNIA, we enable innovation for socio-economic development by strengthening relationships among actors and promoting enterprise development from research and ideas," says Dr Omwansa.

The KeNIA CEO lauds MKU for initiating and participating in various projects that support innovation. The University has an innovation and incubation centre that nurtures own innovators and others from different institutions.

Dr Omwansa notes that projects such as ACCESS 2.0, which MKU is implementing in partnership with Leipzig University and nine other local universities from 2025 to 2029, is a significant development. The project supports annual student innovation across the 10 local affiliate universities under the theme: *'Innovate for Impact: Scaling Kenyan MSMEs through SDG 9.'*

Dr Tonny Omwansa, CEO, Kenya National Innovation Agency

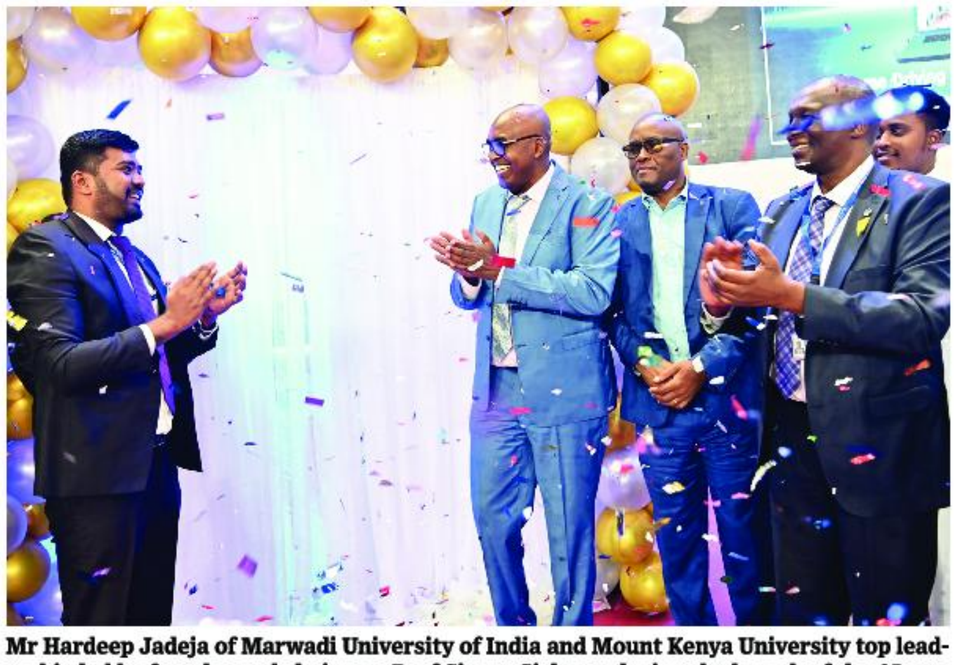
> *At KeNIA, we enable innovation for socio-economic development by strengthening relationships among actors and promoting enterprise development from research and ideas*

MKU Chairman Prof Simon Gicharu says the university has already integrated AI in its advanced academic and administrative system, University Resource Platform (UniRP). In this, the university partnered with Marwadi Technologies of India.

According to Prof Gicharu, the AI-driven ICT system will enable the university to serve its global student community even better.

MKU's students hail from more than 40 nationalities, with some of them studying through the Open, Distance and Electronic Learning (ODeL) mode.

Prof Gicharu described UniRP as a significant milestone in the university's digital evolution as the ICT system aligns with MKU's 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, Kenya's Vision 2030, the UN SDGs 2030.



Mr Hardeep Jadeja of Marwadi University of India and Mount Kenya University top leadership led by founder and chairman Prof Simon Gicharu, during the launch of the AI-embedded University Integrated Resource Platform (UnIRP) system mid this year. To Prof Gicharu's left are MKU Board member Mr John Ruigu, and the university's Vice-Chancel-

MKU CHANCELLOR

Let's forge more partnerships, Chancellor urges as MKU is appointed UNAI SDG Hub 9 chair

Mount Kenya University (MKU) Chancellor Prof John Struthers, has urged the institution to continue forging many more impact-driven partnerships. While noting that the university has struck some notable collaborations this year, he says there's a need for more.

Prof Struthers hailed MKU's appointment this year as United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) SDG Hub 9 Chair, which covers Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure as prescribed under SDG-9.

In its announcement, UNAI explained that MKU was selected based on its diverse range of projects that enhance innovation among its students and improve the quality of life for its surrounding communities.

The appointment has enhanced MKU global visibility, with the university invited to high-level education symposia as a result.

MKU is one of the two African universities serving as UNAI SDG chairs for the period 2025-2027.

The university has been cultivating partnerships with local, regional and global entities.

It recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Kenya Branch, and the International Law Institute – South African Centre for Excellence (ILI-SACE).

Prof. John Struthers , MKU Chancellor, confers a doctorate degree to a graduand during the 26th Graduation Ceremony.

The three partners plan to collaborate on alternative dispute resolution (ADR), with a special focus on investment arbitration and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) compliance.

MKU, through its Centre for International and Development Law (CIDLAW), shall contribute academic infrastructure and student reach. CIArb will bring professional arbitration expertise and global networks. ILI-SACE will offer international standards in arbitration and ESG compliance training.

Through its partnership with European institutions, MKU is exposing its students to training and employment opportunities abroad.

Mid this year, the University sent its third cohort of Nursing Apprentices to Germany for hands-on training in the healthcare sector. The students, who completed German language training up to B2 level and a preparatory nursing certificate course, were celebrated at a recent ceremony at the Mwai Kibaki Convention Centre.

In yet another collaborative initiative, 15 delegates (eight faculty members and seven postgraduate students) participated in the Erasmus+ exchange programme at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia.

These partnerships have added significant value to MKU's programmes.

PhD graduands studying at Mount Kenya University

The Mount Kenya University (MKU) PhD students set to graduate today are a happy lot, and here, some of them share their experiences:

Jecinta Waitherero Waititu, who studied Business Administration and Management, describes her PhD experience at MKU as "a life changing journey with deep fulfilment".

"The robust IT systems and other digital resources at MKU made remote research, collaboration, and supervision easier," she says. "I am honoured to have contributed to the growing body of knowledge in strategic management with a special focus on Kenya's leather industry."

Hellen Kaluai, a Counselling Psychology graduands, says: "This research was my desire to acquire knowledge on human behaviour and help others to understand themselves and their environments. A study in Counselling Psychology further enhances my self-awareness and development of positive attitude towards relationships in life."

Ramzy Muorwel, who has also successfully completed her Public Health programme, describes his experience as the most rewarding academic journeys of his life. "Having previously obtained my Master's degree from the same institution, I have spent the last eight years growing academically and professionally while studying for the two degrees," he says.

Some of the PhD graduands

Edith Njoroge, who is set to graduate with a PhD in Educational Psychology, summarises her study, saying: "My scholarly inquiry centred on the psychological wellbeing of educators, a topic too often neglected despite its profound influence on students' academic achievement and emotional health. I hope that this dissertation will stimulate substantive dialogue and catalyse tangible initiatives aimed at uplifting both teachers and learners."

Another graduand, Margaret Awino Ong'ale, says: "Pursuing my PhD in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration at MKU has been an intellectually fulfilling and transformative experience. My doctoral work contributes significantly to the growing body of knowledge on law enforcement reforms in Kenya."

TECHNOLOGY

Council approves increased use of AI in varsity

Dr. Vincent Gaitho, Chairman, University Council

Mount Kenya University (MKU) is going big on artificial intelligence (AI). Its council has approved the deployment of the advanced technology.

Council Chairman, Dr Vincent Gaitho, says the institution has embraced AI as a strategic enabler in its digital transformation journey.

"The Council has approved the implementation of a robust ICT system, a major catalyst in the university's vision of digital transformation, institutional excellence, and student-centred service delivery," he says.

This is in line with the university's vision to be a global hub for excellence in education, research, and innovation.

Dr Gaitho explains that the University Council approved the integration of AI in its ICT system "to improve the teaching and learning experience of our students and enhance operational efficiency at the university."

In higher education, AI has become central to enhancing operational efficiency, supporting faculty-led research, inspiring student innovation, and enabling data-informed decision-making.

MKU has transitioned from the Student Management Information System (SMIS) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), to the unified University Resource Platform (UNiRP).

Dr Gaitho adds that in recognition of the transformative potential of AI, the University has embarked on an ambitious initiative to redesign and equip computer labs with advanced computing resources. These facilities will support AI-driven simulations, student-led projects, and research collaborations, enabling both learners and faculty to develop AI solutions to real-world demands.

How MKU is responding to the growing importance of artificial intelligence

Mount Kenya University (MKU) is set to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) across all its curricula to enhance teaching, for better learning outcomes.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Deogratius JAGANYI reveals that this is the strategic direction the institution has taken in view of the growing importance of AI in education, innovation and labour markets.

The University Council recently approved 13 programmes whose curricula has elements off AI. Key among these curricula are Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence and Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. Both will be offered in the School of Computing and Informatics.

Since 2023, AI has been an area of specialisation in MKU's BSc Computer Science programme. Each intake of this programme accommodates 100 students.

Prof JAGANYI says AI-focused programmes are highly marketable, as they align with global trends in automation, data-driven decision-making, and intelligent systems. Graduates with AI expertise are increasingly in demand across various sectors, including healthcare, finance, agriculture, manufacturing, cybersecurity, and smart cities and logistics.

The impact of AI on the IT profession is transformative. It is reshaping roles from traditional programming to more dynamic areas such as machine learning, data analysis, robotics, and AI system design. Professionals with AI skills are well-positioned to lead in innovation and digital transformation initiatives.

From left: Prof John Struthers, Chancellor, Mount Kenya University, Dr Jane Nyutu, MKU Co-founder, Rev Dr Regina Kinuthia, MKU Chaplain, and Victoria Vas, Chief Executive Officer, Roadstar during a past ceremony at MKU. Roadstar, a US-based trucking company that uses artificial intelligence in its operations, gives internship opportunities to MKU students. PHOTO: JOHN MUCHUCHA

The MKU VC says the institution looks forward to the progressive use of AI for accelerated innovation and research.

Likewise, Equip Africa Institute plans to deepen artificial intelligence (AI) integration into its curriculum and administrative systems. The institute is the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) arm of MKU.

The university, through its Innovation and Incubation Centre, continues to champion the *Idea to Market* programme—a bold initiative that supports students in transforming their innovative ideas into impactful, market-ready solutions.

On the research front, MKU's Centre for Malaria Elimination last month hosted a groundbreaking continental gathering that underscored the transformative power of mathematical modelling in disease control.

The 3rd MaModAfrica Annual Symposium held in Mombasa, marked a significant milestone in Africa's fight against infectious diseases.

"The war against diseases such as malaria is increasingly becoming a battle of information, with data and its translation into predictive intelligence as the most potent weapons," says Prof JAGANYI, noting the approach's potential for addressing various African health challenges.

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First cohort of innovation exchange programme back from Munich, ready to apply new skills

Two hundred Mount Kenya University (MKU) students are participating in an innovation exchange programme implemented by the Technical University of Munich (TUM). The programme, known as 'Africa Meets Bavaria', is coordinated by UnternehmerTUM, the leading centre for innovation and business creation in Europe.

The first group of 100 aspiring MKU innovators has just completed the training, with the second joining the programme this month.

This is a first in Kenya's higher education sector as no other local university has been involved in an innovation exchange of such scale.

This initiative is part of a broader international innovation exchange effort aimed at equipping African students with cutting-edge skills in digital product development, with a particular focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The MKU Head of Innovations, Intellectual Property and Community Engagement Mr Donatus Njoroge, says the training is expected to create "a pipeline of innovation ambassadors who will mentor others within the university and beyond".

From left: Mark Kiarie, Joy Watiri and Clifford Mbithuka.

The programme comprises hands-on training, virtual mentorship, workshops, and select in-person internships in Germany.

The goal is to empower students to not only participate in the global digital economy, but also to launch scalable ventures that address local challenges.

Three MKU students returned last week from Munich, Germany, where they undertook internships in leading innovation companies under the programme. They represent the first cohort and are actively engaged in real-world product development and research.

One of the interns and a third-year BSc Computer Science student, Clifford Mbithuka, says: "This programme has opened my mind to a new world of innovation. Working with developers and entrepreneurs in Munich has shown me how AI can be practically used to solve everyday challenges. I feel empowered to bring these lessons back home and start something impactful."

Another intern, Joy Watiri, also a third-year student undertaking the same course at MKU, says: "As a young woman in tech, this opportunity is transformative. I'm learning from the best minds in Europe and applying those skills in real-time projects. I now see myself not just as a student, but as a global innovator."

MKU's 27th Graduation Ceremony will be televised live from 9 A.M. on tv47

How Uhuru could muddy the waters for Gachagua and Ruto

- Former President has called a Special National Delegates Conference of Jubilee.
- Ex-DP Gachagua wants his DCP to be the dominant party in Mt Kenya.

NDUNGU GACHANE, NAIROBI

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta's decision to resume leadership roles in the Jubilee Party could significantly alter Kenya's political landscape, and pose a challenge to Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's quest to be the Mt Kenya region's kingpin and affect President William Ruto's re-election strategy.

On Wednesday, Uhuru issued a 21-day notice for a Special National Delegates Conference (NDC), scheduled for the end of this month, aimed at reviewing and formulating party policies and addressing other critical matters affecting Jubilee.

The announcement came a day after the former President chaired the first National Executive Council (NEC) meeting since winning a court battle against a rival faction led by Nominated MP Sabina Chege and East African Legislative Assembly MP Kanini Kega. The two had declared themselves party leader and Secretary-General respectively, replacing Uhuru and Jeremiah Kioni.

In 2023, Uhuru chaired an NDC which was dismissed by the Chege-Kega faction. The duo subsequently convened another NEC meeting, where they resolved to replace Uhuru with Sabina, triggering a series of legal battles.

Allies of President Ruto have frequently urged Uhuru to retire from active politics, including relinquishing any party leadership roles, even threatening to withhold his retirement benefits should he fail to comply. Uhuru's appearance at State House, Nairobi, last week, sparked speculation that the Jubilee leader, who supported Raila Odinga in the 2022 presidential election, could be warming up to backing Ruto's re-election bid in 2027. However, Jubilee officials have dismissed such claims.

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta during the requiem mass in honour of Pope Francis at Holy Family Minor Basilica, Nairobi. April 25,2025. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Jubilee Deputy Organising Secretary Pauline Njoroge reaffirmed the party's position, stating that it remains in opposition.

"At a time of dynamic political realignments, the party remains steadfast in its role within the opposition, committed to championing the interests of the people and upholding democratic principles," said Njoroge.

> *This appears to be a strategy to counter Gachagua, and it could have been part of the discussions between Uhuru and Ruto during their recent meeting*
>
> **Peter Kagwanja, Political analyst**

She added that the party would soon embark on a strategic plan to revitalise its structures and operations across the country.

Sources within the party indicated that key agenda items for the upcoming NDC include the potential endorsement of former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i as Jubilee's presidential candidate in the 2027 election.

Gachagua's Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) has absorbed several former Jubilee leaders, including former Kigumo MP Jamleck Kamau, who previously served as Jubilee's Director of Elections, and former Limuru MP Peter Mwathi.

Other former Jubilee MPs who have joined DCP are Mercy Gakuya and Maina Kamanda.

Political analysts believe Jubilee's revival could trigger fresh divisions in the Mt Kenya region, where the party still enjoys significant support.

Prof Peter Kagwanja views the move as a direct challenge to Gachagua's influence in the region and a calculated effort to rein in his political ascendancy.

"This appears to be a strategy to counter Gachagua, and it could have been part of the discussions between Uhuru and Ruto during their recent meeting. However, considering the trajectory of ruling parties in Kenya's history, I doubt Jubilee will regain sufficient momentum to become the region's dominant party by 2027," said Kagwanja.

Efforts to revitalise Jubilee also coincide with the resignation of Ruto's advisor Moses Kuria, who has since declared his intention to vie for the position of Secretary-General of the Jubilee Party—despite being the founder of Chama Cha Kazi, a party allied to the Kenya Kwanza coalition.

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TURF WARS

Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya.

Shape up or I ship out, Natembeya now tells DAP-K leaders

Tension in the Democratic Action Party-Kenya (DAP-K) is escalating after Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya threatened to quit the party.

Natembeya accused some leaders of stifling internal democracy and opposing reforms that would make the party vibrant.

"I would be forced to quit and form my party if the leaders continue to suffocate internal democracy and resist a transformative agenda to change the outlook of the party," he warned.

Natembeya, who is the DAP-K deputy leader, said some party officials were strongly opposed to his quest to change the leadership structure of the party to give it a national outlook.

Former Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa is the leader of the party.

Natembeya said he was willing to step down from his position to accommodate politicians from other regions.

"We cannot have a party that has leadership from one region and eyeing the presidency. The truth is that we have to bring on board leaders from other regions for DAP-K to have a national image," he said during an interview with The Standard in Kitale.

Rebranding of the party, he argued, is necessary and faulted those opposed to the idea, adding that the party should have national representation.

[Osinde Obare and Elvis Kosegei]

FRAUD

System audit exposes 100,000 ghost beneficiaries of Inua Jamii money

It has emerged that at least 100,000 ineligible people have been receiving payments under the Inua Jamii Cash Transfer Programme.

Principal Secretary for Social Protection and Senior Citizens Affairs Joseph Motari yesterday said that an audit uncovered that the government has been paying stipends to people who are no longer in the system.

"It was necessary to pause payments and clean up the data. Over 100,000 people who were still listed had left the system, but funds were still being disbursed to them," the PS told the press in Nairobi.

Motari said that a recent system audit exposed widespread irregularities in the programme's beneficiary database.

The audit uncovered that tens of thousands of recipients were either deceased or no longer qualified for the government's cash transfer.

The discovery came amid rising concerns over large volumes of "clawback" funds — payments sent out but returned due to inactive or untraceable accounts.

According to Motari, the pattern prompted a comprehensive review by officers across the country.

Launched to support vulnerable groups, including older persons, people with severe disabilities, and orphans, the Inua Jamii programme disburses monthly stipends of Sh2,000 to each beneficiary.

As a result of the clean-up, PS said that the government delayed the June 2025 payment cycle.

He said that payments resumed this week with beneficiaries receiving Sh4,000, covering June and July.

"We apologise to beneficiaries for the inconvenience caused by the delay," Motari said. **[Juliet Omelo]**

CRIME

Detectives probe Juja murder, suicide involving student and 36-year-old man

Detectives at Juja Police Station in Kiambu County are investigating death of a 20-year-old female student in Witeithie Estate.

The suspected killer, a 36-year-old man, allegedly strangled the student before taking his own life.

Juja Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Daniel Ndege said that the deceased, identified as Linet Nkatha, a student at TIBs College in Thika, was found dead in a room on Wednesday.

The body of the suspect, identified as Dickson Muriithi Mutwiri, was found hanging from the ceiling of the room.

Daniel Mwangi, a resident of Witeithie near the Tel Aviv building where the incident occurred, said he was woken up by screams from a neighbouring plot. He was informed that a man had killed a woman before taking his own life.

Officers from Witeithie Police Station, together with detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), visited the scene and discovered both bodies.

He left a note confessing the woman's murder.

"In the note, he also asked detectives to inform his mother that he had taken his own life," said Ndege.

It is believed the two were in a romantic relationship and may have had a disagreement.

[Gitau Wanyoike]

Standard journalist loses parents in crash

Standard Group Reporter Edwin Nyarangi (left) and Radio Maisha and KTN DJ Darius (right) together with Parents Bishop Josiah Onyancha and Hellen Moraa who perished in a road accident at Ololulunga in Narok town on their way to Nairobi on Wednesday afternoon. [Courtesy]

- Edwin Nyarangi's parents died in a road accident on their way to celebrate his Master's graduation.
- The couple's car was attempting to overtake a convoy of vehicles when it collided head-on with an oncoming truck.

OMONDI POWEL AND GEORGE SAYAGIE, NAIROBI

What was meant to be a crowning moment in the life of Standard Group journalist Edwin Nyarangi has turned into a devastating double tragedy after his parents died in a road accident while travelling to Nairobi for his graduation ceremony.

Nyarangi's father, Josiah Biyongo, and mother, Hellen Biyongo, perished on Wednesday at around 2pm when the car they were travelling in was involved in a fatal head-on collision with a truck at Osentu area along the Nakuru – Bomet highway.

"I have lost my dad and mum in a grisly road accident. They were driving to Nairobi to attend my Master's graduation, scheduled to take place at Mount Kenya University on Friday (today)," a grief-stricken Nyarangi told his colleagues.

According to a police report, the couple's car was attempting to overtake a convoy of vehicles when it collided head-on with an oncoming truck near Narok town.

Biyongo, 65, died on the spot, while Hellen was rushed to Narok County Referral Hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries. Their bodies are currently being preserved at the facility's mortuary awaiting a post-mortem.

The couple are survived by four sons, two of whom—Edwin Nyarangi and Darius Ondieki, popularly known as DJ Darius—are employees of the Standard Group. DJ Darius works with Radio Maisha.

"My heart is heavy beyond words, but I deeply appreciate all your prayers and support. Please keep us in your thoughts during this unbearable time," DJ Darius posted on Facebook.

The late Biyongo was a widely respected figure in his community—a retired teacher, an ordained bishop, and a former gubernatorial aspirant in Kisii County. Driven by a lifelong passion to uplift others, he vied for the Kisii governor seat in the 2022 General Election as an independent candidate, despite the challenges of going it alone.

"He was firm in what he believed, even if he was the last man standing," said Nyarangi, recalling his father's determination to run for office independently, motivated by a desire to transform his community.

A life of service and conviction

Born in Kisii, Biyongo began his education at Magena Nursery and Primary School from 1966 to 1975. He then attended Magena High School for his secondary education between 1976 and 1979. Later in 1980, he began teaching under the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) before enrolling at Mosoriot Teachers Training College for professional training.

He was not only passionate about education but also committed to spiritual growth, earning a diploma in Theological Education by Extension (TEE) from the Kapsabet School of Divinity in Nandi County.

Upon completing his theological studies, he served as an Honorary Evangelist in the Moiben-Ziwa Parish under the Eldoret Anglican Diocese, later continuing his ministry at St. Philips Parish in Kisii under the Southern Nyanza Anglican Diocese. He held numerous leadership roles, including as a Parish Church Council (PCC) member.

Biyongo was also a trained psychotherapist and a registered member of the Kenya Counselling and Psychological Association (KCPA). He was also a part time lecturer both locally and internationally.

On the other hand, Hellen, a long-serving agricultural extension officer, dedicated over 40 years to improving farming practices across Kenya.

She began her career in Elgeyo Marakwet County, later moving to Uasin Gishu and eventually being posted to Kisii County, where she served until her retirement.

Nyarangi said his parents valued education, shaping the lives of their children with lessons on humility.

Kisii Governor Simba Arati mourned their passing, eulogising Biyongo as "a courageous, respected, and distinguished leader."

NAKURU

County defends itself amid rising health sector woes

Governor Susan Kihika's administration has acknowledged ongoing challenges in Nakuru County's health sector amid growing scrutiny from political opponents.

Roselyn Mungai, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health, issued a statementyesterday admitting that a critical CT scan machine at Nakuru Level 5 Hospital is currently non-functional due to a component failure.

This follows recent accusations by Senator Tabitha Karanja, who claimed that the state of health services in the county is deteriorating alarmingly.

Mungai confirmed that the delay in repairing the CT scanner stems from the need to source a replacement part from overseas. However, she clarified that CT scan services remain available through the hospital's cancer centre, while MRI machines — which offer more advanced imaging — are also being used for primary diagnostics.

She acknowledged that the increased patient load has led to longer queues, prompting the hospital to extend working hours to ensure continuity of diagnostic services.

Addressing concerns about a purported electricity disconnection at the hospital over an alleged Sh19 million bill owed to the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC), Mungai dismissed the claims as "alarming and misleading."She stated that there had been a temporary power shutdown at the hospital's oxygen plant to facilitate scheduled maintenance — not a punitive disconnection. "The temporary shutdown last Friday was isolated to the oxygen plant and was pre-planned to allow routine servicing. The rest of the hospital remained fully operational," she clarified.

The CECM further revealed that the county is in the process of adopting the use of solar energy in major health facilities. This is being done in partnership with the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change to enhance sustainability and energy efficiency. **[Julius Chepkwony]**

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TANA RIVER

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NOTICE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (C-ADP) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires every county government to prepare an annual development plan and submit the plan to the County Assembly not later than 1st September. Alongside this, the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for public participation in formulation of development plans.

To this end, the County Government of Tana River is in the process of preparing the County Annual Development Plan (C-ADP) for the financial year 2026/2027 to guide development programmes for the county. It is envisaged that this ADP will guide the County Government in its effort towards Urbanization, Poverty Reduction, Affordable Health, Accessible Education, Infrastructure Development and Food Security.

The County Government of Tana River therefore invites the people of Tana River to take part in drawing their plan as follows:
a) Give input on prioritization of projects and programmes to be implemented by the County Government of Tana River during the FY 2026/2027. In doing so, make reference to planning and budget documents available online on the website of the County Government https://www.tanariver.go.ke/budget-planning/#)
b) Help in identification of possible sources of funding for projects, strategies and cost-saving measures and investment.
The County Government is requesting all residents, organized groups, professionals, donors and investors to attend and make contributions during the stakeholders' consultative meetings. The meetings shall take place on the dates and venues indicated below:

Sub-County	Ward	Venue	Date	Time
Bangale	Bangale	Baleneka Trading Centre	21st Aug, 2025	a9.00am - Noon
	Sala	Sombo Cluster	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Madogo	Sub-County Administrator's Office	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
Tana North	Chewele	Bilbil Primary School	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Hirimani	Hosingo Chief's office	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
Galedyertu	Wayu	Gururi Village	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
Tana River	Chewani	Wachakone Village	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Kinakomba	Kilindini Village	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Mikinduni	Handampia Village	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
Tana Delta	Kipini East	Chakamba Trading Centre	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Kipini West	Hurara	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Garsen South	Tarasaa Methodist Church	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Garsen Central	Danisa	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Garsen North	Hewani	21st Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon
	Garsen West	Kokani Cluster	22nd Aug, 2025	9.00am - Noon

Submission of proposals in form of memoranda in writing should be addressed to the County Secretary, County Government of Tana River, P.O. Box 29 - 70101, Hola and to be delivered at the above address or to any of the offices of either the Ward Administrators or the Sub-County Administrators or emailed to planbudget@tanariver.go.ke by **21st August, 2025**

CPA Brenda Mokaya
CECM, Finance and Economic Planning

Uncertainty grips Kenyan-led Haiti mission as mandate ends

- Mission faces another setback following revelations that US lawmakers are reviewing bilateral ties with Kenya.
- Troops have successfully pushed gangs out of urban areas and reclaimed vital infrastructure.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, NAIROBI

A Kenyan police officer on standby in Port-au-Prince city centre, July 17, 2024. [AFP]

The fate of Kenyan police officers in Haiti hangs in the balance as their mandate in the Caribbean country comes to an end.

This comes as the mission suffers another setback, following revelations that US lawmakers are reviewing bilateral agreements with Kenya — including its role in the Haiti mission.

The proposed amendment by US Senator Jim Risch could trigger a review of Kenya's designation as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA).

The clause specifically demands "an assessment of the relationship of Kenya with the US in countering violent extremism, achieving and maintaining peace and security in sub-Saharan Africa and in Haiti, as a United Nations peacekeeping troop-contributing country."

The amendment, if passed, mandates the secretaries of State, Defence, Treasury, and the Director of National Intelligence Service to reassess Kenya's role as a strategic partner.

The move could further dent the Kenyan-led Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM) in Haiti, which is backed by a UN mandate and US life-support contracts, both set to expire on September 30, 2025.

Kenyan troops have been stationed in the Caribbean nation for more than a year and are now operating in limbo, uncertain whether their mandate will be renewed.

A source within the mission, who spoke to The Standard in confidence, revealed that the troops have made tangible progress in pushing back gangs from urban strongholds and reclaiming critical infrastructure.

"The National Airport in Port-au-Prince is now operational again — planes are landing and taking off," the source noted.

Further, MSSM officers have reopened key routes in Kenscoff, Delmas, Thomassin, and Teleco, while successfully repelling multiple gang attacks, including on a police station in Savien and in Pétion-Ville.

Yet, beneath the surface of these successes lies a fragile mission undermined by persistent challenges — key among them being inadequate equipment, difficult terrain, and insufficient personnel.

The terrain in Haiti requires armoured vehicles and air support to manoeuvre effectively.

These limitations have come at a cost. The mission has recorded casualties, including the death of one Kenyan officer, Samuel Tompoi Kaetuai, in February, and the disappearance of another, Benedict Kabiru, during a gang ambush in March.

Haitian media reported that the missing officer had been killed. Inspector General of Police, Douglas Kanja, stated that the search mission for the officer was ongoing.

He assured the public that information would be relayed once the officer was found. Four months later, no further update has been issued.

The humanitarian crisis the mission sought to address also remains dire. In the past year alone, more than 5,000 Haitians have been killed in gang violence, with thousands more displaced.

Schools, hospitals, and businesses have suffered under the weight of lawlessness.

In its latest quarterly report, the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) painted an even grimmer picture.

Between April 1 and June 30, 2025, at least 1,520 people were killed and 609 injured in armed violence, primarily in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, followed by Artibonite and Centre.

There were at least 185 kidnappings and 628 victims of sexual violence.

The report described a human rights situation that remained extremely worrying, noting that criminal groups had intensified their attacks outside Port-au-Prince.

5,000

NUMBER of Haitians killed in gang violence over the past year, with thousands forced to flee their homes.

"Gang attacks in the Artibonite and Centre, and in the capital, continue to cause serious human rights violations and exacerbate an already dire humanitarian crisis, leading to massive population displacement with dramatic consequences for women and children in particular," said Ulrika Richardson, acting Head of BINUH and United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator.

The statement added that abuses by criminal groups accounted for more than 24 per cent of those killed or injured, with documented cases of gang rapes, sexual slavery, child trafficking, and exploitation.

Meanwhile, 64 per cent of the deaths and injuries were linked to security force operations against gangs, including drone strikes — with at least 15 per cent of the victims being civilians uninvolved in the conflict.

Faced with an imminent deadline and a mission starved of resources, President William Ruto, in June, wrote to the United Nations Security Council through the Permanent Mission of Kenya, urging urgent action.

In his letter, Ruto acknowledged both the shortcomings and strides of the mission.

"While Kenya had trained 1,000 officers for deployment, 261 remain on standby because the current life-support contract cannot cater for them," Ruto wrote.

He noted that the mission currently has 991 personnel, which is 39.6 per cent of the 2,500 planned officers for the mission.

"The lack of air and maritime capabilities is severely constraining our ability to degrade gang power and secure reclaimed territories," he noted.

Nonetheless, Ruto highlighted successes, which include retaking key installations such as the presidential palace, seaport, police academy, and major hospitals; reopening schools and health facilities; and enabling a partially functioning government.

Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary-General, in February, writing to the Security Council, raised similar concerns.

Guterres confirmed that while the MSSM had begun to make operational inroads, it was still in its deployment phase and lacked the capabilities and equipment for sustained operations.

He stated that only three forward operating bases had been set up and that over 50 per cent of the mission's armoured vehicles were non-serviceable due to a lack of spare parts.

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NAIVASHA

Judges now warn climate crisis will spark legal battles

The pan-African Association of Judges of Environment, Land and Labour is warning that climate change will lead to an increase in labour and environmental disputes.

According to the association, extreme weather events, environmental degradation, and displacement could exacerbate unemployment and deepen social inequality.

The association, which brings together current and retired judges, noted that climate change threatens fundamental human rights, fair income, workplace safety, social protection, freedom of expression, and equality of opportunity.

This emerged at the end of a five-day workshop in Naivasha, where the judges called for legal frameworks that support green job creation while safeguarding the rights to work, land, and a clean environment.

According to the association's president, Justice Jacqueline Mogeni, advancing the global climate agenda requires clear legal frameworks that support green job creation while safeguarding the right to work.

[Antony Gitonga]

Religious leaders tour farms in Mai Mahiu where more than 60 people were killed by flash floods. [Antony Gitonga, Standard]

TURKANA

Medics raise alarm over rising child tuberculosis cases

Health officials in Turkana County have raised concern over a sharp rise in tuberculosis cases among children, who now account for 27 per cent of all TB infections, nearly double the World Health Organisation recommended benchmark.

Currently, only 51 per cent of TB patients in Turkana, about 1,040 individuals, are receiving treatment, a figure that falls significantly short of the national target of 90 per cent .

However, county government, in collaboration with development partners, is intensifying efforts to improve screening, diagnosis, and community-level interventions aimed at reversing the trend and saving lives.

During a TB stakeholder meeting, it emerged that a new programme funded by the Global Fund will offer treatment and preventative care in six sub-counties.

[Lucas Ngasike]

Phoebe Asiyo's unmatched legacy of service to Kenya's vulnerable children

IRENE MUREITHI
MANAGING TRUSTEE, CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY OF KENYA

Her commitment to orphaned, abandoned and at-risk children helped shape adoption and family-based care frameworks.

If one were to crown a person as the embodiment of love, protection and unwavering concern for the welfare of Kenya's children, Dr. Phoebe Muga Asiyo would wear that crown with grace.

We honour and celebrate the life of a distinguished and devoted life member of Child Welfare Society of Kenya (CWSK), colleague, and mentor. Dr Asiyo dedicated herself whole-heartedly to the Society's mission to promote and secure the rights of children and vulnerable young persons, enabling them to realise their full potential.

She served as Chief Executive Officer of the Society from 1969 to 1980.

During this time, Mama Phoebe emerged as a towering figure in the field of child care and protection, playing a pivotal role in the development of child-care and protection systems in Kenya. Her leadership increased the Society's reach to vulnerable children.

Her deep commitment to orphaned, abandoned and at-risk children helped shape adoption and family-based care frameworks that laid the foundation for progressive child protection.

She personally received children from across the country, addressed their needs, including helping to place some of them in families. She also served as Guardian Ad Litem (representing children interests in court) for many.

Phoebe Asiyo (left) with members of the American Women's Association during an Education Day at the Child welfare Society in Nairobi. [Courtesy]

Under her stewardship, CWSK was approved as an Adoption Society, mandated to provide adoption, guardianship and foster care services on behalf of the government. She actively lobbied for increased government funding for children's services, including a personal appeal to then President Mwai Kibaki to increase funding for CWSK—an appeal that was effected in the 2010 budget.

Her vision was simple, yet profound: every child deserves a safe, nurturing, and loving home.

This belief shaped the Society's early policy and advocacy efforts. Mama Phoebe brought compassion and boldness to her role, often challenging societal norms and legislative gaps that left children and women unprotected.

Even after transitioning into the demanding world of politics, her commitment to the wellbeing of Kenya's children remained unchanged.

As we reflect on her extraordinary life, we are reminded that true leadership is selfless service to humanity. Mama Phoebe served with grace, wisdom and purpose.

Mama Phoebe, you received the babies of our motherland with open arms. You gave them food, clothing, education and shelter. You found them families and temporary shelter from the Coast at Mji Wa Salama in Mombasa to the Children's Homes in Isiolo and Embu; from the Rift valley at Nakuru's Arap Moi Children's Home to Kanduyi Children's Home in Bungoma, Western Kenya; from Mama Ngina Children's Home in Nairobi to Nyanza at Kisii Children's Home and Mama Ngina Children's Home, Kisumu.

You gave thousands of disadvantaged children not just care, but a reason to live. Many of them are now accomplished men and women in Kenya and beyond, while others are still being nurtured in the very institutions you helped build—places rooted in your values of professionalism, compassion and love.

You have left behind a profound legacy. Truly, you were a great mother to many.

The CEO, staff of CWSK, and the children were blessed to have you as our matriarch.

Your love will forever be cherished in our hearts. We loved you dearly.

Farewell, Mama Phoebe.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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THE SENATE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023)

The Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023) was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025. Thereafter, the Bill stood committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget for consideration. Pursuant to standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee is required to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report on the Bill to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to establish the Kenya National Council for Population and Development and provides for its functions and management. The mandate of the Council is to develop, review and coordinate the implementation of national policy, coordinate the implementation of population and development activities, coordinate the development and submission of population reports. The Bill proposes that the management of the Council shall vest in a Board.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P. O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to financebudgetcomm.senate@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Thursday, 28th August, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

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

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

Pursuant to the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and the County Government Act, No. 17 of 2012, Section 45 the West Pokot County Public Service Board wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons to fill the following vacant positions:-

CHIEF OFFICERS			
S/ No.	DEPARTMENT	JG	No. of Vacancies
1	Finance and Economic planning	S	1
2	Health and Sanitation	S	1
3	Education and Early Childhood Development	S	1
4	Vocational and Technical Training	S	1
5	Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation and Fisheries	S	1
6	Water and Natural Resources	S	1
7	Lands, Housing and Physical Planning	S	1
8	Roads, Transport and Public Works	S	1
9	Public Service Management, Administration Devolved Units, and ICT	S	1
10	Trade, Cooperative Development, Industries and Energy	S	1
11	Culture, Tourism, Heritage and Social Services	S	1
12	Sports and Youth Affairs	S	1
13	Executive Office of the Governor	S	1
14	Special Programmes, Humanitarian Co-ordination and Disaster Management.	S	1

You can access the advertisement details on our website www.westpokot.go.ke. Applications should be submitted on or before **29th August 2025,** and addressed to;

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The County Government of West Pokot is an equal opportunity employer. Youth, Women, person living with Disabilities, Marginalized and Minority Communities are encouraged to apply.
Canvasing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

Maternal health in peril after US orders burning of medical supplies

- Kenya was among countries that were set to receive drugs now slated for incineration.
- At least 77 pc of the supplies were earmarked for Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mali.

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

The freeze on US medical aid has significantly impacted maternal and child health in Kenya and around the world.

Kenya, which was among the countries that were set to receive drugs now marked for incineration following a decision by the US government, faces a major setback.

The US plans to destroy contraceptives worth $9.7 million (Sh1.2 billion) — supplies that are vital to reproductive health services.

Experts warn that the destruction of these supplies, tied to policies enacted by US President Donald Trump's administration, could severely undermine maternal and child health interventions.

Health professionals are now urging the Kenyan government to intervene and allocate adequate resources to safeguard maternal and child health services.

This crisis unfolds as Kenya continues to lose at least 21 women daily during childbirth, with at least 10 of those deaths attributed to postpartum haemorrhage (excessive bleeding).

"All maternal health services have been affected," said Anne-Beatrice Kihara, president of the International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

She added, "One would have to begin to consider alternative methods of procurement through pooled financing. We have to fully rethink our approach."

Excessive bleeding remains the leading cause of maternal death in Kenya, contributing to 10 of the 21 daily deaths.

Carbetocin is a uterotonic drug recommended for postpartum haemorrhage (PPH).

The drug does not require cold-chain transportation and storage, making it effective — particularly in remote areas with poor power connectivity.

Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (KOGS) president, Kireki Omanwa, explained that the heat-stable carbetocin used in Kenya is highly accessible because it is heavily subsidised.

The drugs are supplied to the country through subsidies — a move that has significantly saved women's lives at birth.

"Heat-stable carbetocin is highly subsidised. We have it available because of donor support," said Dr Kireki.

At present, Kenya is also experiencing a shortage of obstetric drapes.

The drapes are used in maternity rooms to measure the amount of blood a mother loses during birth.

Determining blood loss volume helps doctors decide whether a woman needs a blood transfusion.

Excessive bleeding is defined as the loss of more than 500 millilitres of blood during vaginal birth, and more than 1,000 millilitres during a Caesarean section.

"Healthcare providers are now forced to estimate blood loss using their hands when managing excessive bleeding," said Kireki.

As a solution, KOGS is working closely with the Clinton Health Initiative to have the drapes supplied through the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority. Kenya's maternal mortality rate stands at 355 deaths per 100,000 live births.

"Mothers are rarely dying in developed countries—even 10 deaths per 100,000 live births is considered high. Yet in Africa, the rate ranges between 300 and 600, and in some countries, it exceeds 1,000 per 100,000," said Prof Kihara.

Funding gaps have been evident since the US government ceased funding United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

"USAID was one of the biggest donors. The withdrawal of financial assistance has had and will continue to have a major impact on health services," Kireki lamented.

Other donor-supported programmes that have been affected include HIV/Aids, malaria, family planning, and vaccinations.

Kireki described the destruction of contraceptives as unfortunate, especially at a time when Kenya and other African countries desperately need these commodities.

"If they cannot be donated to Kenya, they should be given to other countries that need them," he observed.

According to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), more than 1.4 million girls in Africa have been left without contraceptives.

IPPF regretted that its local partners in Africa will now face increased challenges in delivering essential and life-saving care.

In a statement, IPPF noted that the contraceptives are set to be incinerated in France.

At least 77 per cent of the supplies were earmarked for five countries in the Africa region — Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mali.

Several of these countries are already experiencing severe stock-outs.

"The incineration of these contraceptives will deny more than 1.4 million women and girls access to life-saving care. Rather than reaching the communities who need them most, these essential medical supplies — many of which don't expire until 2027 to 2029—are being needlessly and egregiously destroyed," noted IPPF.

IPPF member states were due to receive a share of the contraceptives stock.

Nelly Munyasia, Executive Director for the Reproductive Health Network in Kenya (a IPPF member association), said the impact is already being felt.

"In Kenya, the effects of US funding disruptions are already evident. The funding freeze has caused stock-outs of contraceptives, leaving facilities with less than five months' supply instead of the required 15 months," said Munyasia.

"Additionally, Kenya is experiencing reduced capacity-building for health workers, disrupted digital logistics and health information systems, and a 46 per cent funding gap in the national family planning programme."

In Kenya, nearly one in five girls aged 15 to 19 is pregnant or has given birth.

Unsafe abortions also remain among the top five causes of maternal deaths in the country, Munyasia noted.

Sarah Durocher, president of Le Planning Familial (IPPF's French member association), urged the French government not to destroy the contraceptives.

"We call on the French government to act urgently to prevent the destruction of USAID-funded contraceptives. It is unacceptable that France — a country that champions feminist diplomacy —has remained silent, while others, like Belgium, have stepped in to engage with the US government. In the face of this injustice, solidarity with those relying on these life-saving supplies is not optional: it is a moral imperative."

More than 40 per cent of the contraceptives stockpiled in Brussels were allocated for shipment to Tanzania alone. The contraceptives were already packaged and ready for distribution.

IPPF offered to take them for redistribution at no cost to the US taxpayer, but the offer was declined.

The actions of the US administration show that politics is being prioritised over economics, given the additional costs of transporting, storing, and incinerating the products, the statement added.

"This decision to destroy ready-to-use commodities is appalling and extremely wasteful. These life-saving medical supplies were destined for countries where access to reproductive care is already limited — and in some cases, part of a broader humanitarian response, such as in the DRC. The choice to incinerate them is unjustifiable and undermines efforts to protect the health and rights of women and girls," said Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry, Africa Regional Director of IPPF.

Kenya loses at least 21 women daily during childbirth, with at least 10 of those deaths attributed to excessive bleeding. [Courtesy]

BIRTH CONTROL

- Countries that were set to receive contraceptives:
- Tanzania:1,031,400 injectable contraceptives and 365,100 implants
- Mali: 1,100,880 oral contraceptives and 95,800 implants will be denied,
- Zambia:48,400 implants and 295,000 injectable contraceptives
- Kenya:108,000 women, will be unable to access to contraceptive implants, representing 13.5 per cent of its annual need.

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NO.	NAME	POSITION	COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME
1.	Ambrose Ogeto Ngare	CECM Public Service Management Training & Devolution	Appointment	26/8/2025	10:00am-11:00am
2.	Elga Adoyo Riaga	CECM Sports, Gender and Social Services	Appointment	26/8/2025	11:00am-12:00pm
3.	Francis Njoroge Njogu	CO Youth, Talent, Sports & Vocational Training	Culture, Sports and Community Services	26/8/2025	10:00am-11:00am
4.	Joseph Kiprotich Kibusia	CO ICT, e-Government & Public Communication	ICT and E-Government	26/8/2025	11:00am-12:00pm
5.	Dr. Victor Mwandale Achoka	CO Resource Mobilization	Finance	26/8/2025	12:00pm-1:00pm

Each Nominee to collect the relevant vetting questionnaire from the office of the clerk or download it from www.nakuruassembly.go.keThe duly filed questionnaire together with copies of the listed documents should be handed over to the office of the Clerk on or before 25th August ,2025 at 9:00am;
i) Identity Card/Passport;
ii) Curriculum Vitae, Academic &Professional Certificates;
iii) Clearances from Police Service, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Kenya Revenue Authority, Credit Bureau and Higher Education Loans Board;
iv) Any other relevant document.
Note: Nominees are required to present the **ORIGINAL** copies of the aforementioned documents during the vetting process.
Members of the public are invited to attend vetting on 26th August, 2025 and/or submit any information /memoranda/petition **UNDER OATH** that may have a bearing on the suitability of the nominees. This information should reach the Clerk on or before 25th August,2025 at 9:00am.

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PETER KIMANI A SLICE AND DICE OF POLITICS, CULTURE & SOCIETY

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His daring attitude selling chickens in Eldoret streets compares with Jomo's Europe forays in 1929

Prezzo Ruto toots own horn to reveal fresh delusions of grandeur

I don't recall seeing Prezzo Bill Ruto relaxed as he was this week, in that cream suit that allowed a hint of a grey stubble to accentuate his receding hairline, even as a glint flashed in his eyes to declare: "*mimi najua kufanya mambo.*"

That means "he knows how to do stuff," and in the absence of any elaboration, "*kufanya mambo*" could mean just about anything. But since we're not in the business of speculation, let's stick to what we know so far.

First off, I am glad he has shaken off that tag about being Washington's factotum, since that silly picture sitting at Joe Biden's desk at the White House, smiling sheepishly. That's when Washington declared Nairobi a major security ally, in a nonsensical formulation known as "major non-Nato ally."

Some folks saw that as a vote of confidence in the person of Prezzo Ruto, while in actual sense it meant he was being deployed as Washington's KYM (*kanda ya moko*), commanded to run errands that no one was willing to discharge, like sending Kenyan troops to die in Haiti.

That was before Kenyan youths started dying like flies in police cells because they had shouted "*Wantam*," an egregious crime that, I understand, has provoked the government to take extra measures to ensure only pliant crowds are allowed into local stadia during the on-going continental footie tourney known as African Nations Championship (CHAN).

But that's not my problem. If the government is keen on insider trading — same way our taxes are being used to purchase T-Bills that earn interest from the self-same *kafment* — let them find creative ways of filling our stadia with tickets bought using our taxes. The real winners are the youth watching the games for free.

Prezzo Ruto was in the stadium on Sunday, perhaps to personally suppress any chants of "*Wantam*," in readiness for the horn tooting midweek, when he hailed his alleged youth for enabling him "to do stuff".

He went further, now that he was in a good mood to claim, without any provocation, that he bests all the four past Prezzos over the last 60 years because "there has never been an opportunity for a person with the experience I have, with the education I have, with the knowledge I have..."

Well, that's not exactly PhD-speak, but we'll let it slide. He went on: "I have combined all, all the all (sic) my precedessors, you know: I have the courage of Jomo, I have the understanding of Moi, I have the education of Kibaki, and I have the plan we shared with Uhuru Kenyatta..."

Let's not belabour how he purportedly "combined" his four predecessors, after all, he knows how to do stuff. After years of denial of ever having served as Prezzo UK's deputy, he now acknowledged that he had worked under him for 10 years, five of which were spent campaigning, hoisted on the top of a vehicle that allowed a bird's eye view of what he now claims was "the plan shared with Uhuru Kenyatta."

The less said about Prezzo Ruto's alleged superior education the better, especially since we're yet to know how he deployed his Zoology to the management of the nation's affairs. I'd have expected the nation's marine life to improve exponentially due to his expertise in this field.

But I am inclined to agree with him that it takes enormous courage to do the sort of things he's doing, which no doubt stem from his daring attitude since his formative years selling chickens and eggs in the streets of Eldoret.

I think that compares favourably with Jomo's forays in Europe in 1929, or chanting anti-colonial slogans at London's Hyde Park in the 1940s. If one charges that the proceeds from eggs and chicken sales went to Prezzo Ruto directly, Jomo could be accused of keeping many parcels of land for himself.

'Bra' cop on Jogoo Road demands his pound of flesh with menace and shameless audacity

Passengers on a matatu destined for Nairobi's Eastlands were treated to an interesting drama as a cop flagged down the vehicle around the Maziwa area, on Jogoo Road. The traffic policeman, probably from Shauri Moyo Police Station, reared his head inside the matatu, but the conductor was at the back, collecting fares.

The policeman wasted no time inspecting the matatu, or scrutinising the driver's credentials to ensure safety; he just wanted to speak with the conductor. "*Kwani iko kwa* bra," he chided in his undisguised solicitation.

Let's unpack this brazen, naked display of corruption. Never mind the demeaning intimation about the bra that introduces the gender dimension—implying the conductor wasn't "man enough" to keep his money in a wallet, and dishing out the bribe without incident. But referencing the bra has a sexual connotation as well. It was a defilement of the collective dignity of the passengers and the conductor.

Demanding the bribe with such audacity is an open display of the indiscipline that has permeated into the police force.

The conductor, I am told, played along, peeling off a Sh100 note and handing it to a passenger for onward transmission to the waiting cop. That's the fare for two passengers, and it is assumed that the cop collects his dues on every trip, ensuring the matatu operator will drive like hell to make more rounds and garner enough to pay off his loans—and recover the monies haemorrhaged through the bottomless pit that the bra cop represents. *Bure kabisa.*

CROWN OF COLOUR

This trader hawks food items in Kisii town. As the economy contracts, many traders opt to walk around and seek customers, instead of waiting at their stalls. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

Gifts from strangers at the Hub in Karen that left my cup running over with gratitude

I was at the Hub, Karen, in midweek, doing this and that, testing those who came my way in a variety of ways. The first move was to reject a perfectly made salad because it had been splashed with mayonnaise.

Yes, I know some of you would gulp that with relish, but I don't. The folks at the Art Café joyfully offered to replace it, even after I half-heartedly offered to take it because I couldn't die from it, but the female supervisor (I didn't get her name), assured it was her business to ensure I ate right.

Eddy Kuria, who served me from beginning to end, however, was extremely generous, able to accommodate my many demands. First off, I said I'd be stepping out, could he watch over my table? Certainly, came the response.

All this while, I hadn't paid, and I have lately been visiting places where they ask you to pay ahead, lest you jump from tenth floor to escape a Sh150 tab.

I stayed on for long—long enough to rack up some Sh500 in parking fees—including detours that I will not declare because folks at the Kenya Revenue Authority might institute a lifestyle audit. By the way, KRA have been demanding back taxes for what my employer has paid, because taxes are deducted at source—so I have learnt to ignore them.

Since I don't recall when I last had cash on me, and the Kaps app was predictably not working when I needed it, I couldn't quite settle my parking tab. Once again, the supportive vibe that I had enjoyed all day, including at La Cascina, where Virginia Karanja offered to keep my stuff as I went *manga-mangaring*, it fell to Helen Bokea to sort my parking fees.

Helen had arrived to pay for her own ticket. She had also tried to use the Kaps app unsuccessfully.

"It so happens that I have cash on me, which is rare, so I'm going to open a bureau here and help with parking fees," she chuckled. "I hope your bill isn't Sh500," she told a woman who lined up for help, after me.

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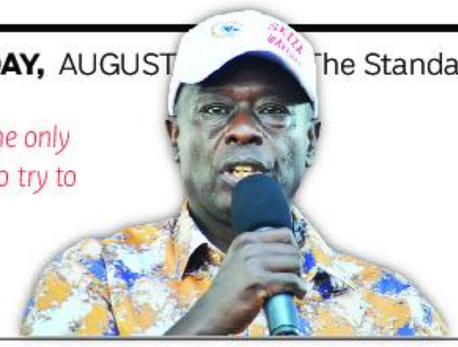

"William Ruto has nothing against me and the only remaining strategy is to label me a tribalist to try to demean me before the people of Kenya,"

Rigathi Gachagua, Former Deputy President

EDITORIAL

Ensure fee cuts do not cripple our universities

The recent directive by the Ministry of Education to slash university fees by 15 to 40 per cent serves as a double-edged sword. On the one hand, it offers much-needed reprieve to parents and students who have long decried the huge fees under the new funding model.

On the other hand, it could deny public universities funds that are in short supply, and university heads have already complained about that.

The vice chancellors (VCs) say they were not consulted before the decision to reduce the tuition fees was made. Universities are pillars of excellence, wells of knowledge and the hubs for research and innovation. Underfunding them would not only undermine these institutions but also the future of the nation.

The lack of consultation with university administrators, who are at the very heart of institutional operations, raises serious governance and transparency concerns.

The effect, the VCs warn, could break the already shaky financial state of universities reeling from debt.

Public universities are owed Sh85 billion in historical debt and that is before factoring in the additional Sh22 billion the government owes from the first two cohorts of the new funding model. That money, meant to cover scholarships and loans for students, is yet to be remitted. Indeed, it is not unusual for the government to fail to honour its commitment to provide funds it has promised, or the full amount universities should get as entrenched in the law.

Now, with a third cohort set to report in September, universities are expected to welcome more students, with less money, and unclear operational budgets.

And this very uncertainty now puts university heads on the edge as the government remains silent on any compensatory mechanism for universities to cushion them from revenue shortfall arising from the fee reduction

But this is dangerous and borders on recklessness as universities are expected to continue being the wells of knowledge, intellectual engines of national development, innovation, and research.

There is a need for the government to protect vulnerable students but at the same time protect the universities. The government needs to explain what studies informed the standardisation of programme costs, how much each course actually costs, and how families opting out of government support are expected to pay.

Our public universities are seriously battling declining standards. They are accused of producing half-baked graduates, underpaying lecturers and having dilapidated infrastructure. Further destabilisation could do more harm than good.

And even more important, the government needs to find a long lasting solution to the chronic funding challenges in public universities and cease from riding on quick fix mentality and short-term solutions.

We must never forget Nelson Mandela's words: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". But without adequately funding institutions, that weapon would be useless.

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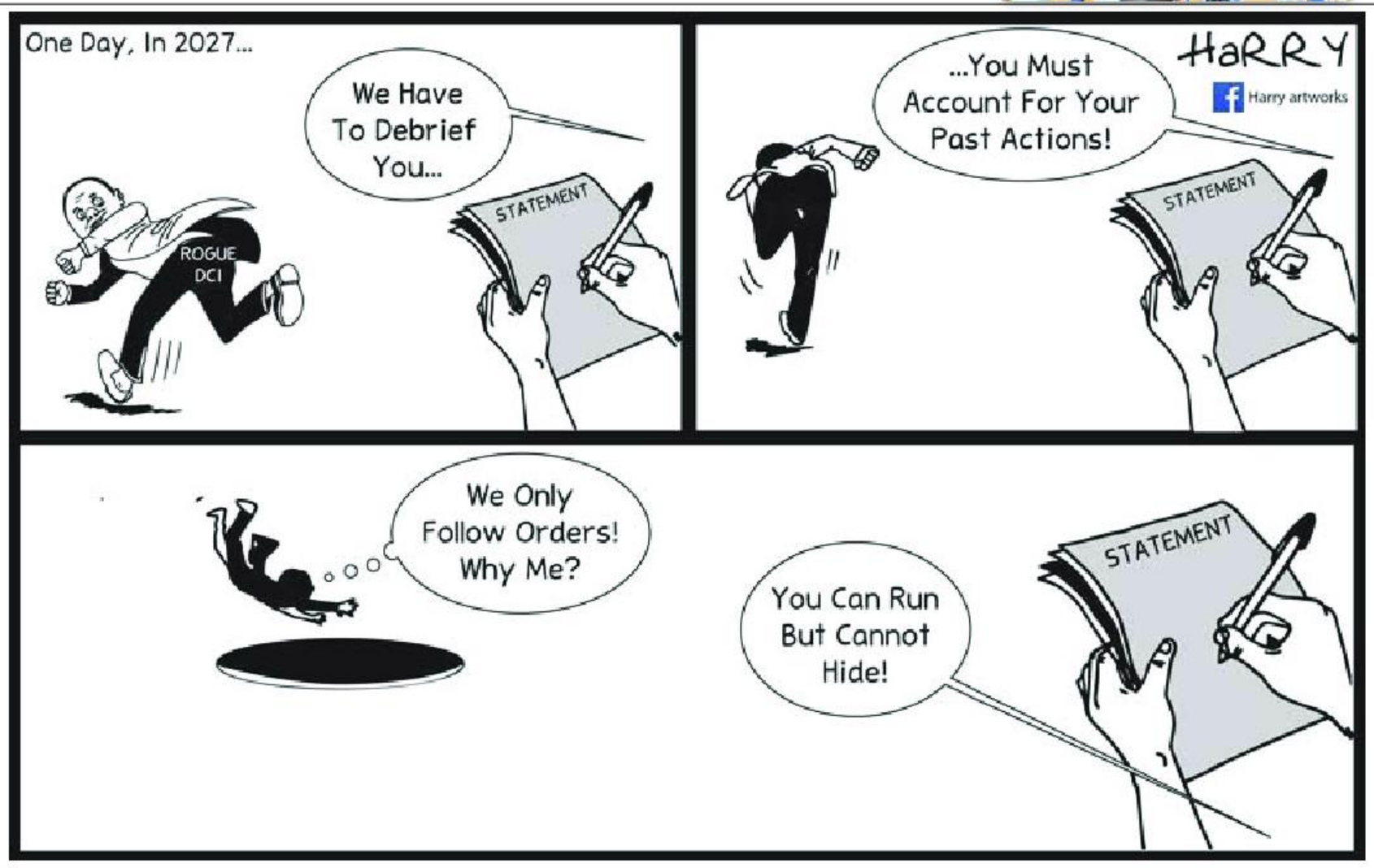

POLITICAL CHESSBOARD

Runoff election between Ruto and ODM leader likely in 2027

MICHAEL NDONYE

I dare say that those who can grasp the political future will eat its fruit. This is because as the country approaches the 2027 general election, the political terrain is already revealing signs of a deeply fragmented race, and it's almost certain to culminate in a runoff.

While the forces at play are complex, it is clear that no candidate will secure the constitutionally mandated 50%+1 vote in the first round.

The Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) is preparing to field Raila Odinga in the 2027 elections, holding firm to the belief that Baba is far from a spent force. Like a vintage firearm, Raila's value only deepens with time, an enduring icon in Kenya's political legacy.

Raila's anticipated candidacy is not a mere continuation of his political legacy, but a calculated move. His presence on the ballot will draw a substantial share of votes from across the country, particularly in Nyanza, Western Kenya, and the Coast.

But why does this make a first-round victory for any candidate highly improbable? Already, Western Kenya, traditionally a swing region, is more divided than ever.

The Luhya vote is splintered between Raila, Ruto, and Rigathi Gachagua, with emerging parties like the Democratic National Alliance party and Democracy for Citizens Party competing for influence.

With people like George Natembeya coming up, it is certain that for the first time, the Luhya voters will force a runoff, rather than merely serving as a coalition bargaining chip.

That's not all; Kalonzo Musyoka's political future remains uncertain, but his eventual alignment will be pivotal. While he has signalled intention to run independently, historical patterns suggest he may gravitate toward either Raila or Ruto.

Kalonzo's political DNA leans toward Ruto, yet his grassroots support is deeply embedded within Raila's base. Whether by design or necessity, Kalonzo's direction will likely reinforce the inevitability of a runoff.

What about the Mount Kenya vote? You may ask. The Mount Kenya vote, long considered a monolithic bloc, is showing signs of internal fracture. Mount Kenya East, comprising Meru, Embu, and Tharaka Nithi, is increasingly leaning toward Ruto, while a big chunk of the remaining Mount Kenya, under Gachagua's influence, is attempting to consolidate its base.

The division of "house of mumbi" undermines the historical unity that has often delivered decisive victories.

There is another vote basket, the Rift Valley. See, the Rift Valley is no longer immune to fragmentation. While Ruto retains significant support, Gachagua and other emerging leaders are peeling off this region. This dilution of votes in what was once a guaranteed base adds to the likelihood of a runoff.

Kenya's youth, particularly Gen Z, represent a volatile but potentially transformative demographic, but their political engagement remains uncertain. However, if they register and vote in numbers, they could disrupt traditional voting patterns.

Some political pundits will argue that with political coalitions and alliances, runoffs are an impossibility. While that was true in the past, political coalitions are likely to be weaker than ever come 2027.

Personal ambition and pride among presidential hopefuls will prevent the emergence of a unified opposition candidate. This proliferation of candidates will split votes across regions and demographics, making a first-round victory nearly impossible.

Finally, even though the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission could play a pivotal role regulating the number of presidential candidates, the ballot will still be crowded. Understand that in 2027, some candidates will run strategically to spoil votes in strongholds, further ensuring a runoff.

That is why I believe that all signs point to a rerun between Raila and Ruto. Both are seasoned politicians with national reach and deep political machinery.

Here will be another complication. A runoff also opens the door to unexpected outcomes; voters may reject the incumbent in favour of change.

-Dr Ndonye is the Dean of Kabarak University's School of Music and Media

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PALAVER

Mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and chronic stress are on the rise, yet many people suffer in silence due to stigma or lack of access to professional help, notes Venus Bartena [venusbartena@gmail.com]. "Sadly, therapy remains unaffordable for most, and conversations about mental health are still taboo in many communities. It's time for society, policymakers, and institutions to prioritise mental wellness. Encouraging open dialogue, integrating mental health education in schools, and providing accessible support systems could help break the cycle."

Although he does not use memes in SMSs, Githuku Mungai[githukumungai@gmail.com], says his mobile phone keeps on misbehaving by sending gibberish to whoever it selects. "It needs to be replaced when funds become available. Actually, when I last took it for repair, the problem was the battery. Now, what did my phone do this week? It sent two faces to my mother's house help on Tuesday morning. One of the faces had a bluish tongue hanging out. Anne simply laughed."

As learners take a break from their academic routines, it is important to engage them constructively to prevent idleness, peer pressure, and exposure to harmful substances, advises Damaris Celestine [dcelestine@gmail.com]. "Parents, guardians, and caregivers are encouraged to create safe environments where young people can be heard and guided. Community leaders and institutions must also step in with awareness campaigns, youth-centred activities, and safe spaces where difficult conversations can take place without stigma or judgment."

The use of drugs and substances has gradually increased without any serious intervention from the government, health sector, churches or education sector, according to Dennis Onyango [onyangodassociate@gmail.com]. "Each year thousands of students leave school without any support for further education or employment and many of them are being left to support themselves. Some of them resort to drug-taking; a time bomb that if it explodes, cannot be controlled."

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Should Kiambu break away from Mt Kenya region?

YES

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Kiambu is different from other counties

The idea of making Kiambu a stand-alone region away from Mt Kenya region is rational and should be pursued with urgency. The issues in Kiambu County are completely different from those in Murang'a, Nyeri and Kirinyaga, for instance. While residents of Murang'a and Nyeri are concerned about agriculture, Kiambu has less interest in it, and is more preoccupied with industrialisation, infrastructure and real estate. That is why some satellite towns like Thika, Ruiru abd Juja are experiencing rapid growth and expansion, pushing the challenges that come with urbanisation a notch higher for Kiambu. Secondly, Kiambu is primarily a metropolitan region. Almost all Kenyan communities call Kiambu home. Kikuyu are no longer the exclusive ethnic community in the county owing to massive social and economic integration. With these unique characteristics, it would be necessary to have Kiambu regarded differently from the larger Mt Kenya region. That way, even other counties will get better deals in terms of development.

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NO

ANTHONY KURUMA,
MURANG'A RESIDENT

It's a plan to divide region ahead of 2027

I do not support that idea at all. The move by MPs is political and is being fueled from the State House with the aim of trying to divide the murima ahead of the 2027 elections. I urge Kiambu citizens to reject this divisive gospel. Counties receive their resources based on the agreed formula and not as a block or region. Nothing stops Kiambu leaders from working to improve the lives of their people because of being counted as part of Mt Kenya region. They are talking about more appointments, this tells you clearly it is not about enhanced service delivery but an opportunity to have their friends, relatives and associates benefit from those appointments. It is a move driven by interests other than Wanjiku's. How come this is coming from certain MPs and not all the 12 legislators from Kiambu? If they feel that they are not getting a fair share of resources, they should rally everyone in the region to push for amendments in the revenue-sharing bill. And by the way, what do they want this region called? Kiambu region? This is ridiculous and unworkable.

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INTERNET

East Africa's digital rights reckoning demands more than infrastructure

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The governance of digital rights in East Africa is rapidly crystallising as one of the region's most urgent tests of democratic resilience and civic inclusion. It is no longer sufficient to tout broadband penetration, smartphone adoption, or paperless government services as indicators of progress. What matters more—and increasingly defines global and investor perceptions—is how rigorously rights are safeguarded in these digital environments. Paradigm Initiative's Londa 2024 Report cuts through official rhetoric with sharp clarity, showing that while legal frameworks are maturing in some countries, enforcement, transparency, and civic agency remain dangerously uneven.

Kenya, long perceived as East Africa's digital bellwether, offers a mixed case. A few weeks ago, human rights organisations moved to court challenging Internet shutdowns in the country. Courts have stepped in at critical moments to halt state overreach—rulings have stopped Internet shutdowns, slowed biometric data rollouts and challenged surveillance measures. On paper, the country is making considerable moves. Yet enforcement is patchy. The Londa Report flags a significant gap between progressive statutes and the institutions tasked with executing them. Kenya's trajectory is encouraging but far from complete, and regulatory ambition continues to outpace operational readiness.

Rwanda's performance presents a different kind of paradox. The state has delivered an efficient, integrated digital ecosystem. Government services are available online, cybersecurity protocols are robust, and policy documentation is precise. These systems have earned the country high marks for digital infrastructure and technical execution. But beneath the efficiency lies a tightly controlled political environment. According to the report, online expression is monitored, and dissent—especially from journalists and civic actors—carries consequences. The state's ability to deliver digital services at scale is unquestionable. But the question remains whether that same apparatus can support free expression and participatory governance without systemic recalibration.

Uganda remains the region's most alarming case. The government has normalised digital repression through a mix of legal and extrajudicial tools. Internet shutdowns have been deployed during politically sensitive periods, including elections. The taxation of social media platforms has priced many out of digital spaces. Legislation such as the Computer Misuse Act is regularly invoked to silence critics, often through vague and expansive definitions of offenses. Surveillance of civil society actors is pervasive, and even those seeking judicial redress face institutional resistance. The result is a digital ecosystem that is functional for commerce but hostile to dissent. Uganda's digital climate is not accidental; it is systemic, and its implications for democratic health are deeply corrosive.

Tanzania has had its fair share of challenges. The country recently restricted usage of X platform and also set restrictions on the usage of Virtual Private Networks. The country appears to be drawing back on gains earlier made which had eased restrictions imposed during the previous administration. Today, the underlying legal architecture remains fragmented. The Londa Report notes a lack of comprehensive data protection laws, weak mechanisms for redress in cases of surveillance or breach, and inconsistent enforcement.

The 2024 Scorecard Index by Paradigm Initiative provides a region-wide benchmark, comparing East African countries on how well they integrate human rights into their digital governance. The picture that emerges is one of divergence. Kenya and Rwanda are moving toward structural maturity—Kenya via legal frameworks, Rwanda via technocratic infrastructure. Uganda's environment remains overtly repressive, while Tanzania is in cautious transition. These differences carry real consequences—not just for citizens, but for regional integration, investor confidence, and the future of cross-border digital services. Without alignment on digital rights, East Africa's aspirations for a unified digital economy risk fragmentation at the point of rights enforcement.

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Employees who admit guilt can be dismissed without a hearing

Have you ever paused to consider what happens when an employee confesses to theft or serious misconduct at work? Must the employer still summon a disciplinary panel, read charges aloud, and pretend to deliberate guilt that has already been accepted? The Employment and Labour Relations Court recently addressed this very issue, drawing a bold line on what fair hearing truly means in such circumstances. At the heart of the matter lies the doctrine of procedural fairness, long held as the cornerstone of employment discipline.

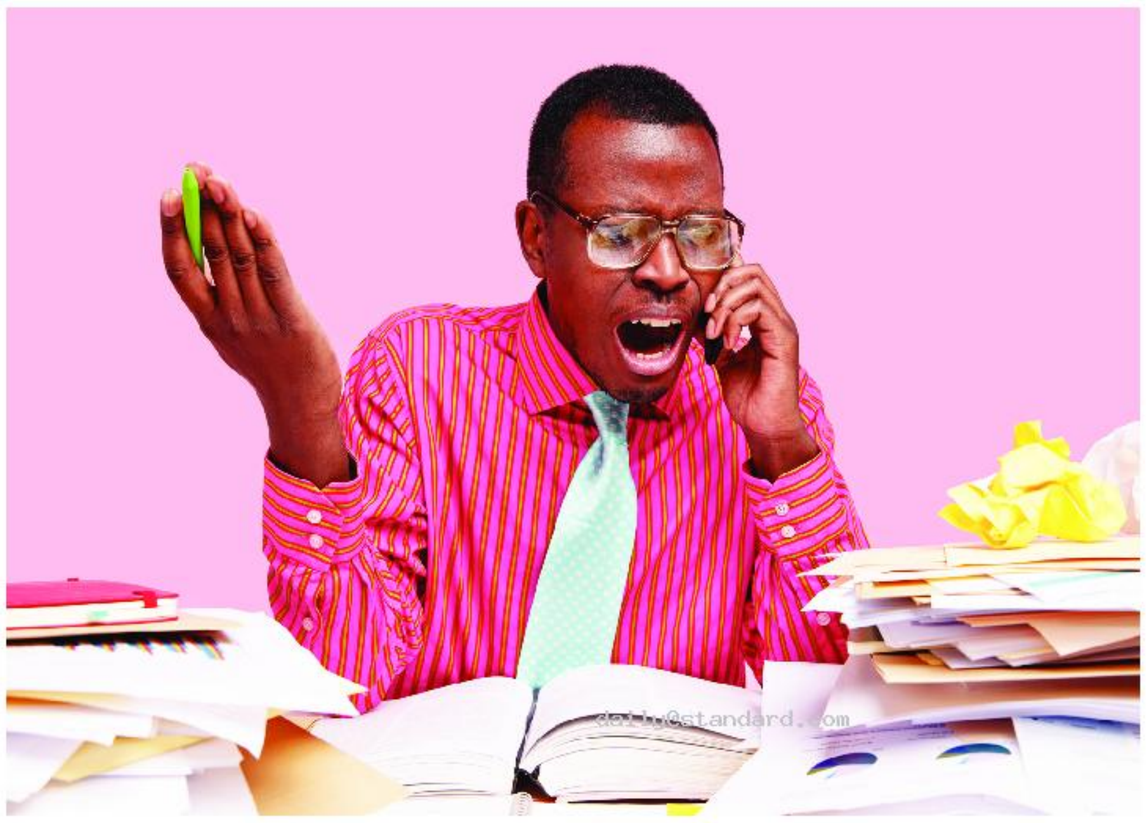
Section 41 of the Employment Act mandates that before terminating an employee, the employer must explain the reasons for the intended dismissal and offer the employee a chance to respond. This is especially crucial where the ground is gross misconduct, which includes theft, fraud, or dishonesty as per the Employment Act 2007.

Ordinarily, a full disciplinary process is mandatory in termination. It is a legal necessity grounded in both statutory and constitutional principles of fairness and justice. The Employment Act, particularly Sections 41 and 44, outlines two critical thresholds that an employer must meet before terminating an employee on grounds of gross misconduct. The first is the substantive justification test. This means that the employer must have a valid and justifiable reason for taking disciplinary action. This means there must be clear evidence that the employee committed the alleged misconduct. Theft, fraud, insubordination, and negligence may all qualify, but the burden lies with the employer to establish facts, not assumptions.

The second is the procedural fairness test, which requires that the employee be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. This includes issuing a show cause letter outlining the allegations, affording the employee time to respond, and convening a disciplinary hearing where the employee can defend themselves, call witnesses, or cross-examine witnesses and question any other evidence against them. This hearing must be conducted in an impartial manner, and the outcome must be documented.

The idea is that no employee should be condemned unheard, and that the employer must act as a quasi-judicial authority, balancing the need to enforce discipline with the duty to uphold fairness. In practice, however, many employers fall short of these standards either out of haste, ignorance, or frustration, especially when the misconduct appears obvious. But even where the employee's guilt seems self-evident, courts have sometimes insisted that both thresholds, valid reason and due process must be satisfied. This is why the recent shift, which is subject of this piece is important.

Recently in the appeals of Diamond Industries Limited and Bacchus Grocers Limited the Court sharpened the contours of this obligation. In both cases, employees had admitted to theft. In one, the employee returned a stolen mobile phone, while in another, the employee confessed to taking money and offered to refund it.



Despite these admissions, the trial courts held that the terminations were unfair due to a lack of comprehensive disciplinary hearings. However, the appellate court disagreed, issuing a decisive NO! That an admission of gross misconduct renders a disciplinary hearing unnecessary. Justice Monica Mbaru, in the first decision put it plainly: "What was there to prove after the admissions? Nothing absolutely."

The trial court found that insisting on a hearing in such circumstances would be procedural theatre, not justice. It would waste employer resources and prolong a matter already resolved by confession. This principle is both pragmatic and profound. In criminal law, a guilty plea can short-circuit an entire trial. Similarly, in the employment context, once an employee voluntarily admits to an act of gross misconduct, the need for further inquiry collapses. The employer needs no hearing. The confession is enough.

The dismissal, if procedurally documented, is legally sound. For employers, this is a welcome clarification. It means that so long as the admission is voluntary, properly recorded, and not coerced, they may proceed to terminate without the formal dance of a hearing. However, documentation remains critical, show cause notices, written responses, and acknowledgment of the admission must be retained in the employee's file for evidentiary purposes. Any lapse here may invite allegations of duress or unfair practice. For employees, this serves as a caution. An admission, however remorseful or unintended, carries legal consequences. Once you confess to a workplace offence, you cannot later argue that you were denied a fair hearing. The confession becomes your verdict.

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In law generally, but particularly within employment disciplinary proceedings, an admission of guilt and display of remorse may influence the severity of the judgment rendered, potentially leading to a reduced sanction. However, this legal acknowledgment is not equivalent to religious repentance. In religion, true repentance involves spiritual transformation and divine forgiveness, which remorse alone cannot secure.

While legal remorse may reflect acknowledgment of wrongdoing, it lacks the redemptive grace that absolves sin in religious doctrine. Thus, remorse in law may mitigate punishment, but it does not cleanse guilt in the moral or spiritual sense that repentance in religion intends to achieve. The broader effect of this judicial truth is a recalibration of what constitutes fairness in disciplinary proceedings. It acknowledges that procedural safeguards are meant to protect the innocent, not shield the guilty from consequences they have already accepted. It also empowers employers to act decisively in preserving the integrity of their operations.

Ultimately, the message is simple but striking: In the world of workplace discipline, a confession is the final word.

Democracy

Youth must ignore sweet promises, Constitution is their saviour

AMOS KAILEMIA

In a functioning democracy, leaders and citizens share the solemn duty to respect, defend and uphold the Constitution. Kenya is by all standards no different. We are even better off having a robust constitution which observers describe as one of the most progressive in the continent.

However, we are witnessing a deeply worrying trend where politicians make reckless statements, flout the law, and engage in actions that risk pushing our country toward instability. You wonder why they are tempting fate!

These incidents are becoming frequent and worsening by the day ahead of the 2027 elections. Even more troubling, these violations are often met with silence from the very institutions meant to hold power accountable. The NCIC has tried to reign in on such but it lacks prosecutorial powers.

The ongoing premature political campaigns taking place under the guise of empowerment forums should worry us two years ahead of the elections, in direct violation of electoral laws. Early campaigns are disruptive. They have are a dangerous distraction to the economy. Yet, all we see is little to no enforcement.

Equally disturbing are recent attempts by some legislators to suggest amendments to the Constitution for selfish political interests. Some have even alluded to rigging elections. The Constitution is clear on separation of powers between the Executive, Parliament, and Judiciary. Yet we see a dangerous trend of Parliament compromising its independence by aligning closely with the Executive.

There is hope, however. The erosion of constitutional values and principles by leaders has been noticed by the majority. It has led to disillusionment, especially among the youth, a demographic often dismissed but now unmistakably vocal since last year's Gen Z uprising on June 25.

Their protests are not just reactions to political rhetoric. They are a cry for help from a generation that feels ignored, unemployed, and even undervalued despite Kenya Kwanza's lofty promises in 2022. The State's response to youth unemployment has been slow. Even the jobs abroad haven't materialised well. The Hustler Fund, on the other hand, is yet to prove itself to be a major 'empowerment' tool.

There's concern that redistribution of tax funds without a solid long-term plan looks less like economic justice and more like bribery and buying of loyalty. Just this week, the EACC released a damning graft report which suggests that bribery is still the order of the day in many public institutions.

Young people deserve more than handouts. Yes, they deserve meaningful investment in skills development, job creation, innovation, quality education, and access to quality healthcare. But how will this be possible? The youth must defend our Constitution. It is their only defender. Leaders too must uphold the law. What do we do when they choose to break it? What example does that set for citizens who lack civic knowledge?

This is need for civic education towards the ideals of our Constitution. Through my engagement with young people, I've seen firsthand how many don't understand their rights, the responsibilities of public officials, or how government institutions should work. This is a gap yearning to be filled.

Civic education should not be optional anymore. It should be central to our democracy. It is the only way to protect our constitution and nurture a generation of informed and active citizens who can demand accountability. If the youth don't take an active role, our democracy will be hijacked by those who twist it to serve their own interests. The very systems meant to protect the citizens will be turned against us with serious consequences.

-Mr Kailemia is a youth leader based in Meru

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HOT ON TWITTER

BBC exposes sexual exploitation of girls

@TheNairobiTimez: BBC Exposé uncovers exploitation of underage girls in Maai Mahiu, sparks national outrage

@Rhymaholic: If the police were not corrupt, this wouldn't be happening at all.

@PeterKamo: Unfortunate and sad. The authorities should rein in and have all the culprits and enablers face justice.

@Dj_1MA: Why has the BBC not exposed sexual exploitation of underage girls in the UK perpetuated for over 30 years by Muslim immigrant communities?

@EvansEva: BBC always uncovers Kenyan stories and not USA stories.

@naman_miller: DCI will smoke out a tiktoker 1000km away in Mombasa but can't arrest a child trafficker next door operating in broad daylight.

@Climakheti: These are the cases you ought to be acting on, not the political agenda you have always been chasing.

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FROM THE WEB

Ruto faults strained US ties over China

Standard Digital: President Ruto faults 'strained' bilateral ties with some friendly nations to Kenya's growing trade ties with China, amid reports that the country risks losing its major US non-NATO ally status.

Erick Mdamu Wakio: I'm fully with the President on this. Kenya is a sovereign nation and should partner with whoever offers fair trade and development deals that serve our interests.

Philip Lelmash: USA enemies are not Kenya's. Kenya is always looking for friends from East, West and Central.

Victoria Adisa: Kenya has a right to do business with all nations in the world regardless of international influence. Kenya is a non-aligned movement state not a pro-West or East.

Caleb Kipruto: We were not a member, and we shouldn't have been in the first place.

Robert Omollo Okuta: Stop hiding under trade or trade imbalances. The issue here is that the GoK under your leadership is aiding war in South Sudan by providing weapons and conduit for money laundering.

GAZA WAR

Experience during the Nazi holocaust should have made the Israelis more compassionate

The Israeli propaganda machine identified as Hasbara has constantly targeted to paint its side as being the innocent victim and oppositely smears Palestinians as the aggressor and terrorists in the duo's long standing and bloody territorial struggle.

However, the reality on the ground showcases a totally opposite story altogether.

An observant look at the ongoing shocking and uncalled-for atrocities and humanitarian crisis that are being live-streamed and documented from Gaza are enough to make it clear for any person which side is indeed the oppressed and who is the criminal in the aforesaid disputation.

Contrary to the worn-out Israeli narrative of wanting to be perceived as the victim, it is Palestinians who have surely been on the receiving end of the now 22 months of extreme devastation and massive civilian deaths. Over 60,000 people, according to the latest data from the Gaza Health Ministry have died.

Even Israelis themselves are now growingly expressing serious concerns about how their security and political establishment is treating Palestinians. How ironic, though, that such a 'final solution' is being receptively executed by a Semitic community that had once nearly faced extermination in the Nazi Holocaust. The tragic Nazi experience should have made them more compassionate and tolerant of others.

The most shocking and preposterous part of the Israeli propaganda has been the blasphemous use of scripture to sell and vindicate their racist claim of an exclusive "promised land" in which God is belittled as their racialist land guarantor and real estate agent.

But that is not entirely surprising given that similar irreverent lines have been used throughout history to validate some of the most heinous and irreligious crimes such as slavery and colonialism.

Therefore, this protracted identity and territorial-related struggle demands a meaningful and lasting solution that has a proper understanding of its actual historical roots and context with nothing short of the full restoration of the Palestinians' identity, dignity, safety and statehood.

The current crisis in Gaza presents an urgent and strategic opportunity for key players in Middle East politics to firmly deploy pressure and actualise that vital Palestinian hope and dream for liberty both as a sweet reward and a soothing victory to their long and painful yet resilient freedom cause.

Otherwise, history will not remember all of them kindly for their nonchalance that makes them to appear more like silent approvers and enablers as opposed to arbitraters in the two-sided and protracted contestation. ***Hassan Malik Mohamed, Garissa***

POLITICS

Uhuru's State House visit has raised eyebrows

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta's State House visit has received mixed reactions. There is suspicion Uhuru and President William Ruto had more to discuss than how warlords in the Congo should effect a ceasefire. The meeting came at a time when chinks have started showing in the Opposition's steel armour.

Uhuru's spell in the Mountain cannot be gainsaid as former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, rarely fails to invoke his name for 'forgiveness' for his sins of both commission and omission against his family. Gachagua has repeatedly put 'Mlima' on notice that Uhuru's spell in the Mountain will decide who becomes who in 'Decision 2027'. But as all this unfolds, Ruto will most likely pull every visible string to ensure the Mountain, either comes back to him wholly or plays the role of a dependable swing-vote block.

The dynamism of our politics is a call for us to walk slowly, speak cautiously and cast nothing in stone as what may seem as our cause to celebrate today, maybe our Waterloo tomorrow. Hopefully, Ruto's talks with Uhuru were primarily regional and not local. It's only the regional aspect that can guarantees normalcy in our blood pressures. ***Kabaria Ole Muturi, Nyeri***

HUMAN RIGHTS

Deny Ruto chance to address UN meeting

With the countdown to the 80th UN General Assembly (UNGA) underway, global leaders are gearing up for the New York stage. But Kenya's spot in the line-up sparks credible questions. The UN Charter demands unwavering commitment to human rights and global peace. Yet, under President William Ruto's reign, Kenya teeters on the edge of political discord, making his place at the UN's table feel not just uncomfortable, but deeply contradictory.

Since 2022, Ruto's rule has been shadowed by abductions, forced disappearances, and extrajudicial killings coated in police excesses –violence that seems to bear his blessing. His call to "shoot protesters in the legs" echoed Interior CS Murkomen's chilling shoot-to-kill orders, revealing a regime where dissent is met with bullets.

Kenya's current government stands condemned on the global stage. Giving President Ruto the UNGA podium to preach democracy will be ironic and a brutal mockery of those who died protesting against his rule. ***Michael Karanja, Political Reporter***

PARENTING

Parents must constantly monitor their children

Parenting has become complex. There is a growing trend where adolescent girls are granted unregulated freedom under the guise of trust and modern parenting. While trust is vital in raising confident young people, unmonitored freedom can be a dangerous gamble, especially when it involves access to technology, relationships, and material gifts cloaked in affection.

It is not uncommon to find teenage girls with high-end smartphones bought by older boyfriends or 'sponsors'-a term that has silently crept into our culture. The most unsettling part is the silence that follows these exchanges. Parents, in some cases, turn a blind eye. What parents fail to realise is that these material gifts come with heavy expectations.

By failing to question the source of these gifts or the sudden shifts in their daughters' lifestyles, parents open the door to exploitation. The result is a rise in teenage pregnancies that come with devastating consequences. True parenting is not just about provision, but about protection, guidance, and timely intervention. It requires vigilance and the courage to say "no" when it matters most. ***Dancan Kemanga, NAYA Kenya Youth Advocate***

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Business

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Businesses push for use of VAT refunds to offset tax arrears

- The proposal has been presented to President William Ruto for approval.
- Private sector lobby says they have been engaging KRA, and are happy to look at it.

GRAHAM KAJILWA, NAIROBI

Businesses will soon be able to use the tax credits they are owed by the taxman as Value Added Tax (VAT) refunds to offset other tax obligations if a proposal presented to President William Ruto is approved.

The President's office is also reconsidering the three-month provision in the Finance Act, 2025, regarding the verification and payment of VAT refunds, to revert it to 90 days.

The provision before, as contained in the Tax Procedures Act, indicated that the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) had 90 days to verify VAT refunds from businesses for payment.

However, in the Finance Act, 2025, this provision was extended to 120 days, which businesses are lamenting, as it cripples their cash flows.

"That makes it a bit harder for businesses. Maybe we need a different resolution here to see if we can return it to 90 days, but also look at offset across different tax classes," said the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (Kepsa) Chief Executive, Carole Kariuki, during the Presidential round table with the private sector on Wednesday.

"There is work in progress. We have been engaging KRA, and they are happy to look at it."

Businesses also want a revision on the amounts allocated to KRA for tax refunds from Sh2.5 billion a month to Sh5 billion.

This will go in line with a corresponding request to have the amounts capped for refunds for businesses revised upwards from the current Sh30 million. "We have big exporters, some of whom have bigger claims of more than Sh30 million a month," said Ms Kariuki.

President William Ruto with Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry Lee Kinyajui, Kenya Private Sector Alliance Chair Jas Bedi (in red tie) and Kepsa Chief Executive Carole Kariuki at the event. [Graham Kajilwa]

A progress report on issues bedevilling the private sector presented to President Ruto during the engagement notes that delays in VAT refunds impact business cash flow, even as it highlights steps taken earlier to resolve this issue.

"However, there is a need for funds for the same to be adequately funded to facilitate prompt refunds. It is estimated that outstanding VAT refunds amount to about Sh15 billion," the report says. It recommends increasing the monthly government allocation of VAT refunds from the current Sh2.5 billion to Sh4 billion.

It also recommends the creation of a revolving fund or issuing VAT refund bonds tradable on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE). President Ruto, who was at the meeting, said his administration is willing to look into the possibility of VAT refunds being used to offset other tax obligations.

"That is something I am willing to consider because I think it helps the industry," he said.

He said his office will also consult with the ministries of Investments, Trade and Industry, and National Treasury to understand why the VAT refunds repayment period was extended from 90 to 120 days.

The Head of State said on the Sh30 million cap, exemptions could be provided for larger businesses.

"I hear you say let us increase allocation from Sh2.5 billion every month to Sh5 billion. That is another homework we will take it back and look at what it means to us in terms of our other obligations," he said.

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SH5 BILLION

INCREASE in allocation for VAT refunds that businesses demand.

BANKING

Consolidated Bank rebounds to profitability

Consolidated Bank has posted a profit of Sh21.6 million for the half-year to June 30, 2025.

This is an improvement from a loss of Sh76.8 million recorded over the same period last year, and is part of the bank's turnaround and growth strategy that aims to diversify revenue sources and expand the balance sheet.

The lender, in a statement, said the turnaround is reflected in the Sh12 million total comprehensive income for the period against a loss of Sh84.9 million over a similar period last year.

Despite the challenging economic environment, the group reported a 19 per cent growth in total assets to close at Sh18.4 billion from the Sh15.5 billion recorded in a similar period the previous year.

Customer deposits grew by eight per cent year-on-year to Sh12 billion, enabling the bank to accelerate growth and maintain an adequate liquidity ratio of over 30 per cent as at the end of June 2025, against the statutory minimum of 20 per cent.

Net interest income grew 21 per cent to Sh551 million from Sh455 million, while non-funded income declined from Sh315 million to Sh282 million. Total operating expenses closed at Sh812 million, from Sh848 million recorded the previous year.

"The bank's growth outlook is positive and is gearing up for accelerated growth through improved digital service delivery channels as well as innovative products to serve our customers, especially in the SME and MSME sectors," said the bank's chief executive Sam Muturi. **[Esther Dianah]**

EARNINGS

Stanbic posts Sh6.5b half-year profit as it ramps up client support

Stanbic Bank Chief Financial Officer Dennis Musau, Stanbic Holdings Group CEO Patrick Mweheire, Charman Joe Muganda, and Stanbic Bank Kenya and South Sudan CEO Joshua Oigara. [Courtesy]

Stanbic Holdings Plc has posted a profit after tax of Sh6.5 billion and delivered a return on equity of 17.4 per cent in the first six months of this year.

The lender's performance for the period was underpinned by non-interest revenue generation and lower credit impairment charges, which helped cushion the impact of a decline in net interest income.

The listed lender, with operations in Kenya and South Sudan, noted that while year-on-year organic growth remained subdued, its continued focus on operational excellence and robust risk management enhanced its fortitude and strengthened its long-term growth outlook.

During the period, Stanbic recorded a nine per cent increase in active clients, driven by the continued optimisation of its products and digital platforms.

This growth, coupled with targeted client support initiatives, strengthened the lender's credit position, contributing to a four per cent expansion in the balance sheet.

The bank's chief executive for Kenya and South Sudan Joshua Oigara said the Kenyan economy remained stable amidst persistent headwinds. "Nonetheless, some pressures persist as evidenced by sluggish private sector credit uptake, high fiscal deficits and geopolitical risks," he noted. "We believe that our business will continue to demonstrate resilience and keep momentum even as the market continues to post-Covid recovery."

He said all four business lines demonstrated robustness and strategic execution, with corporate and investment banking playing a key role in facilitating a new $1.5 billion (Sh200 billion) Eurobond issuance, tender offer for the Kenya.

Chief Financial and Value Officer Dennis Musau said the results signal progress, anchored in a stable macroeconomic climate and recovering private sector credit growth. **[Esther Dianah]**

Crude oil 64.83 +0.48(+0.75%)

Gold 3,452.40 +19.00(+0.55%)

BitcoinUSD 116,254.76 +2,341.99(+2.06%)

Euro/USD 1.1654 +0.0001(+0.0086%)

FTSE 100 9,095.03 -69.27(-0.76%)

Nikkei 225 41,059.15 +264.29(+0.65%)

S&P Futures 6,409.25 +38.25(+0.60%)

NASDAQ Futures 23,598.50 +175.75(+0.75%)

Tops & Flops

OLYMPIA	4.59	4.98	8.50%
SAMEER	10.90	11.80	8.26%
CROWN PAINT	41.00	43.70	6.59%
EAAGADS	13.00	13.45	3.46%
BK GROUP	34.50	35.45	2.75%
STANDARD GROUP	6.50	5.96	-8.31%
CAR GENERAL	24.80	23.75	-4.23%
SANLAM	8.38	8.12	-3.10%
SCANGROUP	2.69	2.61	-2.97%
LONGHORN	2.68	2.61	-2.61%

Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE
US DOLLAR	129.2374
STERLING POUND	172.7969
EURO	150.8847
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.2812
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.6236
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	19.1315
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.1889
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	23.0701
AE DIRHAM	35.1853
CANADIAN DOLLAR	94.1140
SWISS FRANC	160.5334
JAPANESE YEN (100)	87.7644
SWEDISH KRONER	13.4610
NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.7133
DANISH KRONER	20.2188
INDIAN RUPEE	1.4736
HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.4643
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.6796
SAUDI RIYAL	34.4436
CHINESE YUAN	18.0024
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.2305

SOURCE:COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE
Madison Money Market Fund Ksh	10.42%	10.99%
Madison Fixed Income Fund Ksh	11.74%	12.46%
Stanbic Money Market Fund Ksh	6.48%	6.68%
Stanbic Fixed Income FundUS Dollar	4.78%	4.89%
Britam Bond Plus Fund Ksh	11.23%	11.88%
Britam Money Market Fund Ks h	10.53%	11.10%
Britam Fixed Income Fund USD	6.04%	6.22%
Britam Money Market Fund USD	4.55%	4.66%
CIC Money Market Fund	8.29%	8.61%
CIC Fixed Income Fund	10.04%	10.52%
CIC Wealth Fund	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	4.63%	4.74%
African Alliance Money Market Fund ksh	7.57%	7.83%
African Alliance Enhanced Yield Ksh	7.93%	8.22%
Mali Fund Kenya Shillings	9.18%	9.18%
Genghis Money Market Fund Ksh	8.65%	9.04%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund ksh	10.85%	11.40%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	12.06%	12.75%
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.96%	9.37%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund ksh	11.93%	12.68%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund USD	5.22%	5.34%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund Ksh	12.29%	13.00%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund Ksh	7.83%	8.12%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund USD	3.39%	3.44%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund Ksh	10.57%	11.07%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	5.00%	5.12%

Enwealth Money Market Fund Ksh	10.59%	11.11%
Enwealth Dollar Money Market Fund	4.74%	4.84%
Enwealth Fixed Income Fund Ksh	6.74%	6.96%
Old Mutual Special Fixed Income Ksh	10.72%	11.27%
Kuza Money Market Fund Ksh	11.42%	12.10%
Kuza Money Market Fund USD	5.56%	5.72%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund Ksh	11.82%	12.55%

OTHER FUNDS

ICEA BOND FUND	105.52	105.52
Amana Balanced Fund Ksh	145.9331	145.9331
Amana Shilling Fund Class C Ksh	9.00	9.38
Sanlam Money Market Fund	9.62%	10.10%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	5.34%	5.49%
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund	7.57	7.57
Sanlam Balanced Fund	25.25	25.25
Zimele Balanced Fund	15.7636	15.3045
African Alliance Balanced Fund	22.4940	21.1850
African Alliance Equity Fund	191.0079	179.3767
African Alliance Fixed Income Fund	11.7471	11.3681
ICEA LION (Ksh) FIXED INCOME FUND	117.49	117.49
ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	140.42	140.42
ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	137.00	137.00
ICEA LION USD FIXED INCOME FUND	104.35	104.35
CIC Equity Fund	6.94	6.77
CIC Balanced Fund	6.80	6.65
Britam Balanced Fund Ksh	162.17	167.42
Britam Equity Fund Ksh	123.13	127.41
NCBA Equity Fund Ksh	203.49	203.49
Kuza Momentum Special Fund Ksh	132.78	132.78

NUMBER OF THE DAY

SH597M

EQUITIES: The bourse closed with 21 million shares valued at Sh596 million compared to 20 million shares valued at Sh676 million posted previously.

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
		AGRICULTURAL			
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	13.45	13.00	6,200
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00		439.00	-
350.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME		316.50	-
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME		310.00	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	16.30	16.20	14,600
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	235.00	238.00	5,100
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.75	24.80	1,900
		BANKING			
20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	19.70	19.65	2,406,200
38.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	35.45	34.50	5,100
85.00	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	77.75	76.75	9,600
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	52.00	51.50	1,118,000
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.38	7.28	20,300
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	36.75	36.75	1,030,600
48.50	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	48.05	47.50	4,486,100
67.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	65.00	64.75	27,600
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	180.00	179.75	28,900
322.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	319.00	317.75	17,300
18.35	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	16.80	16.55	599,000
		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	1.04	1.05	7,900
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	4.40	4.50	300
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	4.91	4.90	135,300
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	2.61	2.68	17,900
5.00	1.70	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.71	1.72	108,600
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.60	13.55	3,800
11.95	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	11.80	10.90	114,100
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	5.96	6.50	1,600
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	14.50	14.50	50,500
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.29	0.29	87,300
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.61	2.69	4,000
		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	-
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	43.70	41.00	7,500
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	-
55.75	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	47.65	47.20	1,500
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
7.52	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	7.42	7.24	2,299,500
12.40	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	11.40	11.35	349,800
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.10	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
28.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	26.90	27.40	12,300
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	9.48	9.50	428,700
		INSURANCE			
8.98	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	7.62	7.78	12,700
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	3.38	3.36	195,700
268.25	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	264.50	265.00	4,000
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.25	2.20	540,400
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.60	10.35	2,800
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.12	8.38	33,100
		INVESTMENT			
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	11.70	11.55	22,300
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.65	0.64	33,100
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME		1,500.00	-
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	4.98	4.59	4,900
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	-
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
10.45	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	9.90	10.15	11,400
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	89.50	89.75	700
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	414.75	408.75	4,900
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	22.45	22.00	17,700
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	209.50	207.75	5,700
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.27	1.26	11,300
77.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00SME	74.00	74.00	100
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00		20.40	-
6.80	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	6.10	6.10	62,900
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
27.50	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	26.40	26.00	6,651,000
		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	4080I	3985.00	-
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	800I	792.00	-

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HOSPITALITY

Hoteliers reap big ahead of devolution forum in Homa Bay

The hospitality industry in Homa Bay Town has begun reaping the benefits of the devolution conference scheduled in the area next week.

The devolution conference is scheduled to take place from Tuesday to Friday at Homa Bay High School.

The hotel business is booming as accommodation rooms in almost all the facilities in Homa Bay Town have been booked.

A spot check by *The Standard* across a number of hotels established that most of them have doubled their booking rates as they seek to reap big from the conference amid a surge in prebookings.

At Hotel Golden Rays, situated on the outskirts of Homa Bay Town, all the rooms had been booked.

Similarly, Hotel Twin Towers in the central business district (CBD) of Homa Bay Town and Hotel Tausi in Rodi Kopany Township had received significant bookings.

The Deputy Manager of the three hotels, Maurice Ouma, hailed the devolution conference for creating a conducive environment for business in the county.

"The devolution conference has led to high demand for our hotel goods and services. We are getting a good number of customers as we approach the conference next week," Ouma said.

At Cold Springs Hotel in the CBD of Homa Bay Town, all 70 rooms have been booked. The rooms have been booked from Monday to Saturday next week.

Booked rooms

The Hotel Manager Dickson Osore said the clients booked the hotel last month.

"We have made all possible arrangements to take care of our guests who have booked the rooms. Meals are also available for guests who will come at that time," Osore said.

Osore said they are going to create a roast beef zone that will run for a whole week next week.

A similar situation has been witnessed at Hippo Buck Hotel and other big hotels in the town. Many guests have been forced to look for accommodation in hotels outside Homa Bay town, such as Kendu Bay and Rongo.

The Chairman of Traders in the town Festus Okoth said the conference had opened many business opportunities for traders in the town.

He said the business community was ready to serve guests during the conference.

"We are ready to tap the opportunities during the conference. We have spoken to the county government to allow some of us to operate our business in the conference venue," Okoth said.

[James Omoro]

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Higher US tariffs kick in for dozens of trading partners

- Washington has separately doubled Indian tariffs to 50 per cent already.
- Also hit with 100 per cent levy are semiconductor imports from around the world.

AFP, WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump takes a question in New York on September 25, 2019, on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. [AFP]

The United States began charging higher tariffs on goods from dozens of trading partners, in a major escalation of President Donald Trump's drive to reshape global commerce in America's favour.

Shortly before the new levies kicked in, Washington separately announced it would double Indian tariffs to 50 per cent and hit many semiconductor imports from around the world with a 100-percent levy.

As an executive order signed last week by Trump took effect, US import duties rose from 10 percent to levels between 15 percent and 41 percent for a list of trading partners.

Many imports from economies including the European Union, Japan and South Korea now face a 15-percent tariff, even with deals struck with Washington to avert steeper threatened levies.

But others like India face a 25-per cent duty -- to be doubled in three weeks to 50 per cent -- while Syria, Myanmar and Laos face staggering levels at either 40 percent or 41 percent.

Switzerland's government, which failed to convince Trump not to impose a stinging 39-percent tariff, was set to hold an extraordinary meeting later Thursday.

Taking to his Truth Social platform just after midnight, Trump posted: "IT'S MIDNIGHT!!! BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TARIFFS ARE NOW FLOWING INTO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!"

The latest wave of "reciprocal" duties, aimed at addressing trade practices Washington deems unfair, broadens the measures Trump has imposed since returning to the presidency.

On the eve of his latest salvo, he doubled planned duties on Indian goods to 50 per cent, citing New Delhi's continued purchase of Russian oil. The new levy -- up from 25 per cent now -- would take effect in three weeks.

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations called the move a "severe setback for Indian exports, with nearly 55 per cent of our shipments to the US market directly affected."

For New Delhi, one of the main sticking points has been Washington's demand to access India's vast agricultural and dairy market. "We will not compromise with the interests of our farmers, our dairy sector, our fishermen," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Thursday.

Trump's order also threatened penalties on other countries that "directly or indirectly" import Russian oil, a key revenue source for Moscow's war in Ukraine.

Washington has already separately stuck tariffs on sector-specific imports such as steel, autos and pharmaceuticals. Trump said he also planned an "approximately 100 per cent tariff" on semiconductor imports, but with "no charge" for companies investing in the United States or committed to do so.

Shares in Taiwanese chip-making giant TSMC surged as Taipei said it would be exempt, but some other Asian manufacturers took a beating. Companies and industry groups warn the new levies will severely hurt smaller American businesses, while economists caution that they could fuel inflation and hit growth.

With the dust settling on countries' tariff levels, at least for now, Georgetown University professor Marc Busch expects US businesses to pass along more of the bill to consumers.

Global trade jolted

15 PERCENT

TARIFF that many imports from the European Union, Japan and South Korea face now while entering the US.

An earlier 90-day pause in these higher "reciprocal" tariffs gave importers time to stock up, he said.

But although the wait-and-see strategy led businesses to absorb more of the tariff burden initially, inventories are depleting and it is unlikely they will do this indefinitely, he told AFP.

"With back-to-school shopping just weeks away, this will matter politically," said Busch, an international trade policy expert.

The tariffs leave lingering questions for partners that have negotiated deals with Trump recently. Tokyo and Washington, for example, appear at odds over key details of their pact, in particular on when lower levies on Japanese cars will take place.

Generally, US auto imports now face a 25-percent duty under a sector-specific order. Toyota has cut its full-year profit forecast by 14 percent because of the tariffs.

Japan and the US also appear to differ on whether the "reciprocal" tolls of 15 per cent on other Japanese goods would be on top of existing levies or -like the EU - be capped at that level. China and the United States, meanwhile, currently have a shaky truce in their standoff but that is due to expire on August 12.

Chinese exports to the US tumbled 21.7 per cent last month, official data showed, while those to the European Union jumped 9.2 percent and to Southeast Asia by 16.6 per cent.

The EU is seeking a carveout from tariffs for its key wine industry. In a recent industry letter addressed to Trump, the US Wine Trade Alliance and others urged the sector's exclusion from tolls.

MOSCOW

Kremlin says Trump-Putin meet 'coming'

The Kremlin said a summit between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin was set for "coming days", both sides having already agreed the venue "in principle".

The summit would be the first between sitting US and Russian presidents since Joe Biden met Putin in Geneva in June 2021. It comes as Trump seeks to broker an end to Russia's military assault on Ukraine.

Three rounds of direct talks between Moscow and Kyiv have failed to yield any progress towards a ceasefire. The two sides appear as far apart as ever in the conditions set for an end to the more than three-year-long conflict.

Trump said Wednesday he was likely to meet Putin face-to-face "very soon." They last sat together in 2019 at G20 summit meeting in Japan but have spoken by phone several times since Trump returned to the White House.

"At the suggestion of the American side, an agreement has been reached in principle to hold a bilateral summit in the coming days," Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said Thursday in a Kremlin statement.

"We are now starting to work out the details together with our American colleagues," he added. The Kremlin said a venue had also been agreed "in principle", but did not name it. "Next week has been set as a target date," said Ushakov.

Tens of thousands have been killed since Russia launched its military offensive on Ukraine in February 2022. Russian bombardments have forced millions for flee their homes and destroyed swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine.

Putin has resisted multiple calls from the US, Europe and Kyiv for a ceasefire. At talks in Istanbul, Russian negotiators have outlined hardline territorial demands if Ukraine wants Russia to halt its advance -- calling for Kyiv to withdraw from territory it still controls and renounce Western military support.

Moscow has also repeatedly sought to cast doubt on Zelensky's legitimacy and ruled out a meeting between the two leaders until after the terms of a peace deal have been agreed.

The announcement of the upcoming summit comes a day after US envoy Steve Witkoff met Putin in Moscow. Witkoff proposed a trilateral meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, but Russia did not respond to that proposal, Ushakov said.

"The Russian side left this option completely without comment," he added. Zelensky earlier Thursday had refreshed his call for a meeting with Putin -- which he says is the only way to make progress towards peace.

"It is necessary to determine the timing for such a format and the range of issues to be addressed," he wrote on social media. **[AFP]**

THE SHAMBERERE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC

Inaugural Graduation Ceremony: 8th August 2025

Shamberere National Polytechnic is well positioned in preparing future-ready graduates who are equipped for digital, green and industrial careers

The Principal Secretary for State Department for Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET)

Lives are being transformed, communities uplifted and industries workforce revitalized, through the power of Technical and Vocational Education and Training

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Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria PhD
The Principal Secretary State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

It is in this spirit that I extend my congratulations to the graduands of Shamberere National Polytechnic. Their determination, resilience and commitment have resulted to this proud milestone. This celebration also marks the institution's inaugural graduation ceremony as a national polytechnic, an occasion that affirms its growing role in shaping Kenya's skilled workforce for the future.

I also commend the Council, Management and Staff of the Polytechnic for their visionary leadership and tireless effort in skilling the youth. With a current enrolment of 6,387 trainees, the adoption of technologies that enhance practical learning and active engagement in income-generating initiatives, the institution is demonstrating sustainability, growth, and innovation in action.

These strides align with the national momentum in TVET reforms, which include the full rollout of the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) curriculum, modularization of training programs, implementation of the Dual Training Policy, expansion of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), recruitment and upskilling of trainers, investment in modern equipment and strengthening of industry linkages.

"Let the skills you have honed be your strength and your values your compass."

Collectively, these reforms are transforming TVET institutions into dynamic engines of skills development and economic empowerment across the country. As part of the institutions, Shamberere National Polytechnic is well-positioned to lead the charge in preparing future-ready graduates who are equipped for digital, green and industrial careers.

I challenge the1,700 graduands to go forward with confidence. Let the skills you have honed be your strength and your values your compass. Be the innovators, problemsolvers and leaders who will drive Kenya's transformation and contribute meaningfully to global development.

The Polytechnic has recorded remarkable growth and transformation

Message From The Council Chairperson

Today marks a monumental milestone for The Shamberere National Polytechnic as we celebrate our very first graduation ceremony since attaining a National Polytechnic status. On behalf of the Council, I extend our warmest congratulations to our graduands. We are confident that the training you have received has prepared you not just for gainful employment, but to be leaders in your respective fields. Whether you pursue further studies, enter the workforce, or embark on entrepreneurial ventures, carry the Shamberere ethos of excellence, integrity, and teamwork with you.

To the parents, guardians, and sponsors: Your sacrifices, unwavering support, and belief in our graduands potential have been the bedrock of their success.

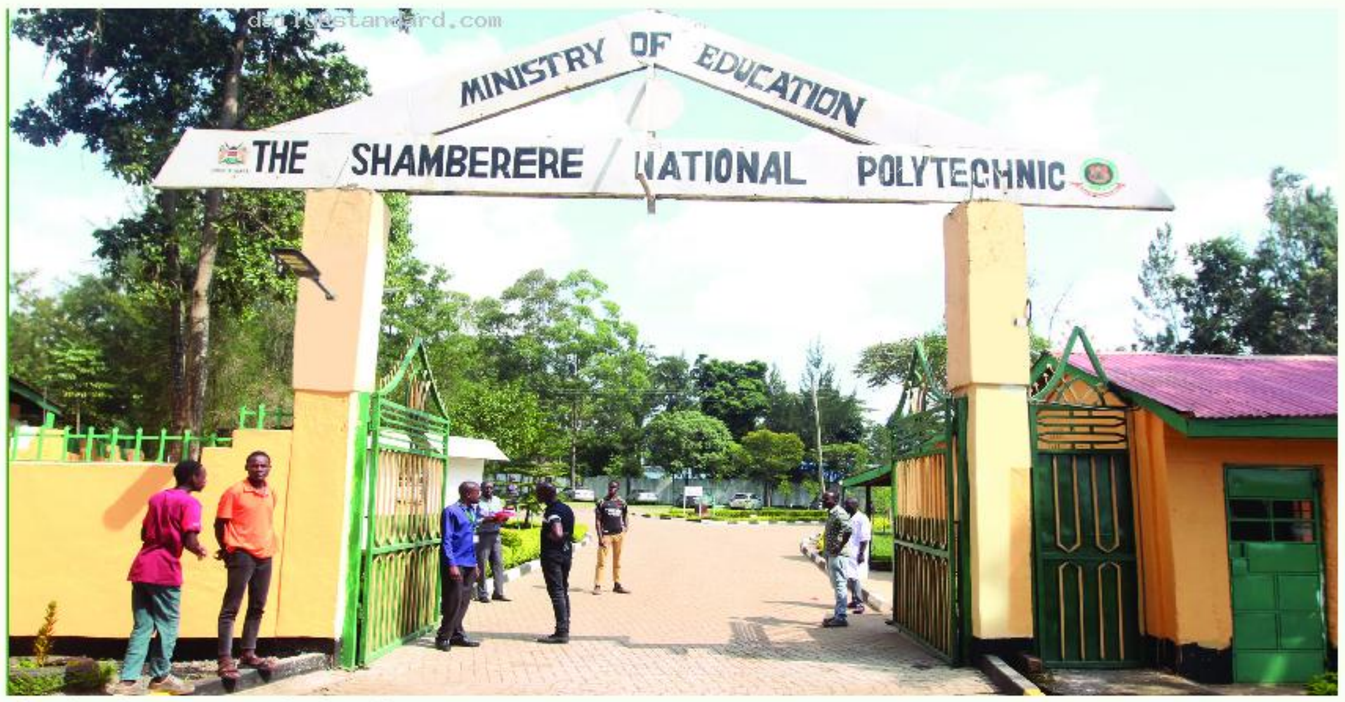
Thank you for entrusting The Shamberere National Polytechnic with your sons and daughters. We hope we have lived up to your expectations and provided them with the foundation for a prosperous future.

The Council, has been privileged to oversee the growth of this institution. We have witnessed the tireless efforts of our Principal, Dr. Elisha Nyamu, and the dedicated staff who have poured their expertise and passion into skilling these young men and women. This is truly commendable.

Eng. Musa Osieko Kulubi
Council Chairperson, The Shamberere National Polytechnic

The Polytechnic has recorded remarkable growth and transformation. Some key accomplishments that truly embody our commitment to progress include the transformation of what was once a modest village polytechnic into a truly respectable National Polytechnic. When we embarked on this journey, we envisioned an institution that would not only serve our local community but also contribute significantly to national development by producing highly skilled and innovative graduates.

We've upgraded facilities, ensuring our students learn in modest, well-equipped environments. We constructed a five door tuition block and a modern store which we later converted to Building and Civil Engineering workshop and Cosmetology studio.



The Shamberere National Polytechnic main entrance.

We've successfully acquired 3.9 acres of land paving the way for future expansion and development. Beyond government allocations, we've proactively sought ways to enhance the institution's financial sustainability and self-reliance. I'm particularly proud of the strides we've made in establishing and growing various income-generating activities that include a fully functional guest house that provides comfortable accommodation and generates revenue, often hosting academic events and visitors from across the country, a vibrant farm that not only contributes to our self-sufficiency in terms of produce but also serves as a practical learning ground for our agricultural trainees, bustling mechanical workshop that offers essential services to the community while providing invaluable hands-on experience for our engineering and technical trainees. We are setting up a business hub which will be useful in selling produce from our IGAs to the local market.These initiatives are not just about generating income; they're about creating practical learning opportunities for our trainees and fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship within the institution.

"The Council, has been privileged to oversee the growth of this institution."

We are sincerely grateful for the support we have received from government in Jitume Laboratory with 100 computers that provide opportunities for young people to do on-line jobs earning a livelihood and Government pledge to construct for us 1200 capacity hostels. Once completed this facility will greatly solve accommodation challenges faced by our trainees.

May I thank you all for honoring our invitation and attending this memorable event. May God bless

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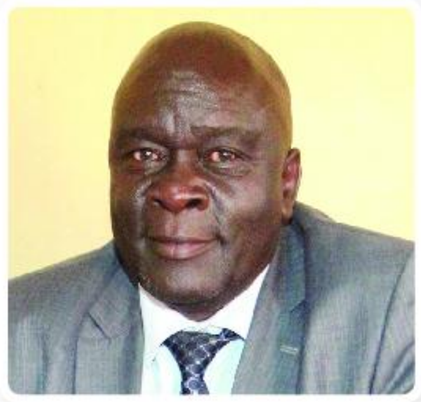
Message From The Chief Principal



Dr. Elisha Nyamu
Chief Principal, The Shamberere National Polytechnic

It is a great honour having you join us to celebrate our inaugural graduation as a National Polytechnic. As an institution we take great pride in the enormous and tremendous success of our trainees. We are proud to graduate 1700 trainees who are well skilled in various trades. May I take this opportunity to congratulate all our graduands on this auspicious occasion.

The Shamberere National Polytechnic stands out as a great implementer of TVET strategies, policies and initiatives. We are proud of our elevation to a National Polytechnic status. This status provided us with new roles and responsibilities. We are proud to celebrate the attainment of a QAI status which we are receiving today from KNQA. We developed 156 curricula in partnership with other National Polytechnics at the Nyeri National Polytechnic. We intend to set our first assessment for our trainees in November this year.

In our efforts and determination to ensure quality and standard training. Today we are rolling out an AI assessment tool (Smart Doc 360 Assessment System) which will be useful in generating assessment tools, marking guides, checklists and cutting lists for all our assessments.

The Shamberere National Polytechnic supports Government efforts to ensure implementation of Competence Based Education and Training (CBET). We have aligned all courses in all departments to CBET. We have rolled out the modular training from May 2025 in all departments.

Through partnership with GIZ we have collaborated with various industry to dualize the Food and Beverage, Mechanical Engineering and Building and Civil Engineering departments. Dualization ensures that our graduates are not just qualified but work ready and adaptable to the evolving labour market. Our achievement of vision 2030 and our quest for industrialization is greatly embedded in these programme.

In support of government initiative to recognize skills and certify individuals who acquired skills informally, we have rolled out RPL programmes. The polytechnic facilitated training of 100 RPL practitioners who will play a key role in the implementation of this programme. The first cohort of 28 trainees did their assessment at the Nyeri National polytechnic and the second cohort of 11trainees did their assessment at the Kitale National Polytechnic. Our third cohort of 51 will be doing their assessment at the Shamberere National Polytechnic. Our polytechnic is a Center of Excellence in Mechanical Engineering proving itself in having a state of the art CNC lathe machines. This machines are used in collaborative training and are an IGA for the polytechnic.

A trainer and Students during training session in a Science Lab.

"We developed 156 curricula in partnership with other National Polytechnics at the Nyeri National Polytechnic."

We wish to appreciate the state department for supporting us on staffing needs, funding through capitation, scholarships and HEF loans to our trainees. We also appreciate the intensive marketing by the officer seconded by the state department who partnered with NGAO to give us 1708 trainees. Some have already been admitted and the rest will be joining in September.

To our graduands as you get crowned today, remember you are our great ambassadors. May the great skills you have achieved open for you great opportunities.

Long live The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

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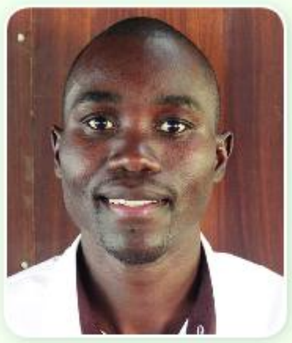

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Our May 2025 intake is ongoing

THE SHAMBERERE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC

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TVET State Department signs deal with Australian firm to boost labour mobility

Mike Kihaki, Nairobi

The State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Australia's Signet Institute.

The collaboration, which was officially launched at The Eldoret National Polytechnic (TENP), aims to roll out internationally accredited courses to equip young Kenyans with skills aligned to global standards.

The programme, which is set to be piloted in seven national polytechnics, is designed to boost the employability of Kenyan graduates abroad, particularly in countries facing critical labour shortages such as Australia.

TVET Director John Tuwei, who spoke during the launch of the Signet Institute's Kenyan office at TENP, highlighted the transformative potential of the partnership.

"We are collaborating as a government with the Signet Institute of Australia to roll out courses that are internationally accredited. We have signed the agreement, and it will cover several national polytechnics, including the Eldoret National Polytechnic," said Tuwei.

According to Tuwei, other institutions participating in the pilot phase include Kabete National Polytechnic and Nairobi National Polytechnic.

A practical lesson in the building and construction workshop at Shamberere National Polytechnic.

IT training in the Computer lab at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

The initial rollout will target 100 students, but the number will grow based on demand from international labour markets.

"This is a pilot, and based on the uptake, we'll be increasing this. Depending on the skills requirement out there, we will gradually scale it up," he explained.

The need for internationally recognised qualifications has long been a hurdle for Kenyan professionals seeking employment abroad.

Many skilled workers including nurses, plumbers, and electricians are often unable to practice in foreign countries due to non-recognition of local certifications.

Kenya's High Commissioner to Australia, Dr. Wilson Kogo, who played a critical role in facilitating the partnership, stressed the importance of aligning Kenya's vocational training with international standards.

"We have trained professionals here nurses, plumbers, technicians but when they go abroad, they are not allowed to practice. The question is, why? It comes down to the kind of training we offer and whether it meets international expectations" he said.

Dr. Kogo praised the collaboration as a milestone in modernising Kenya's TVET sector and called it a strategic step towards labour mobility and economic diplomacy.

"Upskilling our human capital is critical if we want to leverage global job opportunities. Australia, for instance, has a fast-aging population and is in dire need of young skilled labour. This presents a golden opportunity for our youth."

He hinted at plans to engage other countries facing labour deficits and explore similar partnerships to ensure Kenyan training institutions can fill global workforce gaps.

"Australia is just the beginning. We want Kenya to become a reliable source of skilled labour globally. But to do that, we must address training gaps. Our institutions are doing a good job, but international collaboration will help us refine our systems to meet evolving demands," said Dr. Kogo.

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THE SHAMBERERE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC

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Muhammad Imran Ali, Head of Sales and Marketing at Signet Institute, described the initiative as a "snowball effect" a small action with the potential for large-scale impact.

"Through this programme, young people will learn and acquire skills that enable them to work abroad. Once abroad, they will begin to earn and send remittances back home. That, in turn, boosts their families, communities, and the economy," said Ali.

He emphasized Australia's urgent need for young caregivers and skilled workers to support its ageing population and noted that Kenya, with its youthful workforce, is well-positioned to supply the needed labour.

"Australia has many people to look after, but not enough young people to do that. Kenya has the potential to fill that gap," he said.

Ali encouraged the Kenyan youth to take the opportunity seriously, adding that Signet Institute will ensure the courses offered align fully with the standards required in Australia and other partner countries.

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By integrating global certification and linkages, the programme is expected to open up international employment pathways for thousands of Kenyans.

Moreover, the foreign income from labour exports could significantly improve Kenya's balance of payments and foreign exchange reserves.

"This is not just about getting our youth jobs abroad. It's about building a sustainable economic model where skills lead to opportunities, and opportunities lead to national growth," said Tuwei.

The pilot phase of the programme will closely monitor student enrolment, training quality, and job placement success. Based on these metrics, the SDTVET plans to expand the initiative to more TVET institutions across the country.

"Our youth are talented. What they need is exposure and the right training. If we can get our curriculum aligned to global standards, there's no reason why Kenya can't become a major exporter of skilled labour," said Dr. Kogo.

As global demand for skilled workers continues to grow, especially in healthcare, construction, and technical trades, Kenya's push to internationalise its vocational training could be the game-changer that unlocks prosperity for a new generation of youth.

Students using sewing machines in the Clothing and Textiles workshop at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

Electrical students during a wiring practical lession at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

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PROGRAMS ON OFFER

COURSE TITLE	LEVEL	COURSE DURATION		Minimum Requirements
		IN -SESSION	INDUSTRIAL TRAINING	
Sustainable Rural and Urban Agriculture	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Animal Production Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Agriculture Extension	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Dairy Farm Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Food Processing Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Science Laboratory Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Applied Biology Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Geoscience Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Food Processing Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Geophysical Exploration Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Industrial Chemical Processing	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Science Laboratory Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Analytical Chemistry Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C- (minus)
Handywork	3	1 semester	1semester	KCSE
Masonry	3	1 semester	1semester	KCSE
Carpentry and Joinery	3	1 semester	1semester	KCSE
Plumbing	3	1 semester	1semester	KCSE
Plumbing	4	2 semesters	1semester	D
Carpentry and Joinery	4	2 semesters	1semester	D
Masonry	4	2 semesters	1semester	D
Building Technology	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Carpentry and Joinery	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Plumbing	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Interior Design	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Interior Design	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Architectural Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Building Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Civil Engineering Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Land Surveying Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Quantity Surveying Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Cooperative Management	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Supply Chain Management	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Business Management	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Office Administration	5	4 semesters	1semester	D+
Office Administration	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Banking and Finance	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Business Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Project Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Cooperative Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Supply Chain Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
CPA Intermediate Level 1		6 months		CPA Foundation
ICT Operations	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Software Developer	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
ICT Operations	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Broadcast Media Journalism	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Software Developer	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Fashion Design Technology	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Fashion Design Technology	4	2 semesters	1 Semester	D
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	4	2 semesters	1 Semester	D
Fashion Design Technology	5	4 semesters	2 semesters	D+
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	5	4 semesters	2 semesters	D+
Fashion Design Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Solar PV Installation TI	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Electrical Installation	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Electrical Installation	4	2 semesters	1 Semester	D
Industrial Automation and Robotics	4	2 semesters	1 Semester	D
Electrical Installation	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Industrial Automation and Robotics	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Industrial Automation and Robotics Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Electrical Engineering (Power)	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Telecommunication Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Instrumetation and Control	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
BioMedical Engineering	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Health Records & Information Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Community Health	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Nutrition & Dietetics	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Health Records & Information Technology	6	9 semesters	2 semesters	C
Community Health	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Medical Laboratory Sciences	6	9 semesters	1 semester	overall C with grade C in cluster units
Nutrition & Dietetics	6	9 semesters	1 semester	C-(minus) grade D+ in cluster units
Pharmaceutical Technology	6	9 semesters	1 semester	overall C with grade C in cluster units
Catering & Accomodation Management	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Food and Beverage Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Catering & Accomodation Management	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Library Information Science	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Social Work and Community Development	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Counselling Psychology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Counselling Psychology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Library Information Science	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Social Work and Community Development	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Automotive Technology	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Mechanical Production Technology	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Welding and Fabrication Technology`	3	1 semester	1 Semester	KCSE
Welding and Fabrication Technology`	4	1 semesters	1 Semester	D
Mechanical Production Technology	4	1 semesters	1 Semester	D
Automotive Technology	4	1 semesters	1 Semester	D
Automotive Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Mechanical Production Technology	5	4 semesters	1 Semester	D+
Automotive Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Mechanical Plant Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Mechanical Production Technology	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
Welding and Fabrication Technology`	6	7 semesters	2 semesters	C-(minus)
KABETE - SIGNET INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA ACCREDITED COURSES				
Certificate III in individual Support (Ageing and Disability)		1 year		KCSE
Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling		1 year		KCSE
Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying		1 year		KCSE
Certificate III in Automotive Diesel Engine Technology		1 year		KCSE
Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology		1 year		KCSE
SHORT COURSES				
Cake Making and Decoration		8 weeks		open
Mushroom Production		12 weeks		open
Horticulture Nursery Technician		12 weeks		open
International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL)		12 weeks		KCSE
Computer Repair & Maintenance		12 weeks		Digital literacy
CCTV Installation		8 weeks		Basic Electrical
Motor Rewinding		8 weeks		Basic Electrical
Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)		12 weeks		Basic Electrical
Electrical Installation Inspector		8 weeks		Electrical Installer level 5
Bio gas Installation		12 weeks		Open
Archicad		4 weeks		Open
Painting & Decoration Technology		4 weeks		Open
Construction Works Inspector		16 weeks		Building Technician level 6
Revit		4 weeks		Open
Plumbing Inspector		16 weeks		Plumbing level 5
Tiling		8 weeks		Open
AutoCAD		4 weeks		Open
Construction Foreperson		16 weeks		Civil Eng/ Building Tech level 6
Driving Class (B2, C1)		4 weeks		open
Motor Cycle Rider		4 weeks		open
German Language A1/ ONLINE		12 weeks		open
Chinese Language HK1/ ONLINE		12 weeks		open
Book Keeping & Tax Return		8 weeks		open
Accounting & Management Skills (CAMS) level 1		12 Weeks		D

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Mechanical lathe machines at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

Practical mechanical workshop at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

Hospitality students during a practical lesson at The Shamberere National Polytechnic.

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The Board of Governors, Management, Staff and Tra nees of Mukiria Technical Training Institute (MTTI) extends our warmest congratulations to the Shamberere National Polytechnic on their 1st graduation ceremony.

This milestone is a testament to your dedication to academic excellence and continued commitment in shaping the future of the trainees.

To the graduands, we celebrate your hardwork, perseverance and achievements. Go out and make an impact through the skills and knowledge that you have gained in your respective fields.
We are proud to be associated with you.

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MTTI offers modular CBET Curricula for level 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the following departments

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The Governing Council, Management, Staff and Trainees of The Bungoma National Polytechnic joins The Shamberere National Polytechnic in Celebrating your Inaugural Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations

The Bungoma National Polytechnic Offers the Following Courses

NO.	COURSE(S)	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	INTAKE	EXAM BODY
	AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT				
1	HORTICULTURE NURSERY MGT. LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
2	DAIRY FARM MANAGEMENT LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
3	POULTRY LAYER PRODUCTION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
4	APIARY ATTENDANCE LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
5	AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
6	AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION LEVEL 6	KCSE c- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
7	SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
8	AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
9	ANIMAL PRODUCTION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
10	ANIMAL PRODUCTION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
11	ANIMAL PRODUCTION LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
12	ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
13	ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
14	AGRIPRENEURSHIP LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
15	AGRIPRENEURSHIP LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
16	AGRIPRENEURSHIP LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEP	BNP/TVETCDACC
	ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT				
17	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
18	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
19	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
20	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
21	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
22	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
23	SOLAR INSTALLATION LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
24	SOLAR INSTALLATION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
25	SOLAR INSTALLATION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
26	ELECTRONICS LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
27	ELECTRONICS LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
28	ELECTRONICS LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
29	ELECTRONICS LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
	BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT				
30	MASONRY LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
31	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
32	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
33	PLUMBING LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
34	PLUMBING LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
35	LAND SURVEY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
36	LAND SURVEY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
37	BUILDING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
38	BUILDING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
39	CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
40	WATER ENGINEERING LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
41	QUANTITY SURVEY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
42	AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
43	AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
44	AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
45	AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
46	WELDING AND FABRICATION LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
47	WELDING AND FABRICATION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
48	MECHANICAL PRODUCTION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
49	MECHANICAL PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
50	AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
51	MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
52	AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
	APPLIED SCIENCES DEPARTMENT				
53	COMMUNITY HEALTH LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
54	COMMUNITY HEALTH LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
55	COMMUNITY HEALTH LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
56	APPLIED BIOLOGY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
57	NUTRITION AND DIETETICS LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
58	NUTRITION AND DIETETICS LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
59	FOOD TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
60	FOOD TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
61	SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
62	SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
63	FOOD SCIENCE AND PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
64	FOOD SCIENCE AND PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 6	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
65	ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
66	HEALTH RECORDS LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
67	HEALTH RECORDS LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
68	APPLIED STATISTICS LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
69	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
70	DAIRY PLANT MANAGEMENT LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
71	DAIRY PLANT MANAGEMENT LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
72	DAIRY PLANT MANAGEMENT LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
73	MEAT PROCESSING LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
	COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS DEPARTMENT				
74	ICT LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	1 MONTH	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
75	ICT LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
76	RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
77	RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
78	LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
79	COMPUTER SCIENCE LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
80	ICT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
81	ICT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
82	ICT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTH	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
83	ICT TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
84	DIGITAL JOURNALISM	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
85	LIBRARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
86	LIBRARY INFORMATION ASSISTANT LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
87	COMPUTER SCIENCE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC

NO.	COURSE(S)	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	DURATION	INTAKE	EXAMBODY
	HOSPITALITY AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT				
88	FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGER LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
89	FOOD AND BEVERAGE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
90	FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE WAITER LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
91	COOK LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
92	COOK LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
93	BAKER LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
94	MIXOLOGY	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP
95	BARISTA	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP
96	BAKER LEVEL 3	KCPE	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
97	CATERING AND ACCOMODATION LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
98	CATERING AND ACCOMODATION LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
99	ACCOMODATION OPERATIONS LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
100	TOUR AND TRAVEL MANAGER LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
101	TOUR AND TRAVEL OPERATOR LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
102	TOUR GUIDE LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
103	WIDLIFE GUIDE LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
	FASHION AND COSMETOLOGY				
104	HAIR DRESSING LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDAC
105	HAIR DRESSING LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
106	HAIR DRESSING LEVEL 6	KCSE C- or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
107	FASHION DESIGN (DRESS MAKING) LEVEL 3	KCSE E or Equivalent	3 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
108	FASHION DESIGN LEVEL 4	KCSE E or Equivalent	6 MONTHS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
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111	BEAUTY THERAPY LEVEL 5	KCSE D or Equivalent	1 YEAR	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP/TVETCDACC
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	BUSINESS AND ENTERPRENEURSHIP DEPARTMENT				
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152	HND APPLIED BIOLOGY	DIPLOMA Or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	KNEC
153	HND LAND SURVEY	DIPLOMA Or Equivalent	2 YEARS	JAN/MAY/SEPT	KNEC
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	SHORT COURSES				
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157	PEANUT BUTTER PROCESSING	OPEN	3 WEEKS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP
158	HONEY PROCESSING	OPEN	3WEEKS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP
159	CAKE MAKING	OPEN	3 WEEKS	JAN./MAY/SEPT	BNP
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3:00 PM	TUPIKE
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4:00 PM	MBIU
4:30 PM	KIDS
5:00 PM	BASELINE
6:00 PM	LOVE IN 40 DAYS
7:00 PM	DIRA YA WIKI
8:00 PM	THE RICH AND LAZARUS
9:00 PM	FRIDAY BRIEFING
10:00 PM	FOOTBALL SLIP
11:00 PM	RASHA RASHA
1:00 AM	ALJAZEERA

CITIZEN TV

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12:00AM	BEATPLUG MIX

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4:00AM	ALJAZEERA
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7:00 PM	KABUREITO

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7:00 PM	AFTER HOURS

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10:30PM	BEAT BOX
12:00AM	ALJAZEERA

HOROSCOPE

Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
Accept that you may not be able to charge ahead with your plans just for now. While you might be craving quick and easy decisions, today's energies can have you wondering what your next move is, or you may struggle with weighing your options for far longer than feels comfortable.

Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
If you've been taking on too many commitments lately, you're now likely to feel drained. Look for liberation or inspiration from educational, travel, publishing, or promotional pursuits and goals.

Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov21
You might seek some inspiration through a private conversation or an important observation. Treat this as a time for reflection that can ultimately redirect you in personal and professional areas.

Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec21
Today is best for hard work, attention to detail, and conservative rather than bold moves. You may, however, gain some inspiration from a friend or partner. Slowing down and pacing yourself makes the most sense, allowing your intuition to kick in.

Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
Bringing more inventiveness to your work or routines can be rewarding now, and you could find support for your projects and work efforts. It may be that the more creative or inspiring your work, the more productive you'll be right now.

Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
While today's obstacles seem to break the momentum, the workarounds that result can draw your attention to areas that need correcting. Look for a balance between freedom and comfort, even if it means reducing or cutting out some activities. As well, certain people can be inspirational and supportive now.

Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
There can be a clash of values, boundaries, or problems related to possessiveness in a relationship. Common sense and instincts can be at war, but after wrestling with an issue, you may very well discover that you can wait for something a little longer.

Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Studies or projects can show signs of progress, or they can motivate you to do something new and bold. While the excitement of innovation sticks with you, you're also drumming up to take care of business.

Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
While it can seem that the momentum is breaking, it's more likely a necessary slowdown that's also quite temporary. It's about taking care of your emotional life and inner world, even in the face of pressures and demands of the outside world. Clear your mind of guilt and avoid focusing your frustration on minor problems.

Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Expressing yourself freely doesn't come easily, or it brings on negative feedback today. Instead, there could be challenges related to a group endeavor or friendship, especially if you are attempting to steer them in a different direction. Whatever the case, the matter requires patience.

Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
It can be tempting to fight against restrictions, but slowing down may serve your long-term interests better. You might also discover that you can enjoy some active downtime, and this can be a way to satisfy both your need for rest and action!

Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Scattering your energy is not the answer, as it may lead to doing many things, but none of them especially well. However, you could feel quite inspired by collaboration. Someone may encourage you to pursue a dream.
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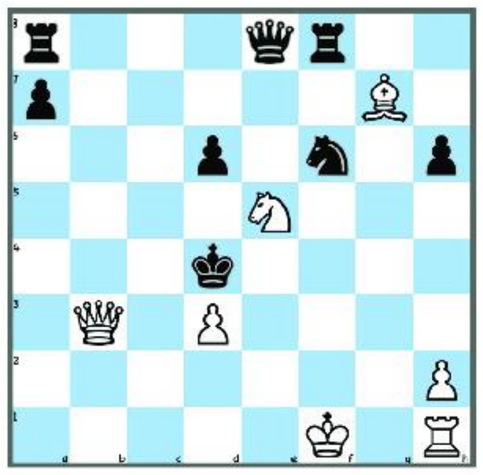
Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle
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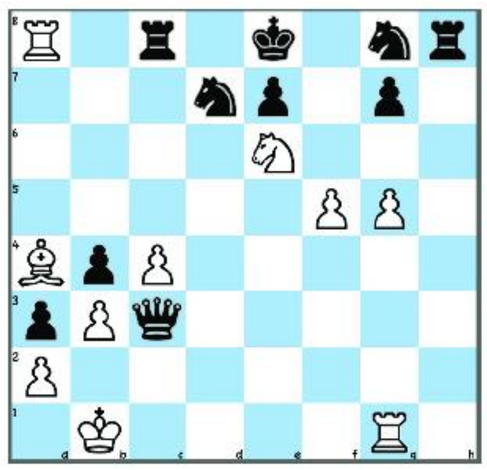

Thursday's solution

Easy:
1. Qxd8+ Bxd8
2. Rxd8#

Intermediate:
1. Qa8+ Qb8
2. Qc6+ dxc6
3. d7#

SOLVIT

D	E	A	B	19
H	H	F	G	28
G	A	J	B	18
E	C	D	F	20
21	16	26	22	

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

Today's Clues

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
		2						3

Thursday's solution

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

CODEWORD

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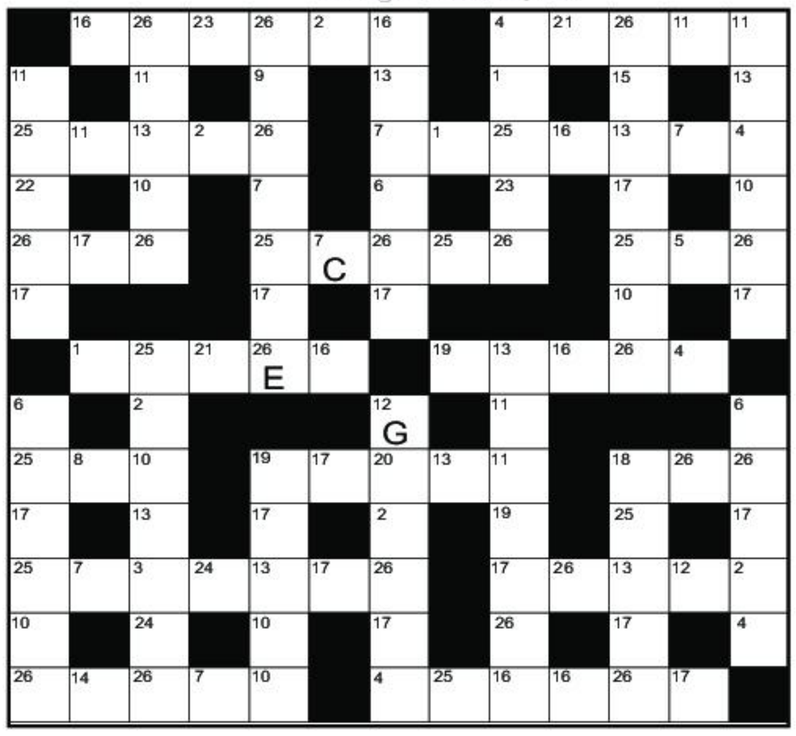
CLUE
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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

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

Thursday's solution

S 14	U 1	R 2	I 3	X 4	W 5	Z 6	B 7	F 8	T 9	P 10	J 11	M 12	V 13
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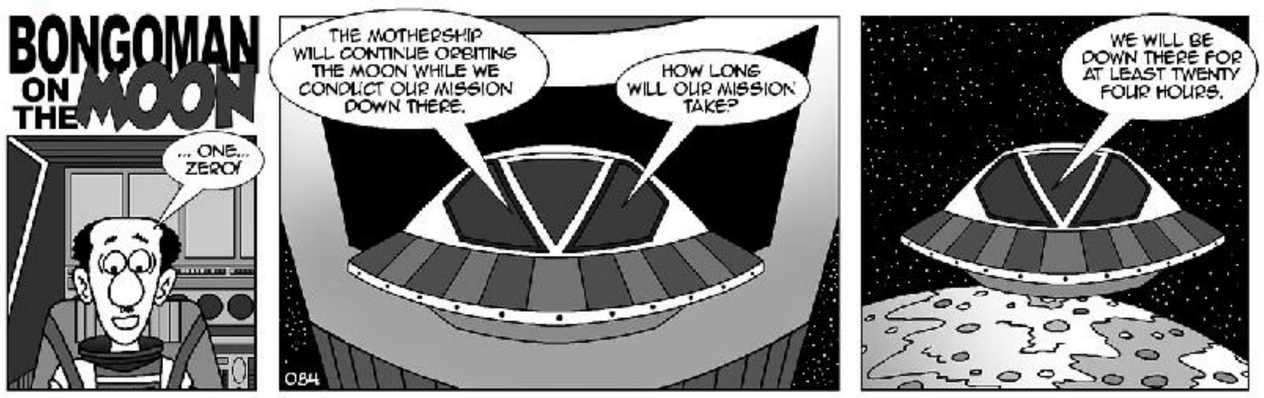

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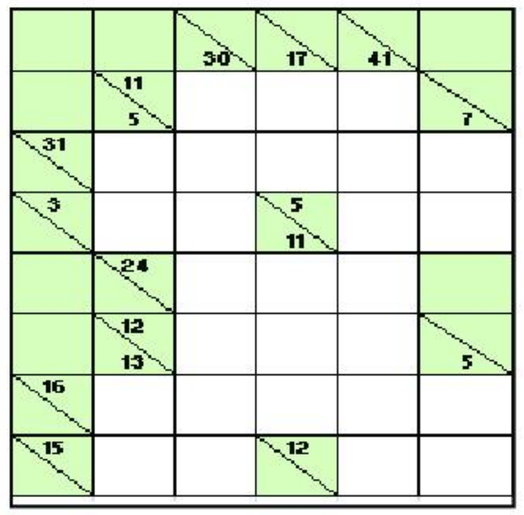

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	24				
	12 / 13				5
16					
15			12		

The totals for the rows and columns are given on the left for the rows and above for the cloumns in the shaded boxes. The single digits which give the totals are used only once e,.g. 10 = 1,2, 3, 4 or 1,4,5 or 2,3,5 etc but not 2,2,6 or 1,1,8 or3,3,2

Thursday's solution

	7	28		32	12
4	1	3	16	7	9
3	2	1	5 / 21	2	3
24	4	7	8	5	
	23 / 6		9	8	10 /
	22 / 13	5	4	6	7
6	4	2	4	3	1
13	9	4	3	1	2

SUDOKU

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

Thursday's solution

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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LOST Title No. Kieseges/ Nyamamithi/blk3/534(Mumoi) of Paul Mugo Gathenya

LOST Title: Pioneer/Ngeria Block 1 (Eatec) / 8798 of Robert Karanja Mwaura

LOST title Loc 20/Kambirwa/ 1746 & 1815 of Solomon Chuchu Ngere (Deceased)

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LOSS of title deed L.r HD 11344

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LOSS of title IR NO 189461

LOSS of title IR NO 155239

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LOSS of Title deed Donyosabuk/ Komarock BK 1/16795 John Maina Kirikiru

LOSS of title No 209/1491

LOSS of title No 7258/6

LOSS of title No 7258/43

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LOST Title Deed No L.R 13673/268 of Munyaga Self Help Group

LOST title deed Mahiga/ Rokera/471 of John Billy Ndirangu Gichohi

LOSS of certificate of Lease no.Eldama Ravine Block3/116

A22/NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No 13 of 2019.
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner (s) of Parcel Numbers ***Cis-Mara/ Oleleshwa/4449 and 4450*** situated at Kamoja area (Kim breeze hotel), along Narok - Bomet Highway, Narok Town Municipality, Narok Central sub-county, Narok County would like to change the user of his/her Parcel from **Agricultural Use to commercial Use (Hotel facility)** subject to approval by the County Government of Narok. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the Proposed Development are requested to forward the same in writing within Fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to:
The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development,
County Government of Narok.
P.O BOX 898-20500, Narok.
Name of Registered Planner: James Michoma.
Reg. No: RPP 0067.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 r.3(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The Registered owner of Land parcel No. **Nyahururu Municipality Block 5/109** located within Nyahururu Municipality proposes to **change use of land from Educational to Mixed Use (commercial cum residential)** subject to approval by the County Government of Laikipia .Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with any comments and or objections to the proposed should forward them within fourteen (14) days of this notice dated 8th August 2025.
The CECM –Infrastructure, Land, Housing & Urban Development,
County Government of Laikipia,
P.O Box 1271-10400,
Laikipia.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF USE

The Registered Owner of **Plot NO. LR 7340/18** located in **UTAWALA** Area in Mavoko Sub County, Machakos County, Proposes to **Extend Its Use** from **Residential Single Dwelling Unit** to Include **Residential Cum Commercial Use** Subject to Approval by The **County Government of Machakos.** Individuals, Institutions, Members of The Public etc. With Comments or Objections to The Proposal Are Requested to Forward Them in Writing Within Fourteen (14) Days from the date of this notice to:
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MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 1996-90100, MACHAKOS

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

TThe registered owner of plot **LR NO 12715/16165** at Syokimau area, Mavoko Sub County, proposes to change use from **Religious use(Mosque)** subject to approval by County Government of Machakos. Individuals, Institutions, members of the public etc with comments and /or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Energy, Housing, and Urban Development
County Government of Machakos
P.O. Box 1996-90100,
Machakos

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

The registered owner of plot No: **Mavoko Town Block 3/111447** located at Nzoiani area, Mavoko Sub County, proposes to change use from **agricultural use to educational use (primary school)** subject to approval by County Government of Machakos. Individuals, Institutions, members of the public etc with comments and /or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Energy, Housing, and Urban Development.
County Government of Machakos
P.O. Box 1996-90100
Machakos

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The Registered Owner of **Plot LR. No. 36/VII/599 (NAIROBI BLOCK 48/1472)** located along Major Murilthi Street in Eastleigh North area within Kamkunji SubCounty; Nairobi City County proposes to **Change the User from Residential to Commercial cum Multi-Dwelling Units (Apartments)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, members of the public etc with comments, and or objections to the development proposal are requested to forward them in writing, within fourteen (14) days of this notice to;
THE CECM; BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI,
P.O BOX 30075- 00100, NAIROBI.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of **NAIVASHA/ MARAIGUSHU BLOCK 18/687** situated in Hell's Gate area, Naivasha sub county , Nakuru County proposes to change the use of the land from **Residential Use to Commercial Use**
Subject to approval by the county government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member,
County Government of Nakuru.
P.O Box 2870-20100 NAKURU.
Name of the Registered Planner James Michoma
Reg. No.0067

FORM PLUPA/DC/3
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner(s) of this Parcel. **Naivasha/ Maraigushu Block 34/166** located in Kayole locality Naivasha Subcounty proposes to **Change** its use from **Agricultural Use** to **Commercial Cum Residential Multi-dwelling (Flats)** subject to approval by Nakuru County Government. 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 HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU,
P.O BOX 2870-20100, NAKURU.
Name of the Registered Planner: Newton G. Karuri Reg. No. 0145

FORM PLUPA/DC/3
PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner (s) of the property **L.R No. 209/7148/3 (Nairobi Block 31/206)** Located Along Upperhill Road, Upperhill proposes to change of user of the property from **Residential to Mixed Use (Commercial & Residential –Apartments)** Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organisations, 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: Kennedy M. Kaburu Reg. No. PP0353

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of **Plot Parcel No. Nairobi Block 47/1958** located along Dagoretti Road in Karen area within Lang'ata Sub-County; Nairobi City County proposes to **Extend the Residential Use to include a Restaurant** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, members of the public etc with comments, and or objections to the development proposal are requested to forward them in writing, within fourteen (14) days of this notice to;
THE CECM; BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI,
P.O BOX 30075- 00100, NAIROBI.

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 Land Ref No. **195/136 located** at Karen off Dagoretti Road, Nairobi County, proposes to **change user** from **Residential Single Dwelling to Residential Multi-dwelling (Townhouses)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. 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, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 30075-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA.
PHYSICAL PLANNER: JOHN T. MBAU RPP NO. 0284

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

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Land Ref No. **195/134 located** at Karen off Dagoretti Road, Nairobi County, proposes to change user from **Residential Single Dwelling to Residential Multi-dwelling (Townhouses)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. 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, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
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FORM/PLUPA/DC/3
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO.13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The Registered owner of **Parcel No. NAIROBI/ BLOCK 6/743,** situated off Donyo Sabuk Road within Westlands Sub-County, proposes to change the use from a Single Dwelling Residential Unit **to Multi-Dwelling Units (Apartments),** subject to approval by the Nairobi City 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,
CECM: BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN PLANNING,
P.O. Box 30075-00100, NAIROBI.
NAME OF PLANNER: CHRISTOPHER N. OMARE
REG PPR NO,0065:

THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

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 Kirinyaga, intends to regularize tenure of Parcel No. 72 in Kirinyaga Market, Kirinyaga County measuring 0.2457 Ha for Residential 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 Kirinyaga County.
The land is planned and surveyed, and ownership details may be inspected at the offices of the CECM in charge of Lands for Kirinyaga County, Director of Surveys in Nairobi and NLC offices during working hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Land Reference No. **4885/150 (4885/55/3)** Located in **Rironi area Limuru Subcounty** proposes to **Change its Use from Agricultural Use to Commercial cum Residential Multi dwelling (Flats),** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to theproposal 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: Marvin Mugambi Reg No: 0323

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title No. **JUJA/KALIMONI BLOCK 10/339** situated at Waitethie within, Juja Municipality, Kiambu County proposes to change its use from single dwelling residential to **Residential Multi Dwelling Units (Flats),** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government.

Individuals, institutions etc. with objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of this notice to:

The CECM, Land, Housing and Physical Planning
Kiambu County Government,
P. O Box 2344-00900, KIAMBU.
Registered Planner Peter Kaberere no 287

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (R.3(3)(XI)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Land Reference No. **13673/334** located along Mwihoko-Finance Road in Mwihoko, Githurai Sub County, Kiambu County, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural** to **Commercial-cum-Residential (BCR-Business-Cum-Residential)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

The C.E.C.M- Land, Housing, Physical Planning,
Municipal Administration and Urban Development
County Government of Kiambu
P.O Box 2344-00900, KIAMBU.
Name of the Registered Planner: Kelvin Ritho, Reg No: 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (CAP 303)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owners of Plot No. **Kiambaa/Thimbigua/3617** located off Banana-Raini Road within Banana area, proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Multi-Dwelling Residential Use (Apartments) subject to approval by the 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:

THE CECM - LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O. BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU
Name of the Registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri Mugambi
Reg. No.: 0323

FORM/PLUPA/DC/3

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO.13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The Registered owner of **L.R. NO 1/1001 (NAIROBI/BLOCK 19/905),** situated along George Padmore Road within Kilimani Area in Dagoretti-North Sub-County, proposes to **change its use** from Residential Use **to Restaurant,** subject to approval by the Nairobi City 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,

CECM: BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN PLANNING,
P.O. Box 30075-00100, NAIROBI.
NAME OF PLANNER: CHRISTOPHER N. OMARE
REG PPR NO,0065:

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED PURPOSE- BUILT STUDENTS' RESIDENCE IN MILIMANI AREA, ON L.R NUMBER KAKAMEGA/ TOWN BLOCK/ III/ 126 IN KAKAMEGA TOWN

Spicebark Properties LLP, proposes to construct a purpose-built students accommodation comprising of two blocks Qwetu (Block A) & Qejani (block B) models with a total of 637 rooms.

Pursuant to Section 17 of the The Environmental (Impact Assessment And Audit) Regulations, 2003 the proponent invites the public to a public consultative meeting to be held on **Friday 15th August 2025** at **10:00am** at the proposed site on plot **L.R NUMBER KAKAMEGA/ TOWN BLOCK/ III/ 126** along Comrades Way, Kakamega Town.

For any enquiries/comments please contact:

Environmental Management Consultancy (EMC)
P.O. Box 3891 - 00100
Nairobi, Kenya.
Email: info@emconsultants.co.ke

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MIGORI
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN MEMORANDA/ PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Pursuant to Article 10, 35 and 201 (a) of the constitution of Kenya 2010, Section 87 of the County Government Act 2012 and following the development of the **Migori County finance bill 2025**

The Migori County Finance and Economic Planning Department invites stakeholders and the general Public to submit memoranda in respect of the legislative proposal and to attend public participation on 15th August 2025 as from 9am at FLORENCE HOTEL MIGORI.

The public views /memoranda may be forwarded to the CECM Finance and Economic Planning, Migori County Government through the address, **P.O. Box 195-40400 Suna Migori,** hand delivered to the office of the CECM for Finance at the County Government buildings at Migori or emailed to **Finance@migori.go.ke** so as to be received on or before **13th** August 2025.

The Legislative proposal is accessible at the Migori County website **www.migori.go.ke**

Maurice Otunga,
CECM, Finance and Economic Planning
MIGORI COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned goods and motor vehicle on **15TH AUGUST 2025** at **10.30 am** or soon thereafter at **RAJEMA CAR YARD & STORAGE. 2. PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE.**

1. THIKA SCCC CASE NO. E137 OF 2025
JOSEPH NJIRAINI NGONDU –VS- PATRICK WAWERU & PURITY MURUGU NJUKI

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KCG 826Z

2. DISTRESS FOR RENT
LANDLORD –VS- YVONNE AKOTH OTIENO
Broken microwave, broken water dispenser, 3 carpets, 2 dummies, 1 bed, 2-seater sofa set, pallet.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

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Nature house 3rd flr, Room 315,P.O Box 67170-00200,Mob. 0720840533

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal, the financiers, we shall sell the undermentioned motor vehicles by public Auction on **14TH AUGUST 2025 from 10.30am AT IDEAL YARD MOMBASA.**

NO	MAKE	REG NO	DEBTOR NAME	YARD
1	MAZDA CX5	KDR 383S	ZAIDA FAHIM MUBARAK	IDEAL YARD MOMBASA

Cash at the fall of the hammer.
1. Bidders to view and verify details on normal working hours with prior arrangements.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals and the Financier, we shall sell the mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **15th** August, 2025 starting at **10.30 a.m.**

REG NO:	MODEL	STORAGE YARD
KCF 485Y	Toyota prado	Absolute garden estate

Conditions of sale
1. **Cash at the fall of the hammer.**
2. **Sale will be subject to reserve price**
3. **Viewing can be done on arrangement during the working hours**

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by our Principal the financier, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles on **18TH AUGUST 2025** at our offices in Nairobi, Starting 11.00A.M

NO	M/V REGISTRATION NO.	MODEL	LOCATION
1	KBR 735W	SILVER TOYOTA EVENSIS 2005 PETROL	SKLS YARD
2	KDC 091Z	MAZDA DEMIO	STARTRUCK YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE:
1. Cash at the fall of the hammer
2. The sale is subject to reasonable reserve price.
3. All interested purchasers are requested to view the vehicles and verify the condition as these are not guaranteed by the auctioneer or its principal.
4. All bidders to provide a commitment deposit of Kshs.20, 000 to obtain bidding number to be allowed in the auction venue.

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:fantasyauctions2018@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the undermentioned Motor vehicle On **Friday, 15th August, 2025** Starting At **10.20 Am** At **Murang'a Motors Center, Murang'a town.**

1. IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT MURANG'A
CMCELC 96 OF 2022-MURANG'A
KIAMIORO BULDING LIMITED VERSUS HENRY GAKINYA CHEGE AND JOB KIIRU NDUATI
Motor Vehicle Reg no. KBT 521Y TOYOTA S.WAGON

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the undermentioned Motor Vehicles and goods On **Friday 15th August, 2025** Starting At **11.00 Am** At **Jogoo Road Motors Storage and sales Limited, Nairobi**

2. IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT MILIMANI.
MCCC E751 OF 2024
BRYAN MBOYA VERSUS SUAL SHALO SHITANDAI AND HUMPHREY LUKAMIRA KIKUMBA
Motor Vehicle Reg No. KCF 521Q Matatu

CONDITION OF SALE
1. Viewing can be done during working hours with prior arrangement with the auctioneers.
2. Sale of Motor Vehicles is subjected to the reserved price.
3. Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
4. The auctioneer has the right to accept or decline any bid.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell by way of public auction the items listed below on the respective listed dates & time.

1. **IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 OF THE LAWS OF KENYA**
   LANDLADY- VERSUS- NDUNG'U WANGARI

On **18th August 2025**at 10.00 a.m. at Rayan Tower 1,atApartment No 16A in Kizingoestate within Mombasa Island we shall proceed to sell in situ One unit Sofa, coffee table set with 3 stools, one unit TV stand, one unit Hisense T.V, One unit Carpet, one unit small dining table set with four chairs, one unit six unit burner Hisense gas cooker and 13kg cylinder, one unit air-free hisense cooker, one unit hisense two-door fridge, one unit hisense microwave, one unit rain and raw water purifier, all assorted cutleries, two units water tanks- 310 litres and 260 litres, four units beds and matresses, four units dressing tables.

2. **IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 OF THE LAWS OF KENYA**
   LANDLORD –VS-CHRISTINE WANJIKU

On **18th August**2025 at 11.00 at Rayan Towers 1, Apartment 15A in Kizingo estate within Mombasa islandwe shall proceed to sell in situOne unit Sofa set coffee table set with 3 stools, one unit TV stand, one unit Hisense T.V, One unit Carpet, one unit small dining table set with four chairs, one unit six unit burner Hisense gas cooker and 13kg cylinder, one unit air-free hisense cooker, one unit hisense two-door fridge, one unit hisense microwave, one unit dressing table, three units water tanks, four units beds and matresses, 3 assorted small carpets

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The items are to be sold on as where is basis.
2. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
3. Items once sold will not be accepted back and no refund will be made. Viewing to be by prior arrangement, from 10th august 2025 during working hours call 0733525034 to arrange.

JOYMAX AUCTIONEERS

TRANSCHEM HSE 2 FLR. ROOM 01, NYAHURURU

PUBLIC AUCTION!

Duly instructed by our principals the charges in exercise of their statutory power of sale we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned parcel of land belonging to **SAITOTI LEAKONO** and **KORIANA LEAKONO.** All that parcel of land known as TITLE NO. **SAMBURU/SUGUTA/MARMAR 'A'/2701** measuring **36.560Ha.**
It lies near Logorcat Boarding Primary school off Nyahururu-Mararal Highway turn off to the left of Suguta Marmar Town Westwards past the post offi ce. On Friday 26th September 2025 outside Suguta Marmar Post Office at 11.30am.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1) Interested bidders are required to view, verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers.
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NO.	REGISTRATION NUMBER	MODEL	VENUE
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6. KCY 789T	MAZDA BONGO	2012	INTEGRA STORAGE YARD, KITENGELA

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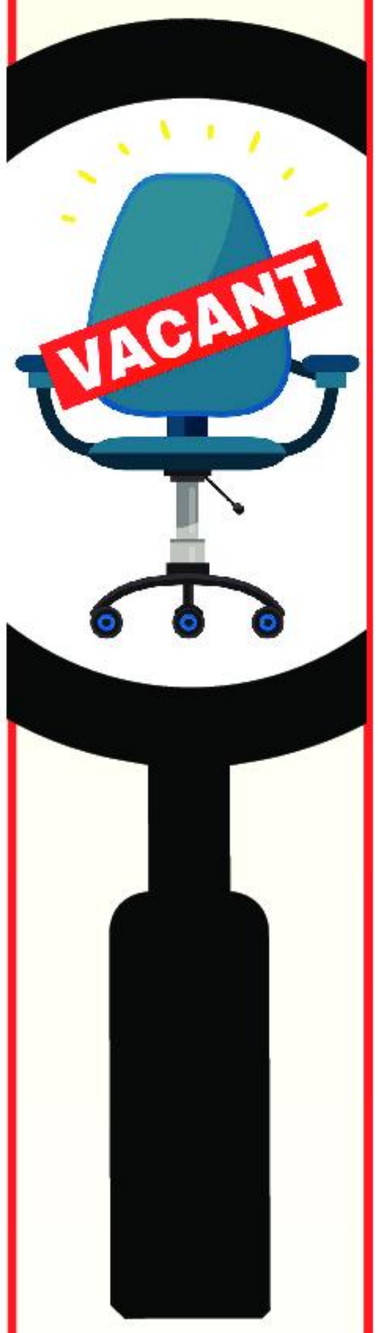

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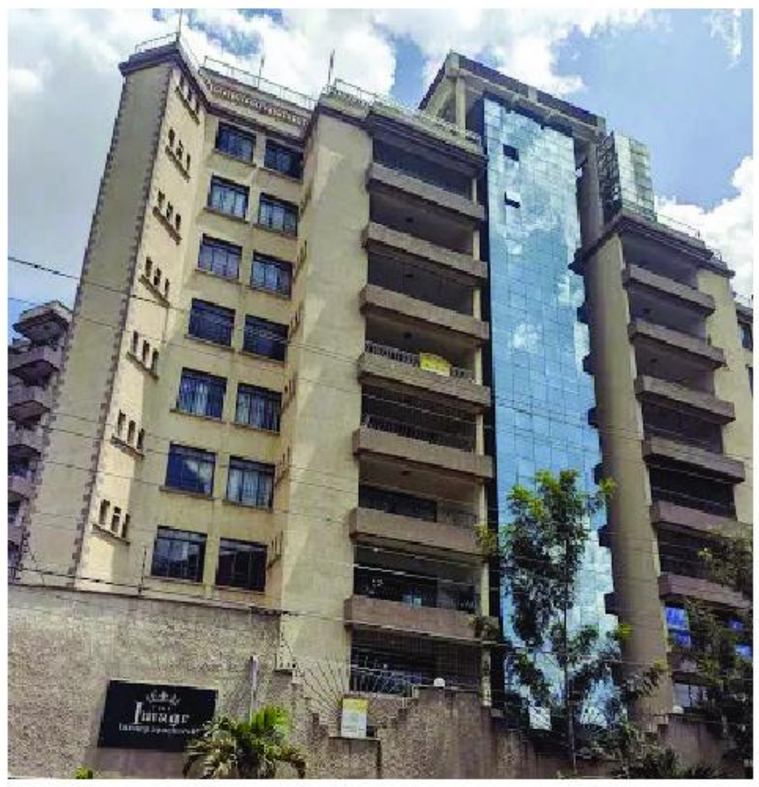
A. MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2025 – AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED WITHIN KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD OPPOSITE WHITE STAR CENTRE– NAIROBI COUNTY STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

1. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (THREE BEDROOM ALL ENSUITE APARTMENT) FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN IMAGE LUXURY APARTMENTS, KILIMANI – NAIROBI COUNTY.

THREE BEDROOM (ALL ENSUITE) APARTMENT NO. B8
WITHIN IMAGE LUXURY APARTMENTS, KILIMANI – NAIROBI COUNTY.



TITLE NO.:	**L.R. NO. 1/1362 FLAT NO. B8 IMAGE LUXURY APARTMENTS, KILIMANI – NAIROBI COUNTY.**
SITUATION:	**The subject apartment is located in Image Luxury Apartments in Kilimani which is situated along Lenana Road and next to South African Embassy. The property is identifiable as APARTMENT NO. B-8 is situated on the third floor of Block B.**
AREA:	**The entire plot measures 0.3564 of a hectare or 0.881 Acres approximately.**
FLAT NO. B8:	**The subject property (Flat No. B-8) has a unit area of 2500 square feet.**
TENURE:	**The subject is a leasehold interest for a term of 99 years with effect from 1/11/2013 (less last seven days there of) at pepper corn rent (if demanded).**
REGISTERED OWNER:	**The property is registered in the name of EDWARD MWANTHI KITAVI G/T. NIPPON ENERGY & SERVICES (K) LTD.**
IMPROVEMENTS:	**The development on the parent plot comprises blocks of 58 apartments within 3 blocks.**
FLAT NO. B8:	**THIS IS A THREE BEDROOM (ALL ENSUITE) APARTMENT SITUATED ON BLOCK B SITUATED ON THE RIGHT WING OF THE THIRD FLOOR**
SERVICES:	**Mains services i.e., water, electricity and sewer are connected to plot. The subject property is along Lenana Road which is tarmacked. The solid waste and garbage disposal is managed by local residents. Each apartment is provided with one (2No.) parking slots.**

B. MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2025 – AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED WITHIN KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD OPPOSITE WHITE STAR CENTRE– NAIROBI COUNTY STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

2. 6.993 ACRES OF A VACANT AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN MAKONGENI AREA, KYAANI LOCATION, MUA HILLS – MACHAKOS COUNTY.

6.993 ACRES VACANT LAND IN MAKONGENI AREA,
KYAANI LOCATION, MUA HILLS – MACHAKOS COUNTY.

TITLE NO.:	**TITLE NO. MACHAKOS/MUA HILLS/1884 MAKONGENI AREA, KYAANI LOCATION, MUA HILLS – MACHAKOS COUNTY.**
SITUATION:	**The property is situated within Makongeni Area –Kyaani Location, Mua Hills, Machakos County, about 4.7 kms northeast of Muthwani Shopping Centre and about 4kms due Southwest of Kenol Shopping Centre.**
AREA:	**The parcel measures 2.83 hectares or 6.993 acres approximately.**
TENURE:	**The title is held on a freehold interest.**
REGISTERED OWNER:	**The property is registered in the name of EDWARD MWANTHI KITAVI G/T. NIPPON ENERGY & SERVICES (K) LTD.**
IMPROVEMENTS:	**THE PROPERTY IS VACANT.**
SERVICES:	**Electricity mains are available for connection in the immediate neighbourhood. Water is obtained from a bore hole dug within the neighbourhood. Foul drainage would be directed to septic tank/pit latrine.**

C. MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2025 – AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED WITHIN KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD OPPOSITE WHITE STAR CENTRE– NAIROBI COUNTY STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

3. VACANT AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED ALONG KENOL-KANGUNDO ROAD, KINYAU AREA MACHAKOS COUNTY.

TWO AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES ALONG KENOL
KANGUNDO ROAD, KINYAU AREA MACHAKOS COUNTY.

TITLE NOS.:	**TITLE NO. MITABONI/MITABONI/5102 & MITABONI/MITABONI/2322 ALONG KENOL-KANGUNDO ROAD, KINYAU AREA MACHAKOS COUNTY.**
SITUATION:	**The properties are situated along Kenol –Kangundo Road, Kinyau Area, Machakos County. The properties are approximately 450M due southwest of Kinyau Secondary School/Muonyweni Primary School and about 7.5kms due North of Mitaboni Market Centre.**
AREA:	**TITLE NO. MITABONI/ MITABONI/5102 measures 0.405 of a Hectare or 1.00 acre approximately.**
	TITLE NO. MITABONI/MITABONI/2322 measures 0.28 of a hectare or 0.692 acre approximately.
TENURE:	**Both titles are held on a Freehold Interest.**
REGISTERED OWNER:	**Both titles are registered in the name of EDWARD MWANTHI KITAVI EDWARD MWANTHI KITAVI G/T. NIPPON ENERGY & SERVICES (K) LTD.**
IMPROVEMENTS:	**BOTH PROPERTIES ARE VACANT.**
SERVICES:	**Electricity mains are available for connection in the immediate neighbourhood water is obtained from a borehole dug within the neighbourhood. Foul drainage would be directed to septic tank/pit latrine.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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5. **The sale will be subject to reasonable reserve prices and necessary consents.**
6. **Further details and conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the properties can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves; the Auctioneers.**

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CASE NUMBER IS CMCC: E1023 OF 2021.VS BERDMA SECURITY LIMITED
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CONDITION OF SALE:

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle's by public auction on **Monday 18th August 2025** at **Leakey's Storage Limited Lunga Lunga Road** from **11.00 A.M**
CMCC NO. 015 OF 2025 AT MAVOKO
CHARLES MUNENE NDIRITU -VS – RHOMBUS CONCRETE LIMITED

NO.	Reg No.	Make / Model	Body Type	Y.O.M	Location of viewing and sale
1	KCL 257W	SINOTRUK	SPECIAL PURPOSE	2017	LEAKEY'S STORAGE LIMITED LUNGA LUNGA ROAD

Sale at **Startruck Caryard Storage Limited Kiambu Road** next to **Fouways Estate** on **Monday 18th August 2025**
SCCC/E2137 OF 2023 AT MILIMANI
BRENDA CHEMUTUNI WOSE – VS- WILSON MAINA NJOROGE

NO.	Reg No.	Make / Model	Body Type	Y.O.M	Location of viewing and sale
1	KZE 475	NISSAN	LORRY/TRUCK	1988	STARTRUCK CARYARD STORAGE LIMITED KIAMBU ROAD NEXT TO FOURWAYS ESTATE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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CASE NUMBER SCCC/E5899/2024.
PLANTIFF-Vs-HESBON OMBATI AND MAHANYA MOSERI.

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT
KDE 304F	SUZUKI SWIFT	DIPHINE YARD

Duly instructed by our principal, we shall sell the under-mentioned Motor Vehicle by a Public Auction on 16th August, 2025, at **KIFEDHA YARD, NAIROBI at** 11.00am: –
IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT
KDA 510R	SUZUKI SWIFT	KIFEDHA YARD
KCW 450T	NISSAN MARCH	KIFEDHA YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the Chargee, we shall sell the under mentioned property by public auction **ON FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025 AT OUR OFFICES IN PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE AT 11:00 AM**

All that piece of land known as **TITLE NO. KIAMBU/MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 5(KIAMUMBI)/2266** measuring approx. **0.054 Ha or 0.1334 Acres.** The property is situated within Kiamumbi Estate, Kiambu Municipality, Kiambu County. Access to the property from the city Centre is via Thika Super Highway and proceeding for 11kms upto to Roysambu roundabout at the 1st exit then turning left onto Kamiti road and proceeding for approximately 4kms upto Consolata Catholic Church and turning further left onto Gachichio murram road. It is approx. 2.4kms from Kamiti road and 6.4kms from Thika Super Highway. The coordinates to the property are **1°11'10.9" S 36°52'41.1" E.** The property is developed with a **Four bedroom maisonette, store block, external washroom and a perimeter wall.** The property is registered in the name of **JOHN LAWRENCE MWANGI MUGO.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

i. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify all the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Chargee.
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Track Legends say strategy will be key in Tokyo

- Moses Kiptanui and Ezekiel Kemboi say teamwork works during the heats.
- According to Kemboi, athletics stars that are set to do duty for Kenya should put the country first.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

When the country's history at the World Athletics Championships is written, their names are likely to feature prominently.

During their prime, they say, the Kenyan flag came first and everything else was secondary.

Kenyan World Championships legends are looking forward to a thrilling global showpiece in Tokyo from September 13-21.

As the country's selected athletes get ready to take on their counterparts from across the globe at the World Athletics Tokyo25, legends who have dominated the podium in the history of the biennial event reflected on past contests and shard their advice.

Talk of individual glory at the World Championships and names such as Moses Kiptanui, Ezekiel Kemboi, Asbel Kiprop, Wilson Boit Kipketer and Bernard Barmasai pop up.

Their medals and those bagged by their compatriots have over the years helped Kenya reaffirm its dominance in the world's topmost athletics show.

Kiptanui was a dominant figure at the World Championships in the 1990s and rarely missed out on the podium.

With three titles from 1991 Tokyo, 1993 Stuttgart and 1995 Gothenburg, Kiptanui and other legends made Kenya proud and believe that strategy ahead of next month's competition in key.

30 years ago, Kiptanui and Christopher Koskei reached the podium and in 1993, he led Patrick Sang to 1-2 Kenyan finish.

During their time, and up until ten years ago, podium sweeps at the World Championships was almost a Kenyan affair in a number of middle and long distance events. Notable races were 3000m steeplechase, 800m and 1500m.

Yesterday, Kiptanui who was in the 1-2-3 Kenyan finishers of the 1997 Athens World Championships, said stellar performances were planned during the preparations stage (after national trials) and executed during the competition.

"Teamwork only happens during the heats but we all become competitors during the final. It is everyone's strength. The thing is, how we qualify for the final," said the Eldoret-based retired athlete.

Kiptanui went on to say: "We show the world that we are a united team but deep in our hearts we are competitors because we have to compete."

He was however quick to warn of diminishing track talents as more athletes continue to shift to road races.

"We had several track competitions when our stadiums were in good condition. There is a need for a deliberate effort to nurture and give opportunities to more young talents. Many schools that were known for producing athletics giants are no longer churning out champions. Those that are still keen on sports are because of dedicated school principals," the legend added.

Ezekiel Kemboi, Kiptanui's protégé who is now enjoying the legendary status advises the team to Tokyo to "put Kenya first."

According to Kemboi, the team getting ready to fly Kenyan colours has the advantage of improved shoe technology and wave light technology and can capitalise on that to produce stunning results.

Kemboi, a four-time 3000m steeplechase world champion is one of the most successful Kenyan stars in the international contest. He led Kenya his teammates Conseslus Kipruto and Brimin Kipruto to a clean podium sweep at the 2015 Beijing World Championships. Kemboi was the captain of a team that topped the world. "We sat at Moi Sports Centre Kasarani and I reminded my teammates that I was the senior most in the Team Kenya to 2015 Beijing World Championships. They listened to me when I told them that the Kenyan flag was greater than our ambitions. I would urge the current team to take to Tokyo with that spirit," Kemboi told *Standard Sports* yesterday.

Kemboi said athletics managers should be patriotic and give the Kenyan team time to strategise for the country.

"These days, every manager wants their athletes to go for victory when there are sacrifices that athletes can make during a race for the sake of the country's glory," he said.

The two-time Olympic champion added: "We planned to ensure that we defeat our strongest opponents in the heats. We agreed that it would be everyone for himself in the final and it worked very well. As we head to Tokyo, I urge athletics managers to allow the team to represent Kenya. Let us allow them to plan how to execute their strategies and team Kenya."

Asbel Kiprop, a three-time World Champion said improved performances are likely to be achieved because of scientific training.

According to the 2008 Olympic champion, double threshold training is giving current athletes more advantage in endurance building.

"We rarely had athletes running under-3:27 in1500m during my prime but today, the numbers are increasing even before the World Championships," said Kiprop.

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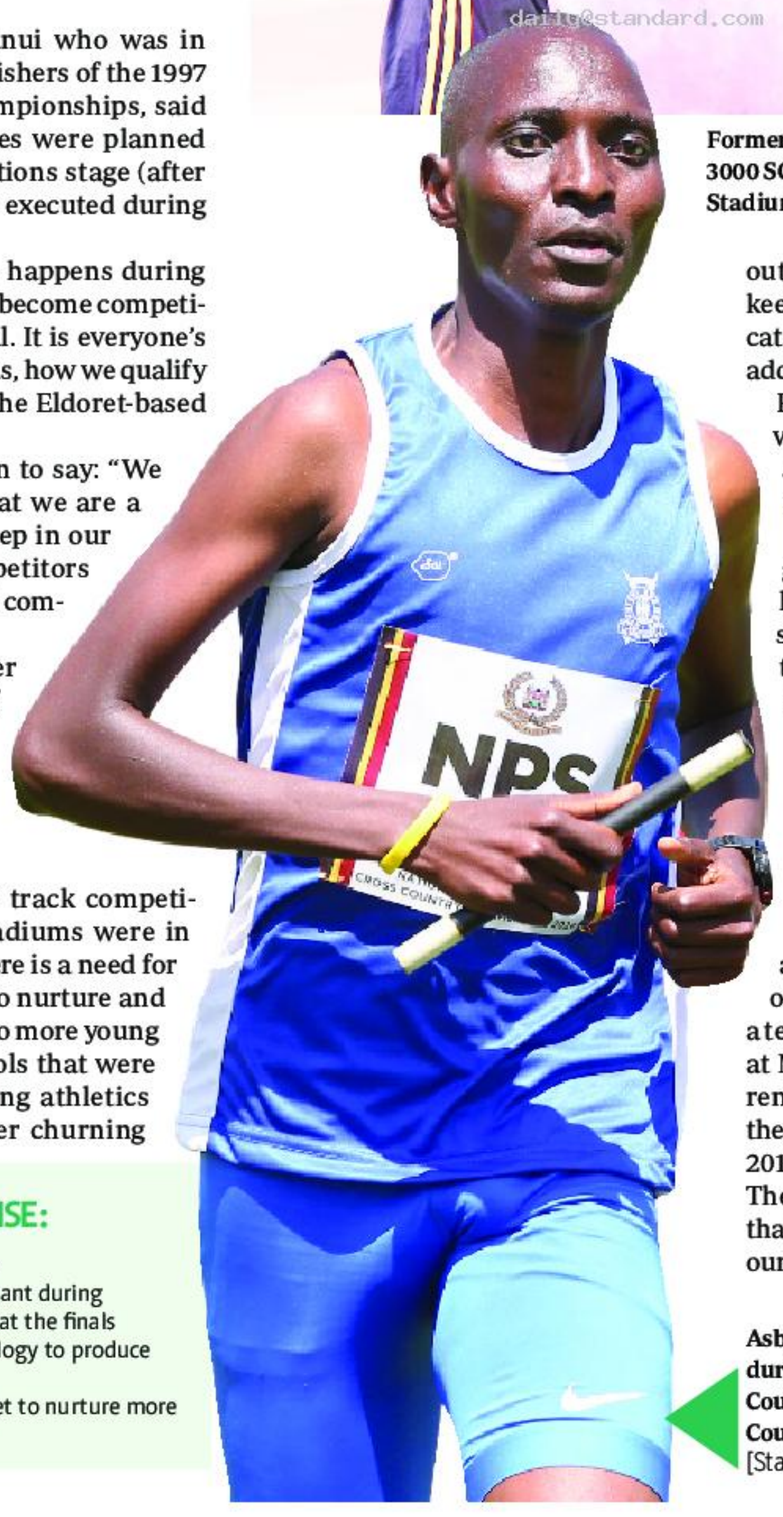
Former Steeplechase Olympic champion Ezekiel Kemboi advises competitors after the 3000 SC finals during the National Trials for Paris Olympic 2024 at Nyayo National Stadium in Nairobi on June 14. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]



Asbel Kiprop competes in mixed relays during the National Police Service Cross Country Championship at Ngong Race Course in Nairobi on January 19, 2024. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

LEGENDS' ADVISE:

- Strategies can work
- Teamwork is important during preliminaries, but not at the finals
- Leverage on technology to produce stellar performance
- We should not forget to nurture more talents

Arteta: Gyokeres will be ready for Manchester United trip next week

- New Arsenal striker was able to make his first start in the 3-2 loss to Villarreal on Wednesday.
- Arsenal kick-off the EPL title chase against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

BBC, LONDON

It was only a pre-season friendly against Villarreal, yet there was still a feeling of excitement and anticipation heading to Emirates Stadium as Arsenal supporters looked to see new £64m signing Viktor Gyokeres in action.

Fans are desperately hoping the 27-year-old striker will be the missing piece whose arrival allows the Gunners to lift a trophy for the first time since 2020.

The loudest cheers before kick-off were for Gyokeres when his name was read out in the starting line-up. The only noise to rival it came for the introduction of talented 15-year-old Max Dowman.

There was expectation every time the ball went near the Sweden international and it looked as though his team-mates were also trying to make sure Gyokeres scored on his first start, and at his new home ground.

That did not happen as Arsenal lost 3-2 to the LaLiga side, with another summer signing Christian Norgaard and captain Martin Odegaard on target in each half.

But there were promising signs, and the hour Gyokeres played will be crucial to his fitness before Arsenal start the new Premier League season at Manchester United on Sunday, August 17.

Having not trained with a team for two months after leaving Sporting, and with another Arsenal game to follow on Saturday against Athletic Bilbao, manager Mikel Arteta said the forward will "100%" be ready for the Old Trafford test.

"I think mentally, and understanding what he needs to do, he will be 100% or more," added the Spaniard.

"Because he is so willing and so confident he can deliver straight away, I have no doubts he will be in a really good place.

"We already broke that line today, because I think it was very important for him to start a match and start to have the feeling and the connection with the team.

"He's been with us only a week or so, but I already saw a lot of things and a lot of purpose, especially the way he was attacking in certain spaces.

"So, in general, for a lot of players that haven't played many minutes, we have a lot now that they're going to be ready for Saturday [against Bilbao] in a much better condition."

Arsenal striker Viktor Gyokeres holds off Villarreal's Alberto Moleiro during a pre-season friendly match at the Emirates Stadium in London on Wednesday. [AFP]

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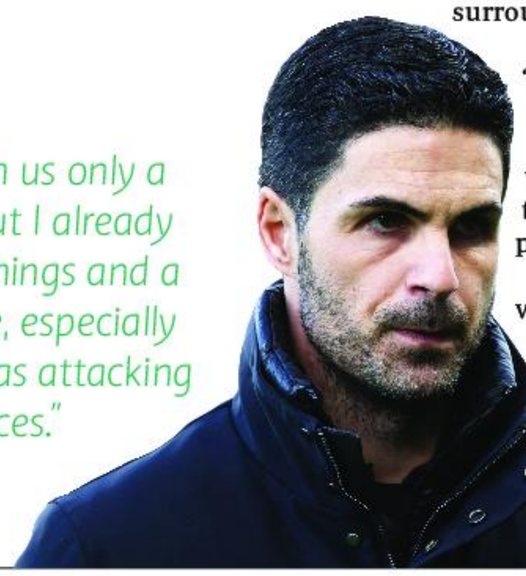
>
> **Mikel Arteta,** Arsenal manager



Arsenal seem to be trying to get the ball into the box a lot quicker as they attempt to play to Gyokeres' strengths.

He was close to getting on the end of a first-half cross, before wafting a leg at an awkward delivery and then being denied by a good save when played into the area in the second period.

When asked how long it will take for the former Coventry City forward to settle into his new surroundings, Arteta was optimistic.

"I hope days," he said with a smile. "Every day in training I think he is getting a really good feeling.

"He is building connections outside, which is really important with players that are going to help him to get in the position that he needs to get in.

"His fitness level, he hasn't trained with a team for two months. I think he is on five sessions before today. I think on Saturday he will take another step and be in a better condition."

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GOLF

Windsor Club's Kibugu basks in glory of another win

Windsor Golf Hotel & Country Club's Njoroge Kibugu is in celebratory mood once again after a back to back wins.

He won the Nyali leg of the Sunshine Development Tour-East Africa Swing that ended at the par 71 Nyali Golf and Country Club course in Mombasa County on Thursday.

Kibugu held his nerve in a tense final round to close the 54-hole tournament on a total of 2-over-par 215 gross in the the third leg of the Tour after recently clinching victory in the tour's second leg in Ruiru.

The 22-year-old Kibugu started off on a bad note with a 4 over par 75 gross, improved with a 3 under par 68 gross on the second day and a final-round score of 1 over-par 72 gross to seal a well-earned victory that also earned him Sh400,000 from the winner's share of the Sh2 million prize purse.

"It feels good to win for the second time in this tour and in the fashion I did. I am over the moon about it," said Kibugu.

"Everything today was emotion — happy, angry, sad. Towards the end my caddie gave me a lot of motivation. From the 10th, my swing wasn't great today. I was battling to get the holes right. It's interesting waiting to find out if you're going to be the winner or not. I feel like I did enough to win, but I was prepared for any eventuality nonetheless," Kibugu said after lifting the trophy, becoming the first player to win the tour twice.

Kibugu edged out home favourite Daniel Nduva and Rwanda's Celestin Nsazuwera who tied for second slot at 3 over-par 216 gross each. **[Maarufu Mohamed]**

Njoroge Kibugu after winning in Nyali on Thursday. [Maarufu Mohamed, Standard]

Betika Marketing manager Japheth Akhulia with Gideon Tarus yesterday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

AWARDS

GSU coach Tarus rewarded after good show

General Service Unit (GSU) men's volleyball coach Gideon Tarus has praised his team for hard work and dedication after he was named the Betika/SJAK Coach of the Month for July.

Tarus guided GSU men's volleyball team to reclaiming the Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) National League title last month.

"I wish to express gratitude and admiration for the team's hard work and dedication which paid off in the long run, it was a tough league, but we won as a team. Resilience and patience, was our buzzwords and I am am happy to be named the best coach countrywide, it hasn't sunk in yet," Tarus said yesterday.

Following his stellar performance, coach Tarus was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector as a sign of respect for his achievements in the KVF competition. The former Kenya Wafalme Stars coach was an Inspector before the promotion.

GSU won the league title in 2023 and replicated the feat in 2025 serving up great moments ahead for the team currently enjoying top form.

Tarus beat anaother volleyball coach Japheth Munala of KCB and Willis Ojal of Strathmore University Rugby in the battle for the award.

Betika Head of Marketing Japheth Akhulia on his part congratulated Tarus for a great run and in particular his exploits in the month of July.

"I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our July winner coach Tarus for his great effort and performance. His dedication, hard work, and talent have paid off, making his achievements in the month of July truly extraordinary. Tarus has proven that hard work, dedication, and a positive mindset can truly pay off. As a corporate, we are proud to be associated with sports personalities who make the difference and inspire young athletes to go the extra mile," Akhulia said.

SJAK President James Waindi also congratulated Tarus for his exploits on the court.

"The monthly coaches award was introduced to shore up team spirit and ensure people who motivate and guide the playing unit are also recognised. We have always laid much emphasis on players forgetting that tacticians also have a pivotal role," Waindi said. **[Standard Sports]**

Butere Cannons eye maiden East Africa gong

- Coach Odeke says they have learned invaluable lessons from past championships.
- They will be making a fourth attempt having made their FEASSSA debut in 2018.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

Reigning national basketball champions Butere Girls High School are hoping that they will finally get it right and bag their maiden East Africa trophy.

The Cannons will be making their fourth appearance at the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Association (FEASSSA) games set for August 14-23 in Kakamega.

Having won last year's basketball 3X3 title, they are hoping that they will succeed in the longer version of the game. The Cannons will not be defending the 3x3 East Africa title because they are yearning to excel in 5X5.

Butere coach Chris Odeke said they have directed all their energies in the 5X5 team because they so badly want the title.

"We really wanted the 5X5 title hence investing in it heavily. We put all our top players in the team and started training 3X3 players from scratch and so they didn't make it past the Western Region due to lack of experience," Odeke said.

Exuding confidence, Odeke said his charges have prepared well and are ready for the East Africa challenge.

"I have confidence in my squad because they have been working very hard in readiness for these games. We set goals at the beginning of the year and have already achieved our first goal, which was to retain the national title. We had to have our top guns in the team to make it happen because we knew winning against Kaya Tiwi at the Coast was a tall order," he added.

Odeke noted that with home advantage and lessons learned from previous championships, Kenya can reclaim the girls' basketball title from the Ugandans.

"Playing at home comes with support and we intend to capitalise on that to perform better than we have done in the last four competitions. We also carried home invaluable lessons that will help us in this year's campaign."

Butere made their debut in 2018 finishing fourth which is their best performance at the regional games so far.

They missed the 2019 games held in Arusha Tanzania, but returned strong in 2023 winning the national title and have defended it in 2024 and 2025 hence qualifying the East Africa showpiece.

However, just like other Kenyan teams have struggled on the FEASSA stage. The tactician revealed that training with the referees in mind, not being over confident and underrating other teams and strengthening all departments are some of the key lessons he has learned over the years.

"You must train with the referees in mind and prepare the players to understand that some decisions may not be in their favour and above all as a coach not getting carried away when you are not happy is a major lesson for me."

The Cannons will bank on the services of national most valuable player and forward Mary Awino, captain Wangui and fellow guards Chelsea Onamu and Trixy Akinyi as well as big men Yvonne Sheryl and Rihanna Mercy.

Butere will lead Kenya's onslaught against their East African compatriots in a bid to reclaim the title they last won in 2016.

Kaya Tiwi, who are the last Kenyan side to win the trophy, St Joseph's Girls High School Kitale and Olympic High School complete Kenya's girls basketball lineup. Buruburu who ranked fourth were the best performing Kenyan side at last year's games held in Mbale Uganda. Butere and Kaya Tiwi finished sixth and seventh respectively.

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Butere Girls' Chelsea Dnamu (right) dribbles past Kaya Tiwi's Scolastica Wileka. [Maarufu Mohamed, Standard]

OTHER KENYAN TEAMS AT THE EAST AFRICA GAMES:

- Kaya Tiwi (2016 champions)
- St Joseph's Girls Kitale
- Olympic High School

2016

YEAR a Kenyan team last won the East Africa girls' basketball trophy

> "I understand that I have to take every team seriously because they are the best from their respective countries."
>
> **Chris Odeke,** Butere Girls basketball coach

Buruburu Girls' basketball player Iman Idris (left) and Wendy Tabia of Olympic High. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Tanzanian fans during their group B 2024 African Nations Championship Chan match against Mauritania at Mkapa Stadium in Dar es salaam, Tanzania August, on Wednesday. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

For Tanzania, it was all about getting tactics right

Abdoul Baguin of Burkina Faso (right) challenges Central African Republic's Kogbeto Dimitri during their Group B clash at the African Nations Championship (Chan) played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, in Dar es Salaam. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

- Tanzania's coach Suleiman all praise as Taifa Stars edge Mauritania.
- Co-hosts hit two victories in two fixtures to maintain perfect Chan campaign.

KIPSANG JOSEPH, DAR ES SALAAM

Tanzania's head coach Hemed Suleiman praised his team's tactical play and resilience after a late 89th minute strike from Shomari Kapombe secured a hard fought 1-0 victory over Mauritania on Wednesday night.

The win elevated Taifa Stars to six points from two matches at the top of Group B in the 2024 African Nations Championships, bringing them closer to the knockout stages

"It was a match of tactics. Mauritania defended well and blocked the central channels, so we adapted by spreading the play wide. My players remained focused to the end of the match, which made the difference," said Suleiman moments after the final whistle at the packed Benjamin Mkapa stadium.

The clash started at a high tempo with Tanzania's Yasuph Kagoma earning an early yellow card in just the third minute for a reckless challenge, a caution that will see him suspended for the next match.

Both teams demonstrated solid defensive play, making clear scoring chances rare in the tightly contested first half which ended goalless.

At halftime, Suleiman made two crucial substitutions to inject fresh energy and creativity in the midfield

Nassor Hamoud and Ahmed Pipino replaced Abdul Suleiman and Yusuph Kagoma enabling Tanzania to control possession better and stretch Mauritanians defensive block.

Mauritania responded in the 69th minute with a triple substitution bringing on Cheikh Hattab, Abdallah Mahmoud and Sidi Ahmed El Abd in an attempt to regain mid-field dominance and create more attacking opportunities.

Shomari Kapombe celebrates with teammates after netting an 89th-minute goal that secured Tanzania a 1-0 victory over Mauritania in their Group B encounter. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

Despite these changes, Tanzania's tactical shape remained intact anchored by a strong defense led by Kapombe.

The match remained goalless as it entered stoppage time, but the 89th minute, substitute striker Idd Nado made a dazzling runs down the right flank before cutting the ball back to Kapombe who calmly slotted the ball past Mauritanian goalkeeper to ignite jubilant celebrations from the home crowd

Kapombe's strike was enough to secure the victory and Tanzania added fresh legs with the introduction of defender Paschal Msindo on the dying minutes of the match

Mauritanians coach Aritz Lopez Garai expressed his frustrations after the loss, but paid tribute to Tanzanian quality and depth

"We defended well for 89 minutes, but one moment changed everything, Tanzania changed players and the level did not drop. They deserve to qualify for this group. We are now focused on fighting for second place" said Garai.

The tactician said his side had a some challenges including limited recovery time and some minor injuries in the squad

"We had one day less to recover compared to Tanzania and some players were carrying small knocks, it is a tough tournament but we will keep fighting" added Garai

> *I thank God, my teammates and coaches. We knew this match would be tough but we worked hard. Winning this match brings us closerto advancing to the next stage."*
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> **Mudathir Yahya,** Tanzania's midfielder

Mauritania's Sidi Touda was booked for dissent in the 90+2 minute while Tanzania's goalkeeper Yakoub Suleiman was cautioned for time wasting in the 90+4 minute

Tanzania's Midfielder Mudathir Yahya earned the man of the match award for his composure and influence in the middle of the park.

"I thank God, my teammates and coaches. We knew this match would be tough but we worked hard. Winning this match brings us closer to advancing to the next stage," said Yahya during the post match interview.

The victory adds to Tanzania's strong start to the tournament having opened their campaign with a convincing 2-0 win over Burkina Faso on August 2.

Earlier, Burkina Faso revived their own hopes of qualifying for the next stage with a 4-2 win over Central Africa Republic.

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PREVIEW

Uganda's Patrick Kakande (right) is challenged by Bilel Boukerchaoui of Algeria during their Chan 2024 Group C match against Uganda at Nelson Mandela Stadium, Kampala, on Monday. [CAF Media]

High stakes as Uganda battle for survival

Matchday two of Group C at the 2024 CAF African Nations Championship (Chan) brings a high-stakes clash between tournament hosts Uganda and Guinea, scheduled for today (6pm) at the Nelson Mandela National Stadium in Kampala.

While both teams enter the match with different momentum—Guinea buoyed by an opening win, Uganda reeling from a defeat—they are united by one urgent truth: there is no room for mistakes.

On the Guinean side, the mood is measured but optimistic. A narrow 1-0 victory over Niger, courtesy of a goal from Mohamed Bangoura II, handed Syli Nationale three valuable points and extended their unbeaten streak in regular time at Chan to eight matches.

But head coach Souleymane Camara remains focused on the task ahead. "Just because we're facing a team that lost their first match doesn't mean it will be easy. It's going to be tough. They'll come at us, and we'll need to apply the best strategies to counter the support from their home fans," Camara warned.

"We must stay focused. Our objective is clear: we want the three points."

Camara added that his team is physically ready and mentally strong.

He also noted that the win against Niger was especially symbolic, as the team held its pre-tournament camp at a military base—a nod of gratitude to the armed forces.

For Uganda, the stakes are higher. A disappointing 3-0 loss to Algeria in their opening game left the Cranes bottom of the group and under pressure to respond.

Head coach Morley Byekwaso acknowledged the pain of defeat but urged his team and fans to look ahead, not back.

"I prefer not to talk about the past but to focus on what lies ahead. We know it'll be a difficult game. We need to win to keep our hopes alive," he said.

"Some of our players are still recovering from knocks, but we hope to have everyone available. When you're humiliated, it's painful, but that's part of football. I believe our fans will be with us tomorrow."

Byekwaso was also quick to highlight the pressure his relatively young and inexperienced squad is facing, noting that mental resilience will be key.

Uganda's situation is clear: only victory will keep them in contention. **[Cafonline]**

Alpha revels in man of the match **performance**

- Harambee Stars midfielder couldn't hide his joy after an impressive show against DR Congo.
- He hopes to attract interest from top clubs abroad.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Gor Mahia midfielder Alpha Chris Onyango feels honoured to be the first Kenyan to win the Man Of The Match (MOTM) award in the African Nations Championship (Chan) 2024 that is ongoing across East Africa.

Onyango played a solid 80 minutes of value in the Harambee Stars opening match against DR Congo at Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi on Sunday, before he was replaced by Chris Erambo in the midfield that he manned like a colossus.

The accolade from the Confederation of African Football (CAF) has lifted Onyango's spirit, and he is now pumped up to even smash more barriers as the high-level football tournament progresses.

"Winning the prize has given me great motivation. I can't explain that feeling, but I can say it's a privilege to receive the honour. Already I feel inspired to work hard in this championship," the 25-year-old Gor Mahia midfield maestro told Standard Sports.

As the first Kenyan to be granted the diadem, Onyango, who was born and brought up in the sprawling slums of Makongeni in Nairobi, says the achievement really means a lot to him and his family.

"The beautiful plague shows the kind of work rate I sank into the 80 minutes of play on the pitch. I was focused and was out to give my best in the clash. I'm happy that I gave it my all with tangible evidence as proof," he underlined.

And what does it mean for him to play in Chan?

"Playing here is one of the best things that can ever happen to any domestic player in their career. This platform has given all participants featuring in the championship to showcase their talents to the outside world. Scouts are here, and many are getting opportunities to be spotted by them, soon many will be on their way to better leagues in Europe as a result of Chan," he said.

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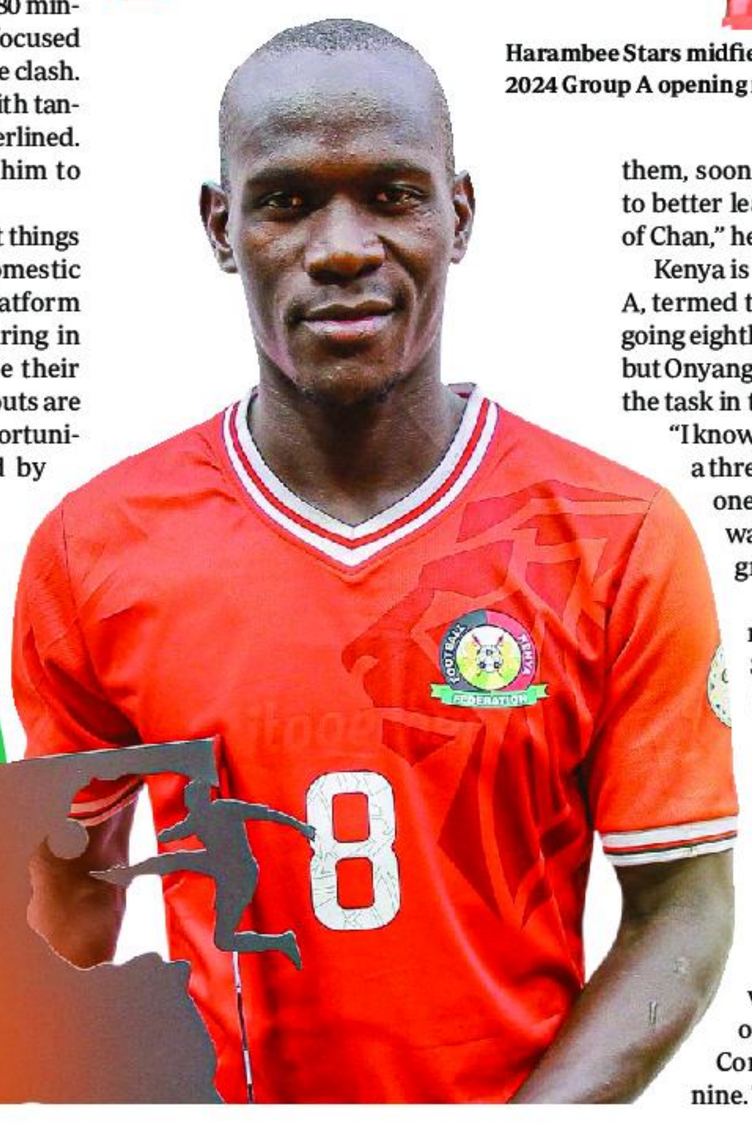
> **Alpha Onyango,** Harambee Stars midfielder

Harambee Stars midfielder Alpha Onyango (left) in action against DR Congo during their Chan 2024 Group A opening match at Kasarani Stadium on August 3. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]



Kenya is currently battling in Group A, termed the pool of death, in the ongoing eighth edition of the tournament, but Onyango insists the country is up to the task in the tournament.

"I know that all sides in the pool are a threat, but we are tackling them one game at a time. It's the only way to handle the giants in the group," he says.

While describing the current mood at the Harambee Stars camp, Onyango says the financial pledge by President William Ruto to the team has lifted their spirits all the way to the ceilings. That everyone, from player to technical bench, is out to give their all in their various departments. "The mood is good, we are quite motivated. The opening victory against DR Congo has taken us to cloud nine. This has been compounded with the delivery of the pledge by the President which has given us the zeal to look for further victories in the tournament," Onyango highlighted.

Ahead of their remaining fixtures, especially against Morocco on Sunday, Onyango is pleading with local fans to continue doing what they have been doing best – turning up in their numbers.

"Kindly, you are the support that we want. Let's continue to paint Kasarani in Kenyan colours.

"We appreciate your support so far, it gave us our first victory, and we don't take it for granted. On our end, we will strive not to disappoint you," Onyango told the spectators.

Onyango started his football journey way back in 2006 at Makongeni Sports Academy (Masa FC) before snaking his route all the way to the 21-time Kenyan Premier League champions Gor Mahia FC after inspiring Kakamega High to national champions in 2018.

His ultimate dream in the beautiful game is to play the sport at the highest levels, with a focus on plying his trade in the elite leagues of Europe.

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Harambee Stars defender Daniel Sakari (right) and Suleiman Manzur in action against Angolan midfielder Gilberto during yesterday's 2024 Chan Group A match at Kasarani Stadium. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

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VAR drama as spirited 10-man **Harambee Stars hold Angola**

- Odhiambo rescues Kenya in 1-1 draw at Kasarani.
- Harambee Stars sit top in Group A with four points.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

10-man Harambee Stars showed character and resilience after holding Angola to a 1-1 draw in an entertaining 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) second Group A match played at Kasarani Stadium yesterday.

Austine Odhiambo scored from the spot to cancel out Joaqium Paciencia's early opener as Kenya moved top of Group A with four points, a point ahead of Morocco and DR Congo, who defeated Zambia 2-0 in an earlier match at Nyayo Stadium.

The match began with an electric pace, with two goals scored in the opening 10 minutes, as Kenyan fans celebrated and bemoaned three Video Assistant Referee (VAR) decisions.

The Southern Africans made their intent known from the second minute when Joao Muanha turned Daniel Sakari inside out from the right wing before finding an open Joaqium Paciencia, whose right-foot curler from the edge of the box beat a diving Bryne Omondi but sailed wide.

Muanha returned two minutes later, beating Sakari again before releasing a left-foot cross that Chitanga Hossi volleyed wide.

Angola switched their attack from the left wing to the right-hand side, this time wingback Hossi drilling a cross into the box that forced Omondi to come off his lines and tip the ball away before Alpha Onyango cleared.

The early pressure paid off in the seventh minute, this time Bernabe Tomas splitting Kenyan captain Abud Omar and Sylvester Owino before finding space for Paciencia, who beat a charging Omondi with a low shot to hand Angola a 1-0 lead.

The goal awakened the sleeping Kenyan team, who went on a rampage after the restart, pressing high and attacking from the flanks.

Five minutes after going behind, the pressure paid off for Kenya too, this time, however, it was through a penalty after Austine Odhiambo was brought down in the box.

It took the intervention of VAR officials to stop the game and summon centre referee Sadou Ali Brahamou to the screen. After a clear check, Brahamou found Angolan forward Afonso Marques culpable of clipping Odhiambo's ankles and pointed to the spot.

The Gor Mahia attacking midfielder stepped up and sent Adilson Da Cruz in goal for Angola the wrong way to tie the scores for Kenya at 1-1 after 12 minutes.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

2-0
RESULT between
DR Congo and Zambia

1-1
RESULT between
Angola and Kenya

Ten minutes after celebrating a crucial VAR decision, the 46,525 fans at Kasarani Stadium were silenced when referee Brahamou returned to the screen once again but this time checking on Harambee Stars' indiscipline at the back.

After a sloppy ball playing between the Stars defenders and goalkeeper Omondi, Marvin Nabwire was forced to make a late tackle from behind to deny Alberto Adao from scoring when Omondi left a loose ball hanging at the edge of the penalty box.

Brahamou showed Nabwire a yellow card, but after a VAR check, he rescinded his decision and sent Nabwire off to the disappointment of Kenyan fans.

Playing with a numerical advantage, Angola went on an attacking rampage in a bid to restore their lead, but the Kenyan defence stood tall.

In the 23rd minute, Tomas rounded off Sakari before releasing a cross that found Paciencia unmarked and free. However, the Angolan striker could only head wide.

Alpjonce Omija stood tall moments later, blocking and intercepting every attack.

At the stroke of half time, Boniface Muchiri released Odhiambo through on goal, but despite a perfect first touch, the second touch took the ball away from the attacking midfielder as the teams went to the break tied at 1-1.

In the final half, Anderson Cruz replaced Muanha for the Angolan side, while Mike Kibwage came in for Muchiri on the Kenyan side in early changes.

Omondi was first to be called into action, putting his body on the line to deny Paciencia in a one-on-one attack for Angola and keep Kenya in the game.

Silvester Owino then showed composure with double blocks, clearing off the line from a corner set piece to keep Kenya safe again.

Second-half substitute Chrispine Erambo initiated Kenya's first attack in the second half, carrying the ball from his own half before seeing his shot blocked.

A balanced attack followed in the last 10 minutes, and Kenya would have scored in the 86th minute when Owino found the side net after finding himself unmarked from a corner set piece.

VAR drama continued deep into stoppage time when Angola thought they had scored the winner after Kaporal headed in a last-minute goal.

The goal was ruled offside to the delight of the Kenyan fans as the game ended 1-1.

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Music, Money & Misuse

Fight for Intellectual Property in Kenya rages on. **Pg 6-7**

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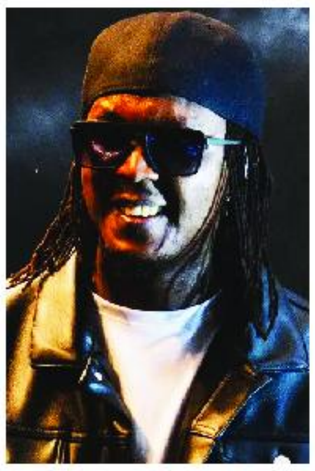
TIMELESS *Titans*

AS GENGETONE AND ARBANTONE FADE, THE ICONS STEP UP WITH STYLE, WIT AND UNMATCHED CHEMISTRY, **MANUEL NTOYAI** WRITES



They are not moving away from the scene. Despite the bubblegum moment where Gengetone came and went under and now with Arbantone seemingly on a similar trajectory, the old timers seem to be here for a longer time. They are banking on their classics which received massive airtime.

"What made these songs big is that we had radio and TV only as the means of listening to music. Once your song was accepted in Nairobi, the ripple effect will be felt regionally," says songstress Nyota Ndogo.

Uganda's Jose Chameleone has been in Kenya, TZ and recently South Sudan where he has had massive following and his shows are getting filled with fans.

Three titans of the Kenyan music scene Nameless, Wyre and Juacali recently joined forces for a new club anthem titled 'Visa', a cheeky nod to the age-old "bro code" excuse for stepping out. Produced by the ever-versatile Motif, the track is a lively fusion of Kapuka, Genge, and Dancehall, showcasing the distinct flavors of each artist while delivering a seamless, feel-good sound.

More than just a party anthem, 'Visa' taps into a universally relatable theme: the occasional need to take a break from domestic duties to recharge. With tongue firmly in cheek, the trio spin this reality into a humorous and danceworthy track, layered with infectious hooks and vibrant beats.

The music video offers fans a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the creative process, capturing the easy camaraderie, playful energy, and undeniable chemistry among these industry legends. It is a celebration of brotherhood, good vibes, and the timeless power of a solid excuse.

Award winning spinmaster, DJ Lyta applauds the collaboration, saying it reflects the enduring appeal and staying power of seasoned artists in a constantly shifting music landscape.

According to him, the industry has seen waves of fast-rising trends like Gengetone and, more recently, Arbantone that take the youth by storm but often struggle with longevity due to their heavy reliance on shock value, repetitive content, or internet virality rather than strong musical foundations.

"Trends come and go," DJ Lyta explains. "Gengetone exploded onto the scene with raw energy and street appeal, and Arbantone brought a new bounce and urban vibe but both are already showing signs of fatigue. What keeps artistes like Nameless, Wyre and Juacali relevant isn't just their legacy; it's their ability to evolve with the times while staying true to their roots."

DJ Lyta says that while younger artistes often chase what is hot in the moment, veterans tend to draw from life experience, musical knowledge and deep industry insight. This makes their work not only relatable but also sustainable in the long run.

He encourages younger artistes to study the veterans not just for their music but for their consistency, versatility, and professionalism.

"Trends can make you famous, but it's the foundation that makes you last. That's what these guys have—and why they're still shaping the sound of Kenyan music today."

Publicist and A&R Manager Gloria Adiambo, who has worked with both emerging and established acts, believes 'Visa' is a timely reminder of the value veterans bring to the industry.

"There's a reason these names still hold weight," she says. "Beyond the music, they've mastered the business, built strong brands, and understand how to deliver quality consistently. Young artistes can learn a lot from their discipline and how they navigate challenges without burning out or fading away."

She adds that bridging the gap between new talent and seasoned artistes is something the industry should actively foster through collaborations, mentorship, and joint platforms like Afro Carnival.

"This isn't just about nostalgia. It's about legacy meeting innovation and that's where real cultural growth happens."

This message of cultural continuity is echoed at the Afro Carnival Beach Experience, a vibrant coastal festival that blends Afrobeat rhythms, fashion, dance, and art with a strong message of unity and cultural exchange.

Positioned as a "full-on cultural takeover," the Afro Carnival serves not only as a creative playground for Gen Z and millennials, but also as a bridge between generations of African artistry.

"Events like Afro Carnival give space for legends and emerging stars to share the same stage, the same crowd, and the same cultural moment. It's not just about music—it's about passing on the torch, learning from each other, and showing young creatives that tradition and innovation can dance together," says events host and media personality Giriman.

Colonel Mustafa, himself a veteran with deep roots in the Kenyan music industry, also weighs in, underscoring the importance of learning from the veterans not just about musical, but professionalism as well.

WASSUP - Geoffrey Korio

Koda X Tchno Presents Hyenah
Afro House phenomenon Hyenah comes together with some of Nairobi's most wanted Foozak, Vidza, Tina Ardor and Asali in room one with a special TCHNO takeover in room two featuring Rheina, Breathrenn, Scalarbane, Ng'at Maler and Mawe at KODA, Westlands, tomorrow. Entry is Sh1,5000.

Gordon's Par-TEA
Gordon's High Tea experience goes down at Holiday Inn Two Rivers, Nairobi, tomorrow with a unique day-to-night affair. Dress in your finest soft shades of winter glamour and enjoy this refreshing modern twist, at our tea party. Entry is Sh4,500 that includes one 750ml bottle of Gordon's Gin and admits two guests. Indulge responsibly.

Park and Vybe
Following the April edition of Park and Vybes, it's all systems go for the August edition at Kiambu valley gardens, Kirigiti shooting range tomorrow. Charges are from Sh2,500.

Searching For Amani
This is a film by Debra Aroko and Nicole Gormley that stars a 13-year-old aspiring journalist who investigates his father's mysterious murder within the boundaries of one of Kenya's largest wildlife conservancies. The film showcase goes down at Unseen Nairobi throughout this month. There is no cover charge.

Crossed Perspectives on Kenyan Society
This exhibition is an artistic dialogue between two generations of Kenyan artistes: Joseph Bertiers, internationally recognised for his witty artworks, and Newton Eshivachi, a sharp-eyed emerging artist.The two artistes explore the complexities, aspirations, and contradictions of Kenyan society at Alliance Française, Nairobi.

The Meat up Fest
The ultimate BBQ festival is back bigger, bolder, and juicier at Naiposha Gardens, Limuru, tomorrow. Get ready to feast on mouthwatering servings from every station featuring sizzling beef, tender mbuzi, juicy lamb, and flavorful chicken- all with one ticket. Come for the good vibes, bold flavors, and a great crowd, courtesy of the Grill Squad.Entry is Sh5,000.

Kwote – Machakos
The second chapter of Kwote; a touring deejay experience blending afrohouse, culture, and storytelling goes down at Lukenya, Machakos tomorrow. This edition sees sound meeting scenery and connection.

The Femme Fusion-August Edition
Dance the night away at the Afro-Latin dance party at Ballpoint Social Club, Village Market tomorrow. Dive into the rhythm and energy with vibrant workshops in Bachata, Salsa, Konpa, Kizomba, and Afrobeat. This August edition features an unforgettable night of soulful vibes and powerful voices from Wendy Kay, N'Jiru, and June on the Moon. Entry is free.

Because You Said So (BYSS) - Wuuehh!
Kenya's improv comedy show, Because You Said So (BYSS) by Oh Okay Honey hosts another trademark show at Braeburn Theatre, Gitanga Road Nairobi, tomorrow. The rib cracking show features a talented cast of Mugambi Nthiga, June Gachui, Patricia Kihoro, Kevin 'K1' Maina, Yafesi Musoke, Jason Runo, Justin Karunguru and Elsaphan Njora. This edition is dubbed 'Wuuehh!' and entry is Sh3,500.

The Jazztified
The eclectic East Africa's premier jazz fusion band, the Jazztified, host its trademark live music performance this and every Friday at Geco Café, Nairobi. There is no cover charge.

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SPOTLIGHT

THE FLOW *Doctor*

KETHAN, A SINGER, SONGWRITER, PRODUCER AND LIVE-LOOPING ARTISTE IS MAKING WAVES WITH A SOUND THAT REFUSES TO BE BOXED IN, **BONIFACE MITHIKA** WRITES

His music is a personal journey, blending soul, jazz, R&B and Afro influences into a form he describes as "deeply personal" music that "feels like a conversation. Sometimes heavy, sometimes light, but always honest."

This genre-blending style, now signature to his work, was born from a natural curiosity and the need to make sense of his world, he says.

"It honestly came from curiosity and survival, I didn't grow up with one clear musical path. I'd listen to church harmonies, old jazz records, Lingala, and then find myself deep in a Moses Sumney rabbit hole. Looping helped me stitch all these worlds together," he says.

His latest album, 'Dr. Flow Will See You Now', is a rich, genre-fluid project that was initially conceived as a title for a live-looping performance.

But the idea evolved into something much deeper. "Each song began to feel like therapy, both for me and maybe for others too. I was healing in public."

"I realised that if I was brave enough to bring my flaws and feelings to the mic, it could create something much bigger than just a song," he adds.

Created during a writing camp in October 2024, the 14-track album was approached with openness and experimentation.

He likens the process to "building a home where every genre could have a seat at the table."

He trusted that his voice and emotional compass would bring cohesion to the work.

The album, which guides listeners through a journey of healing, heartbreak and rediscovery is structured in three different parts; The Butterfly Wing, Rose Colored Lobby and Glow-Up Package.

'The Butterfly Wing' captures the sweetness of early love, full of hope and newness.

'Rose Colored Lobby' dives into the messier middle of conflict, tension, miscommunication and the longing to repair what's breaking.

The final section, 'Glow-Up Package', reflects inwardly on self-worth, healing, and personal power.

As Kethan puts it, "Together, the three sections tell a story of love, loss, hope and personal reclamation."

One of the standout moments on the album is the track 'Rudi Juu', which was born out of a breakdown.

"I wrote it after a panic attack. I had tried so hard to hold everything together from relationships, finances to career but I broke down. That night, I looped a soft vocal harmony that sounded like a lullaby and started building the track. That session reminded me that it's okay to fall apart. Sometimes that's where the real music begins."

Love, for Kethan, is not a fairytale concept but a lived, complex experience.

"I don't try to make love sound ideal, I write from the silences, the awkward texts, the missed calls, and the contradictions. Love isn't just fireworks. It's also the quiet moments, the misunderstandings, and the choice to try again. I try to honour all of that without cleaning it up too much."

The album's emotional honesty is mirrored in his creative process. Kethan begins with a feeling, then builds loops that match its tone.

"The repetition creates a space that's both grounding and hypnotic. Harmonies are how I layer emotion. Live instrumentation creates variation making each bar of the song sound or feel different. It feels like I'm creating a choir of my different selves, singing back what I need to hear. That's what gave the album its signature sound."

In his works, collaborations have also added a depth to this project.

"Every collaborator was chosen for the energy they brought. I invited each person to bring their story into the room. Their presence helped expand the emotional range of the project beyond just my own experience."

But the creative process wasn't always smooth. Kethan faced plenty of internal battles.

"Some days I doubted everything. Other days, I thought I had a finished track only to realise I was still avoiding something emotionally. The biggest breakthrough came when I stopped chasing perfect takes and leaned into the raw ones. That's when it really started to sound like me," he says.

His growing community of fans affectionately known as "Kethanals" connect deeply with his authenticity.

He says he nurtures this bond not just through his music, but through vulnerability and honesty.

"I talk to them like people, not just fans. I share the process, the doubts, the behind-the-scenes, not just the highlights. Whether it's through live shows, random voice notes, or plant videos, I try to be honest with them. I think they feel that, and that's where the bond grows."

As an independent artiste, maintaining creative control is both challenging and rewarding.

"I get to tell the truth without compromise. Every song reflects what I actually felt, not what someone thought would be more marketable. That kind of creative control is rare, and I value it deeply even when it's hard."

Navigating the music industry hasn't been easy. Kethan has faced delays, discouragement, broken promises, and financial strain. But he's stayed grounded by leaning on his community and his purpose.

"I reminded myself that the work matters even if the industry doesn't always reward it right away. Staying true has been slower, but it's been worth it."

ALBUM

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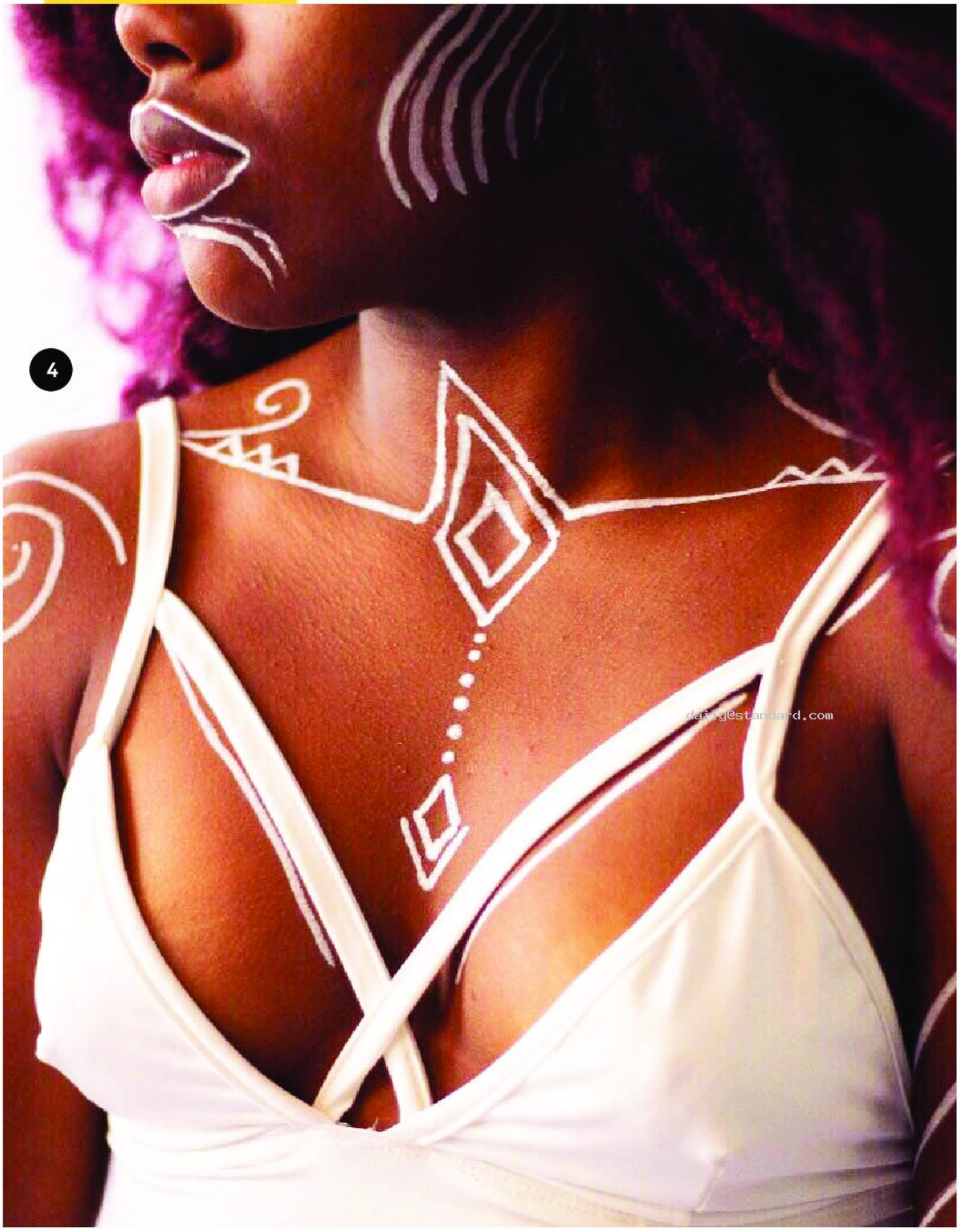


MY *Tribe*

MAKEUP ISN'T JUST ABOUT CAMOUFLAGE OR MINIMALISM, IT CAN BE THE ULTIMATE POP AND SHOW OFF, AND TRIBAL MAKEUP SPEAKS A WHOLE DIFFERENT LANGUAGE OF ITS OWN, WRITES **ESTHER MUCHENE**

FILM **NEWS**

PHOTO 1

The white lines are so bold and geometrically drawn with such precision creating an almost architectural feel. The makeup artist nailed it by keeping a clean aesthetic, a truly modern take on tribal makeup.

PHOTO 2

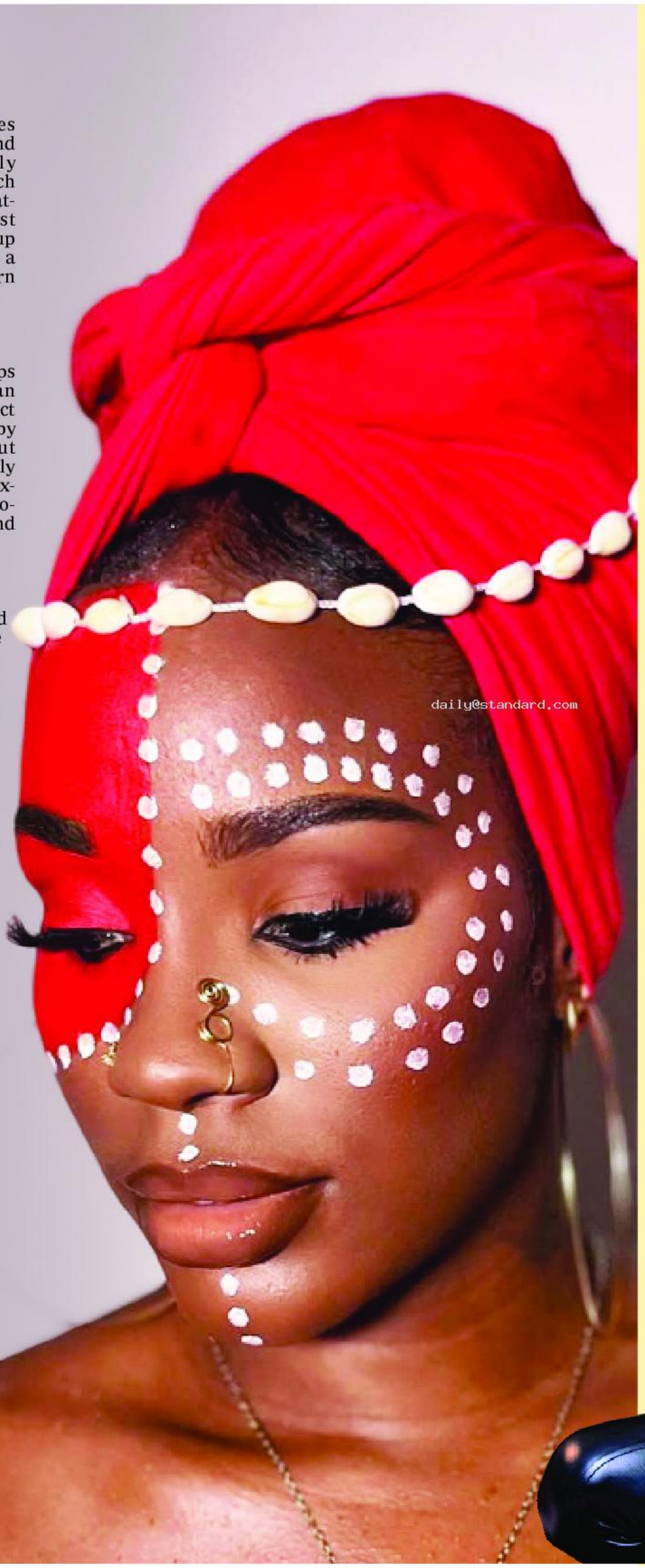
Love how the broad sweeps of reddish-brown create an intense, almost masked effect around the eyes amplified by those sharp black wings. But the real star? Those perfectly placed white dots that add texture and the unexpected two-toned lip in metallic gold and white.

PHOTO 3

The half-face of bold red sharply contrasted with those pristine white dots stands out. The graphics softened by those intricate dot work all pulled together with a head wrap simply works.

PHOTO 4

The intricate white patterns flowing from the face down to the chest are a masterclass in organic design. Swirls and precise diamond motifs create a seamless, sculpted look that's both visually appealing and artistic.



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SHOURTIE OFFICIAL, TESLAH AND VIC WEST'S 'MONACO' TAKES OVER AUDIOMACK

Shourtie Official is a talented Afro-pop and dancehall artiste born in Kisii County. She discovered her passion for music at an early age, growing up in church, where she began to hone her craft.

She officially launched her career in 2015 with the release of her debut record, 'Genda'.

She fuses Afro-pop and dancehall, featuring relatable themes that resonate with her audience. Her musical influences include prominent artistes such as Tiwa Savage, Cindy Sanyu, Fena Gitu, and Redsan.

Over the years, she has gained recognition for her engaging performances and captivating presence

She has also worked with a couple of artistes such as Nigerian Johnny Benzx and Kenyans Heavy Cane and Limbofest.

Recently, she teamed up with fellow Kenyans Teslah, and award-winning producer Vic West in making 'Monaco', a feel-good anthem.

The track has already garnered good traction on Audiomack, where it's been featured on two major playlists: 'Best of the Week: Afrosounds' and 'Discover: Afrosounds'.

It's playful, adventurous, and carries a youthful energy that feels like a spontaneous road trip with Monaco as the dream destination.

With the infectious hook, "shida zote tuziweke kwenye floor" (put all our problems down), it encourages listeners to drop their worries and get lost in the rhythm.

Teslah's vocals glide smoothly over the beat, effortlessly blending emotion and melody.

Shourtie Official brings the energy with his charismatic delivery, while Vic West, no stranger to crafting hits, brings it all together with a dynamic fusion of Afro-pop, dancehall, and coastal vibes.

The production is clean, layered and made for movement.

COVER STORY

IP: THE NEW World Order

NEW TECHNOLOGY POSES FRESH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEBATE FIXED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, WRITES **STEVENS MUENDO**

Having ruled the secular music in the Kenyan industry for over four decades, John Boniface Maina popularly known as JB Maina does not regret abandoning grazing his father's flock in the village and moving into Kenya's capital city to start a music career. He was 15.

Between him and fate was a mere Sh300, earned through casual labour accorded to his uncle. Reflecting back on the cold nights he spent in the city streets sleeping among beggers as he sought for a recording stable, the celebrated music composer and singer with over 400 releases paints a picture of a rich music industry riddled with major hurdles.

Copyright infringement is a major disease that has killed music generations in Kenya and like many, this is the major battle the music icon has been campaigning against all his career life.

One of his popular hits, 'Tiga Kumute,' has been reproduced in countless renditions without his consent. Who even remembers the song was originally his, that even after having copyrighted it under the Kenya Copyright Board, originally then.

Tired of this intellectual property exploitation partly orchestrated by a lofty music policy in Kenya, JB Maina is reclaiming back the millions through the corridors of justice.

After a protracted legal battle, Africa's giant telecommunications company Safaricom reached a Sh15 million settlement with the veteran singer over the alleged use of his 10 songs as ringtones through the firm's 'Skiza' tunes and 'Surf 2 Win Promotion' without his permission.

About 15 years ago, he released 'Muiritu Wa Kabete', a popular Benga hit done in his Kikuyu dialect. And as the single wrecked him millions through performances and copy sales, other musicians started singing the song in concerts and other public places posing as the original owners. They too raked in the millions.

"I was not getting any financial returns out of these performances. Advertising companies and even ring-back tone music service providers started using the music for commercial purposes. That hurt me and I decided to face it off with them legally. I succeeded," JB Maina told this writer in a past interview.

"When people started to produce music in Kenya back in the 1950s, that was the age of the phonography records, an analog music storage vinyl sound that was hard to pirate. To a great extent this flat disc music format made it hard for people to pirate music and again, it helped protect intellectual property as it was hard to duplicate it without having the master disc which would be in safe custody of the music owner. But then in the 1970s and 1980s brought with them the music cassette tape, then came the age of the compact disc (CDs), all of which are easy to pirate. Now with music stored in so many formats, technology gas made it easy for people to download music illegally.

Pirated music is being shared widely and cheaply online, with enforcement efforts struggling to keep up. This raises concerns about the effectiveness of existing copyright laws, the will and ability to enforce them, and whether the public understands that such content is legally protected," JB Maina laments of an industry that saw music piracy increase by 59.2 million visits to sites in Kenya, according to International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) report released in 2023.

From musicians, filmmakers, photographers, painters, visual artists to craftsmen, thousands of creatives continue to languish in poverty in a multimillion art, recreation and entertainment industry that accounts for five per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 0.25 per cent of the total wage employment – according to Kenya's Economy Survey Report 2025.

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In the lead was South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya that begging the question as to why a Kenyan music sector that is supporting over 300,000 jobs and measuring among the top most growing creative economies in Africa continue to be a frustrating venture for the 'real' creatives in the business?

Over the years the government of Kenya, through the Kenya Copyright Board (Kecobo), the state corporation entrusted with administering and enforcing copyright and related rights in the country has made efforts in carrying public awareness, enforcement and registration of copyright, licensing of collective management organisations (CMOs) and giving education on matters of copyright and related rights in various sectors across the country.

This year, the body has been carrying training sessions with creatives and law enforcement officers on copyright infringement, a drive aimed at enhancing the protection of intellectual property rights among creatives.

"Through this capacity-building program, Kecobo reaffirms its commitment to promoting a fair and secure environment for creatives, ensuring they fully benefit from their intellectual property, the Acting Executive Director, Kecobo George Nyakweba said during one of the workshops in March.

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mon protected rights; from patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, trade secrets and utility models.

"Creatives must learn to patent their original creations as this grants them the exclusive rights to their original creative works, that preventing others from making, using, or selling the invention for a limited period, usually 20 years from the filing date. When it comes to copyrights, this refers to the protection of original literary, artistic, and musical works, giving creators the right to control the use and distribution of their creations," said one of the trainers adding that trademarks safeguard symbols, names, and slogans used to identify goods or services, ensuring consumers can distinguish between different products in the market.

Ignorance in ensuring that their original artistic and music works are copyrighted has been one of the major hindrances in fighting the war against copyright infringement in Kenya.

Many artistes don't copyright or patent their work and that is how they end up being exploited. Many think protecting their work by copyrighting and patenting is a complicated duty. It is not. It is as simple as ensuring what puts food on the table is safeguarded.

With the 2010 Constitution having embedding IP rights in Article 11, speakers at the World Intellectual Property Day praised the government for tackling digital piracy and offering musicians and filmmakers tools to combat unauthorised use of their work.

Eddie Butita

Njugush

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However, even with the new developments by the government and other stakeholders to enforce laws and policies to compact copyright infringement in the creative sector, it is the same government systems and creatives organizations that have been blamed for the losses creatives have been making as giant bodies fight over their intellectual property.

A fierce battle has been ensuing between the artistes' collective management organizations (CMOs) and the copyright regulator, Kecobo, over royalties payment issues to rights owners. An endless court war between the two has seen millions of creatives money go into the drain – even as scrupulous individuals and groups take advantage of the void.

Having dominated the CMOs scene for years, the three giant artistes royalties collection bodies in Kenya, namely MCSK, KAMP and PRISK were deregistered by Kecobo with the regulator claiming the three had failed to meet the stringent conditions stipulated in the provisional licenses set out by the Kecobo directors.

"During its meeting held on August 11, 2021, the Board took note of the recent distribution of royalties where the CMOs reportedly distributed Sh41 million (35.9 percent) instead of Sh79 million (70 percent) out of Sh114 m collected at the end of July 2021 in defiance to the Kecobo license conditions.

From reports of distribution from two entities received so far, PRISK allocated a further Sh4 million while KAMP made an allocation of Sh1.2 million from their allocation of Sh10 million and Sh8 million respectively to cater for administrative costs," the Kecobo board claimed before handing over the rights collection license to a new outfit named the Performing and Audio-Visual Rights Society of Kenya (PAVRISK) to oversee music and performer rights. That was mid last year.

"If the intellectual properties issues troubling the creative sector in Kenya are to truly be sorted, this this must start with sorting the mess between Kecobo and CMOs. Artists can't truly have a voice on their copyright issues if the bodies mandated to regulate their matters and those collecting the finances from their copyright properties are not working in harmony," says Ben Kioko, a stakeholder in the music sector.

"It is true there has been a continued understanding among creatives on how to protect their work. There has been more awareness on intellectual property ussies through artistes workshops in the past years and artistes are now pushing for policies on the same to be enforced. The government has also mainstreamed the creative economy by recognizing creatives, including digital content creators as it pushes for the protection of their work as well as giving it value as it works with stakeholders like YouTube and X where many young Kenyan creators are making a living through," says popular Kenyan artiste Frasha Amisi as he notes the impressive involvement of Kenyan artists in international platform like Nikita Kering, an award-wining rising star who recently represented Kenyan creatives at the African Union meeting.

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To them making social media skits is a lifestyle. They do it effortlessly. And it pays handsomely.

Intellectual property rights are no doubt crucial for protecting the work of these social media creatives in the country as intellectual property rights are crucial for protecting innovation, enhancing trust and ensuring fair competition.

These upcoming creatives are part of the new revolution demystifying intellectual property issues and pushing for reforms in the sector even as their leverage on technology to connect to the wider global audience.

In Kenya, the use of social media for content creation his on an all time high this with YouTube, WhatsApp, X and Facebook dominance. With internet access growing, the youth who make up to 60 percent of the population are applying technology to make online film skits, dance routines as well as hilarious content channels that they are now monetizing. It is for this reason why Kecobo and other industry players have increased training on the intersection of intellectual property and social media, most so on image rights and the legal framework surrounding AI as well as VR.

This year, for example, social media trends have strongly centered on a strong focus on intellectual property protection and social commerce as well as content creators and influencers.

Increased short-form video content as well as the use of AI in content creation makes is crucial for protecting original works. Now, in Kenya, social media platforms are implementing tools to detect and address infringement.

The new social media platforms have had to create increased awareness and enforcement to protect intellectual property rights this by employing tools such as copyright infringement detection systems.

"It is paramount that creatives and generally all forms of businesses that use social media should have a good understanding of copyright and trademark laws so as to avoid legal issues. It is the case with influencer marketing where influencers play a key role in marketing brands where legitimacy in the products they market is key. However, with all the efforts channeled towards this, still legal frameworks and social content marketing still poses challenges when it comes to intellectual property enforcement.

The fact remains that intellectual remains deeply infused into our everyday life. From the software on our phone to the fashion we style. It is the real journey of life, socially and economically.

Elsa Majimbo

SIMPLE STEPS TO COPYRIGHTING YOUR MUSIC IN KENYA

To copyright your music in Kenya, you need to register it with the Kenya Copyright Board (Kecobo). Registration is done online through the National Rights Registry portal. You'll need to create an account, upload your music files, and pay a registration fee.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Access the National Rights Registry (NRR) portal:

Go to the NRR portal, which is the official platform for copyright registration in Kenya.

Create an account:

You'll need to create either an individual or a corporate account, depending on your situation. You'll need to provide details like your name/business name, ID number, KRA PIN, contact information, and address.

Upload your Work:

After creating your account, log in and navigate to the registration section. You will then be able to upload your musical work, ensuring it's in the required format.

Pay the Registration Fee:

There is a registration fee of Sh1,000 per work.

Receive Certificate:

Once your application is processed and approved, you will receive a certificate of registration, which serves as proof of ownership.

Why register?

While copyright protection is automatic in Kenya once your work is fixed in a tangible form - like recorded - registration provides benefits like a public record of ownership and can streamline the enforcement process if your copyright is infringed upon.

MIC CHECK

REDEFINING Lynne

FROM OVERCOMING HARSH PUBLIC JUDGMENT TO RE-DEFINING MOTHERHOOD ON HER OWN TERMS, LYNNE NJIHIA IS NO LONGER JUST "ERIC OMONDI'S EX" SHE'S CARVING OUT HER OWN POWERFUL NARRATIVE, ONE HONEST STORY AT A TIME, **BONIFACE MITHIKA** WRITES

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At 24 years old, award-winning commercial model and content creator Lynne Njihia has lived through intense public scrutiny and personal trials.

Known widely for her high-profile relationship with comedian-turned-activist Eric Omondi, Lynne first caught national attention not just as a public figure, but as a young woman navigating unexpected fame, postpartum struggles, and the demands of being a new mum.

In 2023, Lynne gave birth to her daughter, Kyla prematurely at 34 weeks after a difficult pregnancy. What followed was a harsh dive into the realities of postpartum depression and an intense weight-loss journey. All these made her a target for relentless online trolls.

"Being a mum in the public eye is tough," she says. "You have an audience that expects content from you every day and you must deliver. But at the same time, you have a baby looking up at you like, 'Yeah, it's me and you, girl!'"

Juggling social media expectations and parenting, Lynne admits some days are overwhelming. "Like today, I haven't even seen my daughter for hours. We slept in the same house, but I still haven't seen her. It's not something I'm proud of, but these are the sacrifices I must make," she says.

> *The most challenging thing about being a young mom is that you are a mom, but at the same time, you're still trying to figure yourself out.*

Still, she credits her progress to "grace and focus" and to her supportive nanny, who she says she prays for regularly.

She says her relationship with Eric Omondi, once subject to speculation, thrives on openness and mutual respect.

"We are very open, and I'm so glad I found someone who values that. For us, it's all about support and communication," she explains. "If I want to do something, like go for a shoot, he's always there to support me... and I do the same for him."

Lynne has also become a voice for mothers dealing with postpartum depression, a topic still considered taboo by many. "Postpartum was hard for me. I felt lost, even with support from family," she says.

She initially turned to the gym to regain her confidence but had to stop due to complications from her C-section. Eventually, she found comfort in dancing. "It became therapy for me," she says, adding that self-care is essential: "It is not selfish to put yourself first sometimes. It's necessary."

Being a young mum comes with its own unique challenges. "You're still trying to figure yourself out while someone is fully dependent on you," she says.

"I still feel stuck sometimes, like I'm not sure if I want to focus on modeling, content creation, or something else entirely." But there's joy too: "The best part is that you're still young yourself, so it's easier to vibe with your child. That's my favourite part."

Her openness hasn't come without a cost. Lynne has faced cruel messages in her DMs and endless judgment online.

"When I first got into social media, I used to cry a lot. People would body-shame me... but now, I've developed thick skin," she says. "If people are battling it out in my comments, I'm okay with it. It doesn't affect me the way it used to."

She also wants people to know she's far from naïve. "Yes, I'm soft-spoken and introverted, but that doesn't mean I don't know what I'm doing," Lynne says firmly.

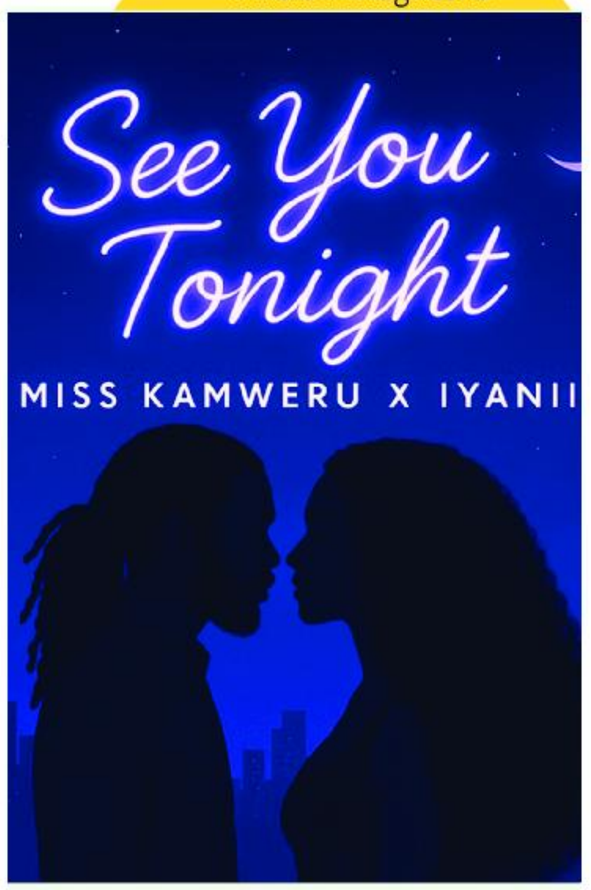
"Everything I post, everything I say, every move I make it's all well-thought-out."

On sharing her daughter's image online, Lynne chose to take control of the narrative. "I remember seeing a celebrity couple trying to hide their baby's face, and it ended up being exposed anyway. I decided: You know what? Let me just show my baby's face," she says.

Still, she is intentional about what and when she shares, emphasizing, "I don't see my child as content."

And if she could have one night off, no baby, no cameras? "I would definitely go out to dance, then go home and sleep. Sometimes all a mum wants is a quiet night with no responsibilities."

VIDEO REVIEW
Mkala Mwaghesha



SEE YOU TONIGHT

Artiste: Miss Kamweru X Iyanii
Video: KG Brian
Audio: Wakawaka/ Permanent Presidential Music Commission
Rating: 6/10

Miss Kamweru used to belong to the defunct Band Beca, so this is her second coming into showbiz through the studios of Permanent Presidential Music Commission.

And to show that she is connected, she has bagged Iyanii, one of showbiz' most sought after artistes. It's a love song but the gen z way, lewd suggestions and naughty promises like "si unajua sifa zangu mimi rasta", and 'sneaky link' vibes.

They start off at separate locations organizing a link up, before they meet at her place to while the night away. It's not a complex theme from a shoot perspective, just two scenes that are cosy, homely and layered with Nairobi's rain.

Both are good actors, so the romance looks natural, probably why they hogged the attention of the viewer all through since they didn't have extra cast to compete with.

But the gem is in the song itself, a simple song that is half-romance half-cultural nugget, in language, and context, with lines like "Niko kwa jam nakam lazima nitapitia"; appropriate and real to the theme and the audience. A good one.

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