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See, hear no evil

TSC ROT Kenya's largest employer of educators, the Teachers Service Commission, stands accused of turning the country's classrooms into cash cows for corrupt officials. The collusion of field officers to those at the headquarters reeks. From job bribes and politicised recruitments to ethnic favouritism and stalled promotions, an EACC report paints a damning picture of rot and dysfunction inside the very body meant to safeguard teachers' welfare. As technology fails, morale plummets and unions cry foul, the question lingers—who will teach integrity when tutors are themselves under siege? **PAGE 4**

ISSUES

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3 Teacher frustration: Poor service delivery, unfair transfers and exploitative internship terms eroding morale and trust in the Commission.



KCSE: How principals, students and exam officials collude to cheat

► Some head teachers have been sacked as centre managers for malpractices.

► Some schools are mounting projectors to display answers to candidates.

LEWIS NYAUNDI, NAIROBI

Details have emerged of blatant collusion between school heads, candidates, invigilators and even police in the ongoing KCSE examinations.

From use of imposters and mobile phones, to sneaking of unauthorised materials, the pressure to cheat in this year's national examinations is evident.

In some cases, *The Standard* established that projectors are mounted in examination rooms to beam answers worked out by teachers.

In others, candidates combine efforts to push away strict invigilators to allow for cheating.

Investigations show that in some schools, principals are pressuring supervisors and invigilators to ignore the malpractice or help in smuggling materials in.

The Kenya National Examinations Council (Kneec) Chief Executive Officer David Njengere on Tuesday revealed the cases of impersonation were recorded in Nairobi and Wajir Counties.

So far, at least 22 individuals had been arrested by Friday for attempting to interfere with the tests. They include teachers, students, hired outsiders and examination officials found sneaking materials or trying to pass information to candidates.

So far, 19 schools are under investigation. A letter from Kneec flagged Merishaw School in Kajiado for suspected malpractices.

The school, which emerged top in the 2024 KCSE examination, has further been ordered to take immediate corrective action and produce a report by today.

The council recorded serious viola-



Education CS Julius Ogamba with Kenya National Examinations Council CEO David Njengere. [Wilbrforce Okwiri, Standard]

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MILLION

STUDENTS who are sitting the first Kenya Junior School Education Assessment examination this year. They are expected to join senior secondary schools in January.

tions during a visit to the school on November 1 and 3.

"Your centre is hereby directed to take immediate corrective measures by reviewing its internal processes and instituting actions to en-

sure full compliance with all Kneec rules and regulations. Accordingly, you are required to submit a written report outlining measures your centre will undertake to ensure full compliance," reads the letter dated November 4.

But the incident is not an isolated. In Migori, detectives stormed into St Anne's Girls Secondary after a tip-off that an unauthorised person had gained access to the examination centre.

The report filed at the Oruba Police Station alleged that a former teacher walked into the school compound posing as an invigilator during the conduct of Mathematics Paper 1. He then scanned a candidate's paper using a mobile phone before leaving.

The school principal and the supervisor alerted the police.

Similarly, sources from the Ministry of Education have confirmed the dismissal of the principal of Mitua Girls Secondary School in Tongaren Sub-County in Bungoma, Angeline Kosgei, as the centre manager after Kneec officials noted malpractices during Kiswahili Paper 3.

Also dropped was the entire team of supervisors, invigilators, security officers and the deputy principal. But speaking to *The Standard*, Kosgei dismissed the allegation, saying she was still in the school.

Sources at Kneec revealed that students roughed up a Kneec examinations monitor after they were caught cheating.

All 12 mobile phones belonging to police officers and examination officials were confiscated for forensic scrutiny. The deputy principal and one invigilator were also arrested and detained for interrogation.

In another case in Kisumu County, a student was found with a mobile phone while writing their Mathematics Paper 2 examination.

A report at the Katito Police Station claimed that a supervisor at Magunga Secondary School noticed a mobile phone during routine invigilation, but when he attempted to retrieve it, the student bit him and ran out of the examination room.

He, however, returned 10 minutes later without the phone, prompting the supervisor to call security officers.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has warned that stern action would be taken against individuals involved in malpractices.

In a statement on Friday, the CS revealed that the cases are from three regions. "19 isolated cases of suspected malpractice have been formally recorded across Nyanza, Rift Valley, and Eastern regions," he said.

"In every instance, decisive action has been taken: replacement of centre managers, supervisors, and invigilators; arrest and prosecution of over 22 individuals by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI); seizure of mobile phones and photocopied materials."

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EDUCATION

Teachers protest at SHA listing as Knut top officials meet

Primary school head teachers were yesterday divided over the decision to move them to the Social Health Authority (SHA) medical scheme.

Critics of the deal said SHA does not have benefits of covering for critical illnesses like cancer like the privately owned Minet Kenya.

Yesterday, the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) top officials were held up in a meeting in Mombasa amid mounting opposition to the agreement.

"They fear the wrath of members as the initial agreement was that we will continue to Home-Minet because of its superior services," said a teacher privy to the meeting.

Some Knut branch officials who spoke on condition they were not named said they opposed the move to force teachers to join SHA.

"We have not consulted the teachers on the ground, and that is why we are not supporting the move to join SHA," said a union official.

"Top Knut Executive Council officials are meeting in a town in Mombasa here. We are waiting for them to come and give direction," said another official.

Emanuel Owili from Migori accused the government of pushing the union to sign the agreement before proper consultation with teachers.

"The teachers are opposed to this move because SHA has a history of frustrating patients registered in it, and that is why the teachers at the grass roots are not happy," he said.

State House meeting

He regretted that despite having met President William Ruto at the State House recently where they agreed to consult before any move, nobody bothered to come back to them.

"We know several teachers who joined SHA, but when they were admitted, SHA only paid the bill for the bed but not the medicine," said Owili at the ongoing annual conference for the Kenya Comprehensive School Headteachers Association in Mombasa.

He also pointed out that most teachers were not well conversant with operations of SHA the way they know Home-Minet insurance.

"I am suggesting the transition should be given more time before everybody is put on board if the state has decided that every civil servant must join it," said Owili.

Denis Charo from teacher claimed he was not aware teachers had been moved to SHA. "I personally like Minet Insurance because when I was admitted, it paid all my hospital bills after I produced my TSC number," he said.

Charo insisted the move was premature, but urged for sensitisation to make teachers understand how SHA works and how members, especially those in far-flung areas, would be served.

However, some teachers in urban areas supported the move, saying more would benefit from SHA services.

[Willis Oketch]

EDUCATION

Primary school heads reject push to move JSS

Primary school head teachers have opposed a proposal by junior secondary school (JSS) teachers to put them under senior secondary schools.

Addressing about 15,000 heads at this year's Kenya Primary School Heads Association (KEPSHA) conference in Mombasa, Chairman Fuad Abdalla reaffirmed that the decision to domicile JSS within primary schools was reached through the

Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms after extensive consultations.

"There is no leadership vacuum in our schools. Our voice and freedom are safeguarded under the current comprehensive school system. That is why we now refer to ourselves as the Kenya Comprehensive School Headteachers Association, representing all-inclusive institutions," he said.

He said the assessments of Grade 9 learners, the first cohort under the Competency-Based Curriculum, has been smooth, proving that the system works well under primary school management.

"If there were any issues, the Grade 9 evaluations would not have taken place successfully. From a management standpoint, everything is functioning well," he noted.

The proposal by some JSS teachers has stirred debate, with teachers' unions and school heads split.

Proponents of the shift argue that senior secondary management would provide better facilities and administrative capacity, while opponents maintain that keeping JSS within primary schools ensures learner continuity, stability, and local community involvement. [Mike Kihaki]

Luxury Dubai yacht held in Kilifi as tourists safari in Maasai Mara

- ▶ Its detention drew national attention and speculation among Kenyans online.
- ▶ Officials later confirmed it posed no risk, only procedural docking clearance issues.

MARION KITHI, KILIFI

Security agents have detained a luxury yacht floating off Kilifi after it was found to lack authorisation from the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) to dock in the country.

Kilifi County Commissioner Josephat Biwott said the four-deck yacht, christened *Salt* was detained along with its six foreign tourists, who have yet to disembark.

Biwott said marine security officers discovered weapons inside the yacht, though they were confirmed to be legally owned by the vessel's operators. "The yacht is okay. It has no illegal drugs or weapons. The only issue was that it lacked clearance from KPA to dock in the country," said Biwott.

All foreign yachts must undergo a multi-agency clearance process and obtain electronic travel authorisation, port entry, and advance notice before docking in Kenya.

Since *Salt* arrived last Thursday, speculation has swirled on social media, with Kenyans questioning why it has not docked and why its



The Dubai-based yacht Salt held in Kilifi waters over docking irregularities. [Courtesy]

occupants have remained on board. "The weapons were for their protection. How would they defend themselves if pirates attacked them at sea?" Biwott added.

Biwott said the six tourists aboard the yacht are visiting the Maasai Mara and Amboseli national parks and are expected to leave for Madagascar on November 14.

Tourism Police Unit sector commander for the Coast region, Patricia Buri, confirmed the tourists' itinerary and assured the public that the vessel posed no threat. "The yacht is from Dubai and carries people of different nationalities. This signifies growth and development, as the port area is opening up for more business," said Buri.

"We are now able to host visitors

from different parts of the world who can interact with us and bring new ideas to empower the local community," she added.

The vessel ranks among the top five per cent of yachts worldwide in its size category. Its interiors feature social spaces, sun decks, and private suites. Residents who gathered to witness the yacht's arrival said it would boost Kilifi's tourism sector.

Local resident Zablon Garama urged the government to invest more in tourism by building quality hotels to attract and host international visitors.

Kilifi Governor Gideon Mung'aro said the yacht's arrival was proof that the county is beginning to attract high-end tourists with significant spending power.

"You have seen that Kilifi is now attracting many investors. We were here with the President recently, and you saw the projects launched at the EPZ in Vipingo. I encourage tourists and investors to know they are welcome, and as a county, we will support them," he said.

He added that Kilifi Creek and Takaungu, despite lacking formal docking facilities, can accommodate any size of vessel, including yachts and cruise ships. "It is my hope that in future, the government will develop Kilifi as a tourist docking point. Mombasa handles cargo, but Kilifi could specialise in cruise tourism, allowing ships to dock while visitors enjoy the beautiful sceneries we offer," he said.

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HEALTH

Trauma centre in Londiani to honour 2023 crash victims

A new Sh30 million Living Hope Emergency and Trauma Centre has been opened at Londiani Sub-County Hospital in Kipkelion East, Kericho County.

The state-of-the-art facility, built by Irish donors through Brighter Communities Worldwide, honours the 52 people who lost their lives in the 2023 Londiani road crash, when a truck ploughed into several vehicles and market traders.

Ireland's Ambassador to Kenya, Caitriona Ingoldsby, said the centre would greatly enhance the hospital's emergency response and save countless lives. She emphasised that Ireland's partnerships in Kenya aim to build people-to-people connections and strengthen health systems.

The organisation's co-founder, Maria Kidney, said they had invested over Sh30 million in constructing and equipping the solar-powered, climate-smart facility, hoping it would become a regional hub of excellence. She noted their continued support for families affected by the 2023 tragedy.

CEO Martin Ballantyne said the two-year project was inspired by the need to improve emergency preparedness.

Kericho Governor Erick Mutai praised the donors, adding that the hospital will soon undergo further transformation with a Sh500 million Level 5 facility funded by the government. [Nikko Tanui]



THE INSOLVENCY ACT
(No. 18 of 2015)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION

INSOLVENCY PETITION NO. E014 OF 2018

IN THE MATTER MIDLAND ENERGY LIMITED (In Liquidation)

APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

I, Christopher Ndirangu Kirathe, of P.O. Box 44286-00100, Nairobi, give notice that I was appointed as liquidator of Midland Energy Limited (In Liquidation), the Company pursuant to the Liquidation Order issued on the 28th February, 2024 and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Act.

Creditors' of the Company are required to file their claims with the Liquidator by submitting the proof of debt form (form No. 5) on or before 2nd December 2025 via kevin.okindo@parthenon.ey.com

The Liquidator will hold/convene the first general meeting of creditors' on the 4th of December 2025 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm at Ernst and Young LLP's Offices on the first floor of Kenya Re Towers off Ragati Road, in Upper Hill, Nairobi, for a statement of affairs presentation. Queries on the creditors' meeting to be submitted through kevin.okindo@parthenon.ey.com.

To be served upon:

- The official receiver (if the application was made in Court)
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Dated the 12th of November 2025.

C. N. KIRATHE,
Liquidator, Midland Energy Limited

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TSC reels from protests amid calls for an audit from key stakeholders

► Teachers say the leadership has failed to address their issues even as EACC says commission is wanting.

► From issues of tribalism to corruption, commission has a lot on its plate.

DAVID ODONGO AND MIKE KIHAKI, NAIROBI

Having employed over 400,000 teachers, the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) remains one of the biggest institutions in Kenya. Yet the institution entrusted with managing Kenya's teaching workforce has become a source of deep frustration for many educators due to persistent corruption and inefficiency, according to a recent survey report now being authenticated by multiple sources, among them stakeholders within the education sector, The Standard can reveal.

According to the reports, the Commission has been mired in scandals that have left thousands of teachers feeling neglected and unfairly treated.

The 2023 National Ethics and Corruption Survey by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) delivered a harsh verdict on the Commission. It ranked TSC among the most corrupt institutions in Kenya, with an alarming graft prevalence level of 100 per cent. This level of corruption places TSC alongside other challenged institutions such as the Ministry of Defence and the National Transport and Safety Authority.

According to the report, teachers regularly face demands for bribes to secure employment, promotions, and transfers, turning career progression into a costly affair. The EACC report reveals how TSC services like teacher promotions and transfers are contingent on hefty bribery before being effected. Other services like teacher recruitment and even collecting employment letters from TSC warrant an exchange of money between hapless teachers and TSC officials.

Such systemic and embedded corruption raises questions about the criteria used to appoint school heads since the only merit needed is the exchange of money.

Efforts to get a comment from TSC were futile. Neither the CEO nor the legal or communications officers responded to our questions.

The EACC corruption report on TSC noted that corruption directly affects disciplinary actions, creating a biased system where accountability is compromised. These bribes, as revealed to The Standard by long-suffering teachers, reportedly range from Sh50,000 to as high as Sh500,000 depending on the position one is seeking, thus painting a bleak picture of how money and influ-



The Teachers Service Commission Headquarters in Nairobi. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]

ence have compromised meritocracy within the education sector.

One teacher, Triza, venting on social media, reacted to the exclusive The Standard story yesterday, saying, "Thank you for speaking on behalf of many teachers who are suffering in silence."

The recent mass recruitment exercise intended to fill over 50,000 teaching positions exposed further cracks in the system. In April, employment letters were allegedly handed out at political rallies linked to the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), deepening fears that the teaching profession is now a political prize rather than a noble calling based on competence.

Teaching posts

Murang'a Woman Representative revealed recently that TSC letters were handed over to politicians who visited State House, with each politician getting 20 employment letters. "Sisi juzi tuliitwa pale State House, na tukapewa barua za waalimu. Zile constituencies wabunge wao hawakuja, watoto wa hizo constituencies hawakupata nafasi za kuajiriwa," the legislator was quoted as saying.

Under CEO Evaleen Mitei, the Commission has been battling poor service delivery. A glaring instance was the collapse of the online recruitment portal in October, which shut out more than 46,000 qualified applicants desperate for teaching jobs. Thousands of trained teachers across the country faced frustration and disappointment as they struggled to apply for the teaching positions advertised by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC).

With the application portal riddled with technical failures, the one-week deadline left many teachers locked out of an opportunity they had long await-

ed. The Commission's explanation that "technical challenges" caused the failure was met with disbelief and anger from affected teachers.

The inefficiencies don't stop there. Delays in promotions and a lack of structured in-service training programmes have left many teachers trapped in stagnant positions despite eligibility for advancement. "Teachers have stagnated in the same job groups for far too long, and that frustration is affecting morale and performance," says Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) National Chairman and

Emuhaya MP Ombo Milemba. Vivian Atieno, a teacher, says, "A teacher stagnates in a job group for 14 years while another one is promoted in a span of eight months."

Concerns about ethnic favouritism and regional bias have also stirred public outrage. In one of the recent promotion rounds where over 25,000 teachers were elevated, disparities in the distribution of promotions suggested clear bias favouring certain ethnic groups. In August, Julius Melly, Member of Parliament for Tinderet and Chair of the Parliamentary Education Committee, voiced his disappointment: "We fight so hard to secure funding for promotions, but it is disheartening when fairness is overlooked. The Commission must address these allegations once and for all."

Education voices

Voices from within the education sector have been candid in their criticism. A teacher, Rehema, says: "Corruption and tribalism at TSC have destroyed trust. Teachers are victims of a broken system that only rewards those with the right connections."

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) Secretary-General Collins Oyuu regretted that strained relations between the union and TSC had in the past been detrimental to teachers. "The issue of CBA to be reduced to two years from four years, the issues of promotions and employment, those are the key areas that affect our teachers across the country," said Oyuu.

Knut also expressed concern over the continued implementation of transfers that force educators to work far from their home areas,

despite the National Assembly abolishing the system. "It is regrettable that delocalisation is still being implemented against Parliament's revision," he said. Delocalisation is the controversial and now-abandoned policy by Kenya's Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to transfer teachers and school principals to schools outside their home counties. Delocalisation was banned on November 3, 2022, through a motion passed in the National Assembly.

The motion, brought by Lurambi MP Titus Khamala, argued that the policy disrupted teachers' lives and lacked a clear framework. It followed an outcry from teachers and unions who said delocalisation was negatively affecting families.

Oyuu accused some officials of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) of frustrating teachers by transferring them to regions they did not select, urging the Commission to respect Parliament's directive and prioritise teachers' welfare.

Crisis in schools

Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) National Chairman and Emuhaya MP Ombo Milemba said many schools are reeling in crisis, leaving teachers demoralised. He called for a parliamentary inquiry into how the TSC treats teachers. He also raised concerns over the teachers' internship programme, which he described as unconstitutional and exploitative. According to Milemba, the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) lacks legal authority to employ teachers on temporary terms. "The TSC in law does not have the authority to employ teachers as interns. We made the law in Naivasha that all teachers must be employed on permanent and pensionable terms. The 20,000 interns whose contracts expire this November must be absorbed immediately," he said.

On teacher promotions, the Kuppet chair lauded ongoing efforts but said the pace remains too slow. He noted that although TSC recently promoted 52,000 teachers, the annual budget only supports 25,000 promotions per year, far below what is needed to address career stagnation.

"We want to see that number rise to 50,000 promotions a year. We need an education system that inspires trust. When policies keep changing without consultation, teachers lose faith. Education reforms must be guided by professionalism, not politics," he said.

"Teachers deserve dignity in pay, promotions, and working conditions. We will hold the government to its word," he said.

He called for a national audit of education funds and accountability for every shilling allocated to the sector, saying education is "too important to be left in the hands of unaccountable bureaucrats."

"Education drives our nation's future. When money meant for learners is delayed or misused, it destroys that future. We cannot reform education without first reforming how it is managed," Milemba said.

AT A GLANCE

■ Teachers Service Commission employs 406,860 teachers as of April 2024. Recent government plans aim to increase this number significantly, with a goal of hiring an additional 24,000 teachers by January 2026, which would bring the total close to 100,000 new hires since 2022.

■ **Recently hired:** The government has already employed 76,000 teachers since 2022 and plans to recruit 24,000 more by January 2026.

■ **Gender distribution:** The 406,860 teachers include 204,373 women and 202,487 men.

■ **Inclusivity:** About 1.39 per cent of the total staff are teachers with disabilities, which is 5,666 individuals.

■ **Ethnicity**

■ **Dominant groups:** Recent data show that the Kalenjin, Luhya, Kamba, Kikuyu, and Luo ethnic groups secured more than two-thirds of newly hired junior secondary school teachers.

■ **Promotion bias:** An analysis of promotions revealed a similar trend, with five groups—Kikuyu, Kalenjin, Luhya, Luo, and Kisii—accounting for over 60 per cent of all promotions, while smaller communities received minimal representation.



Depositor protection to foster a stable banking system

Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) is a Resolution Authority established under the Kenya Deposit Insurance Act, Cap 487C, whose mandate as a risk minimiser is to provide a deposit insurance scheme for customers of member institutions, enhance risk management and promptly resolve any troubled bank.

The Corporation manages the Deposit Insurance Fund which is used to reimburse depositors and facilitate timely resolution of troubled banks, in line with its public objective of promoting confidence and contributing to a sound banking system. As a "risk minimiser", the Corporation has developed a framework for risk assessment, early detection, and timely intervention of troubled banks. This is a proactive mandate to protect depositors from losses attributed to bank failure.

A. Deposit Insurance Scheme

"Deposit insurance" is a system established to protect depositors against the loss of their insured deposits in the event a bank failure. The scheme is established by the government to protect depositors against losing their deposits during a bank failure. The deposit insurance framework adopts a multi-layered approach to protect depositor, ensuring resilience in the financial system and promoting public confidence

1. Guaranteed Deposit Protection:

Under this layer of protection, depositors are guaranteed protection of their deposits up to a maximum of KES 500,000 which is reimbursed from the scheme fund immediately a bank fails and is placed under liquidation.

2. Early Detection and Timely Intervention:

Under this layer of protection, KDIC proactively monitors the performance of banks through an early warning system (EWS) for early detecting the risks and timely intervening through various interventions.

3. Prompt Resolution:

KDIC embraces alternative resolution tools to resolve troubled banks including the realization of assets on a timely basis. This layer of protection enables depositors to maximize recovery of their deposits from failed banks above the guaranteed deposits of KES 500,000. The amounts above the guaranteed are paid to depositors upon recovery of debts and realisation of assets of the failed bank.

To benefit from this KDIC protection, a bank must be a member of the Deposit Insurance Scheme. Currently, the scheme comprises **52 member institutions**, including **37 commercial banks**, **1 mortgage finance institution**, and **14 microfinance banks**.

The categories of deposits covered under this scheme include:

- All Current Accounts
- All Savings Accounts
- All Fixed Deposit Accounts
- All Foreign Currency Deposits with a known account number fully supported with a signing mandate.
- All Trust Accounts (Declared and designated as a trust account with known beneficiaries).

B. Who bears the cost of this protection?

The cost of protection is borne by member banks in the form of annual premiums paid to the Scheme. Depositors do not bear any cost for this protection.

C. How does KDIC contribute to the country's financial stability?

The principal public policy objective of Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation is to protect depositors' money at the bank thus contributing to financial stability. Kenya's Vision 2030 agenda highlights the need to establish "a vibrant and globally competitive financial sector which will enhance job creation and promote a saving culture among Kenyans to finance the country's overall investment needs." As banks provide intermediation service to the public, KDIC ensures that the interest of depositors is protected to enable them to continue providing resources thereby minimising disruption to the country's financial system. A comprehensive deposit insurance system reduces the incentive for depositors to withdraw their deposits or "run down a bank" when it shows the first sign of trouble or distress.

D. Public Awareness

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E. Your role in depositor protection

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3	African Banking Corporation Limited	22	I & M Bank Limited
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5	Bank of Baroda (K) Limited	24	Kingdom Bank Limited
6	Bank of India	25	Middle East Bank (K) Limited
7	Citibank N.A Kenya	26	M-Oriental Bank Limited
8	Commercial International Bank Limited	27	National Bank of Kenya Limited
9	Consolidated Bank of Kenya Limited	28	NCBA Bank Kenya Plc
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2	Caritas Microfinance Bank Limited	9	Rafiki Microfinance Bank Limited
3	Choice Microfinance Bank Limited	10	Salaam Microfinance Bank Limited
4	Faulu Microfinance Bank Limited	11	SMEP Microfinance Bank Limited
5	Kenya Women Microfinance Bank Limited	12	Sumac Microfinance Bank Limited
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KDIC continues to safeguard the interest of depositors and creditors as provided by law. September, 2025.

Hellen Chepkwony,
Chief Executive Officer,
Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation

Uhuru's political return stirs Ruto, Gachagua camps

► Jubilee Party-DCP rivalry intensifies ahead of 2027 elections.

► Ruto allies threaten ex-president over active politics comeback.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

The return of retired President Uhuru Kenyatta to active politics has rattled President William Ruto's camp, unsettled former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's team and further complicated the 2027 General Election landscape.

Last week, Uhuru visited Murang'a to introduce former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i during which he reiterated his 2022 warning against voting for President Ruto and expressed regret that his caution had been ignored.

In remarks that have revived tensions with President Ruto from his tenure, Uhuru urged Mt Kenya residents to support Matiang'i, describing him as a visionary and diligent leader capable of completing projects left unfinished by his administration. "In 2022, I warned you about these people, but you didn't listen. I hope now you are ready to support leaders genuinely committed to transforming this country," Uhuru said.

Irritated by his remarks, which challenge the legitimacy of the Kenya Kwanza administration, President Ruto's allies have threatened to strip Uhuru of his retirement perks if he continues engaging in politics.

Nandi Senator Samson Cherargey warned the former president to stop playing politics, cautioning that failure

to comply would result in the government revoking all his benefits.

"Please stay at home and watch this country being transformed. If you interfere, we shall remove all your retirement benefits, recall your security detail and withdraw other privileges. You cannot use government resources to fight the government. If you do not support this administration, these perks will be removed," the Senator said at the weekend.

Analysts say Kenyans should expect more reactions from President Ruto's allies, who are likely to discredit Uhuru and launch personalized attacks against him and his family, a move that could undermine Uhuru's statesmanship.

Lawyer Kibe Mungai observed that a vacuum in national statesmanship exists, which Uhuru filled due to perceived gaps under President Ruto. He noted that Uhuru's re-entry into active politics may strip him of that stature.

"Ruto is a polarizing leader who constantly talks about the Opposition, making it seem as if any opposition leader has leprosy. As Head of State, he has failed to rise above partisanship in local politics. We need a leader who can stand above all for national unity and that is why Kenyans have increasingly looked to Uhuru to play that role," Mungai said.

He added that Uhuru's return could trigger intense competition between Jubilee and Gachagua's Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) as both vie for dominance in the Mt Kenya region, where the parties hold huge influence.

"The two parties are not going to be easy on each other. They will try to outshine one another even as they belong to the same political association, the



Retired President Uhuru Kenyatta (second right) with former Interior CS Fred Matiang'i, Jubilee secretary general Jeremiah Kioni and party members during a grassroots meeting at Thika Green Golf Resort, last Friday. [Gitau Wanyoike, Standard]

United Opposition," Mungai noted.

Political commentator Meshac Odede observed that Gachagua had hoped to capture all the elective positions in the Mt Kenya region, but that ambition may be under threat following Jubilee's resurgence.

"The DCP leader was looking to secure as many elected positions as possible—MCAs, governors, senators, and MPs—to gain leverage in negotiations with any future government. But Jubilee is targeting the same constituencies. Given Jubilee's

influence, however small or large, it is stronger in Mt Kenya than in other regions. The battle in Mt Kenya is set to intensify between Jubilee and DCP," he said.

Political analyst Fred Okang'o added that Uhuru's return was driven by the growing influence Gachagua enjoys in Mt Kenya, which Uhuru perceived as a threat prompting his comeback to the political arena.

"Uhuru could feel threatened by the dominance Gachagua is now exercising in Mt Kenya politics. Gachagua formed a party and told the people of the region that it was theirs, claiming it as the party of Mt Kenya. He recruited many supporters, and at that point, Jubilee Party may have felt threatened," Okang'o noted.

He added that the competition could disadvantage Gachagua, arguing that he may struggle to push his party's agenda in the region as both parties vie for the same elective positions.

Former Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu said Uhuru's return and the revival of the former ruling party undermine Gachagua's supremacy.

He added that Uhuru's call to end personal attacks would deny Gachagua the opportunity to brand Jubilee as a "red wheelbarrow," a move he had used to suggest the party supported Ruto's re-election bid.

"He has very uncomfortable with the reemergence of Jubilee because it threatens his supremacy. When he set up his party, he intended it to be the dominant force in Mt Kenya," Wambugu said.

"It's a call he has made publicly many times. The one party that truly threatens him is Jubilee, so he tagged us as a 'red wheelbarrow' to portray us as a government-aligned party," he said.

He added, "By instructing Jubilee members not to insult Gachagua, Uhuru has put him in a tricky position. Every time he insults us, it will look awkward because the party leadership has already told its members not to retaliate. Now, he can't label Jubilee a red wheelbarrow."

He noted that Uhuru's directive was not a signal that the two could work together.

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Kibe Mungai, lawyer

COHESION

West Pokot leaders snub peace meet as Turkana raise security concerns

Efforts by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) to resolve ongoing hostilities between the Turkana and West Pokot communities suffered a setback after leaders from West Pokot failed to attend a key peace meeting convened in Nairobi yesterday.

The meeting was expected to bring together 12 political leaders from both Turkana and West Pokot counties, including governors, senators and Members of Parliament.

The meeting agenda was to address the perennial inter-communal clashes and forge a joint path

toward lasting peace along the border.

However, despite full attendance by Turkana leaders led by Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai, only one West Pokot representative, Peter Lokachapong of Sigor Constituency, attended the session.

The absence of the rest of the West Pokot delegation forced the NCIC to cancel the planned joint discussions.

"The joint meeting did not take place as envisioned because only Hon Peter Lokachapong represented West Pokot. We commend the

Turkana leadership for their commitment and willingness throughout the entire process," confirmed Samuel Kobia, chairman NCIC.

During their separate meeting, Turkana leaders raised a number of pressing concerns, among them the proliferation of small arms and light weapons, frequent ethnic and political incitement and the spread of inflammatory messages through social media.

NCIC assured the Turkana delegation it would continue engaging all stakeholders to address the root causes of the conflict. **[Juliet Omelo]**

LABOUR

Atwoli calls for renewed commitment to social justice and decent life for all

Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) Secretary General Francis Atwoli has urged global labour movements to rethink new strategies aimed at renewing commitment to social justice, democracy and decent life for all.

He said labour movements should act swiftly, adapt their structures and share new visions and commitments to ensure that modernisation and technological progress drive inclusive development while ensuring African workers are not left behind in this global transformation.

Speaking during a joint ILC/OATUU Strategic meeting in Turkey, Atwoli who doubles up as OATUU president said solidarity, cooperation and shared

learning among trade unions are vital to achieving the agenda.

He said such a joint meeting provides an invaluable platform to share experiences, strengthen partnerships and forge collective responses to emerging challenges. Under the theme of "The Labour Movement in the Face of the New Challenges of Work and World Transformation", he said it resonates with all trade movements.

"We live in a time of rapid changes: the rise of digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence and automation; the climate crisis and the green transition; economic inequalities; geopolitical tensions; and shifting employment patterns," he said. **[Patrick Vidija]**

Body of Kenyan still missing as Tanzania clergy seek reforms

► Family of Kenyan teacher John Okoth Ogutu remains frustrated, seeking answers and repatriation of his body.

► The clerics are calling for justice and reforms, echoing their Kenyan counterparts' role in the 1990s democracy fight.

BIKETI KIKECHI, NAIROBI

The family of 33-year-old Kenyan teacher John Okoth Ogutu is seeking answers after his unexplained death in Tanzania.

Ogutu, who had been living and working in the country, remains missing, and the whereabouts of his body are unknown. Despite assurances from Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo that the government is investigating, the family has made repeated, fruitless trips to the Tanzanian High Commission in Nairobi, also seeking support to repatriate his body.

In response to the growing public concern, fearless church leaders in Tanzania have taken the frontline in calling for justice and reforms, echoing the activism of their Kenyan counterparts during the struggle for multi-party democracy in the early 1990s.

Senior clergy from both the Catholic and Protestant churches are urging President Samia Suluhu Hassan to stop abductions and killings of protesters and to address the ongoing crackdown on alleged organizers of violence that erupted during the October 29, 2025, General Elections.

The chairman of the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference and Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, Yuda Thaddeus Ruwaichi, said the senseless killings have tainted Tanzania's image. "We condemned the recent killing of protesters. There can be no peace without justice," said Ruwaichi, as the government appeared to soften its stance by calling for dialogue.

On November 10, 2025, top opposition figures, including Chadema Party's deputy leader John Heche, who was arrested before the elections on accusations of planning protests, were released on bond.

Meanwhile, the treason case against main opposition leader Tundu Lissu was postponed after the prosecution said witnesses were not immediately available.

In its latest legal brief, the International Bar Association (IBA) reported that foreigners, activists and journalists have been caught in a widening dragnet mounted by security forces across the country.

The IBA warned that what began as an operation against 'suspicious foreigners' is evolving into a full-blown assault on dissent, fuelled by fear, surveillance and the president's defiant rhetoric. "A terse late-evening directive from Tanzanian police headquarters sent panic

through the hospitality industry, mandating that all premises accommodating foreigners be immediately registered. Those lodging unregistered individuals face arrest," said the IBA.

Following these threats, clerics in Tanzania have raised their voices in churches and public spaces. They are urging the government to promote reconciliation with the opposition and pacify the deeply divided country.

The Catholic Church has condemned the killing of hundreds of protesters on election day, before the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) declared Samia had won with a 98 per cent margin.

During a funeral service on Monday at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Dar es Salaam, Archbishop Ruwaichi called for urgent national healing and cautioned security forces against using excessive force: "The punishment for protests is not to shoot and kill."

Chadema, Tanzania's leading opposition party, claims at least 2,000 people died in the protests, with hundreds more arrested and charged with treason. Independent sources also cite alarming casualty numbers.

The Tanzanian clergy appear to be following the example of Kenyan counterparts during the so-called "Second Liberation," when senior clerics, including the late former head of the Anglican Church (ACK) Manasses Kuria, David Gitari, Bishop Alexander Muge, Henry Okullu, Ndingi Mwana a'Nzeki and Timothy Njoya, led from the front.

Their persistent criticism put Kanu politicians on the defensive, who disparaged the Church as serving foreign interests. Bishop Alexander Muge later died under mysterious circumstances in a road accident in August 1990 after defying warnings not to visit Busia.

In December 1991, local and international pressure forced the Kanu government to allow multi-party politics.

In Tanzania, police say 10 suspects are wanted to face treason charges, including Bishop Josephat Gwajima, whose church was deregistered earlier this year after he criticised government rights abuses.

More than 240 people arrested during protests in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, and Njombe face treason charges, which carry the death penalty, though no executions have occurred since 1995.

Most protestors are aged 16-37 and are accused of attempting to obstruct the election by intimidating the executive branch, creating chaos, and causing serious damage to government property. Among them is 26-year-old businesswoman and social media influencer Jennifer Bilikwija Jovin who faces a charge of conspiracy to commit treason.

Observers noted that the elections were marred by irregularities, including outright rigging. Former Botswana President Ian Khama has stated he does not recognise Samia Suluhu Hassan as legitimate president.



ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

NOTICE ON SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION OF INCOME, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES UNDER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT, 2025

It is hereby notified for general information that, pursuant to the Conflict of Interest Act, 2025 ("the Act") which came into operation on 19th August 2025, the two-year declaration of income, assets and liabilities for the year 2025 will be filed between **1st November, 2025** and **31st December, 2025**. All State and public officers are required to file their declarations to their respective Prescribed Responsible Commissions. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission ("EACC") is mandated to administer and oversee implementation of requirements under the Act. Development of the Regulations and Administrative Procedures which are expected to provide more clarity on the implementation of requirements under the Act is underway. Meanwhile, the EACC issues the following guidelines on the two-year declarations for the year 2025.

Prescribed Responsible Commissions

The prescribed Responsible Commissions for respective State and Public officers are specified in section 32 of the Act. For those offices in respect of which no responsible commission is specified, the responsible commission remains the one prescribed by Regulations or Gazette Notice under the Public Officer Ethics Act (*now repealed*). This is by dint of section 52(1) of the Act which provides that a statutory instrument made under the repealed Act shall remain in force, so far as it is not inconsistent with, and until it is revoked by a statutory instrument made under the Conflict of Interest Act.

Contents and Scope of a Declaration

State and public officers are required to fill and submit a declaration of income, assets and liabilities of themselves, their spouse/s and dependent children below the age of 18 years. In addition, the Act also requires declaration of information on any material change in, or changes affecting any of the categories of income, assets and liabilities. For clarity, "**material change**" is defined in section 31(4) of the Act, which declarants must familiarize themselves with prior to filling and submitting their declarations.

Filing and submission of the declarations is a personal responsibility of the State or public officer, who also takes personal responsibility for the completeness, accuracy and truthfulness of the information.

Role of Responsible Commissions

The Responsible Commissions are required to undertake the following general responsibilities with respect to the declarations received from state and public officers for which they are prescribed-

1. Analyze the declaration to ascertain its completeness and correctness, ascertain whether it raises possible issues of conflict of interest and whether on the face of the declaration, it contains any discrepancy or inconsistency;
2. Within six months from 1st January 2026, seek any clarifications from the declarant on any information that may have been omitted, or to explain any discrepancies or inconsistencies in the declaration;
3. Process requests for access to a declaration by any person or law enforcement agency;
4. Maintain safe custody and storage of the declarations, and retain declaration information collected under the Act for at least five years after the declarant ceases to be a public officer;
5. Take such appropriate disciplinary action against a state or public officer who fails to comply with any of the requirements for declaration of income, assets and liabilities;
6. Refer to EACC for forfeiture, any undeclared or unexplained assets; and
7. Submit compliance reports to the EACC by 31st July 2026 in the prescribed template.

For any further information or advice that the Responsible Commissions, state officers, public officers or any other person may require concerning declaration of income, assets or liabilities, written requests may be directed to the **Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, P.O. Box 61130-00200, Nairobi**; or via email dials@integrity.go.ke.

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Yuda Thaddeus Ruwaichi, Chairman of the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference

Alarm as police officers drop guard for robbery

► Police officers, once sworn to uphold law and order, are now implicated in abductions and theft.

► Victims report abductions and use of mobile phones to orchestrate crimes, raising public concern.

PKEMOI NG'ENOI, NAIROBI

During their graduation after undergoing rigorous training, police officers take an oath promising to commit to defend the law and perform their duties without bias.

This includes a pledge to preserve peace, prevent offences, and adhere to the laws of the national police service, as well as allegiance to the Constitution and the Head of State.

These words are now being questioned as to whether they still hold any importance, as cases of police officers engaging in robbery activities continue to emerge.

The latest case involves two police officers who were arrested on November 11, 2025 in connection with attempted stealing. They are Inspector Simon Nyachea of Central Police Station and Police Constable Martin Mwai attached to the Parliament VIP protection unit.

Also arrested was civilian Stephen Onyano, with all three said to have been on the radar until they were ap-

prehended in Mai-Mahiu by the anti-banking fraud unit.

This comes barely a month after four police officers were arrested in Kiambu for abducting a businesswoman and robbing her of Sh260,000. The suspects were Police Constable Philemon Kia Rai of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations Kiambu, Constable Klevin Ngaira of DCI Kiambu, and Lawrence Koech of Railways in Nairobi. One of the officers was said to have gone at large at the time of the arrest of the three officers, moved to court, and obtained anticipatory bail to prevent his arrest.

The officers, according to the police report, committed the offence on August 24, 2025 at Kirigiti Trading Centre. It was alleged that the businesswoman, identified as Beatrice Njoke, had arrived at her house in the Riambai area when she was abducted by four people who posed as visitors. They then allegedly took her mobile phone, escorted her outside her

home, forced her into a waiting motor vehicle, and drove along the Kiambu-Ruiru road.

"Upon arrival at Kamiti Corner, they drove towards Kahawa West. They later stopped at Kiambu and Kahawa West areas. They took her out of the vehicle and forced her to withdraw a total of Sh260,000 from her M-Pesa account at different M-Pesa agents," the police statement read, adding, "After the ordeal, it is stated that they requested a taxi for her using her mobile number to be dropped at the Ndumburi area where she reported the matter."

The matter was taken over by IPOA for further investigations. Security expert George Musamali describes the rise in cases involving police officers as a societal issue, adding that unlike before, people who join the service today are seeking jobs, not serving passionately.

"This is about management of police service and the human element. Nowadays there is not enough scrutiny of those joining the service, thus those who make it through come with dubious characters whose background was not properly checked," he said.

At the same time, police officers have human weaknesses, and like in any other sector, it has crooks, but in their case, they misuse the tools that are supposed to be used to guard citizens. He noted that leaders are also engaging in crimes, but no one talks about them—only when something happens does a blame game begin.



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Police statement

MUSICALLY SPEAKING



Moi Educational Centre students play instruments during the second edition of the Moi Cup tournament at Ulinzi Sports Complex, Nairobi, yesterday. The annual tournament, hosted by Moi Educational Centre, brings together 215 teams of students aged seven to 17. It commemorates former President Daniel Moi's significant contribution to the education sector and aims to nurture young students by using sports to develop essential life skills, provide exposure, and foster teamwork and community spirit. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

INFRASTRUCTURE

Nairobi-Kiambu road dualling approved

The Cabinet has approved dualling the 23.5-kilometre Muthaiga-Kiambu-Ndumburi road to ease congestion and improve mobility between Nairobi and Kiambu counties.

The project will expand the existing two-lane highway into a dual carriageway with bypasses, loops, access roads, non-motorised lanes, and commuter facilities. "The corridor, serving Muthaiga, Runda, Ridgeways, and Kiambu Town, currently experiences chronic traffic congestion, particularly during peak hours," a Cabinet statement said.

Dualling forms part of broader efforts to modernise Nairobi's metro-

politan transport network under Kenya Vision 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

President William Ruto has also overseen upgrades on the Rironi-Nakuru-Mau Summit corridor, increasing lanes to reduce congestion. Funded under a public-private partnership by China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) and the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), tolls are set at Sh8 per kilometre, with alternative routes mapped for non-tolled use.

Ruto stressed Kenya must expand its dual carriageway network to boost connectivity and transform marginalised areas. [Irene Githinji]



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CULTURE

Kenya-China cultural ties get boost through animated film

Kenya-China relations have received a fresh boost through cultural exchange during this year's Kenya-China Animated Film Festival.

The event was jointly hosted by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Kenya, the Kenya Film Commission, and the China Film Archive and sponsored by China UnionPay yesterday.

Wei Yang of the China Film Archive said the festival seeks to promote the spirit of togetherness, a value central to African philosophy. "Although geographically separated, China and Kenya share profound cultural resonance. Ubuntu, the African philosophy of 'I am because you are,' emphasises collective coexistence, harmony, and societal connection," she said.

She said the festival aligns with traditional Chinese con-

cepts of benevolence and harmony within diversity.

Hosted at the Confucius Institute of The University of Nairobi, the festival featured films such as *Chang An*, portraying the Tang Dynasty's rise and fall, and *New Gods: Yang Jian*, a reinterpretation of Chinese myth integrating oriental fantasy and modern visual effects. Another item *White Snake* and *White Snake 2: Green Snake* explored female growth and self-discovery, while *I Am What I Am 2* fused martial arts with modern performance.

The exhibition area, themed *New Chinese Chic*, blended Chinese landscapes with Kenyan geometric motifs, visually linking the two cultures. Yang said the festival allows Kenyan audiences to explore Chinese culture and strengthens ties spanning more than half a century. [Okumu Modachi]

Kenya sells urban climate change programmes despite drawbacks

▶ Kindiki flaunts urban housing and Nairobi River projects at COP30.

▶ Two projects struggling amid low funding and poor coordination.

MACTILDA MBENYWE, BRAZIL

Kenya is positioning itself as a global leader in climate adaptation for the urban poor.

At COP30, the Kenyan delegation outlined a vision centered on two flagship programmes.

Speaking at the summit in Belém, Brazil, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki described the social housing programme for the urban poor and the Nairobi River Regeneration Programme as “the two most consequential measures ever taken in the global south to create climate resilience for the urban poor using domestically generated resources”.

The two projects are at the centre of the government’s climate agenda. The river programme aims to restore the heavily polluted basin. It links environmental clean-up to urban planning, housing, and health outcomes.

The housing plan targets low-income families in informal settlements. It combines climate-smart housing materials with renewable energy integration and improved sanitation.

UN agencies, including UN-Habitat and the UN Climate Action Team, described the initiatives as rare examples of domestic investment driving climate adaptation.

But the gap between ambition and implementation remains wide.

A walk along the Nairobi River still tells a story of pollution; informal dumpsites, and congested settlements. Many projects remain in early or pilot stages. Urban planning experts cite weak coordination and limited financing as the main



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki and other world leaders at the 30th session of the Conference of Parties (COP30) in Belém, Brazil. [DPPS]

obstacles.

At the sidelines of the conference, Kindiki met UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, African Union Chairperson Mahmoud Youssouf, and WTO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. He appealed for stronger UN coordination in supporting adaptation finance, technology transfer, and capacity building.

He also pushed for a United Nations General Assembly resolution on climate resilience for the urban poor. Kenya wants the Building Climate Resilience with the Urban Poor (BCRUP) initiative co-led with Brazil

Urban rejuvenation

60%

POPULATION

ESTIMATED percentage of the Nairobi City population that lives in informal settlements.

to be anchored in global policy.

The proposal aligns Kenya with Brazil’s push for south-south cooperation in adaptation. It also positions Nairobi as a co-leader of a major global programme at the intersection of climate policy and urban development.

Kenya’s broader climate record gives the delegation leverage. The country generates 93 per cent of its electricity from renewable sources, mainly geothermal, wind, and hydro.

Access to power has reached 75 per cent, connecting about 10.6 million households. Government data show the target of universal access by 2030 is within reach.

The transition is part of a larger \$600 billion investment plan to achieve a fully green energy mix by the end of the decade. The government says the phase-out of biomass cooking is on course by 2028.

At the Leaders’ Roundtable chaired by Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Kindiki joined calls for a “clear global timeline on fossil fuel phase-out and a robust plan for investment in renewables and green minerals”.

Behind these achievements lie gaps that Kenya’s negotiators must confront. Climate finance remains uncertain. Kenya’s updated Nationally Determined Contribution commits to a 35 per cent emissions reduction by 2035. Yet over 80 per cent of that target depends on external funding.

Adaptation funding is far lower than what Kenya requires. The Africa Group of Negotiators estimates the continent needs at least \$100 billion a year for adaptation alone. Only a fraction is flowing.

Locally, implementation is uneven. County governments face weak planning capacity and delayed disbursement of climate funds. Informal settlements, home to nearly 60 per cent of Nairobi’s population, still lack the infrastructure that would make urban resilience real.

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FAIR PLAY

Safaricom wins Sh1b M-Pesa app dispute with software firm

Safaricom has won a Sh1 billion case against a software development company.

High Court judge, Peter Mulwa, said Popote Innovations Ltd could not prove that it had an agreement with the telco company for sharing revenue generated from M-Pesa apps.

Justice Mulwa set aside Sh944.5 million which had been awarded to Popote by the arbitrator, Paul Ngothi, saying that the arbitration was based on an unsigned agreement.

He noted that Popote’s claim that the apps launched by Safaricom were similar to the one they had allegedly jointly conceptualised was not backed by expert witness or facts.

Justice Mulwa agreed with Safaricom’s lawyer Fred Ngatia that the case was based on speculation.

“The tribunal’s conclusion that the applicant’s subsequent mobile applications, M-Pesa Super App and M-Pesa Business App, were ‘similar’ to the envisaged Popote Pay project was unsupported by expert or factual evidence. It was a speculative assumption forming the basis of a hypothetical damages computation, which fails the reasonableness test under public policy principles.”

He said the arbitrator had no powers to entertain the case as there was no contract in place and contained speculative damages.

Partnership agreement

Safaricom moved to the High Court after the arbitrator found that it ought to have shared revenue with Popote based on the partnership agreement proposal.

The company argued that the agreement was never sealed, and that Popote was paid for the developmental cost in 2020.

He argued that the payment was clear that there would be no further relationship or obligation between the parties.

The company told the court that Popote sought Sh46.7 million, claiming that the amount would cover 15 months revenue share.

Safaricom Senior Legal Manager Daniel Ndaba told the court that it was unfair to award Popote, and that there was no evidence to show Popote was involved in the apps development.

“The arbitrator disregarded the fact that the applications contemplated in the proposed partnership agreement were never launched. It is from the launch that revenue would be received and be shared in the manner envisaged in the proposed partnership agreement.”

In its response, Popote argue that Ngothi was right to find that the apps launched bore similar features to the one they had contemplated. It asserted that once Safaricom launched the apps, it was liable even without the agreement being in force.

[Kamau Murthoni]

ACCOUNTABILITY

Senate team demands completion of projects

The Senate Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations has raised concerns over stalled projects in Bomet County.

Vice Chairperson Catherine Mumma decried the loss of public funds and urged Governor Hilary Barchok to speed up their completion to ensure Kenyans get value for their money.

The committee emphasised the importance of governors completing projects initiated by previous administrations, as governments



Catherine Mumma, Senate Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations vice chairperson.

operate continuously.

“It is unacceptable for millions of shillings to be spent on development projects only for them to stall. We are here to ensure that public funds are utilised properly and that the people of Bomet get value for their money,” said Mumma when the team toured the county.

Among the projects is Chebunyo Milk Processing Plant, which was initiated in 2018/2019 but remains incomplete due to a pending bill of

Sh5,520,000 for equipment.

The sh18 million Aonet Water Project, started in 2010, stalled due to delays in the delivery of a transformer to pump the water.

Governor Barchok assured the committee that he would ensure the projects are completed before the end of his term.

The committee’s visit was part of its oversight mandate in a bid to hold the county governments accountable.

[Kiprono Kurgat]

Kenyans forced to abandon cancer treatment amid SHA cover failures

► Lobby says many patients exhaust SHA cover quickly, facing financial challenges.

► Delays, system failures and opaque approvals threaten timely treatment continuity.

IRENE GITHINJI AND JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

Concerns are rising over cancer financing in the country with reports showing that about 13.5 per cent of Kenyans are forced to abandon treatment completely because they cannot afford the medication.

A recent survey by the Kenya Network of Cancer Organization (Kenco) found that 60 per cent of cancer patients exhausted their Social Health Authority (SHA) cover before the end of the year. Of these, 35.8 per cent used up their benefits in less than three months, while another 34.3 per cent depleted their cover within three to six months.

Kenco Executive Director Phoebe Ongadi told the National Assembly Committee on Health yesterday that among patients whose cover ran out, 38.5 per cent were able to pay out of pocket, 27.9 per cent could pay only partially, 20.2 per cent could not afford treatment at all and 13.5 per cent were forced to abandon treatment completely.

She told the committee that at least 44,000 new cancer cases are diagnosed every year, with another 29,000 deaths reported annually, figures that are expected to rise.

Ongadi said these numbers are based on the latest Globocon 2022 report, suggesting that actual figures could be higher and underscoring the need for strong local monitoring to save lives.

She also noted that 70 per cent of cases are diagnosed late, with breast, cervical, prostate and esophageal cancers being the most common in the country.

"Locally, we need to strengthen the national cancer registry to improve data collection. I believe Globocon's figures may be lower than what we see on the ground. With accurate local data, we can develop better strategies to tackle cancer effectively," she said.

She noted that under SHA, patients are expected to pay annually, but with the high cost of treatment, their cover often depletes quickly. She called for adjusting the annual limit and reintroducing monthly premium payment options for vulnerable households, rather than relying on the loan model through the Hustler Fund.

"Patients are expected to pay annually and with the high cost of treat-



Kenya Network of Cancer Organisations Executive Director Phoebe Ongadi (right) with her deputy Priscilla Githue before the National Assembly's Health Committee at Bunge Towers in Nairobi, yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Financial barriers to cancer treatment

13.5%

■ of Kenyans abandon treatment completely because they cannot afford medication.

20.2%

■ cannot pay for treatment at all, and 27.9% can only pay partially.

60%

■ of cancer patients exhaust their Social Health Authority cover before year-end.

35.8%

■ Exhaust it in less than 3 months; 34.3% in 3-6 months.

44,000

■ New cancer cases diagnosed annually in Kenya.

29,000

■ Deaths reported yearly.

70%

■ of cases diagnosed late.



ment, many cannot manage this one off payment. We are not refusing to pay but annual payment is too much for many patients. We need a more flexible system," she said.

Opaque approvals

Kenco also raised concern over the emotional and financial distress caused by the new SHA system, noting that delays, opaque approvals and rigid payment terms are worsening patient's suffering and threatening continuity of treatment.

The organisation painted a grim picture of what they described as a broken system, leaving thousands of cancer patients stranded despite being fully paid-up members of new health scheme. For instance, Kenco cited a patient's case whose comprehensive treatment exceeded Sh3.8 million, highlighting that the current SHA cancer cover of Sh550,000 is far from sufficient to ensure equitable access to care.

Currently, oncology patients are covered up to Sh550,000 per household per year. Under the previous scheme, the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), patients were entitled to an annual cover of Sh600,000 per individual, with the added flexibility of using their spouse's cover once their own benefits were exhausted.

Denied treatment

"These findings confirm that the current oncology cover is grossly inadequate for the financial realities of cancer treatment. SHA has failed to protect households from catastrophic health expenditures. Reducing the oncology package is not merely a technical policy change, it is a life or death decision for thousands of Kenyans. While SHA was meant to expand access, this reduction has effectively reversed gains made under NHIF," Kenco said.

The organisation urged the Ministry of Health and SHA to increase the oncology benefit to at least Sh1.2 million per individual per year to ensure the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund (ECCIF) are clearly accessible and not merely theoretical, with gradual increases over time.

Kenco expressed concern over bureaucratic delays, system failures and unresponsiveness, noting that cancer treatment is time-sensitive and even short delays can lead to disease progression, worse prognosis or treatment failure. The organization said SHA's current administrative systems have created bottlenecks that prevent timely access to care.

"Findings from Kenco's 2025 survey show that 65.3 per cent of patients experienced delays in SHA approvals, with nearly one in five (19 per cent) facing delays exceeding one week.

Over half (55.9 per cent) reported being denied treatment due to system indications of depleted or expired accounts, even when pre-

miums were valid," Kenco told the committee. While 69.5 per cent of respondents had contacted SHA customer care, nearly 48 per cent said they did not receive the support they needed and another 36 per cent received only partial assistance.

Some 60.2 per cent had been denied treatment at least once due to SHA system failures, with many experiencing such incidents multiple times.

The organisation also highlighted that the cost of chemotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery and follow-up medication has made cancer both a medical and financial nightmare.

Kenco cited a case of a patient diagnosed with triple-positive breast cancer who ended up paying over Sh3.8 million for treatment at a public health facility.

In another documented case, a caregiver told Kenco that her sister, battling stage 4 breast cancer that had metastasized to the liver, lungs, and brain, had completed six chemotherapy sessions and 10 radiotherapy sessions and was due for another 12 cycles of chemotherapy.

"We were told she had exhausted her SHA cover. A single session costs Sh90,000. We simply do not have that kind of money. She skipped her sessions. What do we do? Cancer will not wait until SHA's financial year, which we were told starts in October," the caregiver told Kenco.

Another breast cancer patient said she registered with SHA in May last year and paid the full annual premium of Sh12,630. In July, she paid an additional Sh12,630 to cover her until 2027 but at the moment, her cover has been exhausted.

They want SHA to ensure patients' benefits and balances reflect automatically on the Afya Yangu App and the SHA portal and hold accredited facilities accountable for delays and denials resulting from internal misalignment with SHA systems.

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DISPUTE

Police, IPOA clash over proposal to cap IG's age at 60 years

The National Police Service (NPS) and the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) have clashed over a proposal to cap the age of the Inspector General (IG) and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) at 60 years.

Appearing before the National Assembly Committee on Administration and Internal Security, the two institutions differed on the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which seeks to bar anyone aged 60 or above from being appointed as IG. The Bill also proposes term limits for Deputy Inspectors-General.

Inspector General Douglas Kanja opposed the amendment arguing that leadership should be based on competence, integrity and experience rather than age.

He said the Service continues to benefit from seasoned leaders whose wisdom and foresight are crucial in addressing modern security challenges.

"Imposing a strict age cap may exclude qualified and visionary officers from national security leadership merely because of chronological age," said Kanja, urging Parliament to retain the current provisions.

However, IPOA supported the proposal, noting it aligns with regional and national laws on retirement.

The Authority said the Public Service Act sets the retirement age at 60 years, while officers with disabilities retire at 65.

"In Tanzania, officers up to the rank of Inspector General retire at 60, while in Uganda they retire at 55. In Rwanda, the Commissioner of Police, equivalent to the IG, retires at 60," IPOA stated, adding that the proposal promotes consistency across the region.

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) also backed the amendment, saying it would enhance merit-based and transparent appointments.

LSK President Faith Odhiambo proposed that IGs or DIGs who complete their terms before 60 be redeployed in strategic or advisory roles to preserve institutional memory.

The National Association of Retired Police Officers-Kenya (NAPROK) also supported the age cap, saying appointments should occur before 60, with office holders serving their full four-year term.

The Bill, sponsored by Teso North MP Oku Kaunya, now heads to the committee stage before being tabled for the third reading.

[Josphat Thiong'o and Irene Githinji]



Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



PARLIAMENT

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

**SPECIAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT
(ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT)**

WHEREAS, Article 132 (1) (b) of the Constitution requires the President to address a Special Sitting of Parliament once every year;

AND WHEREAS, following a notification by His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, the Speaker of the National Assembly, and the Speaker of the Senate have convened a special sitting of the Houses of Parliament to be held on **Thursday, 20th November, 2025 commencing at 2.30 p.m.** for purposes of the President's address;

FURTHER WHEREAS, Standing Order 22(2) of the National Assembly Standing Orders and Standing Order 25(2) of the Senate Standing Orders require the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament to, respectively, notify Members of Parliament of the place, date, and time of a special sitting of the Houses of Parliament convened under Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, Members of Parliament and the general public are hereby notified that a **Special Sitting of Parliament shall be held in the National Assembly Chamber, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi, on Thursday, 20th November, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.**

Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP
Speaker of the National Assembly

Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, EGH, MP
Speaker of the Senate

11th November 2025


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NOTICE TO THE NOMINEE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 58A of the County Governments Act, Cap. 265, Section 5 to 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, Cap. 265B and Standing Order 60 of the County Assembly of Nyeri, the Assembly has received from H.E. the Governor of Nyeri County the name of the Nominee for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) Selection Panel for approval by the County Assembly. The following Nominee is hereby invited for vetting by the **Assembly Committee on Appointments on Wednesday, 19th day of November, 2025** at the County Assembly in Ruring'u as per the schedule here below:-

Name	Nominee Position	Time	Venue	Vetting Committee
Mr. Ibrahim Ndegwa Maina	Member, CPSB Selection Panel	11:00 – 11:30 Am	Lobby Room	Appointments

The Nominee is required to collect the relevant Questionnaire from the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly during official working hours. Alternatively, the Questionnaire may be obtained from the County Assembly of Nyeri website <https://www.nyeriassembly.go.ke/advert/>. The Questionnaire should then be returned (**in triplicate**), together with true copies of the Nominee's identity card or passport, academic and professional certificates and other testimonials including but not limited to the thesis, journals and publications by **Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Nominee should also enclose true copies of current clearance certificates from the following Institutions:- The Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission; the Kenya Revenue Authority; the Higher Education Loans Board; the Criminal Investigation Department; the Credit Reference Bureau and Commission for Higher Education [applicable to those with foreign degrees only].

The originals of the aforementioned documents **must** be availed to the Committee at the approval hearing.

Members of the public are invited to attend the approval hearing sessions. Any member of the public with information having a bearing to the appointment of any of the Nominees mentioned here above is hereby invited to submit in writing the said information or comment by written statement on oath and accompanied by evidence to the Clerk of the Assembly on or before **Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

CLERK,
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYERI

**KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED
INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
ON 27 MAY 2025 UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT
CHAPTER 486, LAWS OF KENYA (COMPANY
REGISTRATION NUMBER PVT-PQ158DVM)**
**THE CAPITAL MARKETS ACT (CHAPTER 485A,
LAWS OF KENYA)**
**THE CAPITAL MARKETS (TAKE-OVERS &
MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2002**
NOTICE
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM A MANDATORY
TAKEOVER OFFER FOR THE PROPOSED
ACQUISITION OF SHARES IN EAST AFRICAN
PORTLAND CEMENT PLC (EAPC)**

We refer to the notice of intention published on 1 August 2025 (the **Notice of Intention**) by Kalahari Cement Limited (**Kalahari**) in relation to Kalahari's intention to acquire: 1) 13,144,442 ordinary shares in EAPC from Associated International Cement Limited, and 2) 13,180,442 ordinary shares in EAPC from Cementia Holding AG (the **Proposed Acquisition**).

The Notice of Intention indicated that Kalahari would apply to the Capital Markets Authority (the **Authority**) for an exemption from the requirement to make a mandatory take-over offer to all shareholders in EAPC as part of the Proposed Acquisition (the **Exemption Application**). Consequently, pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Capital Markets (Takeovers and Mergers) Regulations, 2002 (the **Takeover Regulations**), Kalahari submitted the Exemption Application to the Authority on 1 August 2025.

On 5 August 2025, the Authority approved the Exemption Application pursuant to Regulation 5(1) of the Takeover Regulations. The Authority further approved the Proposed Acquisition as a private transaction under the Capital Markets Act, CAP 485 and the Capital Markets (Public Offers, Listings and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023.

Kalahari's investment is designed to build long-term value for EAPC, through strengthening EAPC's infrastructure and providing access to additional resources. The Proposed Acquisition is strategically positioned to ensure continuity by facilitating the entry of a committed and experienced strategic investor. This move is set to drive growth and strengthen the cement industry's infrastructure, through enhancing production capabilities and creating new opportunities for innovation and market expansion.

Dated 12 November 2025

By Order of the Board of Directors

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For and on behalf of KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED



"I don't regret those comments (on shooting protesters in the legs) at all because the law allows the police to use force when other people's lives are in danger."

William Ruto, President



EDITORIAL

Don't let doping to ruin our reputation further

It is not in doubt that the doping menace continues to pose a serious threat to Kenyan athletics. The world and course records set by Kenyan elite athletes are under scrutiny and clouded by doubts.

If a Kenyan athlete shatters a world record today, the question of whether the star that made history ran clean or not pops up. Just recently, marathon great Ruth Chepngetich was slapped with a three-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit, a year after she became the first woman in the world to run under two hours ten minutes in 42km.

Although Chepngetich's 2:09:56 world record set in Chicago last October was not disqualified, her performances are cast in doubt by the doping allegations.

Chepngetich is not alone. A week before she was banned, Diana Chepkorir was slapped with a four-year doping ban. Two weeks ago, Esther Gitahi was also banned for four years.

Earlier last month, Kenya survived grave sanctions after the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) gave it four months to be fully compliant with the rules governing clean sport.

Wada Executive Committee meeting on September 11 endorsed a recommendation of the global body's Compliance Review Committee that alleged that Adak was non-compliant with the rules. The non-compliance was a result of Adak's failure to address several critical requirements following an audit carried out by Wada in May last year.

The move by Wada exposed the gaps in the war against cheating in sport, a vice that is ruining Kenya's reputation as the cathedral of distance running. If there is a time that Kenya must decisively fight cartels in the doping underworld, it is now.

Last month, an Indian teenager Aman Malik, who was found guilty of aiding doping in Iten, was sentenced to three years in prison. Although that proved that Kenya's investigative systems work, questions were raised over the punishment. Kenyans questioned whether our laws were tough enough to deter doping.

It is time to wage a serious war against doping before Kenya loses athletics, its most successful sport.

Punish rogue officers

The revelation by Interior Cabinet Secretary (CS) Kipchumba Murkomen that police officers often incite Kenyans to take the law into their own hands is extremely shocking. According to Mr Murkomen, some police officers usually incite members of the public to lynch suspects after they are released by the courts.

It is reprehensible that the same people who are supposed to enforce law and order are the same ones inciting lawlessness and extrajudicial killing of suspects. We believe the CS has information about the officers who have committed this heinous crime and we would like to know what action has been taken against them. Failing to punish such rogues encourages them and others to continue breaking the law.

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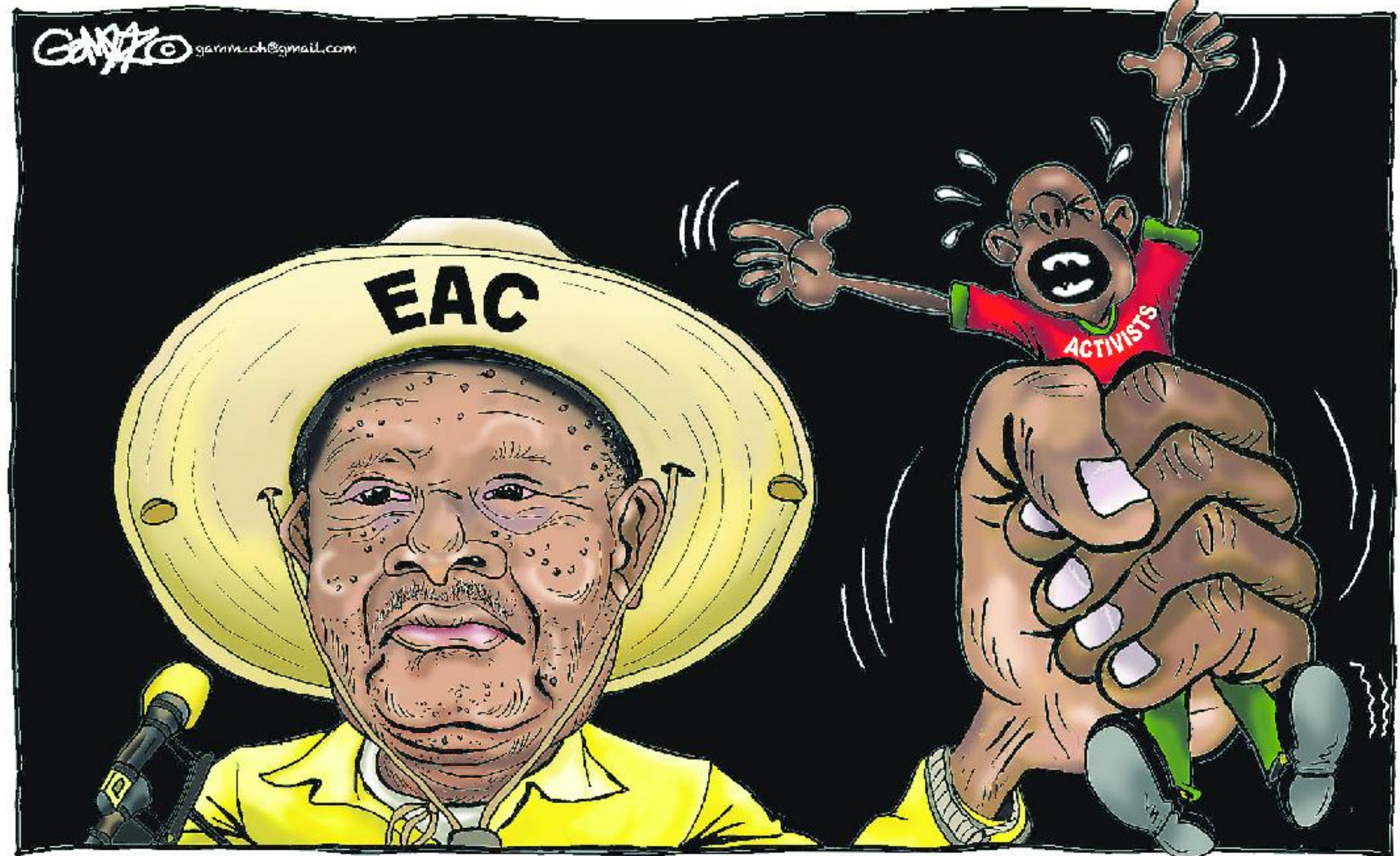
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MY TWO CENTS

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Someone please bring back shame and moral sensitivity



FAITH WEKESA

Last week, I found myself in downtown Nairobi seeking some services. On the sidewalks were women selling all kind of groceries. Wanting to support a fellow woman, I decided to buy some shelled fresh beans from one of them. I requested for the very fresh ones on her tray. Cheerfully, she obliged, perhaps a little too quickly.

Having read about how some highway traders cheat on their customers, I watched closely. After packing the beans, I noticed she left the tin turned upside down. Curious, I reached down and turned it upright. The tin was halfway stuffed.

To say I was appalled doesn't quite capture it. I turned to leave as fast as I could but her parting words stopped me right in my tracks. "God bless you Madam, na urudi tena!" When I thought the cheating had stunned me, her audacity left me speechless. Where was her shame?

There is a kind of boldness that is embarrassing. A brashness that reveals not just a

lack of conscience but a complete detachment from moral sensitivity. We need to bring back shame and the moral sensitivity to recognise when we are about to cross a line.

Shame, as I understand, is not a weakness but a confirmation that inside one, exists the very essence of their humanness. It is the mirror that keeps us in check and remind us of our shared responsibility to one another.

Consider the man who approached Mama Ida Odinga in her mourning period, not to condole but for a photo opportunity. Shamelessly, he could not even be discreet as he asked his photographer to confirm whether the shot had been taken. That a man saw her grief as a chance for 'fame' says so much about how low our moral bar has sunk.

Then there are those who will stop at nothing to get likes and views. Take the social media commentator who recently went to disturbing lengths, posting photos of underage children just to drive a false narrative about a new couple in town. In her quest to go viral, she violated the privacy and dignity of young children who had nothing to do with the adults' drama. What kind of society cheers on such people?

And then there is this concept I am yet to understand. Why must people pay to use public washrooms? A friend recounted an awkward situation when visiting relatives were denied use of public washroom in the CBD. For Sh10, their dignity was reduced to a transaction. We have zero shame, we have normalised cruelty even in the most basic of services. We want to make profit of people

being biologically sound. One wonders where taxes go if they cannot maintain such essential amenities.

Every day ordinary interactions reflect this slow erosion of decency. This lack of shame, sadly is not just missing in our social space, it has seeped into our churches, our schools and public offices. Church leaders feel nothing defrauding peasant flocks even as political leaders shun accountability for popularity.

We cheer for 'our thief' and ridicule those who try to do the right thing. And what do we make of those who celebrate when others suffer simply because they do not share the same ideologies? How do you explain countless candidates being found cheating in exams supervised by adults?

Yet there are moments of hope. The other day, I sat next to a gentleman in a self-service cafeteria who was out with his son. Having finished his meal first, the father walked to the bin, disposed his trash, washed his hands, and returned to his seat.

When the little man was done, he followed suit without being told. Watching that small act of discipline was heartwarming seeing the many tables littered with disposables. That is a child being raised with manners and yes, a sense of shame.

We could do with a lot more of that in our homes and in the larger society. Men and women who are alive to that inner voice that says "I can do better."

Someone, please, bring back some shame.
-Ms Wekesa is a development communication consultant

PALAUVER

Pamilla Mbotella [karisedwin60@gmail.com] the government to take immediate action to improve the power sector. "Many citizens are suffering from frequent blackouts that last for hours or even the whole day, sometimes twice or thrice a week. These constant outages are affecting businesses, students, and families who rely on electricity for daily activities. It's unfair for people to continue paying high electricity bills while enduring poor service."



It seems like the government is introducing policies that create difficulties, only to offer relief and position itself as the saviour, according to Edwin Kariuki [karisedwin60@gmail.com]. "The ID replacement fee controversy is a case in point where criticism led to the fee being waived until after the 2027 elections, allegedly to boost voter registration. This pattern raises red flags about the government's motives, suggesting it's more interested in power and control than serving the people. Is the education fees crisis another case of the government creating hurdles and then offering a way out, positioning itself as the saviour? Kenyans are watching closely, and their verdict will be clear."

In many of his speeches, notes Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com], President William Ruto has been indicating that the Social Health Authority (SHA) will sort out all medical problems of ordinary wananchi. "But we keep on hearing that the Kenyan government (not SHA) has sorted out medical expenses of notable people who were treated overseas. An ordinary person will also occasionally need to be treated overseas and I doubt SHA will be of much help here."



Lately, says Franco Nzaro [franconzaro62@gmail.com] many people have been advocating for an end to violence against women in South Sudan. "They have been putting purple-coloured profile pictures on social media platforms. I highly congratulate everyone who has taken this huge step to fight for our sisters and mothers. How I wish is that people will not stop doing this until the goal is achieved. This campaign should not only be practised online but also at the grassroots level by educating the public about the negative effects of Gender-based violence."

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Should ODM field presidential candidate in 2027?



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KISUMU RESIDENT



Party will lose relevance if it doesn't

Baba's party should start looking for a strong candidate to run for the presidency in the next general election. By doing so, the party will not only reinforce its independence and relevance but will also preserve its legacy that has endured for close to two decades. It will be a bad idea for the party to fail to field a candidate at this time because many of its supporters will lose political morale and the spirit of struggle for better

governance. The exit of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga should not spell doom for the party. I believe that having a presidential candidate will give ODM greater leverage in coalition talks. The participation of ODM in the presidential election will offer voters alternative choices, thereby strengthening democracy. There is a substantial risk of the party plunging into political irrelevance if it doesn't participate in the 2027 presidential election. ODM does not want to be forgotten in Kenya's political landscape. The party should seize this moment of transition and position itself for future challenges.

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POLITICIAN



It should take a break and strategise

ODM should not field a presidential candidate in the next general election for the sake of it. Governor James Orengo should allow the ODM fraternity to take a break in the forthcoming electioneering season and build stamina after the death of the party leader Raila Odinga. Politics is about strategy and ODM should think more strategically in order to weather the storm and challenge ahead.

The party should deploy a tactical retreat and probably rally behind President William Ruto this time and thereafter have a strong candidate to not just run but also win the presidency come 2032. Secondly, having been in the game for many years, the party could consider preserving its energy and resources for parliamentary and county elections where it still commands substantial influence because presidential elections are expensive and draining. The numerous losses ODM has suffered under Raila might end up killing the morale of party supporters.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT

What it will take to transform Nairobi into a globally competitive city

Nairobi is at a crossroads in its urban development movement. The city has a lot of potential to become a globally competitive metropolis as it is the economic and technological centre of East Africa. But to become a world-class city, Nairobi should focus on both the infrastructural and spatial changes and governance issues that are of critical concern while exploiting its strategic resources. The transformation will need a comprehensive strategy which is based on sound economic planning, investment prioritisation as well as urban policy reforms.

One of the most pressing issues is the improvement of the city's drainage and sanitation infrastructure. The long gaps in managing stormwater are emphasised by frequent flooding during rainy seasons. These floods have economic costs which are observed in damage of property, business disruption, and health hazards to the population.

This means that the city that wants to be a global one should have modern drainage systems and have a combination of green cover like retention parks and enforcing zoning rules which will ensure that no development is done on natural water ways.

Such cities as Singapore and Seoul managed to make similar transitions to the level of huge investments on the modern urban water management in order to reduce flood impacts and encourage the sustainability of growth.

Traffic decongestion is also important. Traffic congestion in Nairobi has been estimated to cost billions of money in lost productivity and wastage of fuel per year. There are solutions that have been tried and tested in cities that were once similar to Nairobi with growth pressures like



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business consultant

Bangkok and Johannesburg. With Bus Rapid transit, improvement of commuter rails as well as fast trains, expansion and modernisation of the public transport will decrease the use of personal cars. Along with this, encouraging the use of non-motorised transport through cycling paths, walking pavements and e-bikes will not only decongest the city but will also make people healthier and decrease emissions. Every world city is characterized by the efficient mobility infrastructure.

Tightly connected to the mobility in the city is the necessity to restructure the business operations in the central business district. The informal sector is very valuable in the livelihoods but the presence of hawkers in the streets and sidewalks also results in disorder, inefficiency and congestion. Exclusion is not the answer but an orderly merger. Livelihoods can be fostered by creating special trade zones, development of modern mar-

ket centres and micro-small enterprise areas; this can help to bring sanity in major areas of concern.

Security is another key area. A global city should guarantee security to the natives, visitors, and investors. Smart surveillance, community policing, better street lighting, and quick emergency response systems are some of the investments which can bring huge economic and social returns. Security increases investor confidence, tourism potential and livability index.

Nairobi has an edge that is hardly achievable by other African cities: it is a major technological and innovations centre. The presence of multinational technology companies, fintech companies, and digital entrepreneurs makes the city a potential global-relevant Silicon Savannah. In order to capitalise on this advantage, the government ought to invest in digital infrastructure, fund research institutions, and encourage innovation districts that integrate workspaces, universities and cultural centres.

Policy alignment and governance reform is necessary to speed up the process. The city should be shielded against the political cycles and have a master plan on long-term development. The mobilisation of capital in large-scale projects can be organised by the public-private partnerships and decentralisation may make the local authorities responsive to the needs of the community.

World-class status is within reach for Nairobi and it is achievable. It requires investment and planned governance, a sustainable planning process and the willingness of all to make the vision a reality. Nairobi has the potential of being a regional powerhouse and even a city envied across the world.



GITOBU IMANYARA,
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The price of telling truth in a country of comfortable lies



Truth has never been a friend of the world. The world does not embrace truth-tellers; it crucifies them. From the time of Jesus Christ, who declared, "If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me first," truth has carried with it a heavy cross.

To tell the truth is to invite hostility from those who profit from deception. In Kenya today, this ancient truth still holds.

We live in a political culture where lying has become an art and deceit a career path. The man who tells the truth, plain, uncomfortable, and unpolished is often branded arrogant, divisive, or disloyal.

He becomes a target not because he is wrong but because he threatens the illusion that keeps the corrupt comfortable.

That is precisely what has befallen the former Deputy President, a man whose greatest "crime" is his refusal to varnish the truth.

In a political arena where sycophancy is rewarded and silence is mistaken for wisdom, truth has no safe home. Those who dare to speak it find themselves isolated, misrepresented, or systematically dismantled.

It is no coincidence that former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's tribulations began the moment he chose to call things by their real names, to name hypocrisy where it thrives, to question injustice in high places, and to confront the political double standards that define our governance.

But history, both biblical and national, tells us that such men are not enemies of peace. They are the conscience of nations. Jesus Christ, though divine, was hated not for miracles but for truth.

He called sin by its name. He declared light where others preferred darkness. And like Him, every person who speaks truth to power must expect rejection, for the world does not hate false prophets.

It hates those who expose them.

In Kenya, truth-telling has always carried a price. From JM Kariuki to Charles Rubia, from Kenneth Matiba to Jacob Juma, those who have confronted deceit have often paid dearly.

Ours is a country where truth is punished and hypocrisy promoted. And yet, as a people, we can not afford to keep silent in the face of injustice simply because truth makes others uncomfortable. Silence in the presence of lies is itself a lie.

The former Deputy President's courage to speak his mind, whether one agrees with him or not, must be understood in that context. He is not suffering because he is wrong; he is suffering because Kenya still operates under a political order that can not coexist with honesty.

He has chosen the narrow path: To stand with truth even when it isolates him from

the powerful, even when it invites ridicule from the very society he seeks to enlighten.

The irony is that the same society that praises Jesus for speaking truth to the Pharisees condemns its own truth-tellers for doing the same.

We cheer biblical courage but fear its modern expression. We pray for righteous leaders but persecute them when they appear. We have become a people more comfortable with lies that soothe than truths that sting.

But truth, however suppressed, has a stubborn way of surviving. It does not die; it resurrects. Those who mock it today will eventually be judged by it.

Kenya's salvation will not come from the loudest populists or the most generous patrons. It will come from men and women who love the country enough to risk hatred for its sake.

The former Deputy President's struggles should remind us that the battle for Kenya's soul is ultimately a moral one. It is a contest between truth and pretense, between conviction and convenience. In that struggle, neutrality is complicity.

As Christ said, "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin." Once truth has been spoken, every listener becomes responsible.

So let those who stand for truth not be discouraged by persecution. In a nation built on political deceit, truth is an act of rebellion and rebellion, in the service of justice, is the highest form of patriotism.

Kenya may hate its truth-tellers today, but tomorrow, it will call them reformers. If you love your country, do not be cagey with the truth. Tell it boldly, live it faithfully, and let it set your people free.



The irony is that the same society that praises Jesus for speaking truth to the Pharisees condemns its own truth-tellers for doing the same. We cheer biblical courage but fear its modern expression. We pray for righteous leaders but persecute them when they appear.

Alternative View

Ruto is right on need to upgrade JKIA with the help of private sector



LEONARD KHAFABA

That Kenya must modernise Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is beyond dispute. The nation's principal gateway, originally designed to accommodate two million passengers annually, has long exceeded its limited capacity. Despite numerous patchwork expansions, the airport now handles more than eight million passengers each year, with traffic projected to grow at a steady rate of 4 per cent in the foreseeable future.

The urgency of intervention is unmistakable. Overcrowding constrains access to terminal buildings, slowing security screening and check-in procedures. Leaking roofs, frequently malfunctioning baggage carousels, the absence of passenger bridges connecting terminals to aircraft and inadequate waiting areas collectively render travel through Kenya's main airport a taxing experience.

President William Ruto has recently underscored the need for a comprehensive upgrade of JKIA stating that "the current condition of JKIA is unacceptable and requires major investment, with some sections of the airport so run-down that they now rely on temporary repairs." But his declaration to engage investors through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model has been met with considerable scepticism. The President has held discussions with the Emir of Qatar regarding a potential collaboration aimed at developing JKIA and revitalising the national carrier Kenya Airways (KQ). Some members of the public perceive this initiative as tantamount to selling off vital national assets to foreign entities. This perception, however, is misguided.

According to the President, JKIA requires an estimated Sh200 billion for modernisation. Similarly, the board and management of KQ have previously indicated that an equivalent amount is necessary to secure the airline's sustainable growth. To the uninitiated, such figures might appear as sums that could easily be borrowed from commercial lenders. However, in reality, neither the airport nor the airline has ready access to such financing.

For JKIA, any borrowing would necessitate sovereign guarantees from our government. These guarantees would, in effect, appear on the government's balance sheet as additional debt. Yet, since its inception, the Kenya Kwanza administration has been contending with a severe public debt burden, leaving it with minimum fiscal space to assume further liabilities. Consequently, the government faces significant constraints in guaranteeing loans for large-scale infrastructure undertakings.

KQ needs to grow its fleet. Small airlines do not accrue economies of scale enjoyed by large carriers through bulk purchasing, specialised resources and a stronger market position that allows them to reduce per-unit costs. The national carrier needs to grow its entire fleet to cement Kenya's position as a premier hub for passengers and cargo thus increasing tourism, boosting agricultural exports and attracting foreign investment due to increased connectivity which in turn creates employment.

This column has previously praised the merit of employing off-balance sheet financing for both the airport and the national carrier. It has also advocated for presenting the two enterprises as a unified entity to potential strategic investors. When viewed as complementary components of a single integrated ecosystem, JKIA and KQ offer far greater appeal and investment potential.

Ruto's proposal to the Qatari investors is not unprecedented. Around the world, numerous major airports and airlines have been developed through similar PPP concession models. Notable examples include Istanbul Airport, which is on track to become the busiest airport in Europe this year.

-Mr Khafafa is a public policy analyst



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HOT ON X

Stay at home and watch, Uhuru told

@Kenyans: I want to ask former President Uhuru Kenyatta to stay at home and watch how this country is being transformed- Samson Cheragei.

@GudaExperience: Interesting perspective. But it raises a bigger question; should former leaders step back completely, or do their experience and insight still have a role in guiding the country's development?

@MartinKyalom: How is the country being transformed? By burdening Kenyans with taxes, or by creating problems just to solve them for political mileage?



@sokwachi: Is it you who is paying for Uhuru's security and retirement benefits? This is mundane reasoning that I don't expect from a legislator.

@nzambupatriot: No patriotic Kenya can sit at home when Kenya is being "transformed" the way it is.

CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

Kenyan educational institutions are taking practical action to improve our environment

The world is witnessing a growing number of events focused on environmental concerns — from climate change and green energy to wildlife conservation and clean water. Kenya has become a natural hub for such gatherings, thanks to its diverse ecosystems and long-standing reputation as a haven for ecologists. It is also the homeland of the late Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai, whose tree-planting movement inspired generations of young people across East Africa and beyond.

While high-profile global forums featuring heads of state and international agencies often dominate the headlines, smaller, grassroots gatherings frequently provide the real energy and ideas that power environmental action.

One such event was the Climate Action Summit, held from October 28th to 31st at the Kenya School of Government. The summit brought together more than 400 participants representing national and county governments, academia, civil society, and the private sector. Special emphasis was placed on youth engagement — recognising their crucial role in driving the future of climate action.

The summit aimed to prepare Kenya for the upcoming COP30 conference in Brazil while also fostering partnerships and collaboration among local stakeholders. By facilitating dialogue between diverse groups, organisers hoped to generate concrete initiatives that will help Kenya and Africa at large adapt to the realities of climate change.

Kenyan institutions showcased their practical contributions to environmental improvement. For instance, University of Nairobi's Tuwe Pamoja project in Mathare is using nature-based solutions to restore and sustain informal communities, with ambitions to expand to more settlements across Nairobi. The project focuses on building community capacity, creating livelihoods, and ensuring policies translate into tangible benefits for people



and the planet.

Among the most inspiring speakers was 13-year-old Nicole Sanyu (pictured), the reigning Little Miss Pre-Teen Kenya. Through her Waste Goals Project, Nicole is leading waste segregation initiatives in schools and churches across Kikuyu. Her project aligns with SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), empowering young people to take responsibility for their environment.

Through eco clubs in schools such as Kadeng'wa, Utafiti, Fairlawns, Kerwa, Nguriunditu, and Alliance, Sanyu encourages students to set up segregation bins for organic, recyclable, and non-recyclable waste — turning organic waste into compost for tree planting. "I see a brighter, greener future for our environment and a safer planet for our generation," she shared during the Women and Children panel at the Summit. **Thuku Kariuki and Daniel Furnad, Nairobi**

Ensure equal opportunities for men and women

Gender equality has long been a key goal in Kenya's social and economic development. Over the years, major progress has been made in empowering women and girls through education, leadership, and business initiatives. However, true gender equality must also include men empowerment, ensuring that both men and women have equal opportunities and support to thrive.

In recent years, several organisations have started programmes that promote positive masculinity and engage men in gender equality. These initiatives are helping men become partners in ending gender-based violence and building stronger families. Still, many young men continue to face challenges such as unemployment, depression, and pressure to live up to traditional expectations.

Empowering men does not mean reducing opportunities for women; it means creating balance. When men are included in gender discussions, they are more likely to support equality, share responsibilities at home, and become role models for the younger generation. The government, schools, and community leaders should therefore expand outreach programmes that focus on both genders equally.

Gender equality is a shared journey, not a competition. **Collines Browne, Laikipia**



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FROM THE WEB

Tutor to move to SHA in December

Standard Digital: All teachers to transition to the Social Health Authority from Dec 1, TSC acting CEO Eveleen Mitei says deal agreed upon by unions.

Mburu Alfred: I thought teachers have been paying for SHA all along. What is the meaning of the new development?

Ronny Rao: Are they migrating in totality or they'll still have AON Minet as their primary insurer?

Geoffrey Ondigi: So Minet is no more? With SHA, can one access medical care in high end hospitals without being told you must be admitted? Wondering aloud.



Jackson Saito Lempzy: If it's not comprehensive health insurance, then we don't need it. We need a cover that will be equal to Aon Minet.

Nash Nash: May God favour teachers with good health.

Mike Kurui Kiptoo: Results of State House meeting.

INTERNET

Social media wars hurting relations in universities

Social media significantly contributes to silent emotional turmoil and stress, especially in higher learning institutions. Though this issue has been raised and somewhat resolved by the government and NGOs, there is a silent part that has been neglected for a long time: Online wars that pits students.

These unfortunate wars end relationships, friendships, networks, and bonds.

It's disappointing to find students arguing or even fighting about status viewing, likes, comments, and following.

"Why didn't you view my status? Why didn't you like my post or comment? Why didn't you follow me? Why unfollow me? Why didn't you view my story?" A fight that starts as a joke ends up messing up social life in our institutions.

It's therefore, important for students to understand that the internet is a site for learning and unlearning. One may view, click, or peruse but still not react or comment, yet they have learned from it.

Young people should be educated about social media's impact. **Moses Oduor, ongo University**



FRIENDSHIP

Kenyans and Tanzanians shouldn't ruin their good ties

Kenya is a country that is known for being peaceful and having good relations with her countries. Although there have been clashes online 'wars' between Kenyans and their neighbours, Kenya's slogan still remains "may we dwell in unity peace and liberty". Unfortunately, Kenyans living in neighbouring countries have been facing tough times recently by being harassed, tortured and even killed. Recently, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu claimed that the chaos and demonstrations that were witnessed in her country were caused by Kenyans. This led to harassment of

Kenyans living in Tanzania and the death of at least one of them - a teacher - who was shot dead.

Kenyans and Tanzanians are good best friends who will fight in the morning and dine together in the evening. As such, there is no reason for Kenyans to be harassed in Tanzania.

There is no evidence to prove that Kenyans lead the demonstrations in Tanzania. Even if there are Kenyans who led to this demonstrations, there are laws that can address this instead of torturing them. Peace, love and unity is what builds a good family. **Aori Maya Lenah, Migori**

Chandaria Foundation, Standard Group donate to mudslide victims

► Sh1m flour support will aid families who lost their homes, livelihoods in the tragedy.

► Death toll from the mudslides and rockfalls has risen to 37, with 11 people still missing.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELGEYO MARAKWET

The Manu Chandaria Foundation in partnership with Standard Media Group yesterday led relief efforts for victims of the November 2 mudslides in Elgeyo Marakwet as the death toll rose to 37.

The foundation donated food worth Sh1 million to survivors of the Saturday morning disaster that struck Chesongoch, Murkutwa, Kabetwa and Embobut areas.

According to an update from the Ministry of Interior, the death toll from the mudslides and rockfalls had risen to 37, with 11 people still missing.

Speaking while receiving the donations on behalf of Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich, County Secretary Lazarus Chebii thanked well-wishers for their swift response to the emergency following the tragedy.

Chebii said the food donation, mainly comprising maize flour, would support vulnerable families who lost their homes and livelihoods to the devastating mudslides.

"We are grateful to the Chandaria Foundation for this donation. The support will go a long way in ensuring that the affected families have food. Moving forward, we are exploring ways to help the victims rebuild their lives and restore normalcy," said Chebii.

Environment Cabinet Secretary



Elgeyo Marakwet County Secretary Lazarus Chebii (centre) together with county's senior officers receive food stuff donation from Standard Media Group Customer Relations Officer North Rift Judy Yego (in white shirt) and officials from Chandaria Foundation and the Ministry of Health at the county headquarters, yesterday. [Peter Ochieng, Standard]

Deborah Barasa, who is part of the partnership, will, together with Elgeyo Marakwet County and Standard Group Plc, handover the donations to the beneficiaries.

Elgeyo Marakwet County Execu-

AT A GLANCE

Sh1 million

■ donations from Chandaria Foundation in partnership with Standard Group



15

■ victims discharged from MTRH being taken care of in Tambach

250

■ health personnel stationed at Chesongoch Primary School to treat victims



■ Over 900 victims treated

tive Member for Education and Technical Training, Purity Koima lauded the initiative and urged more partners to support school children in affected areas with learning materials.

"Children in these areas are going through trauma. They lost their loved ones and learning materials during the holidays. We are appealing to education stakeholders to step in and support our children as we work to heal from this disaster," Koima said.

Health Executive Committee Member Monica Rotich said there is an urgent need for psychosocial support for survivors of the disaster.

Rotich noted that 15 victims who were treated and discharged from the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) in Eldoret are currently being cared for at a rescue centre in

Tambach, as both the county and national governments work to provide counseling services.

She added that Chesongoch Primary School, located in one of the areas hardest hit by the tragedy, has been converted into a temporary health facility staffed with 250 health personnel to attend to victims.

Rotich further reported that more than 900 victims of the mudslides have been treated at the facility.

"There is a high risk of disease outbreaks, particularly those related to poor sanitation and we still need additional medical support," she said. "We require supplies for treating malaria, diarrhoea and other common illnesses."

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Briefly

TRANS NZOIA. FLOODS DISPLACE 3,490 FAMILIES

► More than 3,490 households living along the Sabwani River and other low-lying areas of Trans Nzoia County have been displaced by the ongoing floods, according to the Kenya Red Cross. The humanitarian agency said thousands of residents have been forced to seek refuge in schools and churches as rising water levels continue to submerge homes and farmlands. As the humanitarian crisis deepens, environmentalist Kennedy Baroka has urged the government to adopt an unconventional approach known as terraforming, a technique aimed at reshaping the physical landscape of flood-prone regions to make them more resilient to extreme weather. "The government must think beyond short-term relief and consider permanent solutions."

[Martin Ndiema]

NAKURU. CONVICT: I JOINED GANG FOR BETTER LIFE'

► A witness in the murder of one of the four women killed in Mawanga Estate in Nakuru County three years ago testified that he joined a gang after he was promised better life. Evans Kebwaro, 28, told Nakuru High Court judge, Samwel Mohochi, how he was lured to abandon the construction work in search of 'better-paying job', which involved robbing, killing, raping and setting the houses ablaze to conceal evidence. He claimed at the time, he never knew what the job entailed. Kebwaro, serving a 10-year sentence at Naivasha Maximum GK Prison for murder of Grace Wanjiku, testified against his five co-accused. The case will be heard on May 11, 2026. [Yvonne Chepkwony]



PROPERTY ROW

Court orders DNA test in Eshiwani estate dispute

The battle over the estate of former Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor George Eshiwani has taken a new turn after the High Court ordered a DNA test to determine the rightful beneficiaries.

In a ruling delivered last week, High Court Judge Stephen Mbungi directed that the DNA test be conducted strictly in line with the consent order recorded on July 31, 2023 and the review order of November 27, 2024.

This ruling follows an earlier order issued on December 3, 2024, which required that the DNA tests be conducted within 45 days.

The directive arose from an application by Thomas Waswa Eshiwani



and Lorna Nyakowa Eshiwani, the administrators of the late professor's estate. The two told the court that by mutual consent recorded in 2023, all parties had agreed to DNA testing to resolve the question of succession.

According to the consent, the DNA test is to be carried out between Waswa and the individuals Lorna Eshiwani, Clarence Eshiwani, Sammy Eshiwani and Sammy Aloyo to establish whether the latter are legitimate beneficiaries of the estate.

The applicants argued that without the DNA results, the identification of rightful heirs remained unresolved, stalling the adminis-

tration and distribution of the estate.

Waswa and Nyakowa also told the court that they could not access the deceased's bank accounts to confirm whether there were sufficient funds to cover the cost of the DNA test, estimated at Sh100,000.

They further accused their co-administrator, Doris Debora Mbalanya, of refusing to cooperate in facilitating the process.

In his ruling, Justice Mbungi found that the applicants had demonstrated genuine financial hardship and had made reasonable efforts to comply with previous court orders.

The matter will be mentioned on April 30, 2026 to confirm compliance. [Julius Chepkwony]

TURKANA. FIVE INJURED IN RENEWED ETHNIC CLASHES

► At least four Ethiopian Dassanech militiamen and one Turkana herder were injured in fresh ethnic clashes on the Kenya-Ethiopia border on Monday. The confrontation occurred around 2pm in the Herun grazing area between Kokuro and Herun villages, after a group of Turkana youth reportedly raided Dassanech herders and drove away with an unknown number of livestock. Confirming the incident, Omorate Deputy Administrator Omar Kamatee said four Dassanech tribesmen were taken to Omorate Health Centre for treatment before being referred to Jinka General Hospital in Ethiopia for specialised care. "Four members of the Dassanech community were injured and one Turkana youth was shot in the leg during a fierce exchange of gunfire," he said adding an unknown number of livestock were stolen. [Lucas Ngasike]



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & WATER
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

VACANCY: BOARD MEMBERS

Mombasa Water Supply & Sanitation Company Limited (MOWASSCO) is a licensed Water Service Provider under the Water Act, 2016. In line with the **WASREB Corporate Governance Standards (2024)**, and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association (as amended), the Company invites applications from qualified and ethical individuals to serve as **Board of Directors**.

Background of Directors

The composition of the directors requires a mix of skills from Business and Manufacturing Community, Professional Bodies, Resident organizations, Women Organizations and Local Stakeholders such as schools, farmers, youth groups, geographical representation etc. The selection procedure will be subjected to the constitutional requirement of gender and regional balance.

Minimum Requirements

- Kenyan citizen of integrity, compliant with **Chapter Six of the Constitution**
- Diploma or higher qualification** from a recognized institution (for all applicants)
- For **professional categories** (law, finance, engineering, governance, audit, HR, ICT, business): **Bachelor's degree is mandatory**; Master's/PhD is an added advantage
- At least **7 years' professional experience** in a relevant sector
- Demonstrated knowledge of corporate governance, strategy, and risk management
- Active participation in local development initiatives and experience as a change agent
- Must not hold political office or be an employee of MOWASSCO
- Must not have served more than two terms as a director of the Company
- Must not be a supplier or trading associate of the Company
- Fulfill conditions of Chapter Six of the constitution of Kenya 2010 on leadership and integrity.

Description of vacant Positions (9 Members)

- The Board shall comprise, in addition to the 2 County Government representatives:
- Two (2) representatives of the business and manufacturing community** (nominated by KNCCI & KAM)
 - Two (2) representatives of local professionals** (from recognized professional organizations)
 - One (1) representative of consumers** (institutions of higher learning or religious organizations)
 - One (1) representative of the hotel and hospitality industry**
 - One (1) representative of special interest groups** (youth, women, persons with disabilities)

Application Procedure

- Applicants should submit:
- Cover letter and detailed CV
 - Certified copies of academic/professional certificates
 - Copy of National ID/Passport
 - Valid clearance certificates from **EACC, HELB, KRA, DCI, and CRB**

Applications must be clearly marked **"Application for Board Membership - MOWASSCO"** and delivered to:

The Chairperson, Selection Panel,
C/O County Secretary & Head of Public Service
Mombasa County Government
2nd Floor Betting Control & Licensing Board Building
 P.O Box 90440-80100 G.P.O
 Email: countysec@mombasa.go.ke
Deadline: 3rd December, 2025

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. MOWASSCO is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity and inclusion in its governance structures.

This recruitment is undertaken in strict compliance with the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association (as amended) and the WASREB Corporate Governance Standards (2024).

Email: environment@mombasa.go.ke, Website: web.mombasa.go.ke, Cell: +254 725 421405,
 Along Joe Kadenge Road, next to Mombasa Fire Station, P.O Box 90440 - 80100, Mombasa Kenya



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninety-Eighth (98th) Annual General Meeting of Unga Group Plc for the year 2025 will be held via electronic communication on Thursday, 4th December 2025 at 10.00 a.m. to conduct the following business: -

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- To read the notice convening the meeting.
- To confirm the minutes of the Ninety-Seventh (97th) Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th December 2024.
- To receive the Chairman's Report.
- To receive and adopt the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2025 together with the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- To note that the Directors do not recommend a dividend for the year ended 30th June 2025.
- Election of Directors: -
 - In accordance with the provisions of Article 67.1 & 67.2 (i) of the Company's Articles of Association Ms. Kirya Kimotho retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-election.
 - In accordance with the provisions of Article 67.1 & 67.2(ii) of the Company's Articles of Association:
 - Mr. Jinaro Kibet retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
 - Ms. Ciru Miring'u retires by rotation and being eligible, offers herself for re-election.
 - In accordance with the provisions of Section 769 of the Companies Act 2015, the following directors, being members of the Board Audit & Risk Committee be elected to continue to serve as members of the said committee:
 - Ms. Kirya Kimotho
 - Ms. Shilpa Haria
 - Mr. Andrew Ndegwa
 - Ms. Ciru Miring'u
 - Ms. Wangari Murugu
- Directors' Remuneration: -
 - To approve the Directors' Remuneration Policy as shown in the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2025.
 - To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report as shown in the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2025.
- To re-appoint Messrs. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as Auditors of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Section 721 (2) of the Companies Act 2015 and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year in accordance with the provisions of Section 724 (1) of the Companies Act 2015.
- To consider any other business of which due notice has been received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
WINNIEFRED JUMBA
COMPANY SECRETARY
Date: 12th November 2025

NOTES:

- The Board has determined that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Company be held via electronic means in accordance with Article 38.5 of the Company's Articles of Association.
 - Shareholders wishing to participate in the meeting should register for the AGM via a link to the AGM Platform that will be sent to them by SMS and / or email or via <https://digital.candr.africa> or by dialling *384*043# and follow the various registration prompts. In order to complete the registration process, shareholders will need to have their ID/Passport Numbers which were used to purchase their shares and/or their Shares or CDSC Account Number at hand. For assistance shareholders should dial the following helpline number: [(+254 20 8690360 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Any shareholder outside Kenya should email digital@candr.africa to be assisted to register.
 - Registration for the AGM opens on 27th November 2025 at 08:00 am and will close on 3rd December 2025 at 12.00 noon.
 - In accordance with Article 180 of the Companies Act and the Article 37.3 of the Company's Articles of Association, the following documents are available on the Company's website (<https://unga-group.com>):
 - copy of this Notice and the proxy form;
 - the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2025.
 - Shareholders wishing to raise any questions or clarifications regarding the AGM may do so by:
 - Sending their written questions by email to digital@candr.africa; or
 - Accessing Virtual AGM via a link to the AGM Platform (or via <https://digital.candr.africa/>); Select Attend Event; Select "Q&A" option tab and submit questions in text box provided;
 - Shareholders who will have registered to participate in the meeting shall be able to ask questions via SMS by dialling the USSD code above and selecting the option (ask Question) on the prompts (within 160-character limit for SMS text); or
 - To the extent possible, physically delivering their written questions with a return physical address or email address to the registered office of the Company's Offices, Ngano House, Commercial Street, Industrial Area, P.O. Box 30096-00100, Nairobi; or sending their written questions with a return physical address or email address by registered post to the Company Registrars address: Custody & Registrars, at IKM Place, Tower B, 1st Floor, 5th Ngong Avenue.
 - Shareholders wishing to vote may do so prior to the AGM during the registration open period or during the AGM by:
 - Accessing Virtual AGM via a link to the AGM platform (or via <https://digital.candr.africa/>); Select Attend Event; Select Voting Matters option tab at the top of the live stream display section and vote; or
 - Accessing Virtual AGM via USSD platform via *384*043#; Select the menu option for Voting and follow the various prompts regarding the voting process.
 - In accordance with Section 298(1) of the Companies Act, shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the AGM are entitled to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf.
 - A proxy need not be a member of the Company. If the proxy appointed is not the Chairman of the AGM, the appointed proxy will need access to a mobile telephone.
 - A proxy form is available on the Company's website via this link: (<https://unga-group.com>). Physical copies of the proxy form are also available at Company's Offices, Ngano House, Commercial Street, Industrial Area, Nairobi; or the Company Registrars address: Custody & Registrars, IKM Place, Tower B, 1st Floor, 5th Ngong Avenue, Nairobi.
 - A proxy must be signed by the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing. If the appointer is a body corporate, the instrument appointing the proxy shall be given under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or duly authorised attorney of such body corporate.
 - A completed form of proxy should be emailed to proxy@candr.africa or delivered to Custody & Registrars, at IKM Place, Tower B, 1st Floor, 5th Ngong Avenue so as to be received not later than 48 hours before the time of holding the meeting i.e. 2nd December 2025 at 10.00 a.m. Any person appointed as a proxy should submit his/her mobile telephone number and email address to the Company no later than 2nd December 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
 - Any proxy registration that is rejected will be communicated to the shareholder concerned no later than 2nd December 2025 to allow time to address any issues.
 - The AGM will be streamed live via a link which shall be provided to all shareholders who will have registered to participate in the general meeting. Duly registered shareholders and proxies will receive a short message service (SMS) and/or email two hours ahead of the AGM, reminding them that the AGM will begin in two hours' time and providing a link to the live stream.
 - Duly registered shareholders and proxies may follow the proceedings of the AGM using the live stream platform and may access the agenda. Duly registered shareholders and proxies may vote (when prompted by the Chairman) via the USSD prompts or on the AGM Platform
 - A poll shall be conducted for all the resolutions put forward in the notice.
 - Results of the poll shall be published within 48 hours following conclusion of the AGM on the Company's website.
 - The preferred method of paying dividends which are below Kshs 250,000.00 is through M-PESA. Shareholders who wish to receive their dividend through M-PESA and who have not registered for this mode of payment can opt to receive future dividends via M-PESA by dialling *483*038# or contacting the Share Registrar, Custody & Registrars Services Limited.
 - All present and former shareholders of the Company are hereby notified that pursuant to the provisions of the Unclaimed Financial Assets Act No 40 of 2011 Parts II and III, dividends and shares which have not been claimed for a period of three (3) years or more will require to be delivered to the Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority ("the Authority") as abandoned assets on the appointed date.
- Therefore, all shareholders with previous unpaid dividends are requested to urgently contact the Share Registrar, Custody & Registrars Services Limited at IKM Place, Tower B, 1st Floor 5th Ngong Avenue, Nairobi; Tel: Mobile: (020) 7909276 Email: info@candr.africa to claim any unpaid dividends to avert the risk of the dividends being forwarded to the Authority.

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TECH

USING TECHNOLOGY TO CUT FUEL COSTS FOR COMPANY FLEET

Mobility is a critical part of the success of any business. However, most businesses that require mobility daily face an imminent high cost of fuel, too often, swallowing up to 60 per cent of the fleet's budget.

Today, many hotels, restaurants, clubs and other eateries have incorporated delivery packages in their business models, driving up the demand for fleet for their operations.

The rise of e-commerce also plays a crucial part in increasing the demand for delivery services via vehicles or motorcycles, all of which take up fuel, costing the entities.

While the fluctuating global oil prices contribute largely to the spiralling fuel expenses for businesses, many companies are losing millions for a different reason: Waste, fraud and old-fashioned paperwork.

Due to a reliance on manual systems that are easy to manipulate and inefficient, many companies are losing money and time that could be spent on growth, through fuel theft and on data entry instead.

"The result is losses that quietly drain profits and fleet managers who spend more of their time chasing receipts than running operations," says Agosta Liko, Founder of Pesapal.

While it can be difficult to manage fuel expenses efficiently through manual systems, Agosta observes that technology is changing the game for business owners by giving them real-time control over fleet activities.

Through digital fleet management tools, businesses are now able to optimise routes, track drivers, and identify potential issues in real-time, thus reducing losses occasioned by fuel pilferage by up to 24 per cent.

"Imagine setting custom rules for every vehicle, such as how much fuel it can get, at what time of the day and at which stations," says Liko.

"When a driver pulls up to the pump, the system automatically verifies the vehicle, checks the rules and processes the payment. No more phone approvals. No more lost receipts. No more surprise bills at the end of the month," he adds.

Connected directly to payment systems at fuel stations, digital tools such as Drive, developed by Pesapal, are enabling businesses to track every fueling transaction, set vehicle limits and monitor fuel usage in real time.

Businesses register their vehicles and drivers, then set custom fueling rules such as limits by vehicle, daily caps and approval requirements.

When a driver pulls up to any partner fuel station, the system instantly verifies the vehicle, checks the limits, processes the transaction and logs everything automatically.

This reduces the need for phone approvals, lost receipts or surprise fuel bills at month-end.

All transactions are documented for audit and compliance purposes. Fleet managers get a live dashboard showing every fueling event, whereas finance teams get automated invoices and account statements. **[Esther Dianah]**

ECONOMY

FAST FOOD CHAINS FEEL THE HEAT AS KENYANS SHUN EATING OUT OVER TOUGH ECONOMY



Simbisa Brands Ltd, the owner of popular fast-food chains Chicken Inn and Pizza Inn in Kenya, has cited a tough economic environment characterised by high taxes and a rising cost of living for keeping customers away from its outlets.

In its annual report for the year ended June 30, 2025, published this week and reviewed by *The Standard*, the Zimbabwean fast-food giant said the situation was exacerbated by political unrest that hit its key outlets in major cities.

"The protests in the first half of the year particularly impacted the central business districts, leading to property damage and a reduction in consumer footfall. We had to close some of our outlets," the company stated.

This perfect storm of challenges directly impacted customer traffic for its Kenya business. "Customer counts declined by six per cent year-on-year, with household budgets impacted by price hikes and reduced disposable income," the company says. Despite the severe headwinds that kept customers at home, the Kenya unit demonstrated remarkable resilience, reporting a 12 per cent revenue growth in US dollar terms.

This growth was not from more customers, but from those Kenyan consumers who could still afford to spend, driven by a sharp 20 per cent increase in net average spend per customer and a stronger Kenyan shilling. The company's strategic

shift to delivery services was a major success, insulating it from the drop in walk-in traffic. Delivery sales surged 35 per cent as consumers embraced ordering in, now accounting for 17 per cent of the Kenyan unit's total revenue. In a move signalling confidence in the market's long-term prospects, Simbisa is embarking on an expansion drive rather than retrenching. Simbisa Kenya plans to open "a net of 11 new stores" and refurbish 11 others in the 2026 financial year.

The company is betting big on the continued growth of its digital channels. "The market is targeting to increase delivery contribution to 30 per cent of total turnover in the medium to long term," the company said, outlining a strategy that includes "medium-priced bundles and promotions, strengthened partnerships with delivery aggregators, expanded coverage and intensified digital marketing campaigns."

In a green initiative, the Kenya operations are leading the group's sustainability charge, having increased its fleet of electric motorbikes by a massive 125 per cent in the past year to reduce emissions and fuel consumption.

The firm, which already operates 252 company-owned outlets in Kenya, says it will continue to navigate the difficult economic landscape by adapting its model to the evolving spending habits of Kenyan consumers. Kenyans are ending 2025 worse off than a year ago, with the cost of a basket of essential goods from food to transport having risen sharply, according to official data. **[Brian Ngugi]**

QUOTE



"Behind these statistics are real entrepreneurs struggling to access finance and farmers and manufacturers unable to compete due to infrastructure constraints."

Chileshe Kapwepwe, Comesa Secretary General



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HUSTLE NOMICS

IDLE DONKEY AND THE SECOND LETTER FROM WHITE HIGHLANDS

It was one of the most iconic photos I have taken lately. A man and some women carrying luggage while avoiding a muddy road as the donkey grazed by in the White Highlands, only 160 kilometres from Nairobi.

Wish the donkey could talk. The photo was taken in Shamata, which means high place in the Maa language.

It's in the former Central Province, which has given us three presidents. The photo was taken in the constituency once represented by JM Kariuki. It's in the same constituency where many Mau Mau and World War II (WW II) veterans lived, died and are buried.

That includes General Kiini and Bahati. Njuguna Njau (guka wa Sungura) fought in Libya during WWII, witnessing the siege of Tobruk. Mburu Mwikonyi fought the Japanese in Burma (Myanmar).

A road that once connected Gilgil to Isiolo during WW II is still motorable but more suitable for battle tanks, not cars. This beautiful land on the eastern edge of the Happy Valley (Wanjohi) once hosted British and Boer settlers: Tony Dyer, Kenneth Wilfred Nunn, Clark-Turner, Jacobus Crous, Colonel Nigel Trent, and General Wainwright.

Add a mysterious General Alexander Arbuthnot. A 1984 Los Angeles Olympian, Ruth Waitthira comes from this forgotten place. Beyond beauty and great weather, no cockroaches or mosquitoes, the place is agriculturally rich, producing potatoes, peas, carrots, sukuma wiki, cabbages, spring onions, fruits and trees.

More crops could grow if tested. Dairying is great, and wool was once an export. Why bad roads? Why are human beings the beast of burden, long after the donkey took over, and later dethroned by the car and bodaboda?

Is it a lack of effective representation? No one seems to have filled the shoes of JM Kariuki? Should agricultural productivity not be a good reason for tarmacking this road, more so in a food-insecure country?

The road in the photo takes you to Shamata gate in the Aberdares National Park and on to Ol Kalou and Nakuru. It's also a shortcut from Nanyuki and Nyeri to Nakuru from Gieterero (a waiting place).

Where did such a funny name come from? There is another bus stage not far from Gieterero with a more fancy name - Ng'ombe nguo, "literary dead cow!"

Is the history of the British, Boers and Mau Mau generals not a good enough reason to tarmac this road? It was to be tarmacked after the 2022 polls.

The natives are still waiting; 62 years after uhu. Many have died waiting for the tarmacked road.

The economic potential of this beautiful land overlooking Lake Ol Bollosat remains unexploited. Landlocked, the population has grown, but not optimism.

With the next generation subdividing land, a good road network will relieve the pressure as newcomers bring new ideas and new thinking. The natives can too leave and seek new opportunities wherever they can be found on this small planet. Next week, the memory of a white highland's pioneer industrialist. **[XN Iraki]**



Avoiding the road in the White Highlands. **[XN Iraki]**

BUSINESS SURVIVAL

Ways to make that vehicle **earn you some extra income**

While that car may lie idle in your compound, it can actually be your source of alternative earnings, if only you think out of the box.

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You have that vehicle that helps you in your personal errands or it's your means of commuting to and from your workplace, taking the family to outings, or serves as a testament or financial statement that you're a person of means and have a taste for high-end vehicles.

But beyond that pride or veneer lies what many know nothing about: That vehicle was acquired through credit finance, and you're paying for that credit facility on a monthly basis, and this is what sees your salary shrink with the take-home after both statutory and that credit facility deductions looking pitiable.

Maybe you took that loan from those lenders whose interest rates are above the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) recommended rates, and the principal and interest repayments see you forking out an amount almost triple what you received.

By the time you're done repaying the loan, the value of that vehicle has already depreciated, and maintenance costs are

now eating into your salary and savings. But do you know you can make that vehicle work for you and lessen your debt obligations? Here are a few tricks.

Unconventional taxis

Have you shared rides with total strangers in an unconventional taxi and the owner of the vehicle charged rates way lower than what registered taxis or public transport vehicles charge for that specific route? It can pay well, especially in the morning and evening when transport demand is high.

Usually, we see Kenyans turning their vehicles into unconventional taxis during the festive season when demand for transport is high and vehicle seats are booked ahead, leading to a transport crisis, and they step forward to fill in the gap, where they charge premium fares.

This works out well for a few days, until the next festive period approaches and the same mentality is employed. But what if running an unconventional taxi business every day was an experiment in observation?

Think of those workers who report to their workplaces so early and their organisations don't offer them transport. They've to be early to beat that traffic gridlock. How about turning that vehicle into a taxi of sorts, know where to pick up those workers and drop them off at their workplaces?

That van you're labouring day and night to pay the loan for could be the magic bullet to lessen the burden. What if those workers pay you a prescribed amount no matter the distance covered daily?

Branding

Corporates with a wide customer reach are potential clients who can use your vehicle for their business activities. These are the ones with field agents and rather than



A vehicle can be used as a taxi, leased out for campaigns or even to schools for pupil transportation. [File]



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expend their resources, why not approach them and lease your vehicle to them? They can brand it in their colours and logos, which would help their field agents in marketing their brand. Here, you earn while the organisation saves on the costs of having to add to their fleet by investing in new vehicles and retiring the aged ones.

Campaigning

We're not far off from the 2027 general elections, and there are a few upcoming by-elections slated for later this year. Wannabe politicians interested in capturing whatever elective seats they are eyeing are coming out in numbers.

Be it the MCA or the governor's position, these politicians will need vehicles to canvass the ground. Think of that all-terrain vehicle you own and the advantage it has on that politician in helping him or her access the hard-to-reach areas.

You are currently seeing these politicians coming up with all manners of foundations and their target is the marginalised or neglected places the incumbents have "forgotten" to develop.

This is a tactic to gain relevance with the masses. Those places could be impassable owing to poor road conditions, and your vehicle could be all that the politician needs.

School transport or safari vehicle

If you look at the school fees structure of many schools, especially the mushrooming private ones, parents are charged termly for a yet to be purchased school bus or van.

Depending on the pupil population, it can take a long time for that learning institution to actualise its objective of getting transport means.

Why not lease out that 14-seater to a school as their temporary transport means?

Agree on the terms of a comprehensive insurance policy and who'll cater for what during the lease agreement period.

Apart from leasing to a school, also look for firms in the tours and travel business. During peak times, bookings could be at a record high, and a firm may be forced to outsource transport services from a rival company.

Why not approach such a company and lay down to them your intention to hire out your vehicle as a tour van?

And with the entrance of Uber Safaris, think of investing in that area as well.

You never know how fast that loan, almost wiping out your pay slip, will clear fast and save you the agony of popping pills whenever those dreaded calls from debt collectors come flooding in and raise your blood pressure.

TECH

Cryptoqueen who fled China for London to be sentenced over Sh850b Bitcoin stash

A woman, said by police to have bought cryptocurrency now worth billions of pounds using funds stolen from thousands of Chinese pensioners, is due to be sentenced this week for money laundering.

After fleeing China, she moved to a mansion in Hampstead, north London. The Metropolitan Police raided it a year later and made one of the world's single largest crypto seizures.

More than 100,000 Chinese people invested their money in her company, which claimed to be developing high-tech health products and

mining cryptocurrency. In reality, she embezzled the funds, police say. As she awaits sentencing, investors have told the BBC World Service they hope to get at least some of their cash back from the UK authorities.

Anything left unclaimed would normally default to the UK government - leading some to speculate that the Treasury could stand to gain from the haul.

"If we can gather all the evidence together, we hope the UK government, the Crown Prosecution Service and the High Court can show compassion," said one victim we



Qian Zhimin enjoyed a lavish lifestyle of travel and shopping before UK police discovered her stash of crypto. [BBC]

are calling Mr Yu, who says his marriage failed as a result of the fraud. "Because now, it's only that haul of

Bitcoin [cryptocurrency] that can return us a little bit of what we lost." Qian Zhimin, 47, arrived in the UK under a fake passport in September 2017, after Chinese police started investigating her.

She moved into a mansion on the edge of Hampstead Heath, at a rent of more than 22,700 (Sh2.86 million) a month. To pay for this, she needed to convert her Bitcoin stash back into money she could spend.

So she posed as a wealthy antiques and diamond heiress, and hired a former takeaway worker as her personal assistant, who she

asked to trade the cryptocurrency into other assets, such as cash and property.

As Bitcoin rocketed in value, Qian could achieve what her company promised its investors - that they could "get rich while lying down".

Her assistant Wen Jian - at her own trial last year, which culminated in a six-year jail term for money laundering - said Qian had spent most of her days lying in bed, gaming and online shopping. But Qian was also drawing up a bold six-year plan for future schemes, according to her diary. [BBC]

SPECIAL REPORT

How startups can unlock alternative capital for their operations

Churches have for years run successful institutions such as schools and experts feel their income might be a source of internal economic funding that will help do away with foreign aid.

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The Chief Executive of Africa Venture Philanthropy Alliance (AVPA) Dr Frank Aswani, holds a wild thought on domestic capital mobilisation for entrepreneurs: If churches can build hospitals, schools and run them profitably, why can't they also invest in startups?

According to his observation, this is one of the funding avenues that economies like Kenya can pursue, instead of relying on foreign inflows.

This money, while always available, is not suitable for economies on the continent, he says.

"Right now, the problem we have in Africa is that, too much of the money that comes to solve our problems is foreign," he said. "That comes with terms and conditions, sometimes that are not very suitable to us."

This money, he adds, also comes at a cost of capital that probably most

economies in the region cannot afford.

"We take this money in dollars and we have to pay in two or three years and by that time, there is devaluation so you are paying back at a much higher premium," he said during an interview on the sidelines of the AVPA annual conference held in Nairobi.

The three-day conference brought together close to 400 delegates from over 30 countries under the theme 'Driving Sustainable Investments and

Innovations for Resilient Growth'.

The delegates included government officials, philanthropy offices, foundations, wealth managers and representatives from family offices.

They discussed how to make capital available for businesses in the continent in a way that is profitable and impactful.

Aswani said the abrupt withdrawal of funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) by President Donald Trump shows how undependable foreign funding is.

He said a key challenge with foreign funding is that the money does not have the patience and the cultural-know-how of local economies.

"It comes in sometimes not having the cultural intelligence or local context around what needs to be solved or how it should be resolved," said Aswani.

He said capital inflows in Africa need



FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN 2024

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TECH

Why tech giants are offering premium AI tools to millions of Indians for free

Artificial intelligence companies are partnering with Indian firms to offer free or subsidised services.

And starting this week, millions of Indians will get one year of free access to ChatGPT's new, low-cost "Go" AI chatbot.

The move follows similar announcements in recent weeks from

Google and Perplexity AI, who have partnered with local Indian mobile companies to give users a year or more of free access to their AI tools.

Perplexity tied up with the country's second-largest mobile network provider Airtel, while Google partnered with Reliance Jio, India's largest telephony giant, to bundle free

or discounted AI tools with monthly data packs.

Analysts say such offers shouldn't be mistaken for generosity as they are calculated investments and a long-term bet on India's digital future. "The plan is to get Indians hooked on to generative AI before asking them to pay for it," Tarun

Pathak, an analyst at Counterpoint Research, told the BBC.

"What India offers is scale and a young audience," says Mr Pathak, adding that other big markets like China might rival India in terms of the number of users, but its tightly regulated tech environment limits foreign access. India, by contrast, of-

fers an open and competitive digital market and global tech is clinching the opportunity to enlist millions of new users here to train their AI models.

OpenAI, Perplexity and Google did not respond to the BBC's queries. India has over 900 million internet users and offers some of the world's



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EIB'S junior tranche boost to unlock over €382 million (Sh58 billion) in private foreign investment.

patience because some of the problems being solved with the said cash have been on the continent for a long time.

This is the reason why local capital is more suitable for impact investment on the continent. He refers to this as 'afro-unique' sources of capital.

Saccos and cooperatives

These are sources of capital that are unique to the African context.

"Like faith-based investing," he said.

Aswani said Africans give a lot to churches and mosques, and this money can be channeled to fund businesses that would have a positive impact in their societies.

"How can we use that creatively? Can you imagine if we have churches, which for a long time have participated in building hospitals and schools, coming in as early-stage investors for youth entrepreneurs?" he posed.

Additionally, saccos and cooperatives

are lying in a large pool of members' savings which can also be harnessed for the same purpose.

"We have a lot of normal structures like chamas that we can get more creative on how we use that capital," said Aswani.

According to the Kenya Investment Authority (InvestKenya), the United States is the country's leading contributor to foreign direct investment (FDI).

Data from the authority shows in 2024, FDI from the US stood at Sh44.1 billion (\$339 million), Sh31.6 billion (\$243 million) came from China, Sh26.7 billion (\$205 million) from Japan, Sh26.3 billion (\$202 million) from the United Kingdom, and Sh19.2 billion (\$121 million) from France.

In total, Kenya received Sh195.4 billion (\$1.5 billion) as FDI in the year 2024. The major sectors where this money is invested include infrastructure and logistics, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, ICT, services and trade.

Speaking previously during a private sector forum made up of businesses from the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), InvestKenya Chief Executive John Mwendwa, noted that technology plays a key role in these figures.

He pointed that on technology, Africa raises about Sh156 billion (\$1.2 billion).

"Kenya raised about Sh91 billion (\$700 million). So, 70 per cent of startup funding on technology in Africa is raised in Kenya," he said.

Bidco Africa board Chair Vimal Shah, who took part in the conference, said there is a lot of capital on the continent. Much of it, however, could be sitting in foreign accounts.

"Africa cannot rely on aid. Capital that builds industries is not aid," he said.

He added: "We must mobilise African capital through pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, private investors and we must invest in manufacturing, agriculture, green technology and skills and digital systems."

Shah said the continent's prosperity will come from factories and not fortunes from abroad because that has not helped the continent.

"We also need an execution mindset, ideas inspire but actions transform," he said.

He said when it comes to impact investment, manufacturing and the agriculture value chain has immense potential.

It is the reason why Bidco Africa is in the sector adding that it is not just a business model but also a vehicle for transformation.

"Every product made in Africa feeds a family, strengthens a farmer, supports a community and secures a future," he said.

OPINION

Rethinking insurance options for Kenya's booming gig economy



BY EVAH KIMANI

Kenya's gig economy is booming. From digital boda riders and online tutors to creatives, coders, and consultants, more Kenyans are ditching the traditional nine-to-five and embracing flexible, independent work.

The numbers tell the story. According to a 2022 Mastercard Foundation and Kepsa report, about 1.9 million people now work in digital and digitally enabled jobs—up from 638,000 in 2019.

The World Bank projects that Kenya's digital economy will grow to \$23 billion (2.97 trillion) by 2025, creating thousands of new opportunities. Clearly, gig work is no longer a side hustle; it's a new way of life.

Being your own boss has its perks: flexibility, autonomy, and control over your time. But it also comes with risks.

There's no cushion—no medical cover, no paid leave, and no guaranteed income when illness or injury strikes. With almost half of Kenyans living without health insurance, one medical emergency can wipe out a gig worker's savings overnight.

Digital Innovation

Insurance providers have recognised the realities of the gig economy and are designing products that fit the way freelancers and self-employed professionals live and work.

Digital innovation leads the way.

Today, a gig worker can access affordable health or personal accident cover directly from their phone—no paperwork, no long queues.

When illness or accidents strike, that small cover can mean the difference between stability and financial ruin.

Embedded insurance is also changing the game. By integrating protection into everyday transactions—like mobile data purchases or ride-hailing trips—workers can get instant cover without having to plan for it separately. It's insurance that fits into life, not around it.

Flexible, pay-as-you-go premiums are making it easier for informal workers to stay insured without disrupting cash flow.

By paying small amounts through mobile money, they can protect their income and their families while maintaining the flexibility their work demands.

This is the future of protection—simple, digital, and designed for real lives. Insurance is no longer a privilege for a few but a safety net for the many who keep our digital economy running.

Across the industry, digital innovation is helping bridge the protection gap. Insurers are increasingly embedding simple, affordable, and high-impact products into digital ecosystems that mirror the lifestyles and financial habits of modern consumers.

One emerging example is the use of chatbots and mobile apps that allow customers to self-enrol, access policies, and initiate claims with ease.

Tools such as WhatsApp-based assistants and mobile advisory platforms enable last-mile access and help financial advisors onboard clients remotely, bringing insurance closer to everyday life.

AI-powered health features are also being integrated into microinsurance products to improve user experience and health outcomes.

Meanwhile, a growing range of digitally distributed, micro-priced products—from personal accident and hospital cash cover



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to credit life and property insurance—are being designed for seamless bundling into digital services.

These include ride-hailing platforms that protect drivers and passengers, mobile networks offering add-on insurance, digital lending apps embedding loan protection, and fintech ecosystems that enable policy purchase directly via mobile.

These innovations point to the future of protection: insurance that is affordable, digital, and embedded into the rhythm of everyday transactions.

Knowing these options is just the beginning. The real step forward is taking action. Assess your risks, compare policies, and find affordable options that suit your needs.

Because at the end of the day, the only thing better than being your own boss is knowing you're protected when life happens.

So, if you're part of Kenya's thriving gig economy, secure your hustle today—because your freedom deserves protection.

- The writer is the CEO and Principal Officer, Britam Connect

cheapest data. Its online population is young - most internet users are under the age of 24, belonging to a generation that lives, works and socialises online, using smartphones.

Bundling these AI tools with data packs creates a massive opportunity for tech companies given India's data consumption outpaces much of the world.

The more Indians use these platforms, the more first-hand data companies can access.

"India is an incredibly diverse country. The AI use cases emerging from here will serve as valuable case studies for the rest of the world," says Pathak. "The more unique, first-hand data they gather, the better their models, particularly generative AI systems, become."

While a win-win for AI companies, these free offerings raise questions from a consumer perspective, especially regarding implications on data privacy. [BBC]

BUSINESS GROWTH

Chinese automakers rev up for **Kenyan market takeover**



Kenya National Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman James Mwaura, Industrialisation Secretary Erastus Gatebe and Jetour CEO Ali Zubedi during the launch of Jetour Kenya Vehicle in Nairobi. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

As Kenya pushes for clean mobility, new autos are aligning with country's targets via EV launches and plants.

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More Chinese car brands are targeting Kenya as they expand into East Africa and the African market with Caetano and Jetour being the latest entrants in the market.

Majority of these brands are introducing electrical vehicles to the Kenyan roads, aligning their business models with government's strategy to increase the use of clean energy vehicles and reduce fossil-fuelled mobility.

A week ago, Caetano launched the Cherry brand in the Kenyan market, which they say brings advanced technology, refined design and accessible luxury to Kenyan drivers.

"Chery's arrival in Kenya proves our commitment to delivering world-class mobility

solutions that meet the evolving needs of today's discerning clients," said Caetano Kenya Managing Director Aurelien Glay, during the launch. "The introduction of this brand brings to the Kenyan market a brand that combines intelligent engineering, contemporary design and advanced safety."

Chery joins Caetano Kenya's portfolio, which includes Hyundai, Kia, Renault, JMC, and Ford. Jetour introduced four models of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) which include the T2, Dashing, X70 Plus and T1, that will be sold under Global Motors Centre (GMC) Ltd.

The company also announced plans to have a local assembly by next year that will create jobs, build technical skills, and advance Kenya's Vision 2030 industrial and green mobility.

The launch, it said, marks the brand's entrance into Kenya's fast-growing automotive landscape, introducing vehicles that combine luxury, performance, and new technology while at the same time promising to

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Ali Zubedi, executive MD, Global Motors Centre Ltd

create jobs and boost local assembly.

Crafted for Kenya's roads and lifestyles, Jetour's SUV lineup, it said, looks to blend a rugged performance with refined comfort, redefining what modern Kenyan drivers expect from a vehicle.

"Jetour is more than a car brand — it's a commitment to progress. It stands for confidence, comfort and connection. As we begin local assembly early next year, we're creating jobs, building skills, and strengthening Kenya's automotive ecosystem and thus driving economic growth and sustainability," said the Executive Managing Director, Global Motors Centre Ltd Ali Zubedi during the launch.

He added: "Our mission is to make world-class SUVs accessible to every household with a Kenyan driver in mind"

Managing Director Jetour Kenya, Farooq Sheikh said Kenya is ready for vehicles that combine elegance, reliability, and innovation. "Jetour brings a modern mobility experience that matches our local landscape and lifestyle — from rugged terrains to urban commutes."

The Industrialisation Secretary for the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Erastus Gatebe, welcomed the entry of the Chinese vehicle makers in Kenya, saying the government will continue to create an environment for investors to do business.

Clean mobility

"The plan by these companies to set up a local assemblies operation, aiming to create hundreds of jobs, enhance skills transfer, and support Kenya's Vision 2030 industrialisation and clean mobility goals is directly aligned with government efforts to promote sustainable transport and local value addition," said Prof. Gatebe.

Other Chinese brands already in the market include BYD, Moja EV, Changan and Haval, which entered the Kenyan market in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The Chinese brands offer a range of vehicles, from fast-growing SUVs to sedans and pickups and light commercial vehicles. Most are establishing a presence through local partnerships and dealerships. They focus on features like modern technology including artificial intelligence, safety, comfort, zero-mileage, and competitive pricing as their selling point while targeting Kenya's growing middle class and professionals.

They are also looking into establishing assembly plants in the country in a bid to create jobs for Kenyans.

TECH

Chad inks Sh780b investment deals inked at UAE forum

An investment forum for Chad has yielded deals that could exceed \$6.2 billion, a United Arab Emirates minister said on Monday, adding that a trade agreement was just weeks away. About 40 deals were signed with entities and companies from the central African country which borders war-ravaged Sudan, the minister said in Abu Dhabi.

"We see tremendous development opportunities to ensure growth and stability in the country," UAE Foreign Trade Minister Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi told reporters at the two-day UAE-Chad Trade and Investment Forum.

"Is Chad a strategic country for us? Of course." Chad officials used the forum in the UAE capital to

launch a national development plan targeting \$30 billion (Sh3.9 trillion) in investment. This month, the United Nations warned of an influx of Sudanese refugees to Chad after the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) took the city of El-Fasher, reportedly committing a series of atrocities. Sudan's army has accused the UAE of supporting the RSF with

weapons and mercenaries sent via African nations, including Chad. The UAE has repeatedly denied the allegations.

The oil-rich UAE invested more than \$110 billion (Sh14.4 trillion) in Africa between 2019-2023, making it the world's biggest backer of new projects there, the Ministry of Economy and Tourism said last month.

A Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement trade deal with Chad could be signed by the end of the year, Zeyoudi said. Non-oil trade rose 32 per cent to \$1.9 billion (Sh247 billion) last year, he added.

The new investment deals for Chad will be worth \$6.2 billion (Sh806 billion) if they are fully implemented, the minister said. [AFP]

FORESIGHT

Kenya's AI revolution: Who will lead the charge and who will fall behind



By VICTOR CHESANG

In Sugoi, a farmer uses an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to determine which crops will yield the best returns in international sales this season.

The app focuses on coffee, the world's morning unifier, enjoyed in more than 120 countries, as Kenya's next big thing.

AI data also shows that coffee can be grown even in previously ruled-out semi-arid regions.

For many farmers in Baringo and the surrounding areas, coffee has been a steady source of economic recovery in the background.

Today, one of those farmers in Talai has more than 21,000 coffee trees in 20 acres, and other formerly barren lands are now models of resilience.

In this transformation, the repercussions are not limited to the soil. Recently, Kenya swapped its Sh650 billion railway loan from dollars to yuan, but our exports to China remain a fraction of our imports, a trade imbalance of about 1:34.

To fix it, Kenya must increase its high-value exports. Coffee, and its AI-built farming as well as demand from the rest of the world, is perhaps our way to fairer trading with China and the rest of the world.

In Kapchepkor, a small shop owner takes a similar decision, based on AI analysis of mobile payment behaviour, to predict which goods sell fast in advance so that he can reorder the inventory.

In Nairobi, restaurants are using AI to take orders, monitor stock, and predict customer trends. In Uasin Gishu, dairies are using sensors to monitor milk quality and forecast demand.

AI, no longer a buzzword but a silent rewriter of our working, trading, and growth paradigms, is no longer a local or regional phenomenon, but a nationwide phenomenon.

AI is not coming with noise but with results. It helps make decisions faster, smoothens operations and opens up completely new opportunities. Kenya's next economic jump will not be the result of speculation,



From farmers in Baringo and shopkeepers in Kapchepkor to restaurant staff in Nairobi and dairy workers in the Rift Valley, AI is opening paths to higher productivity and income. [File, Standard]

but intelligence.

This week's signal: Practical AI gains

Artificial intelligence is transforming how companies operate and how employees work. Kenyan enterprises that have implemented AI into their business processes are experiencing efficiencies that were previously never imagined.

Enterprise systems such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), supply chains, and inventory management have now become predictive rather than reactive, resulting in up to 70 per cent in cost savings.

Automated financial instruments can also assess cash flow and forecast risk, freeing managers to focus on innovation.

At one restaurant in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, robots have processed hundreds of orders without issue, allowing human workers to offer better service. Dairy producers who automate production and logistics are using AI.

AI systems connected via satellite help farmers determine what crops will be profitable in their geographical location and around the world.

As a country that is open to adopting new technologies, Kenya is becoming one of the most fertile proving grounds for AI in Africa.

What it means for business

AI will become the new norm of business competitiveness. Early adopters will remove inefficiencies, better serve customers, and discover new markets. AI enhances people,

not replaces them, turning people into faster, more data-driven decision-makers.

Kenyan businesses that move now will be the leaders, and those that delay will be irrelevant.

Business dynamics are changing fast, and a business's EBITDA (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) has improved by 50 per cent. AI has turbocharged the 3Ps in most businesses. Business is about People, Process and Product.

What it means for policy

Innovation needs to be balanced by policymakers with inclusion in mind. AI can assist county governments in anticipating budgets, optimising economic infrastructure, and improving citizen services.

Policies need to ensure that the benefits of AI are felt across the country, from city boardrooms to farm fields in Kasisit and factories in Thika.

Investments in digital literacy and infrastructure for bandwidth and data will determine whether Kenya becomes an AI leader or a follower.

AI can also be used to strengthen public systems.

Smarter taxation and concentrated medical and educational models are right around the corner. The question is not whether the government should adopt AI, but how fast.

What it means for the people

From farmers in Baringo and shopkeepers in Kapchepkor to restaurant staff in Nairobi and dairy workers in the Rift Valley, AI is opening paths to higher productivity and income. Success will depend on learning, adaptability, and the courage to experiment. Kenyans have the creativity and curiosity to thrive in this new age if they act early.

Afterthought

AI in Kenya is transforming the way we work, trade, study and live. The delayers will be left behind; the better adapted will survive. The pace is accelerating, and the future will favour the prepared.

Decisions are made on the radar screen, but the future is yours.

- The writer is a human-centred strategist and leadership columnist.

BRANDS

China's ' Singles Day ' shopping fest loses its shine

Chinese shoppers worried about the economy and overwhelmed by near-constant retail promotions are growing weary of the annual "Singles Day" sales bonanza, a discouraging sign as the government tries to boost consumption.

"Singles Day", named for its 11/11 date and first launched by tech giant Alibaba in 2009, has ballooned into a month-long promotional period for e-commerce platforms.

The shopping spree was once an annual opportunity for Alibaba and major rival JD.com to announce new purchase records, but they have withheld detailed sales totals in recent years. "The discounts aren't as attractive now," said 29-year-old Shanghai resident Zhang Jing, who told AFP she bought "nothing" during this year's sales.

Zhang said she was discouraged by online platforms' increasingly complex promotions, which often require shoppers to claim multiple coupons or combine purchases in a specific order before they can enjoy a discount. "I've never participated in these complicated rules, not once," she said.

Shi Xuebin, the 42-year-old owner of a clothing boutique, said she bought a new iPhone 17, but only because "I wanted to buy a new phone in the first place".

She told AFP she had bought far fewer Singles Day products compared to last year and that she had noticed a belt-tightening trend among Chinese consumers.

Downgrading consumption

"I feel the general economy hasn't been great this year, and people are avoiding buying things that aren't absolutely necessary," Shi said.

"Before, if you liked something, you'd buy it without much thought... but now, there's a real sense of downgrading consumption." China's leaders have fought to overcome sluggish domestic spending, a protracted crisis in the property sector and a trade war with the United States. The Communist Party's top brass vowed to "vigorously boost consumption" after a key planning meeting in Beijing last month. [AFP]



Workers sort packages at JD's warehouse during the Singles's Day, China's massive annual shopping event in Beijing. [AFP]

Kenya unveils National Dual Training Policy to bridge skills gap

By Mike Kihaki, Nairobi

Kenya has officially launched the National Dual Training Policy, marking a major milestone in the country's efforts to transform technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

This will also strengthen youth employability through stronger linkages between learning institutions and industry.

The new policy introduces a structured dual training framework that merges classroom instruction with hands-on industry experience. It is designed to ensure that trainees not only gain theoretical knowledge but also acquire practical skills that match the evolving demands of the job market.

The policy, developed by the Ministry of Education through the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), represents a bold shift toward modern, demand-driven skills development. It aims to position Kenya as a continental leader in providing industry-aligned training that prepares young people for both employment and entrepreneurship.

Speaking during the launch at the Kiambu National Polytechnic, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba described the policy as a transformative step toward building a globally competitive and future-ready workforce.

"Kenya is investing in a future where every young person has the skills and confidence to thrive in the job market. Dual Training brings classrooms and

industry together, making training more relevant, practical, and future-focused," said Ogamba.

Kenya joins a growing number of African countries reforming their technical and vocational education systems to meet modern labour market demands.

Ogamba reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that every young Kenyan has access to high-quality, practical education that leads to meaningful work.

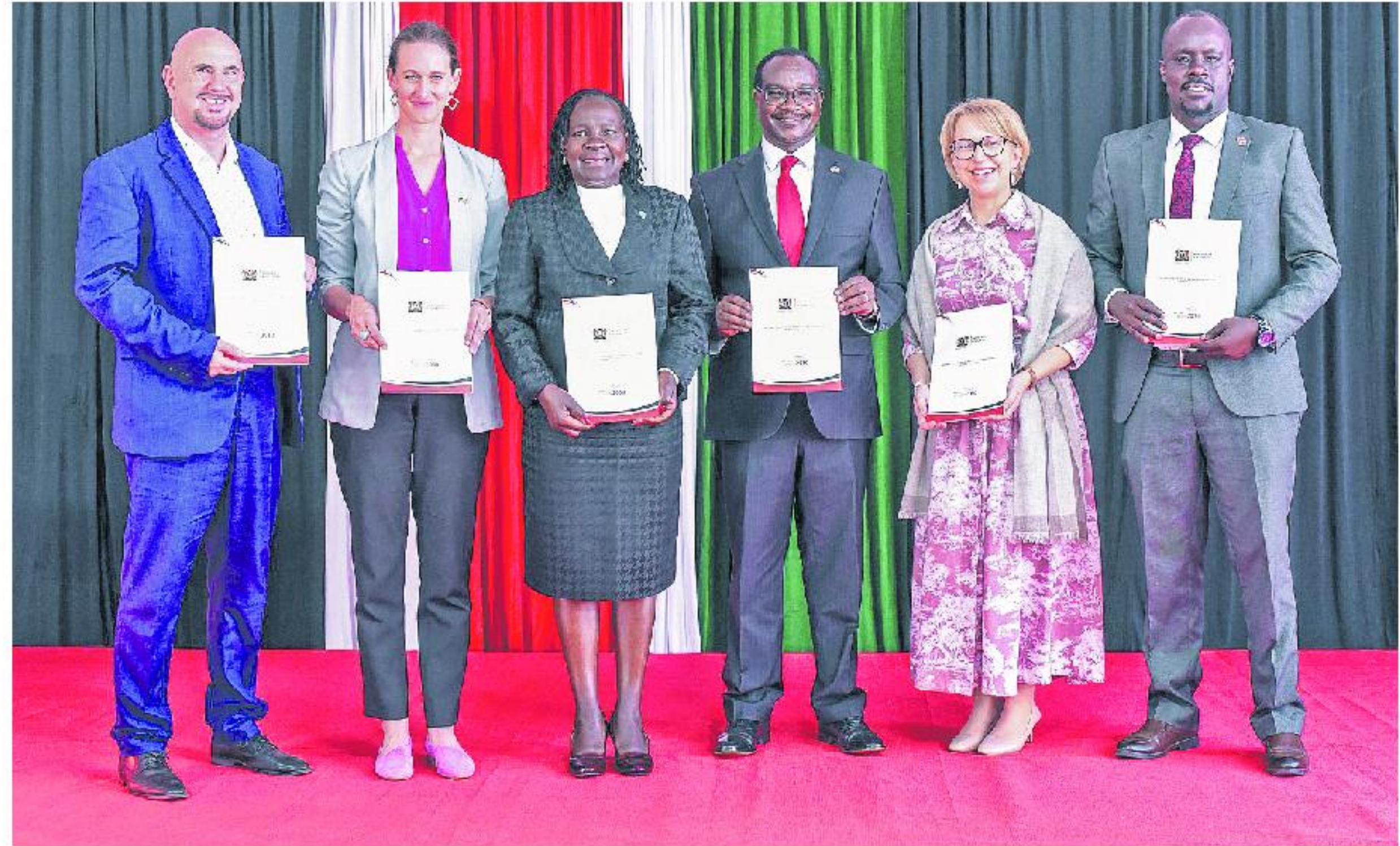
"With this policy, we are ensuring that our youth learn in real workplaces, use modern tools, and graduate ready for employment or entrepreneurship. This is how nations grow, and Kenya is ready."

According to the Ministry of Education, the policy's development was supported by the Promotion of Youth Employment and Vocational Training Programme, a joint initiative financed by the Governments of Finland and Germany with technical cooperation from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The policy was formally approved by the Cabinet on January 21, 2025, clearing the way for nationwide implementation across all technical and vocational institutions.

Currently, more than 10,000 trainees are enrolled in dual training programmes across 100 TVET institutions and 93 vocations, supported by over 1,500 industry partners.

The Dual Training Policy comes at a time when Kenya's youth unemployment remains a pressing challenge, despite a growing demand for skilled labour in key sectors such as manufac-



Cabinet Secretary for Education, Julius Ogamba (left) and PS TVET Dr. Esther Muoria (third left) presides over the official launch of the Dual Training Policy.

turing, construction, energy, hospitality, and digital technology.

TVET Principal Secretary Dr. Esther Muoria noted that the dual training approach is a cornerstone of Kenya's plan to make vocational education more inclusive, marketable, and responsive to economic transformation.

"For a long time, there has been a disconnect between what our institutions teach and what industries need. This policy provides a solution by creating a system where learning happens both in the classroom and at the workplace," Dr. Muoria said.

"Our goal is to make every TVET graduate a competent, confident profes-



With this policy, we are ensuring that our youth learn in real workplaces."

Julius Ogamba, Education Cabinet Secretary

sional who can either be absorbed by the labour market or create their own opportunities."

International partners who supported the policy's formulation have commended Kenya's commitment to education reform, innovation, and youth empowerment.

Finland's Ambassador to Kenya, Ms. Riina-Riikka Heikka, lauded the country's focus on aligning skills training with industry needs, saying that the Dual Training Policy represents a forward-looking approach to skills development.

"Quality skills are the foundation of innovation, competitiveness, and resilience. This policy sends a powerful message that Kenya is building a TVET system that listens to industry, empowers young people, and embraces green and digital transformation," said Ms. Heikka.

Germany's Deputy Head of Development Cooperation, Friederike Hemker, also expressed Germany's continued support for Kenya's vision of a skilled, globally competitive workforce.

"Germany strongly supports Kenya's

vision for a skilled workforce powered by meaningful partnerships between training centres and employers. This policy will scale success across the country and strengthen Kenya's competitiveness," Hemker noted.

Germany has long been a pioneer of the dual training model, which combines classroom learning with company-based training and has been credited for keeping unemployment rates among young people low.

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) Chairperson Flora Mutahi emphasized that the private sector stands to benefit immensely from a more skilled workforce.

"This policy will help industry get the kind of workers it needs competent, adaptable, and ready to perform. It will reduce the time and cost of retraining graduates, which has been a major challenge for employers," Mutahi said.

Experts say the policy could also play a vital role in Kenya's green and digital transitions by encouraging the integration of environmentally sustainable technologies and digital innovation into vocational curricula.

Government moves to restore learning in universities after 49-day strike

The government has unveiled a raft of interventions aimed at restoring normal learning in public universities after 49 days of industrial action that left thousands of students stranded and disrupted academic calendars across the country.

The prolonged strike by university lecturers and non-teaching staff not only affected lectures and examinations but also delayed graduations, disrupted attachments, and strained parents and students financially.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said plans are underway to cushion students and universi-

ties from the effects of the prolonged closure. He said the ministry had instructed institutions to implement academic recovery measures and financial safeguards while also addressing the underlying labour dispute with university staff unions.

"To safeguard students from the adverse effects of the industrial action, we will institute several interventions," said Ogamba.

The Ministry of Education maintains that the priority is to ensure no student is left academically or financially disadvantaged.

This emerged as Samburu West MP

Naisula Lesuuda raised the matter in Parliament, demanding to know what measures the Ministry of Education had put in place to mitigate learning losses and safeguard students' welfare.

"Parents and students are deeply worried. Rent, upkeep, and academic progress have all been affected. Some students were due to graduate but now remain uncertain about when they will complete their studies," said Lesuuda.

The committee chair Tinderet MP Julius Melly said the Committee's priority was to ensure learning in universities continues uninterrupted while safeguarding lecturers' welfare.

"We must find a lasting solution to this matter. Students cannot continue to suffer every time a strike is called. We are ready to facilitate dialogue and push for an implementable payment plan," said Melly.

Melly urged both the Ministry and the unions to conclude the ongoing negotiations before the end of the year, emphasizing that the Committee will monitor progress closely.

"This Committee wants universities to resume functioning. The Treasury, Education Ministry, and unions must act within the agreed timelines," he said. Ogamba announced that univer-

sities will adjust their academic calendars to recover lost teaching time through compressed semesters, weekend and evening classes, and blended virtual learning.

Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) Secretary-General Dr. Charles Mukhwaya said that academic staff were ready to make up for lost time once learning resumes.

"The moment we get back to class, we will do our best. Any time lost will be recovered, even if it means having evening or weekend classes and eating into holidays," said Mukhwaya. **[Mike Kihaki]**

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Chinese retailer boosts Uchumi earnings amid Sh8.3b debt woes



Chinese retail chain, China Square, took up Uchumi Supermarket's Lang'ata Hyper outlet along Lang'ata Road in June last year. [File, Standard]

▶ Leasing income from China Square now accounts for 80 per cent of the former retail giant's rental income.

▶ The listed retailer posted a net profit of Sh8.8 million for the nine months to September 2025 from a loss of Sh49.7 million in 2024.

MACHARIA KAMAU, NAIROBI

The leasing of Uchumi Supermarket's Lang'ata Hyper premises to China Square has lifted the struggling retailer's earnings, but this is not enough to lift it out of its protracted financial woes.

China Square now accounts for more than 80 per cent of the rental income earned by the listed former retail giant after setting up an outlet at Uchumi's Lang'ata Hyper premises.

According to quarterly disclosures for the period to September 2025, the Chinese firm pays a monthly lease fee of Sh5 million for the space, which is 84 per cent of the Sh5.94 million that Uchumi earns from different tenants every month at what was once one of its largest and key retail spaces.

In the nine months to September, Uchumi's income from dealing in other businesses, including rental income, stood at Sh62.74 million, having grown from Sh13.54 million in 2024.

Over the period, the report said, Uchumi posted a Sh8.8 million profit, a 117.7 per cent

growth from a loss of Sh49.7 million in 2024.

It had the impact of growing its total income to Sh90 million in 2025 from Sh29 million in 2024. This is, however, still a paltry amount when pitted against the Sh8.38 billion that Uchumi owes its creditors, including staff, suppliers and lenders. Uchumi in the report noted that "other income (of Sh62.74 million in the year to December 2024) materially supported results (in 2024); with China Square being a major contributor to the revenue."

The Chinese retailer opened the outlet in June last year, and according to a recent report by Uchumi, it began lease payments in December 2024, which have been significant in supporting Uchumi's earnings. In an earlier report, Uchumi noted that leasing the property to China Square has been key in "generating consistent income and safeguarding its long-term value." Uchumi, which was once a poster child for retail success, has for years consistently posted losses, with its worst having been

in 2015, when it reported a loss of Sh3.4 billion.

Its physical presence has also thinned and is now largely dependent on leasing space. In its annual report, it said selling directly to major clients has remained a key revenue stream even as it lost its retail business, as it shut down its outlets. "Corporate business registered encouraging growth and contributed positively to the Company's top-line. That business segment involves direct sales to institutions and bulk buyers and has proved to be more resilient compared to traditional retail outlets," said Uchumi in the annual report.

The company has in the past hinged its survival and also payment of some of its debts to creditors on the sale of a 17-acre piece of land in Kasarani that it claimed ownership of.

The land, valued at Sh2.3 billion, was, however, taken over by the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) in 2020 and has since then been subject to a court case. The High Court in May this year ruled in favour of KDF. Uchumi has since appealed the ruling. "The Company was actively engaged in litigation against the KDF over the Kasarani Mall Ltd's Investment Property. The success of the CVA is largely hinged on the disposal of the asset. The Court on 19th May, 2025 delivered a judgment against the Company," said Uchumi in the report.

"Orders were issued for the cancellation of the Company's title. An appeal was lodged against the Judgement, and the board of directors strongly believes that there exists a high chance of success."

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MONTHLY lease fee that China Square pays for Uchumi's Lang'ata Hyper premises.

FINANCIALS

SBM Bank Kenya bounces back with Sh283m profit

SBM Bank Kenya has posted a Sh283.4 million profit after tax for the nine months to September, a turnaround from a Sh1.3 billion loss a year earlier, driven by a surge in operating income and lower expenses.

The lender, a subsidiary of Mauritius-based SBM Group, said on Tuesday the performance represents a sustained recovery under a transformation strategy led by Chief Executive Officer Bhartesh Shah, who took over in May 2024.

The bank's rebound was supported by a significant improvement in its funded and non-funded income.

Operating income rose 65 per cent to Sh4.3 billion, up from Sh2.60 billion in the same period last year. At the same time, the bank recorded lower costs in the period, with total operating expenses declining by 3.5 per cent year-on-year to Sh3.89 billion, underlining what the lender termed enhanced operational efficiency.

"Our performance this quarter reflects the disciplined execution of our turnaround strategy and the power of customer-led innovation," Shah said in a statement.

The bank's total assets grew to Sh104.0 billion from Sh97.5 billion, while customer deposits rose 20 per cent to Sh75.2 billion.

Shah said the improved performance was supported by "strategic initiatives focused on digital banking and partnerships."

"Through smarter digital platforms, relevant products, and strong partnerships, we are delivering a bold, secure, and modern banking experience," he said. "We remain committed to driving inclusive financial growth and becoming Kenya's preferred payments and savings bank."

He said during the period the bank enhanced its "Mfukoni" mobile app and strengthened its cybersecurity framework.

SBM and the Integrated Payment Services Ltd (IPSL) earlier this year signed a partnership that will see customers using IPSL's Pesalink money transfer on the SBM Mfukoni app and online banking will send between Sh1 and Sh1,000 for free. Amounts between Sh1,001 and Sh999,999 will attract a flat rate of Sh20. In 2024, Pesalink facilitated transactions worth over Sh1.1 trillion. It also expanded its partnership with Mastercard to boost card issuance and payment capabilities.

On the products front, the bank cited positive customer response to its high-yield Platinum Saver Account and growth in its fractional Eurobond offerings. SBM Bank Kenya is a unit of SBM Group Holdings, which is listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and operates in several markets, including India and Madagascar. [Brian Ngugi]

Crude oil 60.38 +0.25 (+0.42%)	Gold 4,150.20 +28.20 (+0.68%)	BitcoinUSD 105,018.40 -1,488.86 (-1.40%)	Euro/USD 1.1565 +0.0011 (+0.0987%)	FTSE 100 9,870.63 +83.61 (+0.85%)	Nikkei 225 50,842.93 -68.83 (-0.14%)	S&P Futures 6,843.25 -13.50 (-0.20%)	NASDAQ Futures 25,630.25 -84.25 (-0.33%)
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Tops & Flops

CAR GENERAL	57.75	61.50	6.49%
UNGA	22.75	24.10	5.93%
UCHUMI	0.36	0.38	5.56%
SCANGROUP	2.71	2.82	4.06%
EAAGADS	19.65	20.15	2.54%
HF GROUP	10.55	10.05	-4.74%
TOTAL	44.00	42.40	-3.64%
JUBILEE	324.75	313.50	-3.46%
UMEME	7.68	7.42	-3.39%
CENTUM	16.00	15.50	-3.13%



Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE	JAPANESE YEN (100)	83.9084
US DOLLAR	129.2399	SWEDISH KRONER	13.6021
STERLING POUND	170.2865	NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.7799
EURO	149.5306	DANISH KRONER	20.0252
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.5136	INDIAN RUPEE	1.4573
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.2826	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6258
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	18.9957	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	99.2245
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2491	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4594
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.8327	CHINESE YUAN	18.1540
AE DIRHAM	35.1865	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.3872
CANADIAN DOLLAR	92.2384		
SWISS FRANC	160.5764		

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE
Jubilee Money Market Fund	9.69%	10.13%
Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)	4.94%	5.06%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	9.33%	9.73%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund USD	5.60%	5.75%
African Alliance Money Market Fund	5.66%	5.81%
GCIB Money Market Fund	10.41%	10.92%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	9.41%	9.82%
Mali Fund	8.99%	8.99%
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.03%	8.36%
Madison Money Market Fund	9.61%	10.08%
Britam Money Market Fund	10.02%	10.53%
Britam Money Market Fund USD	4.47%	4.57%
Kuza Money Market Fund	10.37%	10.92%
Kuza Money Market Fund USD	5.73%	5.90%
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Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	10.84%	11.49%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	5.00%	5.11%
KCB MMF-KES	9.01%	9.39%
KCB MMF-USD	4.94%	5.05%
CIC Money Market Fund	8.22%	8.53%
Mayfair Money Market Fund	7.96%	8.28%
OTHER FUNDS		
Jubilee Fixed Income Fund	10.53%	11.05%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	11.55%	12.59%
African Alliance Balanced Fund	22.7196	22.5236
African Alliance Equity Fund	213.7148	211.2641



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FIXED INCOME SECURITIES MARKET SEGMENT. The bond market registered bonds worth Sh14.4 billion, up from Kes. 6.9 billion registered previously.

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	AGRICULTURAL	VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	20.15	19.65	230
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	400.25	400.25	13
424.25	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	204.75	203.00	2,219
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME		423.50	-
32.60	13.60	SasInl Plc Ord 1.00	18.85	18.90	8,004
350.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	163.75	165.50	8,355
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
62.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	61.50	57.75	1,277
BANKING					
26.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	25.80	25.50	1,722,614
43.50	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	42.55	42.55	4,748
118.00	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	115.00	115.00	29,906
70.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	67.25	68.75	562,653
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.05	10.55	635,923
46.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	45.90	45.95	131,038
72.50	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	67.75	69.50	1,978,600
100.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	85.50	86.00	426,274
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord 5.00	194.75	194.75	10,861
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	307.50	310.25	24,844
23.50	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	22.80	22.95	1,496,514
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	1.31	1.30	15,947
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.14	7.26	1,324
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.80	3.80	83,131
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	2.85	2.87	1,727
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.50	1.51	70,416
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	12.95	12.90	15,632
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	14.30	14.15	39,589
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.42	6.42	308
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.95	17.00	4,443
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.38	0.36	173,829
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.82	2.71	10,874
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburl Cement Plc Ord 5.00		54.00	-
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	58.00	59.50	351
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	-
64.25	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	60.50	60.50	67
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.65	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	10.40	10.45	2,279,869
15.80	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	14.25	14.30	1,412,683
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.51	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
47.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	42.40	44.00	8,594
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.42	7.68	272,467
INSURANCE					
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.70	8.98	300,786
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord 1.00	4.79	4.79	1,204,465
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	313.50	324.75	1,731
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.21	3.23	3,447,859
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.45	10.45	16,530
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Allianz Holdings Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.78	8.68	25,499
INVESTMENT					
16.75	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.50	16.00	32,716
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.15	1.15	254,777
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME		1,500.00	-
8.22	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	7.14	7.12	6,038
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
21.20	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	20.65	20.85	281,046
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
140.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	129.25	129.00	139
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	449.50	449.25	27,572
31.60	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	31.45	31.10	70,004
250.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	240.50	244.00	77,017
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.81	1.78	64,991
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00SME		65.25	-
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	24.10	22.75	1,101
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.20	8.04	9,794
TELECOMMUNICATION					
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	28.95	29.10	27,540,203
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00		20.00	-
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
5900.00	1880.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	5000.00	5155.00	553
1050.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	855.00	851.00	246

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX Down 1.58 points | NSE 20-SHARE INDEX Down 32.84 points to close at 3206.10

DAIRY

Processor taps schools to grow market share

Processor taps schools to grow market share
Milk processor Brookside Dairy is leveraging its partnership with educational institutions to further grow its market share. The processor says the partnership also seeks to improve nutrition levels for better academic outcomes, including improved retention rates for pupils in schools.

The processor, which has partnered with the national head teachers' lobby, the Kenya Primary Schools Headteachers Association (KEPSHA), says it has made deeper investments in its product value chain to ensure sustained high-quality products to its customers.

Brookside's Director of Marketing, Reza Chabokro said more institutions are warming up to the initiative.

"Our efficient national distribution network guarantees the availability of our products to schools throughout the country. We are delighted by the interest schools have shown in our full cream powder and white milk, and we are determined to service this niche market with quality products," Chabokro said yesterday in Mombasa, during this year's KEPSHA conference at Sheikh Zayed Children's Centre.

"For the past three decades, Brookside Dairy has been at the forefront in supplying the market with high-quality dairy products that satisfy the ever-changing needs and preferences of our consumers. We offer the widest array of products, all of which meet the highest international standards in quality."

During the event, Brookside presented Sh1 million to KEPSHA, being cash sponsorship for the event, and another Sh1.8 million in products and merchandise to the school heads.

Chabokro said Brookside would continue to prioritise product research and development to ensure that the processor continues to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of consumers of dairy products.

"We shall continue to evaluate market demand, analyse conditions and competition, and identify our target audience's needs, expectations, and pain points. The goal is to create products that meet user needs, reduce risks, and enhance user satisfaction," Chabokro said.

[Esther Dianah]



Brookside Marketing and Innovations Director Reza Chabokro (second right) with the Chairman of the Kenya Primary Schools Headteachers Association Fuad Ali in Mombasa yesterday. [Courtesy]

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'Blood oozing from corpses' still haunts escapees from El-Fasher

► Ethnic attacks continue in Sudan as millions flee their homes amid deadly clash between RSF and army.

► Army's stronghold of El-Fasher captured by the RSF as UN warns of an ongoing genocide.

TINE, CHAD

It took 16-year-old Mounir Abderahmane 11 days to reach the Tine refugee transit camp in Chad, crossing arid plains after fleeing the bloodshed in the Sudanese city of El-Fasher.

When the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) entered the city in late October, Abderahmane was at the Saudi hospital, watching over his father, a soldier in the regular army wounded fighting the militia several days earlier. "They summoned seven nurses and ushered them into a room. We heard gunshots and I saw blood seeping out for under the door," he told AFP, his voice cracking with emotion.

Abderahmane fled the city the same day with his father, who died several days on the route westwards to Chad. The RSF, locked in civil war with the army since April 2023, captured El-Fasher, the army's last stronghold in the vast western Darfur region, on October 26 after an 18-month siege.

Both sides have been accused of atrocities. The RSF traces its origins



People displaced from El Fasher and other conflict-affected areas are settled in the newly established El-Afadh camp in Al Dabbah, in Sudan's Northern State, on November 09, 2025. [AFP]

back to the Janjaweed, a largely Arab militia armed by the Sudanese government to kill mainly black African tribes in Darfur two decades ago. Between 2003 and 2008, an estimated 300,000 people were slaughtered in those campaigns of ethnic cleans-

“

Every time I went up to get some air, I saw new corpses in the street, often those of local people I knew,”

Hamid Chogar, Refugee

ing and nearly 2.7 million were displaced. At the Tine camp in eastern Chad - more than 300 kilometres (185 miles) from El-Fasher - escapees said drone attacks had intensified in the city on October 24, just before it fell to the RSF. Locals crammed into makeshift shelters to escape the bombs, with only "peanut shells" for food, 53-year-old Hamid Souleymane Chogar said.

"Every time I went up to get some air, I saw new corpses in the street, often those of local people I knew," he shuddered.

Chogar took advantage of a lull to flee in the night. Crippled, he said, by the Janjaweed in 2011, he had to be hoisted onto a cart that zigzagged through the city between the debris and corpses.

They moved without speaking or

lights to avoid detection. When the headlights of an RSF vehicle swept the night, Mahamat Ahmat Abdelkerim, 53, dove into a nearby house with his wife and six children.

The seventh child had been killed by a drone days earlier. "There were about 10 bodies in there, all civilians," he said. "The blood was still oozing from their corpses."

Mouna Mahamat Oumour, 42, was fleeing with her family when a shell struck the group. "When I turned round, I saw my aunt's body torn to pieces. We covered her with a cloth and kept going," she said through tears.

"We walked on without ever looking back."

At the southern edge of the city, they saw corpses piled up in the huge trench the RSF had dug to surround it. Samira Abdallah Bachir, 29, said she and her three young children had to climb down into the ditch to escape, negotiating the morass of bodies "so we wouldn't step on them".

Once past the trench, refugees had to negotiate checkpoints on the two main roads leading out of El-Fasher, where witnesses reported rape and theft.

At each roadblock, the fighters demanded cash - \$800 to \$1,600 - for safe passage. The United Nations estimates nearly 90,000 have fled El-Fasher in the past two weeks, many going days without food.

"People are being relocated from Tine to reduce crowding and make room for new refugees," said Ameni Rahmani, 42, of medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

WASHINGTON



Trump threatens \$1 billion legal action as BBC apologises for speech edit error

US President Donald Trump threatened the BBC with a billion-dollar lawsuit as the broadcaster apologised for editing a speech that gave the impression he urged "violent action" ahead of the 2021 assault on the US Capitol.

In a letter seen by AFP, Trump's lawyers gave the British broadcaster until Friday to fully retract the documentary containing the edit, apologise and "appropriately compensate" the president "for the harm caused".

If the BBC does not comply "President Trump will be left with no alternative but to enforce his legal and equitable rights... including by filing legal action for no less than \$1,000,000,000 in damages," it said.

The BBC director general and the organisation's top news executive resigned Sunday over the row, after accusations that a documentary by the Panorama programme last year featured extracts from a speech by Trump that were edited in a misleading way.

The BBC said it would "review" the letter from Trump's legal team. It also issued a public apology for the editing. Trump's supporters rioted at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021 in a bid to overturn the certification of his 2020 US presidential election defeat by Democrat Joe Biden.

Trump has been accused of launching a number of previous lawsuits to stifle US media, including against broadcasters ABC and CBS, and the New York Times.

The latest controversy has reignited a debate over the British broadcaster, which is cherished by many but has faced longstanding accusations of bias from both ends of the political spectrum.

In a letter sent to MPs, BBC chairman Samir Shah said the broadcaster accepted that the editing of Trump's speech for the documentary "did give the impression of a direct call for violent action".

"The BBC would like to apologise for that error of judgement," he added, vowing to reform oversight within the broadcaster. Director general Tim Davie and BBC News CEO Deborah Turness stepped down over the escalating backlash. [AFP]

NEW DELHI

Indian PM calls deadly Delhi blast 'a conspiracy'

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called a deadly car explosion in the heart of the capital a "conspiracy", vowing those responsible will face justice.

Police are yet to give exact details of what caused Monday's incident near the historic Red Fort, one of India's most well-known landmarks, and the site of the prime minister's annual Independence Day speech.

The blast killed at least eight people, and 19 others injured when flames ripped through several vehicles. It was the first significant security incident since a shooting attack in late April that left

26 mainly Hindu civilians dead at the tourist site of Pahalgam in Indian-administered Kashmir, triggering clashes with Pakistan. "I assure everyone that the agencies will get to the bottom of the entire conspiracy," Modi said, during a state visit to neighbouring Bhutan, without giving details. "All those involved will be brought to justice."

Indian authorities have stepped short of calling the blast an attack, saying they were awaiting forensic analysis.

But on Tuesday, the home affairs ministry said that India's anti-terrorism force, the National Investigation Agency, are leading the probe.

The explosion on Monday came hours after Indian police said they had arrested a gang and seized explosive materials and assault rifles.

Police said the men were linked with Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistan-based Islamist group, and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, a Kashmir offshoot of jihadist group Al-Qaeda.

Both groups are listed as terrorist organisations in India. Home Minister Amit Shah, after chairing security talks following the blast, said he had instructed officials "to hunt down each and every culprit behind this incident", he said in a statement. [AFP]

How Ireland's climate battle is being fought in farming fields

► Seven-million-strong cattle herd in Ireland produces more emissions than transport and energy sectors.

► A unique farm has introduced a new system to reduce the amount of methane produced by cows.

AFP, BELEM

On a windswept Irish farm, high-tech cow collars track animal health and solar panels glint on the milking parlour's roof, as a country famed for its lush green pastures tries to reduce its agricultural carbon footprint.

The Farm Zero C project near Bandon, County Cork, also manages grazing carefully, uses hedgerow and scrub habitats to shelter pollinators and birds, and plants legume crops to cut chemical fertiliser use, all producing measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Around 40 per cent of Ireland's total greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture, far higher than the European Union average.

The unique Bandon initiative in the south could provide a model for tackling Ireland's biggest environmental dilemma: how to cut emissions on farms without drastically shrinking herds or decimating rural communities.

Ireland's pastures, long symbols of national identity and prosperity, have become flashpoints in the debate over how a small island can meet big climate promises.

Dominated by methane-heavy dairy and beef production from a seven-million-strong cattle herd, the sector produces more emissions than transport and energy combined.

"We are trying to create an economi-

cally viable climate-neutral system," said Padraig Walsh, project manager at Farm Zero C, where 250 cows are milked.

The project is a collaboration between Carbery, a dairy cooperative of more than 1,100 farmers, and "bioeconomy" researchers BiOrbic.

At the site, around 280km southwest of Dublin, emissions have plunged by 27 per cent since the project was launched in 2021, Walsh told AFP.

Chief emission culprits are livestock farming, particularly cattle, which release planet-warming methane when they burp.

Meanwhile, fertiliser use emits nitrous oxide - the third-most-potent greenhouse gas after methane and carbon dioxide.

As the annual United Nations climate conference, COP30, continues in Brazil, EU 2030 targets are forcing Irish policymakers to focus on slashing emissions by 40 per cent compared to 2005 levels.

If Ireland fails, it risks colossal EU fines of almost 30 billion euros (\$35 billion). WAt Farm Zero C - on a site owned by the farmers' cooperative - the target is to reach emissions neutrality.

Legume hordes like clover pull nitrogen from the air, reducing the use of chemical fertilisers, and the milking parlour is 80-percent solar-and wind-powered.

But methane still represents about three-quarters of the farm's carbon footprint, according to Walsh.

"We are looking at herd genetics, researching feed additives with our academic partners, and trialling natural diet products to reduce methane from the cows," he said.

The farm also collects quantifiable data for soil carbon sequestration. Other farmers, researchers and policymakers regularly visit to study techniques.

Not all its measures will be picked up,



black and white cows in green grassy summer meadow under blue sky near amersfoort in the netherlands

“We are looking at herd genetics, researching feed additives with our academic partners, and trialling natural diet products to reduce methane from the cows.”
Padraig Walsh, Project manager

but "we recommend farmers giving one or two things a go on their own farms," said Walsh.

"Farmers feel a bit villainised but have already done a lot to try to reduce emissions at their own cost. They need more help," he added.

Farms contribute greatly to rural communities and economies in Ireland, Walsh insisted. "Around here they are all family-run businesses, and all under pressure."

Shifting attitudes in rural communities, where farming is a mainstay of life, poses a challenge.

At Ireland's annual National Ploughing Championships in County Offaly, Mary Garvey, a 47-year-old farmer from Roscommon, told AFP: "It has to be economically sustainable

to farm environmentally."

The event displays age-old ways of farming and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

"Older farmers spent half their lives trying to make their land more fertile for cattle, and now are told to undo all that," Garvey said.

According to the author John Gibbons, powerful agribusiness lobbyists and government policy are the chief climate villains.

The country's dairy sector, expanded after EU milk quotas were lifted in 2015, was boosted by government incentives, leading to a leap in emissions.

Even with technological progress, emissions will not drop significantly unless herd sizes do and there is a society-wide pivot to a plant-based food system, argued Gibbons.

"Ultimately, we need a more diversified agricultural model, with fewer cattle, and more horticulture, organics and tillage," he told AFP.

Many farmers "recognise that they're on the climate change front line," said Peter Thorne of Maynooth University, lead author on a report for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the UN's climate science body.

"They feel it firsthand but need the help of government and markets to diversify," he told AFP.

"There is no point professors preaching from on high. We need farmers themselves to show others that this does not necessarily mean a drop in income."

BELEM

US leaders take stage at UN's COP30 talks in Brazil without Trump

The Americans are coming.

President Donald Trump's administration may have steered clear of this year's UN climate summit in the Brazilian Amazon, but the conference's second day on Tuesday is nonetheless set to be dominated by governors of California and New Mexico.

Anticipation is building particularly around California's telegenic leader Gavin Newsom, who governs the world's fourth-largest economy and has sought to cast himself as the Anti-Trump, with murmurs of a 2028 presidential run in the air. "We are doubling down on stupid in the US," the Democrat told an audience at a Milken Insti-

tute event in Sao Paulo on Monday, giving a taste of the sharp anti-Republican rhetoric for which he has become known. "Not in my state of California."

Newsom's agenda in Brazil includes a meeting with Helder Barbalho, governor of Para state, of which the COP30 host city Belem is the capital, and another with New Mexico's Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Trump, who has made an aggressive fossil fuel expansion central to his second term, withdrew the US from the Paris climate accord upon returning to office in January.

But according to Champa Patel, executive

director for governments and policy at Climate Group, which runs the Under2 Coalition of global states and regions, US states can still pursue the climate blueprints left by former President Joe Biden's administration.

"The states have that roadmap, they can still follow it and keep to the spirit of Paris," Patel told AFP. "Ultimately, it's state-level actors that are going to implement, and the real economy is shifting," Patel said, pointing to wind and solar growth even in Republican-led states driven by market forces.

Newsom is expected to tout California's green credentials, including a \$4.1 trillion economy

that is now two-thirds powered by clean energy, and the state's successful Cap-and-Invest program, a carbon market recently extended by law until 2045.

New Mexico's Lujan Grisham governs a major fossil fuel-producing state but has pushed to expand renewables and curb methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

Still, questions linger over the limits of state-level action. Trump's Republicans recently passed a law bringing an early end to clean energy tax credits enacted under Biden that is seen as a potentially crippling blow to the renewable sector. [AFP]



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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
You might return to an old project or problem, or your personal or home life can be very busy or even hectic – something is up in the air, and you have little patience until it's resolved!



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
You may speak or act a little too quickly. Mental energy runs high today, and you should probably keep in mind that people, including you, may not be saying what's in their hearts.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
This is a good time to revisit old ideas and update them, and the review of past purchases or budgets can be useful. However, jumping into something new is not an ideal choice under current conditions.



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21
There can be some backtracking or frustration that serves as a push to clear the decks for new beginnings. Aim to focus on improving rather than simply competing, and you will do very well today. You have vision and the energy to match, so try not to waste it on arguing a point.



Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
There is likely more to this story, and it may be best to let it unfold at a reasonable pace. Even so, there can be tension about dealing with an old problem. Your mind may race! Consider channeling the extra mental energy you're feeling into something productive, creative, and positive.



Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
You need time to scope things out, and you should take it. It's possible that a rude awakening or frank discussion can work you up now, but it's not a time of great clarity, so take your time with decision-making for the best results.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
An old problem that was once put aside can now re-emerge, or you could feel driven to sort out a complicated issue. You're communicating and coming across with more strength than usual, so make it work in your favor rather than against you!



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Try not to live so much in the brain that your sensitivity to emotions dulls today, as there is a real tendency to do so, but tap into the excitement of this transit to break through problems so that it's clear to move on.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Be firm and genuine in your dealings with others, but avoid hasty words and moves today for the best results. Additionally, aim to leverage your enhanced problem-solving abilities to resolve complex issues.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Aim to rest your brain and avoid becoming wound up over issues that don't truly matter. Later today, the Moon moves into your home and family sector, suggesting a real need to settle in and center yourself.



Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
While you might tackle a problem with more courage than usual, there will likely be more to the story later. Mental energy is intense, and if it turns into nervous energy, it can lead to mistakes.



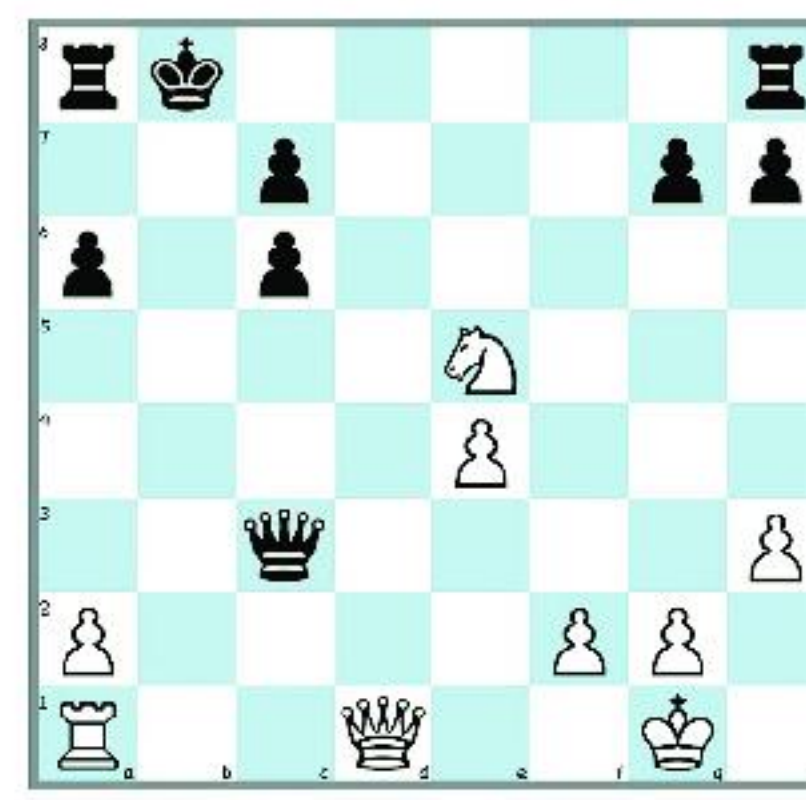
Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
There can be much thinking or conversing about particular roadblocks today, especially related to creative projects, children, or romance. It's best to watch for false starts and hasty moves since Mercury is retrograde. Cafeastrology.com

CHESS

Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle
White mates in 3 moves.



Tuesday's solution

Easy:
1. Rxf8+ Rxf8
2. Qg7#

Intermediate:
1. Qf7+ Nxf7
2. Ng6+ Ke8
3. Re7#

SOLVIT

B	D	F	G	13
J	H	E	F	26
C	B	D	G	11
E	H	A	J	27
21	12	27	17	

Difficulty

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

Today's Clues

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
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Tuesday's solution

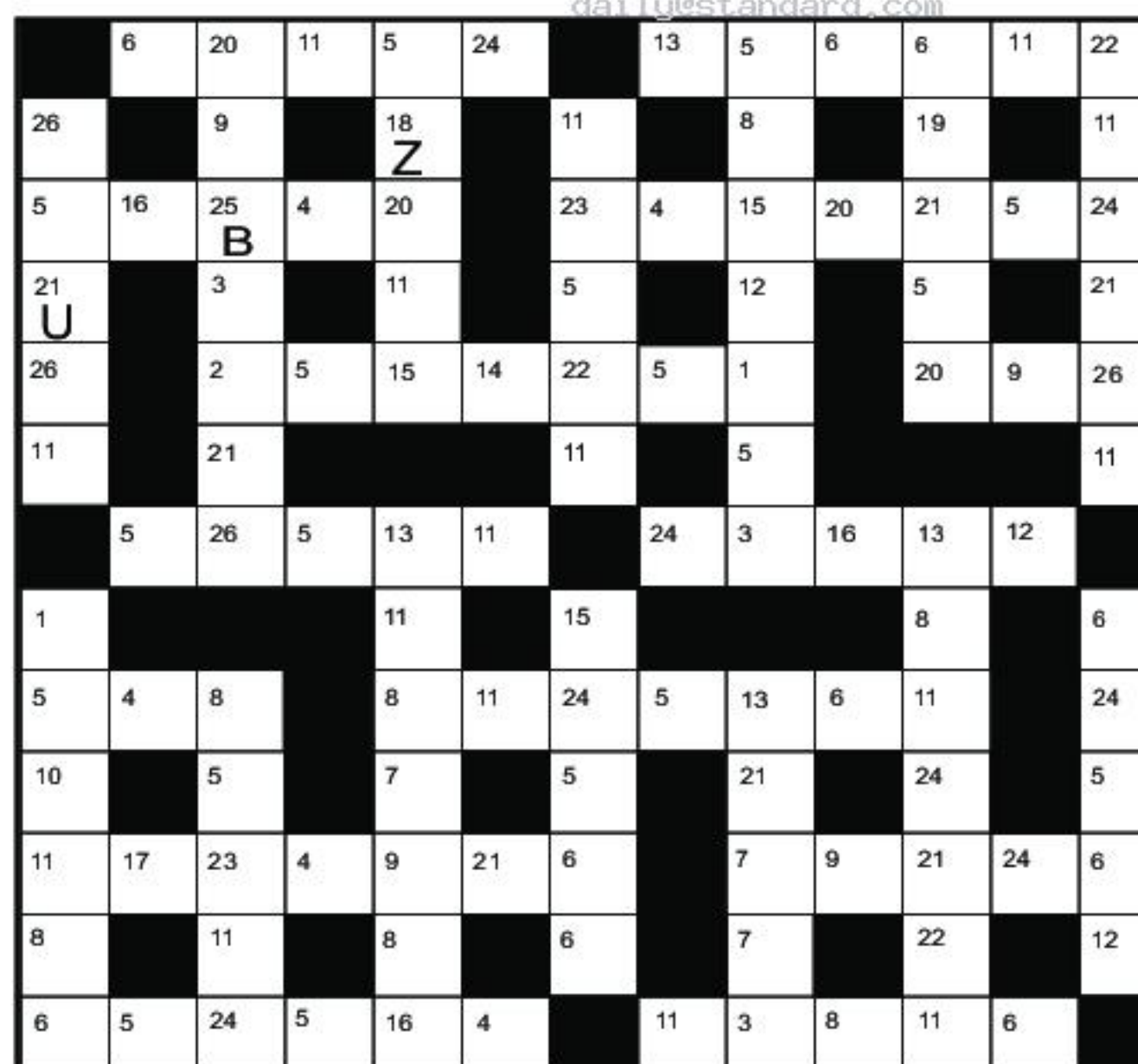
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
9	3	8	5	2	4	6	7	1

CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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

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

Tuesday's solution

1	M
2	P
3	D
4	T
5	B
6	O
7	Z
8	V
9	H
10	E
11	X
12	R
13	J
14	F
15	U
16	Q
17	Y
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19	I
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KAKURO

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

Tuesday's solution

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6	1	5	12	5	7	
10	2	8	4	1	3	

SUDOKU

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3	4							5

Tuesday's solution

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

T.S. Eliot

By Kham





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LOST Title Kiambogo/Kiambogo Block 2/24129(Mwariki) Demef Self Help Group

LOST Title Bunyala/sirigo/283

LOSS of title deed Molo South / Ikumbi block 1/136 Ruth Nyambura Njoroge

LOST Title Deed: E.Kasipul/ Kojwach/Kamiro/1917

LOST title deeds Loc.7/ Ichagaki/ 1390 and Loc.7/ Gakoigo/ 1471 both of Kabage Gathungu (Deceased)

LOST title deed Laikipia/ Nyahururu/ 3091 of Robert Mwangi Mugo

LOSS of title deed Bahati/ Kabatini block 1/21134 Sophia Gathoni Wambugu

LOSS of title deed Kieseges / Nyamamithi block 4/ 205 (Limuru pyrethrum Growers) Mary Nungari Githiri

LOST Title Deed: Suna West/ Wiga/2900 of Francis Oyier Oguro

LOST Title Isukha/Mukhonje/ 1023

LOST title Dagoretti/Riruta/ 4505

LOST title Kiambaa/Kanunga/ 1053

LOST of title deed Kasungu/ Kamreri 4871. Plot Number 4635 Elias Otieno Mungwe

LOST title deed No Githunguri/ Githunguri/805 owner David Njuhiga Kabucho

LOSS of original sublease for Flat Number-CS erected on LR No 209/13255 i.n.o Mary Wanjiru Muhura

LOSS of lease certificate LR Nairobi/Block 32/ 354

LOST title Loc.2/Kanderendu/ 406

LOST title Kwale/Marenje/184 of Eunice Wairimu Kagiri

LOST title Kwale/Shimbahills/ 2372 of Musei Joseph Kilela

LOSS of Title Deed No. Segera/ Segera Block 3/495 - Beth Muthoni Wachira

LOSS of title deed Gaturi/ Weru/778

LOSS of title deed Ngandori/ Ngovio/4974

LOSS of title deed Gaturi/ Githimu /429 Owner: Kamwati Njau (deceased).

LOSS of title Loc15/Gakuyu/ 2338(0.387) Charles Newton Gatungu.

GATURI/Nembure/15676, 15677 & 15678 Zakaria Mwaniki Laban Riunga.

LOST title Aguthi/Ithekahuno/ 349 of Charles Gathogo Jakumu

A22/NOTICES

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner(s) of land parcel number Kwale/Gulu 18000/12 located in Diani Municipality of Kwale County is proposing to change use of the property from Agricultural to Residential (OPDH) subject to approval by the County Government of Kwale. Any individual, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or with objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM
Environment and Natural Resources
County Government of Kwale
P.O Box 4-80403
Kwale

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical and Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019 CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of Plot No. East Wanga/Lubini/4891 located along Shindia-Indangalasia Road in Indangalasia area, Mumias East Sub County proposes to Regularize its change use from Agricultural to Light Industrial (Filling Station) subject to approval by the County Government of Kakamega. Individuals, Institutions etc. with comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:
The C.E.C.M Lands, Housing, Urban areas and Physical planning
County Government of Kakamega
P.O. Box 36-50100
Kakamega

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) CHANGE OF USER
The Registered Owner of plot title No. Nairobi/Block 63/783 located off Kibera Station Road within Jamhuri area; Nairobi City County proposes to Change the Use from Single Dwelling to Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats) 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 & LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 CHANGE OF USER
The registered owners of Plot No. 3734/1175 located in Kileleshwa area along Oitanga Road, seeks approval to change its use from Residential to Patrol Service Station and Auxiliary Services subject to approval by the Office of the Nairobi City County Government. Individual(s), Institution(s) and Organization(s) with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
CECM-BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
P.O. BOX 30075-00100,
NAIROBI.
PLANNER CHRIS OMARE-RPP 0065

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. 36/1/18 Located Off First Avenue, Along Forth Street, Eastleigh proposes to change of user of the property from Residential to Commercial 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 14 days 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 PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of RONGAI/RONGAI BLOCK 6/ 30 situated in Rafiki area, Rongai Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to; subdivide and change the use of the land from Agricultural use to residential use, commercial use, recreational use and Light Industrial use (Petrol station) 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 AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 CHANGE OF USE
1.The registered owner(s) of land parcel number Kwale/Diani S.S/1145 located in Diani Municipality of Kwale County is proposing to change use of the property from Agricultural to Residential (OPDH)
2.The registered owner(s) of land parcel number Kwale/Msambweni A/1370 located in Msambweni Sub County of Kwale County is proposing to change use of the property from Agricultural to Commercial (Cottages) subject to approval by the County Government of Kwale. Any individual, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with comments and/ or with objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:
The CECM
Environment and Natural Resources
County Government of Kwale
P.O Box 4-80403
Kwale

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
The Physical and Land Use Planning Act: (No. 13 of 2019), Notification for the Proposed Densification of Land Use
The Registered Owners of land parcel L.R.No.: 209/7165/23 located along Apple Cross Road off Mzima Spring Road at Lawington area in the Nairobi City County, propose to Densify its Single Dwelling Residential use to Multi-Dwelling Residential (Town houses) use development subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government.
Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public, etc. with Comments and or Objections should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member - Built Environment & Urban Planning, Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075-00100 Nairobi
Name of Registered Physical Planner: Titus M. Anunda (Mr.)-PPR8 Reg. No.-PP.0139

(r.3)(3)(xi) FORM PLUPA /DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner(s) of plot no. Ngurubi Ndiuni/517 'B', located in Ndiuni, Limuru Sub-County, proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial Use (Quarry) subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions and members of the public etc. with comments and/ 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 Kiambu,
P.O Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.
Physical Planner: Paul G. Chege - Reg. 0106

(r.3)(3)(xi) FORM PLUPA /DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner(s) of plot no. Ngurubi Ndiuni/518 'B', located in Ndiuni, Limuru Sub-County, proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial Use (Quarry) subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions and members of the public etc. with comments and/ 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 Kiambu,
P.O Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.
Physical Planner: Paul G. Chege - Reg. 0106

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE.
The registered owner of land parcel no. Ruiru West Block 1/3002, located in Hilton Area, Ruiru Sub-County, proposes to change the use from Agricultural to Commercial (Stalls and restaurant), 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 COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEMBER (CECM),
LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
P.O BOX 2344-00900,
KIAMBU.
REGISTERED PHYSICAL PLANNER: ...REG. NO. 0284

REPUBLIC OF KENYA IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT KISUMU ENVIRONMENT AND LAND DIVISION LAND CASE NO. E035 OF 2025 (OS)
REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KISUMU (Suing on Behalf of St. Francis Catholic Church- Nyawara).... APPLICANT
VERSUS
JANES ONYANGO OLUNGA.... RESPONDENT
Substituted Service by Advertisement [0.5 r.17]
NOTICE is hereby given that Originating Summons for Adverse Possession of TITLE NO. KISUMU/ OJLA/O2018 in the name of **JANES ONYANGO OLUNGA**, has been presented to court on 28th MAY 2025 by the firm of **N.A. OWINO & COMPANY ADVOCATES**. IF THE RESPONDENT OR ANY PERSONS IS DESIROUS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE SAID CASE, THEY MAY FILE THEIR DEFENCE OR SUPPORT TO THE CASE PERSONALLY or through their advocate within FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE DAY OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND A COPY OF THE ORIGINATING SUMMONS WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO ANY PERSON REQUIRING SUCH COPY ON PAYMENT OF THE REGULATED CHARGES FOR THE SAME.
DATED AT NAIROBI THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.
N.A. OWINO & CO. ADVOCATES ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANT
DRAWN & FILED BY:-
N.A. OWINO & CO ADVOCATES
LANGE LANGE FLATS
APARTMENT 7
ALONG JAKAYA KIKWETE ROAD,
P.O BOX 25478-00603,
NAIROBI.
Cell: 0722756648; 0701912565
Email: n.a.owinoadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
NO.13 (2019)
RENEWAL OF LEASE

The owner(s) of plot no. **THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 37/35** located in **Cravers Hotel Area** - Thika Sub-county, Kiambu County, proposes to undertake **Change of Use from Single Dwelling to Residential Multi-Dwelling (FLATS)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Any individuals or institutions with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
LAND, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O Box 2344-00900,
KIAMBU.
Registered Planner: John Mbau -0284

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PROPOSED STUDENT RESIDENCES ON PLOT LR NO 13537/96, OFF GACHORORO ROAD, JUJA, KIAMBU COUNTY

Pursuant to regulation 17 of the Environmental Management And Coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, the proponent, **Pecanwood Properties LLP** proposes to develop student residence comprising of Four hundred and ninety five (495) students'accommodation rooms of the Qwetu student housing model.

Other amenities; study rooms, gym, lounge, drying area, dhobi area, cafeteria, shop, car parking, management room and reception on the Residential development comprising Ground, plus nine floors and a terrace floor, on parcel LR No: **13537/96** with project coordinates; **-1.098714, 37.018354.**

Some of the anticipated benefits of the project include;
Employment opportunities, Optimal utilization of the land, Provision of students'housing and security of the students, knowledge sharing, Improved economy, Market for Supply of Building Materials, Improvement of the Informal Sector, Creation of market for goods and services for secondary businesses, Increased government revenue

The negative impacts include;
Loss of Vegetation at construction, Air pollution, Emission of greenhouse gases, Fire risks, Traffic disruption, Noise pollution, Occupational Safety & Health risks, Public health and occupational safety concerns, Negative contributions to Climate change, Insecurity and negative social impacts, Increased Water demand/Use and Increased Generation of Waste

Adequate mitigation measures will be put in place.

Public meetings inviting the public to the public participation forums to be held on site shall be announced in the coming days.

For any enquiries/comments please contact:
Email: info@emconsultants.co.ke

ROBAN AUCTIONEERS
Former NSSF Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 2
P.O. Box 2321 - 80206,
BUNGOMA
Mobile: +254 79540487
Email: robanauctioneers@gmail.com
Auctioneers, Re-possessors, Debt Collectors, Private Investigator and Realization of Securities.

PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by our principals the FINANCIERS, we shall sell by public auction the below property with all the improvements thereon on **Friday 28th November, 2025 AT 11:00 AM** at Likuyani area outside the property. All the parcel of land known as **LR.No. Kakamega/Soy/2520** is registered in the name of **James Ang'awa Obuya**. The property is located at Likuyani area, Kakamega County. The land parcel measure **0.08Ha.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested bidders are required to view the properties and verify the details by themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Financiers.
- Daily viewing working hours.
- Deposit of 25% of the sale price must be paid in cash as banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance paid within 90 days to the charges.

YAMUKO AUCTIONEERS
AUCTIONEERS & REPOSSESSORS
OFF KISUMU-KAKAMEGA HIGHWAY AT AVENUE HOSPITAL
PO BOX 9147-40121, MITO-JIIRA ROAD KISUMU-KENYA OPP.TUUNGANE YCENTRE
Email: yamukoauctioneers2@gmail.com
Phone: 0703465533/0705250134

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principal and the financier, We shall sell the under mentioned Motor vehicle by public auction on **21st November, 2025** starting at **10:00am**
PRINCIPAL VS GEORGE ODHIAMBO OKOTH

M.V REG NP	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KBM 392W	TOYOTA WISH	YAMUKO YARD

CONDITIONS

- The vehicle is being sold on an "as is where is basis"
- Cash at the fall of the hammer

NURISHA AUCTIONEERS
Repossessors, Debt Collectors and Investigators,
Nelica Plaza 1st Floor Ngara Road | Tel:0723 915 949 | 0735 220 501
P.O. Box 105422 - 00101 Nairobi | Email: nurishauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned Vehicles by public auction on **Thursday 20th November 2025, Starting from 11.00am.**

M.V REG. NO.	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KDB 490C	MAZDA DEMIO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS YARD
KDL 437S	SUZUKI SWIFT	STRATRUCK AUCTIONEERS YARD
KDH 598G	NISSAN MARCH	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS MOMBASA

CONDITIONS

- Vehicles are being sold on "as is where is basis".
- The highest bidder shall be declared purchaser subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

CITY MASTERS AUCTIONEERS
Class (B) Auctioneers • Civil Foreclosures • Repossession • Estate Agent
• Commission Agent • Debt Collectors • Private Investigators (CIVIL)
Bunburu Complex Building 3rd Floor Room 21, opposite Bunburu public station
P.O. Box 8322 00200 Nairobi, Mobile: 0720284896/0784677726 E-mail: citymastersauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principal, the financier, we will sell by public auction the undermentioned repossessed motor vehicles on **Thursday November 20th 2025, at our office, starting at 11.00 a.m.**

REGISTRATION	MAKE /MODEL	VIEWING
KDM 122H	TOYOTA NOAH	PURPLE ROYAL STORAGE YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Viewing can be done daily during working hours prior arrangement with the auctioneer.
- The sale is Subject to reasonable reserve price.
- All interested purchasers are requested to view the vehicles and verify the conditions as these are not guaranteed by the auctioneers or its principal.
- Interested bidders can deposit a commitment fee of Ksh. 30,000 either by cash or MPesa link to obtain a bid number.
- The auctioneer has a right to accept or decline any bid without giving any reason whatsoever.

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THE FAMOUS GEORGE AUCTIONEERS
Repossession, Debt Collection, Private Investigation & Realization Of Charged Securities
Tel: 0723656687

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal, the chargee, in the exercise of the chargee statutory powers to sell, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property together with the improvements thereon.

On 08th December 2025 at our offices, Development House 1st floor Room 1106 starting at 11.A.M.
All that parcel of land known as **Title No. KIESEGES /SUBUKIA WEST BLOCK 3/306 LAISH ACADEMY, SIMBOYON AREA, NAKURU COUNTY** registered in the name **EDWARD KIPLAGAT KOSKEY** of P.O Box 46 SUBUKIA. The plot measures 0.8900 ha, or thereabout (Approximately 2.2 Acres). The property is in Simboyon area, Nakuru County, it is situated approximately 5 Kilometers off and to the right of Subukia-Nyamamithi-Solai tar surfaced road deviating about 1.7 Kilometers before Nyamamithi shopping Centre. It is about 700 meters North of Simboyon shopping Centre and about 2.2 Kilometers South East of OI - Manyatta Primary and Secondary school. It is easily identified as Laish Academy. The property lies within GPS Coordinates (0.0849167,36.2456944). Immediate access road is earth surfaced. Main electricity and piped water services are available for connection into the subject property. Foul drainage is into a pit latrine. The property is developed and is utilized as an education institution. The title is held on a freehold interest.

On 08th December 2025 at our offices, Development House 1st floor Room 1106 starting at 11.A.M.
All that parcel of land known as **Title No. KIESEGES /SUBUKIA WEST BLOCK 3/307 LAISH ACADEMY, SIMBOYON AREA, NAKURU COUNTY** registered in the name **EDWARD KIPLAGAT KOSKEY** of P.O Box 46 SUBUKIA. The plot measures 0.72ha, or thereabout (Approximately 1.78 Acres). The property is in Simboyon area, Nakuru County, it is situated approximately 5 Kilometers off and to the right of Subukia-Nyamamithi-Solai tar surfaced road deviating about 1.7 Kilometers before Nyamamithi shopping Centre. It is about 700 meters North of Simboyon shopping Centre and about 2.2 Kilometers South East of OI - Manyatta Primary and Secondary school. It is easily identified as Laish Academy. The property lies within GPS Coordinates (0.0849167,36.2456944). Immediate access road is earth surfaced. Main electricity and piped water services are available for connection into the subject property. Foul drainage is into a pit latrine. The property is developed and is utilized as an education institution. The title is held on a freehold interest.

On 08th December 2025 at our offices, Development House 1st floor Room 1106 starting at 11.A.M.
All that parcel of land known as **Title No. KONYU/BARICHO/3981 JAMAICA AREA, KARATINA TOWN OUTSKIRTS, NYERI COUNTY** registered in the name of **PAULINE GITHUKI MBURIA, PAUL WACHIRA MUGO, DADSON MWANGI NGARI, CATHERINE KARIMI MWANGI** of P.O Box 1708 KARATINA. The plot measures 0.046 ha, or thereabout (Approximately 0.11 Acres). It is situated along and to the left of Jamaica Estate Road approaching from Karatina Town, adjacent and to the west of Mumlock Academy, about 130 meters to the south-west of Karatina Full Gospel Church and about 800 meters to the south west of Karatina Town Centre. The property lies within GPS Coordinates (0.487005,37.121284). Immediate access road is murram surface. Main electricity and piped water services are available for connection into the subject property. Foul drainage is into a pit latrine. The title is held on a freehold interest.

Conditions of sale


- Bidders are advised to carry out all necessary searches and view the property and verify all details pertaining to the property as these are not warranted by ourselves or our principals
- All interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of Kshs. 50,000/- before the auction to obtain a bidding number and catalogue at the auctioneers office before the auction date.
- The declared purchaser must pay 10% of the bid amount by close of business of the auction day and the balance to be paid within a period of Ninety (90) days from the date of sale to the chargee. Note that failure to pay the balance of the purchase price will result to forfeiture of all the deposit made.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price.
- Further detail and conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements.

SPORTLIGHT INTERCEPTS AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Court Brokers and Repossessors
Shankardass House, 2nd Floor, Room 209, Old Wing
Along Moi Avenue Next to Kenya Cinema Nairobi
P. O. Box 73111-00200 Tel: 020-2585385/6 or Cell: 0722819400
Email: sportlightintercepts@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the chargee we shall sell the undermentioned properties by public Auction with all the improvements thereon:

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MEDIHEAL NAKURU ALONG NAIROBI ROAD, NAKURU COUNTY, ON 27th NOVEMBER 2025 IN OUR OFFICES AT SHAKARDASS HOUSE 2nd FLOOR, ROOM 209, OLD WING STARTING AT 11.00AM



The entire property known as **L.R N012570/160/161 & 162** measures approximately **0.9599 hectare** **La. 2.3818 acres** thereabouts. Title deed is registered in the name of **MEDIHEAL HOSPITAL (NAKURU) COMPANY LIMITED**. The subject property is situated along Nairobi road in Nakuru County. Jointly developed on the plots are several structures being used all together as a health facility "Mediheal Hospital Nakuru". The property is developed with structures including THE OUTPATIENT BLOCK THE INPATIENT BLOCK, THE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, THE ABLUTION BLOCK, THE SENTRY, THE STORAGE BLOCKS AND MORTUARY. The neighborhood is characterized by commercial and residential developments, blended with learning institutions and places of worship. The area enjoys close proximity to social and public services from Nakuru Town. The properties can be easily accessed via both public and private means of transport. The immediate access road is tar surfaced. These are adjacent rectangular shaped mixed soils plots. The boundaries are marked off by either a perimeter wall or metal grilles. The entrance is via a metal grilles gate mounted on concrete pillars. GPS coordinates: **0°17'08.9"S; 36°06'29.3"E.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves, as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargees.
- All interested bidders will be required to first make a refundable deposit of Ksh.5,000,000 by way of cash or bankers cheque to be allowed to bid and obtain a bidding number.
- A deposit of 25% for property of the purchase must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance paid within 90 days to the chargees or their advocates.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and land control board consent where applicable.
- The auctioneer reserves the right to accept or refuse any bid without giving a reason.
- Conditions of sale are available at our offices on request and further clarification of directions to the properties can be availed.

ICON AUCTIONEERS.
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Recovery Consultants, Investigators, Court Process server
Tembo Co-op House, Moi Avenue
P.O. Box 40781-00100. Cell: 0722 488 446, 0717 056 968
Email: iconauctions@gmail.com www.iconauctions.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned goods & motor vehicle on **19th NOVEMBER 2025** at 10.30 am or soon thereafter at **PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE. 2 & 3. STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE.**

- DISTRESS FOR RENT**
LANDLORD -VS- KENNETH KARANI
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KCM 723E (HONDA FIT)
- MILIMANI SCCC CASE NO. E4547 OF 2025**
ANTHONY MACHARIA MWANGI -VS- METROTRANS EAST AFRICA LIMITED
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KDH 259N (BUS)
- DISTRESS FOR RENT**
LANDLORD -VS- LAWRENCE KURIA
TV set, microwave, CPU, cross trainer.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

INTERFIELD AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Recovery Consultants, Investigators, Courts Process Servers
Afya Centre 8th Floor, Tom Mboya Street P.O Box 40761-00100 Nairobi.
Cell: 0719 400 871, 0720 432 188, 0722173224 Email: interfieldauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **20th NOVEMBER 2025** at 10.30am or soon thereafter at **NZAMBANI GARAGE & WORKSHOP - MACHAKOS**

1. MAKUENI CMCC NO. E184 OF 2024
STEPHEN MULI MUTINDA AND EUNICE MUTINDI MUTISYA (suing as legal rep on behalf of the estate of the late Muli Mwendwa - Deceased -VS- CAR HOUSE LIMITED & GEOFFREY NZUKI MUNYU
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO. **KDJ 243P (TOYOTA HIACE).**

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

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

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the **MILIMANI CHIEF MAGISTRATE MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURT** we shall sell the under mentioned Motor vehicles by public auction: **ON FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2025 AT STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD LTD ALONG KIAMBU ROAD FOURWAYS JUNCTION STARTING FROM 10.30 A.M. MILIMANI MCCOMMSU / E 899 OF 2025 CHINA WUYI COMPANY LTD -VS- UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

M/V REG NO	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KAH 532F	LORRY /TRUCK	WHITE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

ALL ARE WELCOME

PERSIAN AUCTIONEERS
Repossessors | Debt Collectors | Commission Agents
Court Brokers | Private Investigators
Kiambu town, Biashara street
P.O Box 933 KIAMBU
CONTACTS: +254 727 526 654
+254 737 526 654
Email: persianauctioneers@gmail.com

MOTOR VEHICLE FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

ACTING ON THE EXPRESS INSTRUCTIONS OF OUR PRINCIPALS - THE LANDLORDS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED MOTOR VEHICLE ON **THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025** AT STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENT YARD LTD - FOURWAYS JUNCTION KIAMBU ROAD, STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

REG. NO	MAKE/ MODEL	LOCATION	Y.O.M
1. KCT 008X	MERCEDES-BENZ	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENT YARD LTD - FOURWAYS JUNCTION KIAMBU ROAD	2012

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- Viewing can be done at THE LOCATION INDICATED ABOVE to verify the details, as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our principals AS SALE IS "ON - AS - IS - WHERE - AS - BASIS".
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NO.	VEHICLE REGISTRATION	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
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KDS533X	AXIO	MKS YARD MOMBASA
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CONDITION OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
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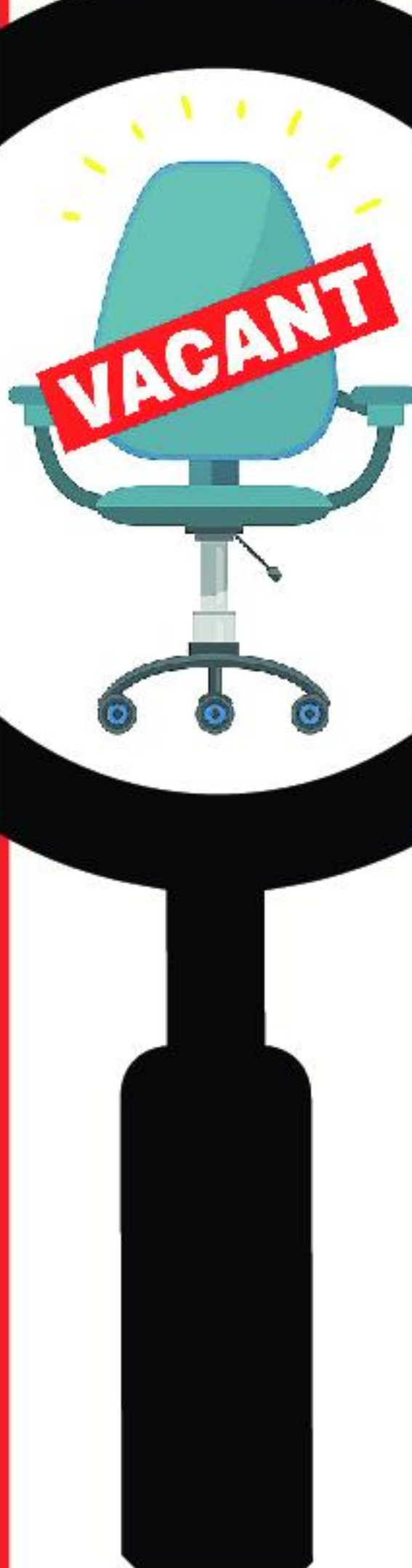
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Death And Funeral Announcement



MAUREEN ATIENO OGADA

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Maureen Atieno Ogada which occurred on 24th October 2025 after a short illness. Until her untimely death, she was a dedicated employee of Imarisha Sacco Society Limited. Maureen was daughter to the Late Elder Jones Ogada Abuoga and Mama Beatrice Opayire Ogada of Kochogo North sub-location. Maureen was wife to Mr. Apollo Odhiambo Oricho. She was mother to Sheila Adhiambo, Daphny Pauls, John Sheldon, and Trevor Wright. She was step-mother to Chuchu and Harriet.

She was daughter-in-law to Mzee John Oricho and the late mama Jane Oricho of Wang'aya 1 sub-location. She was sister to Christine, the late Levy, David, Kennedy, and Jackline. She was grand daughter to the late Mzee Reuben Abuoga, the late Mama Leah Abuoga, the late Mzee Hannington Nyarotho, Mama Eunice Nyarotho, the late J. B. Nyamwaya, the late Dickson Ondiek, the late Charles Ogilo, and Mary Yogo among others.

Her uncles were the late Samwel, Jared, Sir Ely, Ayub, the late Leonard, Eng. Julius Nyarotho, Tom, Timon, Ngala, Alex, Ken, Ralph, and Tobias among others. Her Aunts are Grace Abuoga, the late Ruth, the late Jael, Grace Ogilo, Christine, Rose, and Josephine among others. She was also daughter to Florence, Mercy, Millicent, Debora, and Rebecca.

She was cousin to Brian, Bill, George, Diana, Purity, Marolyne, Bon, Wilfred, Nancy, Caroline, Mitchel, Emma Cathy, Lorine, Angelina, Jackline Gomba, Faith, Lavender, Tonny, Florence, Josephat, Evans, and Lonah among others. Maureen was sister-in-law to Peter, the late Wycliffe, Sharon, Sally, Nancy, Elizabeth, Millicent, Roseline, Margaret, the late Ewet, the late Christine, Geoffrey, Kennedy, Beatrice and Belinda.

She was Aunty to the late Faith, Harningtone, Darren, Luice, Beatrice, Bea Bianca, Jones, Brookline, Laila, Nasib, Abdul, and John. The cortege leaves Othoo Funeral home on Thursday, 13th November 2025 for an overnight stay at her home, Masaka village, Wang'aya 1 Sub-location. Burial will take place on Friday, 14th November 2025 at the same place. The burial service will be conducted by Rev. Gabriel Ochuka of African Inland Church (AIC).

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Swimming ace Hamadi ready for the big dive

► The 25-year-old is among six athletes who will be part of history at Deaflympics.

► Hamadi learnt how to swim at the age of 10 years along the beaches of the Indian Ocean.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Even though he finished last in his categories at the World Championship in Argentina two years ago, Ali Hamadi Juma never gave up on the sport he loves so much; swimming.

He came back home, worked on himself and now he is heading for the Tokyo 2025 Summer Deaflympics a fired-up man, ready to cause ripples at the showdown that begins on Saturday.

He is already brimming with excitement as he prepares to make a dive in the Tokyo waters where he is hopeful to mine a medal.

"It's all done and dusted, I'm ready to give my best. I worked on all the mistakes I made in Argentina and now my focus is to make a podium finish," Hamadi told *Standard Sports*.

"Yes, I did not post impressive results in Argentina, but I picked valuable lessons that will come in handy in Tokyo."

"I felt bad about that lackluster performance, but I never gave up. The results motivated me to work harder and now, as I head to the Deaflympics, I carry with me the lessons and experience gained from the World Championship."



Swimming ace Ali Hamadi Juma in a training session at Kasarani Aquatic Stadium. [KSFD, Standard]

"I'm confident of winning medals in the Deaflympics," the alumnus of Kwale School for the Deaf said.

The 25-year-old, now a swimming sensation, is among the batch of six athletes who will be part of history as Kenya marks a debut in swimming at the Deaflympics.

Having undergone an intensive three-week residential training at the Kasarani Aquatic Stadium in Nairobi under the watchful eye of veteran swimming coach Irene Kerubo, the Kwale-based swimmer says he feels fully prepared, and unfazed by the waiting global stage.

"We have been training very hard for the last couple of weeks. I now feel well energised and ready for the Deaflympics," he said.

"Our instructor has been of great help. Not only has she improved our skills, but also instilled confidence in us."

Categories Ali Hamadi Juma will compete in:

- 50m backstroke
- 100m breaststroke
- 50m breaststroke
- 50m freestyle



Yes, I did not post impressive results in Argentina, but I picked valuable lessons that will come in handy in Tokyo."

Ali Hamadi Juma, Kenyan swimmer

In Tokyo, Hamadi will forage for gold in four categories; the 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke, and 50m freestyle.

Coach Kerubo heaped praise on him saying: "Hamadi has improved a lot. He has worked tirelessly in all the categories so we expect good performance from him at the Deaflympics."

In September, President William Ruto announced that gold medallists at major global championships will now receive Sh3 million, silver medallists will pocket Sh2 million, while bronze medallists will receive Sh1 million.

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Briefing

SWIMMING. YOUNG STAR MWENDE DAZZLES AT NAIROBI COUNTY GALA

■ A seven-year-old swimming sensation Adia Mwendu from Genesis Sports Limited stole the spotlight at the Nairobi County Minnows Swimming Championship held at Kiota School. The young swimmer shattered records and hearts alike with her electrifying performances that affirmed her as one of Kenya's brightest young talents in the pool. Mwendu, a prodigious swimmer from Meru, turned heads and made waves at the weekend championship, where she displayed rare composure, precision, and speed for her age. Mwendu dominated nearly every event she entered. [Frankline Kipruto]



Adia Mwendu from Genesis Sports Limited. [Courtesy]

TAEKWONDO. KENYA READY TO HOST U21 WORLD TOURNAMENT

■ Preparations are almost done for the highly anticipated World Under-21 Taekwondo Championship set for Kasarani gymnasium from December 3-6. The Kenya Taekwondo Federation unveiled the national team, comprising young athletes ready to fly the national flag on the global stage. This year's event will be held under the theme "Kicking for the Planet," reflecting a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and carbon neutrality through sports. The federation said the championship is also about promoting environmental stewardship and youth empowerment. [Frankline Kipruto]



Part of the national taekwondo team after it was unveiled yesterday. They will compete in the World U21 tournament at Kasarani. [Courtesy]



Athletes participate in senior men 42km race during 2024 Iten International Marathon at Iten Grounds in Elgeyo Marakwet County. [Peter Ochieng, Standard]

Prestigious Iten race to honour mudslide victims

- ▶ Organisers yesterday announced that the 2025 edition will be staged on November 30.
- ▶ Big shots will be cheering up coming road racers as organisers plan an adventure fun race.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

The 2025 edition of Iten International Marathon, set for November 30, will be a memorial race in honour of victims of the mudslide, a disaster that killed over 37 people in Elgeyo Marakwet, just as preparations for the event gathered pace.

Elgeyo Marakwet County, which is the title sponsor of the race, said the contest will be a platform for climate change awareness.

Athletes will honour the victims of the November 2 disaster by participating in the 2025 edition, organisers said.

Elgeyo Marakwet Deputy Governor Prof Grace Cheserek said through the race, degraded sections of landslide-prone areas of Elgeyo Marakwet will be rehabilitated.

"We are running in remembrance of the disaster which led to the loss of many lives in Marakwet East," the Deputy Governor said during the official launch held in Iten yesterday.

She said race organisers were considering inclusion of a fun run which will be used to mobilise support for victims of the disaster.

"The adventure run will give fun runners an opportunity to enjoy the scenic escarpments and beautiful



Sitting from second left: Elgeyo Marakwet County Secretary Lazarus Chebii, Deputy Governor Prof. Grace Cheserek, and Sports Executive Michael Kibiwott during the official launch of 2025 Iten International Marathon yesterday. [Peter Ochieng]

scenery. Participants will run with Iten's champions on the eve of the event," said Prof Cheserek.

She assured athletes and sponsors that Iten was ready for the marathon.

The race will maintain its traditional course, which starts in Chororget and ends in the middle of the town that hosts the world's athletics greats.

Sports executive Michael Kibiwott said the Iten International Marathon Running for Climate Resilience theme will resonate with the mudslide victims' memorial event.

"We dedicate the race to the victims of the mudslides. We want to ask everyone to come and condole with us by participating in the race.

ITEN INTERNATIONAL MARATHON IN NUMBERS:

- 4TH EDITION DATE: November 30
- WINNING PRIZE MONEY (42km): Sh1 million
- ELITE EVENT: 42km, 10km
- FUN RACE: 5km

We want to use this race to create awareness on climate change," Kibiwott said.

The sports executive described the disaster as an extreme effect of climate change and expressed optimism that the November 30 race will call for action.

He said the county was targeting to grow at least 30 million trees across the landslide-prone escarpments of Elgeyo Marakwet.

"We want to use the marathon to plant trees along the escarpments," he said.

He added: "You will be running in the place where the champions are made."

Standard Group Plc, which is the race's media partner said through Rift Region Business Manager Herbert Muhando that the company will continue positioning Iten International Marathon as one of the country's top races.

"We have partnered with Iten International Marathon from the time the race was just an idea," he said.

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GOLF



Muthaiga Golf Club's Greg Snow poses for a photo with his Masters trophy yesterday. [Sunshine Tour]

Snow lifts Masters title

Muthaiga Golf Club's Greg Snow secured his maiden Sunshine Development Tour - East Africa Swing title after holding off a late charge from the chasing pack to win the Betika Masters at Limuru Country Club yesterday.

Snow entered the final round with a commanding six-shot lead but endured a difficult day on the course, posting a 1-over-par round that significantly trimmed his advantage.

His front nine featured bogeys on the 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th, with birdies on the 2nd and 9th offering brief relief. The pressure continued on the back nine, where he dropped shots on the 10th and 14th before steadying his round with a birdie on the 15th.

The decisive moment came at the par-5 18th, where Snow produced a crucial eagle to close out the tournament on a total of 10-under par 206, securing a hard-fought victory. He earned Sh400,000 for the win.

Speaking after his win, Snow said: "I had a tough round today but I am glad to have pulled it off. It feels really great to have won my first title on the Tour. When I was tied with Celestin after the first nine, I was telling myself

that surely you can't let this go. I was asking my caddy how the situation was as we went on and he guided me through the second nine. On the 18th I was lucky to hit the fairway after going to the rough, but I tried my best to commit to the shot and finish well."

Windsor's Njoroge Kibugu finished second after a spirited final round. Kibugu opened strongly with three quick birdies on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, but a triple bogey on the 6th wiped out his early gains.

He recovered with a birdie on the 7th to make the turn at 1-under par. On the back nine, he added further birdies on the 11th, 15th and 18th to return a 3-under-par score and finish the tournament at 7-under par 209.

Kibugu said: "I feel really well today because I feel like I hit the ball better than in the previous rounds. I got unfortunate on the 6th where I hit a triple bogey, but overall I am happy with the second-place finish and the fight I showed today, especially after that setback on the 6th. I feel like I did all I could today."

Kibugu took home Sh214,000. Rwanda's Celestin Nsanzuwera claimed third place. [Standard Sports]

FOOTBALL

Cristiano Ronaldo says 2026 World Cup 'definitely' his last tournament

Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (Inset) yesterday said next year's World Cup would be his last as he winds down one of the all-time great careers.

The 40-year-old forward, with more than 950 club and international goals, also said he would retire from football in "one or two years".

"Definitely, yes," he told a Saudi forum by video link, when asked if 2026 would be his final World Cup. "I'm gonna be 41 years old and I think it will be the moment."

Ronaldo, who began a lucrative stint at Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr in 2023, also elaborated on comments last week when he said he would retire "soon".

"Let's be honest, when I mean soon, it's probably one or two years I'll still be at the game," he said.



The five-time Ballon d'Or winner is hoping to play at a sixth World Cup next year.

He came closest to lifting the trophy on debut in 2006, when Portugal lost to France in the semi-finals.

Portugal have yet to qualify for the 2026 tournament in the USA, Canada and Mexico, but can secure their spot if they beat Ireland on Thursday.

Last month, Ronaldo became the top goalscorer in World Cup qualifying history when he netted twice against Hungary to reach 41 goals, overtaking retired Guatemalan international Carlos Ruiz's 39.

The former Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus forward is also the all-time leading international goalscorer with 143 strikes. [AFP]

Why proposed Nacada policy is a threat to Kenyan sports ecosystem

- ▶ Kenya's Olympics Team and Tusker among teams likely to lose sponsorship deals.
- ▶ NOC-K boss Maluki has opposed the policy, terming it retrogressive.

RODGERS ESHITEMI, NAIROBI

Many sports are bound to suffer if the 2025 National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Nacada) policy is implemented.

Part of the sweeping proposed rules unveiled on July 30, 2025, by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and Nacada is banning a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer, or any related agent of alcoholic drinks from naming or branding a sports team by the name of an alcoholic drink's product as well as not sponsoring or branding a sports league, tournament, or a national team.

Nacada aims to use the measures to curb the rising drug and alcohol abuse among youth in the country.

But from SportPesa Premier League side Tusker to National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOC-K), Kenya Open golf tournament and other tournaments sponsored by alcoholic companies, the casualties will be many.

Tusker, who have won the Kenyan Premier League 13 times, are sponsored by East African Breweries PLC (EABL) and are using their flagship beer as the team name. Tusker, formed in 1969, was initially known as Kenya Breweries before adopting the current name in 1999.

For NOC-K, they have enjoyed EABL's sponsorship in all Olympic Games since the 2012 edition in London. Ken-



Team Kenya are seen on a boat on the River Seine during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. [AFP]

ya's sprint king Ferdinand Omanyala also received support from Kenya Breweries Limited (KBL) ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics.

In rugby, KBL has been a long-time sponsor for national 15s rugby team, Kenya Simbas, as well as Kenya Cup, National Sevens Circuit and Safari Sevens tournament.

Equally, Kenya Open, which has been using the golf tournament to market the country, is the other biggest beneficiary of sponsorships from the leading alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage manufacturers in the region.

Last year, they also sponsored three of the Kenyan pros in the tournament, namely Dismas Indiza, Samuel Njoroge, and Daniel Nduva.

But all these partnerships will

come to an end once the new Nacada policy is implemented, with media houses and influencers also hit hard by its implementation.

"A manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer or any related agent of alcoholic drinks shall not name or brand a sports team by the name of an alcoholic drink's product, sponsor or brand a sports league, tournament or a national team," read part of the policy.

"There shall be no promotion or advertisement of any alcoholic drink or substance by way of implying that it is acceptable or fashionable to consume alcohol and substances before, during, or after playing sports, driving, operating machinery, or other activities that require concentration to be carried

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A manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer or any related agent of alcoholic drinks shall not name or brand a sports team by the name of an alcoholic drink's product, sponsor or brand a sports league, tournament or a national team.”

Proposed Nacada policy

out safely.

"There shall be no use of entertainment, sports personalities, media personalities and models, social media influencers or celebrities in endorsing, promoting and advertising alcoholic drinks, drugs and substances."

But NOC-K president Shadrack Maluki, who also serves as Kenya Judo Federation president, feels the new policy will do more harm to an already struggling Kenyan sports industry that sees federations and teams toil to raise funds to run their operations.

"I'm saddened by such a policy, and if implemented, it's going to affect the sporting industry very much because we have been depending on EABL to support our teams to the Olympics for a very long period. Good policies need to be progressive and not retrogressive. As NOC-K, I can see ourselves going back to the dark days, EABL are just playing a Corporate Social Responsibility role," said Maluki.

"We can fight the alcohol abuse by educating and interacting with youth, and I think abuse is not tailored to sports. We have seen Heineken sponsoring big leagues in Europe, what relevance were they looking at when making such policies?"

However, former Harambee Stars and Gor Mahia midfielder Sammy Owino 'Kempes' supports the policy, terming alcohol destructive not only to youth but also to athletes.

"I see where they are coming from, reason is alcohol is a drug and very destructive. Sports and athletes appeal to young people, and influencing them looks good, but where does it end? As a person who has seen it being destructive, I'm inclined to support it from that perspective. I appreciate we are making an effort to fight things that pollute our young people," said Owino.

"As the sports industry, yes, we will not have that money, that's bad. But from my perspective, what do we value, money or our children? At what point do we get there? Because sports stars appeal to youth, and at what point will we decide to put the value of our children? I strongly believe alcoholic companies influence our youth through advertisement."

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BASKETBALL

Inexperience haunts Zetech as they fall to star-studded REG

Novices Zetech University Sparks yesterday lost their second game of the ongoing 2025 Women Basketball League Africa (WBLA) Zone Five qualifiers to Rwandese giants Rwanda Energy Group (REG) in Group B.

The students who are making their debut could not match up to the star-studded side, succumbing to an 86-44 defeat in a lopsided match played at Nyayo Gymnasium.

With the likes of Kayana Traylor, a 2023 WNBA draftee by the Chicago Sky, REG, who are regulars on the big stage, were without doubt the stronger side on paper and on court.

REG's Kadidia Maiga scored a match-



Zetech Sparks' Diana Abel (right) and Fausline Mwizerwa of Reg Women BBC in action yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

high 15 points, two more than Hope Butera, while Traylor and Kristina King added 11 points apiece.

Beryl Adhiambo, who was the only double-digit scorer for the Kenyan side, led Sparks with 11 points. REG were too good for the students, dominating the game from the whistle to the buzzer.

Their brilliance would see them take a 24-16 lead by the first quarter break. They got better in the second period even as Sparks struggled to ground them and make productive moves on the rim.

REG knocked down 26 points against Zetech's 12 to extend their lead to 22 points going into the breather. They continued with their dominant performance in the

second half, winning both periods 23-8 and 13-8 to register their second victory.

The second loss dimmed their chances of a semi-final spot. However, despite suffering two losses in a row, Zetech coach Maurice Obilo was full of praise for his charges, saying they had done well.

"Every game is important, even when we were coming to this game, we wanted to win, and we maintain the same spirits in our next match. These are girls I've worked with for many years, and I just encouraged them because they've done better on the basis of other teams in this championship," Obilo said.

Zetech player Angela Akinyi said that they had improved compared to how they played in their first game. [Elizabeth Mburugu]

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How do African World Cup play-offs work as battle kicks off?

- ▶ Only one of DR Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria and Gabon will have the chance to reach the 2026 Fifa World Cup.
- ▶ Africa's play-off winners will progress to a six-team intercontinental qualifier next year.

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Four contenders will be reduced to one in African play-offs for the 2026 Fifa World Cup over this international window.

After missing out on the continent's nine automatic qualification spots, Cameroon, DR Congo, Gabon and Nigeria travel to Morocco for a winner-takes-all mini-tournament.

But, depending on their world ranking, the victorious nation faces one or two more matches in order to reach next year's tournament in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

How did the sides reach play-offs?

The quartet reached this stage as the four best second-placed finishers across Africa's nine World Cup qualifying groups.

Results against the sixth-placed side in eight of those groups were discounted because Eritrea withdrew on the eve of competition, leaving Group E with only five teams.

Gabon had the best record, followed by DR Congo and then Cameroon.

Nigeria only just sneaked into the play-offs on goal difference.

How was the African play-off draw decided?

The Fifa world rankings were used to work out the pair-

African World Cup Qualifiers fixtures (Tomorrow)

 Cameroon	7:00 PM	 DR Congo
 Cameroon	10:00 PM	 DR Congo

ings for the semi-finals, with the highest-ranked side facing the lowest-ranked.

As a result, Nigeria (41st in the world) will play Gabon (77th) tomorrow (7pm) before Cameroon (54th) take on DR Congo (60th) later the same day (10pm).

The semi-final winners will face off on Sunday (10pm) for the chance to keep alive their dream of reaching next year's World Cup.

All three matches will be held in the Moroccan capital Rabat.

What happens to the winners?

Africa's play-off winners will progress to a six-team intercontinental qualifier, which will be staged from March 23-31, 2026 and will decide the final two sides at next year's World Cup.

Two nations from the Concacaf (North, Central America and the Caribbean) region and one side from each of the Asian, Oceanian and South American confederations will also be involved.

The six nations will be split into two brackets. The two highest-ranked sides will be seeded and advance directly to the final in each bracket, with the four lowest-ranked competitors meeting in semi-finals.

The United

Arab Emirates and Iraq will play off for Asia's spot, while Bolivia, representing South America, and New Caledonia, representing Oceania, have already booked their places. Given Bolivia and New Caledonia are respectively ranked 76th and 150th in the world at present, that boosts the chances of Africa's representative advancing directly to a final.

Who are the favourites to win Africa's play-offs?

On paper, Nigeria boast the strongest side according to the world rankings but had the worst qualifying campaign of the African quartet.

Cameroon are another heavyweight of the continental game who underperformed, finishing four points behind Cape Verde in Group D.

The Indomitable Lions only won one of their five away games, which does not bode well for playing on neutral soil this month.

Cameroon hold the African record for the most World Cup appearances, but will need to improve their form to extend that to a ninth trip to the global showpiece.

DR Congo, whose only previous World Cup appearance came as Zaire in 1974, finished two points behind Senegal in Group B.

The Leopards paid the price for letting a 2-0 lead slip against the Senegalese on home soil in September, eventually losing 3-2.

Newcastle's Yoane Wissa is still absent through injury, but fellow forward Cedric Bakambu has been in good form in qualifying with four goals.

Gabon, who are bidding to reach the World Cup for the first time, ended a point adrift of Ivory Coast in Group F.

The Panthers boast a potent attack in Denis Bouanga and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who scored eight and seven goals respectively in the group stage.

The bulk of Aubameyang's goals came when he netted four times against The Gambia last month before being sent off, although he is now back from suspension.

Who will they face at the World Cup?

The 2026 World Cup draw will take place on Friday, December 5.

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[Left- right] Cameroon goalkeeper Andre Onana, Nigeria's forward Victor Osimhen and Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang [Agencies]

