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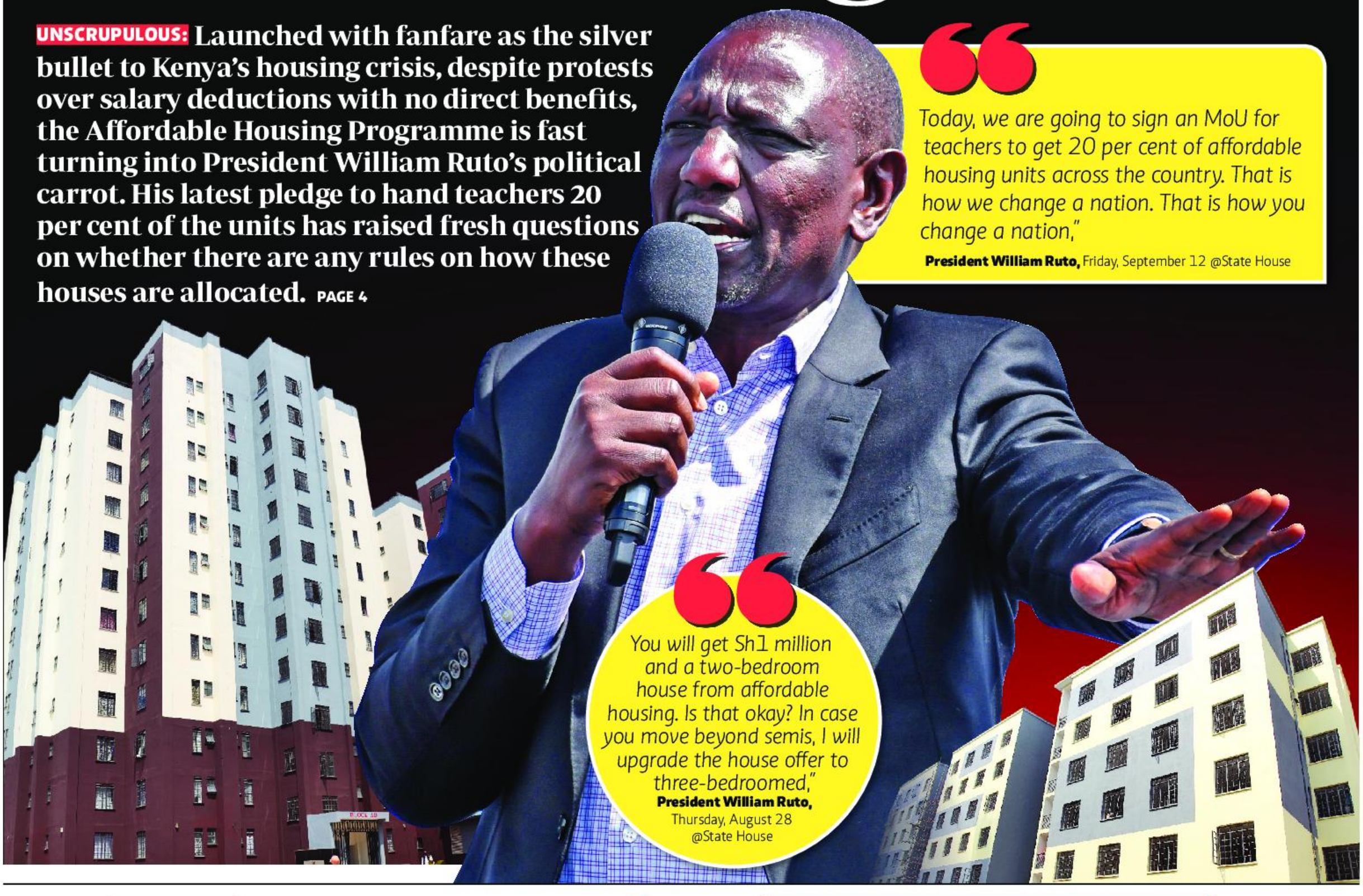
SHA staring at slow death

HEALTHCARE IN TURMOIL: As the Director of Criminal Investigations launches a probe into 31 hospitals over fraudulent medical claims, government insiders fear poor implementation is crippling a programme once hailed as a lifeline for ordinary Kenyans. **PAGES 2&3**

The housing bribe

UNSCRUPULOUS: **Launched with fanfare as the silver bullet to Kenya's housing crisis, despite protests over salary deductions with no direct benefits, the Affordable Housing Programme is fast turning into President William Ruto's political carrot. His latest pledge to hand teachers 20 per cent of the units has raised fresh questions on whether there are any rules on how these houses are allocated.** PAGE 4



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>
> **President William Ruto,** Friday, September 12 @State House

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SHA on deathbed: Crisis as money taps run dry at health scheme

- Insiders are warning that the healthcare scheme is spending far more than it collects.
- Of the 26 million registered members, only 4.5 million are paying premiums.

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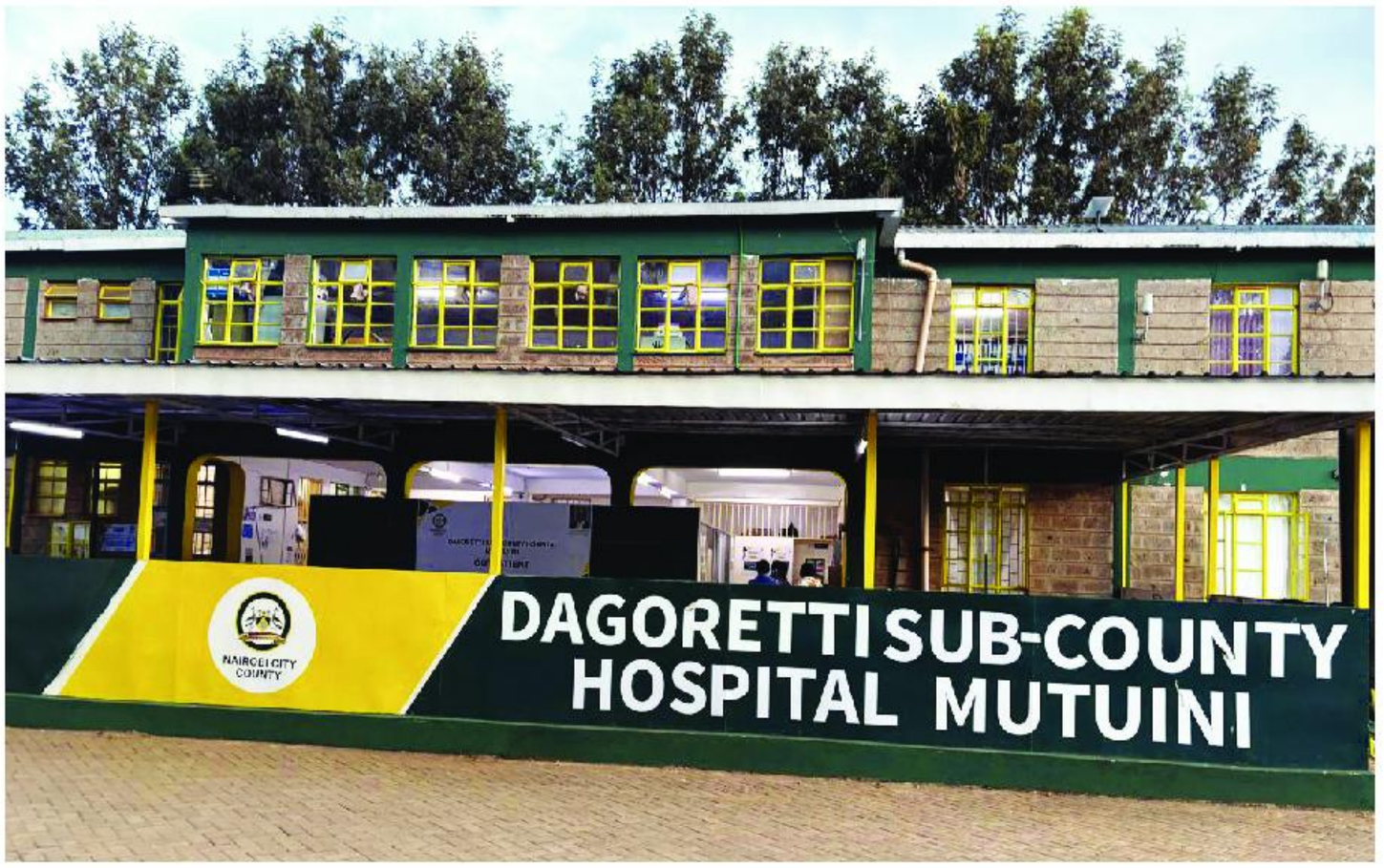

Mutuini Sub-County Hospital is owed Sh67 million, but received only Sh223,000 in August. [Gloria Milimu, Standard]

Barely a year since its implementation, the Social Health Authority (SHA) is already facing an existential crisis, amid reports it is struggling to stay afloat.

The scheme, which central to President William Ruto's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, is collecting significantly less revenue than anticipated and is failing to meet patient needs or settle hospital bills.

Many health facilities are now unable to pay staff, restock medicine, or keep their doors open.

Insiders at SHA warn the scheme is spending far more than it collects. A senior SHA official disclosed the authority currently collects about Sh6.7 billion monthly, translating to roughly Sh80 billion annually. However, it spends approximately Sh8.7 billion each month, or Sh104.4 billion per year, leaving a worrying funding gap.

"We are basically spending more than we are collecting," the official admitted. "When the loss ratio becomes too high within a section of the population, it becomes problematic."

The Rural Private Hospitals Association of Kenya (RUPHA) has cautioned that unless collections improve, the scheme could collapse.

"Kenyans are told to register and get free services. It sounds good and may win elections, but if things continue as they are, SHA could collapse within three to four months," said RUPHA chair Dr Brian Lishenga.

Under the Kenya Kwanza health plan, the government is supposed to pay premiums for vulnerable populations. However, this allocation has been inadequate, leaving public hospitals burdened by arrears.

Insiders warn that unless the state mobilises additional resources to cover the poor, the risk pool will remain too shallow to sustain the scheme.

"The scope of cover is too broad to be funded with the limited resources available," the SHA official said.

A senior Ministry of Health official told *The Standard* that while contributions from the formal sector—through the mandatory 2.75 per cent salary deduction—have remained consistent, this group represents only 17 per cent of the population.

"Can 17 per cent sustain the rest?" the official posed.

Multiple factors have driven SHA's ballooning expenditure. The benefit package was expanded, allowing patients to access more services per person. In addition, a mandatory waiting period before new members could access benefits was removed, leading to immediate, often high-cost claims.

"If someone contributes Sh10,000 and undergoes a knee replacement worth Sh300,000, how sustainable is that?"

Premium collections have also remained low, with many Kenyans reluctant to contribute, leaving hospitals overwhelmed by unpaid claims.

Dr Lishenga attributes SHA's problems to rising liabilities, financially distressed facilities, and meagre contributions from the informal sector.

The government projected it would raise Sh160 billion annually through SHA: Sh38 billion from salaried workers and Sh122 billion from the informal sector. Of this, Sh70 billion was earmarked for the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness (ECCI) Fund and Sh45 billion for the Public Healthcare Fund.

Populist narrative

In contrast, NHIF collected Sh82.1 billion in 2022/23 and Sh80 billion in 2023/24. Between October 2024 and July 2025, SHA collected only Sh45 billion, just over half its annual target.

SHA operates three funds: the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), ECCI, and the Public Health Care (PHC) Fund. Contributions of 2.75 per cent go to SHIF, while ECCI and PHC rely on Treasury allocations. The total amount required to fully finance UHC is estimated at Sh275 billion.

Dr Lishenga says the government must move from focus on registration to encouraging premium payment.

"We must move away from the populist narrative that UHC is free. Kenyans should be encouraged to register and contribute. Without contributions, the system cannot be financially sustainable," he said.

He added that if eight to 10 million informal workers contributed Sh300 to Sh400 monthly—either as daily or weekly micro-payments—it would raise Sh2.4 to Sh4 billion per month, enough to plug the deficit if disbursements were timely and transparent.

The Social Health Insurance Act 2023 caps premiums at 2.75 per cent of income for all Kenyans, both salaried and non-salaried. Unlike NHIF, which had a premium ceiling of Sh1,700, SHA has no upper limit. For non-salaried Kenyans, means testing determines contribution rates. The lowest premium is Sh300 per month.

Despite these reforms, actual collections remain poor. Out of 26 million registered members, only 4.5 million are actively contributing, bringing in just Sh5.4 billion monthly against claims of Sh8.7 billion.

Hospitals are owed Sh43 billion under SHA, with Sh33 billion carried over from NHIF, pushing total pending claims beyond Sh76 billion.

A Standard investigation across hospitals found facilities countrywide struggling to stay afloat. Some are unable to buy medicine, pay staff, or keep their doors open.

At Mutuini Sub-County Hospital in Dagoretti South, Nairobi, unpaid claims running into millions have plunged the facility into debt.

SHA documents seen by *The Standard* show Mutuini is owed Sh45 million from NHIF and Sh22 million from SHA, totalling Sh67 million.

Over the last three months, the facility submitted 993 claims worth Sh14.7 million, but only 28 were approved, receiving Sh233,200.

"With zero payments, services are suffering. Suppliers are pulling out, and we're unable to pay staff on time," said CEO Martin Wafula.

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With 461 staff—358 from the county and 103 under the hospital payroll—sustainability is at risk.

"How do you run a hospital with Sh67 million in debt? I dread answering supplier calls," Wafula added.

"SHA is a good house with a leaking roof. If reimbursements were timely and full, we could expand services."

This situation is mirrored across the country. Nairobi County hospitals alone are owed Sh500 million. Appearing before the Nairobi County Assembly, Chief Officer of Public Health Tom Nyakaba said: "We are running facilities with no money. We are offering no service. Nairobi facilities are collapsing because SHA is not reimbursing them."

In addition, the defunct NHIF still owes Nairobi hospitals Sh800 million—despite President Ruto's March directive that NHIF debts under Sh10 million be cleared.

Top referral hospitals like Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) are owed over Sh3 billion. Dr Lishenga warns that failure to support lower-level hospitals (Levels 2, 3, and 4) is pushing patients into overburdened referral centres.

Patients bear the brunt

For 71-year-old Gatamo Waigwa from Nyeri County, the SHA crisis is painfully personal. Diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2020, he relied on NHIF to cover treatment costs. The previous scheme gave him up to Sh600,000 annually for drugs, injections, and imaging.

Under SHA, this has been cut to Sh567,000—already exhausted due to soaring cancer treatment costs.

On 9 September, Waigwa spent Sh45,800 on abiraterone, a critical cancer drug. His quarterly injection costs Sh26,000, not including scans and tests.

"I now need Sh71,000 every month, but I have no job," he said. "It is unfair that after paying my premiums, I still cannot get treatment."

Waigwa says he pays most of his medical bills out-of-pocket.

SHA currently allocates Sh400,000 annually for chronic and critical care, plus Sh150,000 under the Emergency and Critical Illness Fund—far below what many cancer patients require.

"The government knows cancer patients like me need at least Sh600,000. NHIF covered that. SHA does not," Waigwa said.

His is the story of thousands of patients left behind by a system meant to ensure access to affordable care.

Of SHA's disbursed funds, 40 per cent goes to specialised services. Kenya spent Sh7.7 billion on orthopaedic surgeries—equal to the entire primary healthcare budget.

"We are spending disproportionately on a few hospitals," Dr Lishenga observed.

He also questioned whether the government properly costed healthcare services. For instance, current tariffs allocate just Sh975 annually per household for outpatient care—a figure that cannot realistically cover consultations, lab tests, and treatment.

Optical services are capped at Sh1,000 per household, with eyeglass prescriptions limited to Sh950. In many hospitals, these services are unavailable.

Under the Social Health Insurance Act 2023, outpatient services are to be offered at Levels 2, 3, and 4 hospitals, and include consultations, lab tests, X-rays, ultrasounds, prescriptions, drug dispensing, and more.

Despite growing concerns, top SHA officials have remained silent. Efforts by *The Standard* to reach CEO Dr Mercy Mwangangi were unsuccessful. She neither picked calls nor responded to messages.

SHA chairperson Abdi Mohammed and PS for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga were also contacted.

"Sorry, I am unable to take your call now. Can I call you back?" Dr Mohammed replied—repeating a message often sent.

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INVESTIGATION

DCI probes 31 hospitals over Sh691 million fraud

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) has launched investigations into hospitals linked to fraudulent claims at the Social Health Authority (SHA).

At least 31 facilities have been listed for investigation. The DCI begun the probe after being granted approval by the Chief Magistrate Court at the Milimani Law Courts.

The investigation of the hospitals, according to the court documents seen by The Standard, involves perusing documents from February 2, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

The court order notes that the applicant (DCI) is undertaking investigations into allegations of Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Contrary to section 393 of the Penal Code.

"The Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations is in receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Respondent herein, requesting investigations into allegations of fraudulent claims by contracted healthcare facilities," the court order says.

According to the order, the hospitals are suspected to have entered and uploaded information and/or documents to the SHA information system that is believed to be false with the aim of claiming payments for the medical services alleged to have been provided.

Investigations are said to have established that certain healthcare facilities did not physically exist or lack proper infrastructure and premises while some claims were based on fictitious or ghost patients with no actual treatment having been rendered.

As a result, SHA processed payments to health care facilities using the information entered and uploaded in the system and disbursed money amounting to approximately Sh691,393,530 to the suspected healthcare facilities.

Investigations into the hospitals follows the handover of at least 1,188 files to the DCI.

The court documents noted that following a public outcry, SHA conducted a forensic audit of its information systems, which revealed fraudulent activities by various healthcare facilities.

The Social Health Authority building at Upper Hill in Nairobi. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]

In one of the letters, the Chief Executive Officer Queen Rivers Medical Center in Homa Bay was asked to allow investigations into the facility.

"Honorable Court on oath that for the purpose of investigation into the commission of the offence of Conspiracy to Commit a Felony Contrary to section 393 of the Penal Code, it is necessary and desirable to issue, the applicant with warrants to investigate books of records so as to enable No.100479 PC Shadrack Mwango a Police Officer and an investigator attached to DCI," reads a search order by the court.

The hospital is required to provide payroll records for all the medics and staff, original copies of patient medical files of the attached list of patients as well as any other patient records under SHA that may arise during the course of the investigations, and certified copies of Identification documents presented by the patients during the treatment.

Other documents required are ward round notes for the same patients, original Patient admission registers for both inpatient and outpatient, original SHA Claim forms and all supporting documents attached, pharmacy inventory and dispensing records, laboratory tests registers, laboratory investigations report files and nursing handover books.

Hospitals are also required to provide DCI payroll records for all the medics and staff and original copies of patient medical files of the attached list of patients marked as SMI-24.

The Standard reached out to one of the hospitals under investigation in Bungoma, which confirmed receiving a notice of investigation from the DCI.

In a phone interview, an official at a facility in Homa Bay County told The Standard that SHA services at the hospital have been suspended.

"DCI visited the hospital on Thursday and notified us of the intended probe," the official said.

The hospital is being investigated for allegedly converting outpatient cases into inpatient cases.

However, the official dismissed the allegations as unfair, saying that admission decisions are made based on doctors' reviews.

"It is true that a patient may initially come in as an outpatient, but after a doctor's review, we may decide to admit them as an inpatient — purely to allow for advanced treatment and further tests," the official explained.

There was resistance by some hospitals to allow DCI entry for investigations.

"DCI Officers in Wajir did not present the order with the Judiciary logo. They went to the facilities before the order came out," a source in Wajir told The Standard.

The source added: "As a result the facilities in Wajir have refused to cooperate."

Forensic audits and digital system have uncovered deeply troubling patterns of fraud.

The fraudulent practices, according to the ministry, include up-coding, where some hospitals bill for more expensive procedures than what was actually performed.

Other fraudulent practices were falsification of records, conversion of outpatient to inpatient, and hospitals billing for non-existent patients.

[Mercy Kahenda]

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTRES UNDER INVESTIGATION

- Rachuonyo County Hospital
- Salama Yard Medical Centre
- Nabuala Hospital
- Kotiende Medical Centre
- Vebeneza Medical Centre–Tassia
- The Webuye Hospital Limited
- Nyatoto Health Centre
- Zion Aradi Mediclinic, Butere
- St. Mark Orthodox Hospital–Chavakali
- Oasis Doctors Plaza Kakamega Limited
- Tanaja Hospital Limited
- Brimaxa Hospital Limited
- Maxicare Sunrise Ltd Hospital
- Queen Rivers Medical Center
- Archprime Medical Clinic, Oyugis
- Lemayian Hospital–Kitengela
- Walalaha Nursing Home
- Torics Nursing Home
- Nissi Medical Centre
- Dawa Front Healthcare Services
- New Manyalo Nursing Home
- Jambo Jipya Hospital–Mtwapa
- Lifecare Hospitals Bungoma Ltd
- Rachuonyo East Sub County Hospital
- Barwako Medical Centre
- ADC Market Nursing Home
- Al-Bushra Medical Centre
- Ankara Nursing Home
- Al-Wadud Nursing Home
- Mahat Allah Nursing Home
- Korondile Health Center

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE HOSPITALS

- Hospitals admitted patients with the same illnesses at the same time, which looked suspicious.
- The same patients were admitted in more than one hospital at once.
- Some facilities sent in fake or exaggerated bills for treatment.
- They billed for C-sections even when mothers gave birth naturally.
- Some hospitals claimed to do the same medical procedures on the same patients in different places

HEALTH

Governors clash with doctors following ambulance, staff registration directive

A dispute is brewing between the Council of Governors (CoG) and the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) over the mandatory registration of ambulances and emergency medical personnel.

In a letter to members, CoG has dismissed KMPDC's directive requiring counties to register all ambulances and emergency medical staff by today.

The Council termed the directive an encroachment on devolved functions, as health is devolved.

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

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

But in response, CoG chair Ahmed Abdullahi protested that the directive violates previous agreements between the Ministry of Health and counties.

"The Ministry of Health and its semi-autonomous institutions have reneged on the resolutions and agreements made towards cooperation and consultation on the subject matter," reads CoG letter, advising county governments to disregard the notice.

The letter further stated that directing governors was unconstitutional and accused the ministry of attempting to encroach on a devolved function, arguing that the KMPDC Act does not confer any functions to any level of government.

Abdullahi explained that on September 2, 2025, a meeting was held at CoG offices attended by Ministry of Health officials, the Digital Health Agency, and the Social Health Authority (SHA) during which a proposal was floated to establish a centralised ambulance dispatch centre to facilitate access to the Emergency Services Component under the Emergency, Critical and Chronic Illness Fund (ECCIF).

The governors resolved that any operationalisation of ECCIF must align with county governments' mandate over ambulance services.

The proposed centre, according to KMPDC, would harmonise emergency medical care and lay the foundation for a nationally coordinated emergency response system.

The centre was also meant to improve efficiency in evacuating accident victims and other emergencies to hospitals.

However, county Health executives, during a meeting KMPDC Chief Executive Daniel Kariuki, rejected the plan, citing a conflict of mandates between the two levels of government.

The meeting according to Abdullahi resolved that SHA needed to engage with county governments before the proposed ambulance and evacuation services are launched to ensure proper frameworks are put in place for coordination between the county ambulance dispatch systems and the SHA system. **[Mercy Kahenda]**

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- **ITB Publication Date:** 15th September 2025
- **Closing Date for Clarifications:** 22nd September 2025
- **Deadline for Receipt of Tenders:** 30th September 2025 at 1700hrs EAT
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Affordable politics: From shelter for all to 2027 poll campaign tool

- Ruto promised tutors 20 per cent of the housing units and union endorsed his re-election.
- Police and other uniformed officers have also been promised 20 per cent of the units.

GRAHAM KAJILWA, NAIROBI

If you followed Oprah Winfrey, the popular American television show host, then you remember her marketing and endearing strategy of dishing out goodies, an act that left her audience squealing with excitement, like mice in a cheese factory.

It is an art President William Ruto seems to have adopted of late, and perfected – at least where affordable housing is concerned – that anyone who attends his functions gets a house, or a promise of one.

And like Oprah's audience, they too, squeal with delight, as Collins Oyuu, the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) Secretary General did at State House, when the President promised the tutors 20 per cent of the affordable housing units, among other goodies.

"You have brought on board every other person in this sector to work with, and that is why, as the secretary general, on behalf of teachers, members of Knut, I want to say 'kumi bila break'," said Oyuu, referencing 2027 election amid cheers and claps from the teachers.

A similar pledge of allocation was given to police officers a few months ago, promising them 20 per cent of the units across the country.

"As part of our policy programme, 20 per cent of all housing units being developed under affordable housing across the country will be ring-fenced for members of our disciplined forces: from the military, national police service, Kenya Prisons and National Youth Service," said President Ruto during the launch of the Central Bank of Kenya Police Housing Complex.

With teachers having been promised 20 per cent, police 20 per cent and what was offered to Harambee Stars team members, it looks like a majority of Kenyans who are contributing the Affordable Housing Levy have slim chances of ever owning a home.

Sh900m contribution

Over the weekend, Ruto, probably in a bid to cement his re-election prospects, presided over an agreement that will prioritise teachers to own a portion of the units.

His justification for the allocation is that teachers contribute the most to the affordable housing kitty, Sh900 million every month, and so they deserve a sizeable portion.

Boma Yangu Mukuru housing estate. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

"We are going to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between teachers and ministry so that we can implement this 20 per cent for teachers," he said.

For the Harambee Stars players, the President allocated them each a two bedroom house valued at Sh2 million.

While the affordable housing programme is taxpayer funded, where salaried workers are deducted 1.5 per cent of their gross pay monthly, recent events suggest that the programme has since morphed into a political tool.

Dismas Mokua, a political analyst, notes that it would be naïve not to expect President Ruto to use the programme as a campaign tool.

He said teachers and police are a key cog in politics and would be the best bet as ambassadors to display how well Ruto's policies are working.

"Teachers and law enforcement officers will make affordable housing a kitchen table conversation. This is a key 2027 success factor especially if teachers and law enforcement officers appreciate the raison d'être of affordable housing programme which includes increasing housing supply besides employment and wealth creation," he said.

Javas Bigambo, a governance expert, holds the same position. He said the President is using the programme to demonstrate to the naysayers that he made promises and delivered on them.

"They (teachers, police and Harambee Stars players) will be the crusaders that actually the President promised and he delivered," said Bigambo. "What the President is doing is taking the popularisation of affordable housing and their benefits an extra mile, to demonstrate that the units have been completed and can be occupied."

But Prof Naituli Gitile, a political analyst and lecturer on leadership, says the 'everybody gets a house' strategy by the President is typical of his campaign strategy and goes contrary to the law that dictates how the units should be allocated.

"It just shows how casually he treats the law. If now it is the teachers, what about the police, the army, other civil servants, lecturers, agricultural officers?" he posed.

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These allocations are overlapping other pledges already made by the President and seconded by government officers in charge.

For example, during Madaraka Day celebrations in Homa Bay, Ruto announced that he will propose a change in the law that would allow those contributing to the affordable housing levy to access 'cheap' loans to purchase the homes.

He said in recognition and appreciation of the sacrifice made by Kenyans through their contributions to the housing levy, a proposal will be tabled in Parliament to amend the law so that any contributor can access an affordable home loan of up to Sh5 million, at a single digit interest rate, applicable towards any housing unit in the market.

"This facility will also enable contributors offset existing mortgages, offering greater flexibility in their housing journey and allow many to significantly ease their home financing costs," he said.

Largest employer

At a Parliamentary session held at the Coast, Housing and Urban Planning Principal Secretary Charles Hinga mentioned that contributors of the levy will be prioritised on intervention by the Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu).

The proposal by Cotu also sought to reduce the required deposit from 10 to five per cent of the price of the unit, which the PS said was accommodated.

"Also, we have agreed with them that they will be prioritised when allocation starts. If you contribute by paying the housing levy, you will be prioritised," said the PS.

Teachers make up the largest population of public servants, as latest data from the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) shows.

"Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has consistently remained the largest public service employer, registering the highest growth in employment at 5.2 per cent, where its employees increased from 390,400 in 2023, to 410,700 employees in 2024," says SRC in its latest publication on public wage trends.

This explains why the President argued that they contribute the most to the housing levy kitty which hit Sh120 billion in June since it was introduced.

In the latest pay deal with the government, teachers pay between Sh537 and Sh3,500 as affordable housing levy.

From the pay deal, teachers are entitled to a housing allowance of between Sh3,200 for the lowest paid to Sh50,000 for the highest paid in job Group D5.

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EXPLAINER

What the law says on allocation of Boma Yangu units

President William Ruto has been dangling the promise of affordable housing as a political carrot.

The latest is his pledge that teachers will receive 20 per cent of the units under construction because of their significant monthly contributions to the housing levy.

But beyond the campaign pledges, what does the law actually say about who qualifies for the houses and how they are allocated?

According to the Affordable Housing Regulations, allocation is not a discretionary process tied to specific professions or groups.

Instead, eligibility of the people being allocated the houses is anchored on clear legal requirements.

To apply for a unit, a person must be a Kenyan citizen aged 18 years and above, and must not have previously benefitted from the scheme.

Applications are made through the Boma Yangu platform by registering with a valid national identification card or alternative identification such as a passport or military ID.

Once registered, each applicant receives a unique identification number linked to the Boma Yangu e-wallet, where they are required to save.

To qualify for allocation, one must have contributed at least 12.5 per cent of the value of their preferred house.

The law further states that allocation is conducted through a lottery system run by the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.

The process is designed to be "regular, fair and transparent, free of any human intervention," according to the official Boma Yangu portal.

The units are also restricted to first-time homeowners, and beneficiaries must intend to occupy the property rather than resell or rent it out.

Applicants not allocated due to high demand are placed on a waiting list and prioritised in subsequent rounds.

Applicants who qualify can access home loans at single-digit interest rates through a shared mortgage form that connects them to multiple financiers.

They may also opt for the Tenant Purchase Scheme (TPS), which allows them to pay rent-like instalments for up to 25 years. Upon successful allocation, home applicants receive a letter of offer and must decide how to pay off the balance.

Once the project is completed, successful homeowners receive their title deed and can occupy their units.

The regulations indicate that when developing the housing scheme, the Affordable Housing Board shall ensure there is equitable access to diverse groups and persons in the construction, allocation, management and maintenance of the affordable housing projects.

Notably, the law makes no provision for reserving a specific quota of houses for certain professions or groups. Instead, all Kenyans are expected to compete on equal footing through the lottery system. **[Jacinta Mutura]**

Faithful denied entry in bitter church row

▸ Mombasa Methodist worshippers accused church leaders of using State machinery to silence dissent.

▸ The dispute is rooted in financial accountability of Sh84 million and power struggles.

WILLIS OKETCH, MOMBASA

Bishop Isaiah Deye. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

Hundreds of worshippers at Mombasa's Methodist Church in Changamwe got a rude shock yesterday after armed police officers barred them from entering the premises.

The deployment of officers marked an escalation of wrangles that began following the July 24 ouster of Presiding Bishop Isaiah Deye.

A section of church elders is demanding the reinstatement of Bishop Deye, who was removed by two of his predecessors, Bishops Lawi Imathiu and Stephen Kanyaru.

Acting Mombasa Synod Bishop, Reverend David Ochami, has called for the introduction of devolution within the church, arguing it is vital to resolve persistent leadership disputes.

On July 24, Bishops Imathiu and Kanyaru announced Deye's removal and installed themselves in power, dividing duties within the church conference office.

Yesterday, church members led by Munjiri Ikiamba complained that they did not know who had instructed the police to stop worshippers from entering the church.

Ikiamba said the church leaders had failed to resolve their differences, and that one faction had resorted to using the police to barricade the entrance. "Today, when we came to the church for our spiritual nourishment, we were shocked to find armed police officers at the church's door turning away the worshippers from touching the doors," said Ikiamba.

He added that divisions in the church's leadership stemmed from demands for an audit of the Sh84 million compensation paid by the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

KeNHA had paid the church Sh84 million over ten years ago as compensation for land compulsorily acquired for the expansion of the road.

The new church was built ten years ago after KeNHA demolished the old one to expand the highway from Changamwe Roundabout to Miritini.

"We have not been given an auditor's report on how the church's money was spent during the construction of the new church, and that is why we are being fought," claimed Ikiamba.

Another member, Joseph Kimanthi, urged the police to stop intimidating those raising genuine questions about unexplained activities in the church.

He claimed a senior police officer from the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) headquarters in Kiambu had issued threats against him for demanding accountability of church funds.

He said some leaders who did not want worshippers to pursue accountability had resorted to unorthodox means to silence them.

He added that the use of armed police officers to stop worshippers from entering the church to pray violated the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of worship.

He cautioned that the leadership's failure to resolve members' concerns would force them to seek legal redress after seven days.

"We have given the church leadership seven days to stop the wrangles, or we will go to court and seek legal redress for the complaints raised," said Kimanthi.

NAIROBI

Woodley residents demand payment for ruined homes

The evicted Woodley residents in Kibra, Nairobi, are appealing for compensation from Governor Johnson Sakaja's administration, accusing him of sanctioning illegal evictions that have left them disoriented and traumatised.

Speaking during a press briefing on Sunday, Woodley Development Initiative chairman Sam Gachago insisted that compensation would enable them to repair their damaged homes.

They made the appeal as President William Ruto directed the formation of a Special Reconciliation Committee to look into issues surrounding rent, home ownership and tenancy.

"We need to repair these homes for people to return. You cannot illegally evict someone, destroy their property, and expect them not to seek compensation."

President Ruto recently gave Nairobi MCAs a seven-day deadline to form the committee, which is expected to address the underlying issues. "Our plight, which we presented to the President, offers us the first glimmer of hope after a long, dark period," said Gachago.

However, Gachago noted that the committee is yet to be constituted, days after the President's deadline elapsed. "We have not been engaged. We have no idea who the members are. We are still waiting," he said, demanding that tenants be officially involved in the process to ensure transparency and accountability.

The Standard's attempts to reach the area MCA, Davidson Ngibuini, proved futile as he had not responded to calls or text messages by the time of going to press. **[Okumu Modachi]**

SANLAM KENYA PLC

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO. C.10/46
(THE "COMPANY")

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company (**"EGM"**) will be held on **9 October 2025** at **11.00am** via electronic communication to conduct the business detailed below:

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. To table the proxies and confirm the presence of a quorum.
3. Change of Company Name:
   To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:
   That the name of the Company be and is hereby changed from "Sanlam Kenya PLC" to **"Sanlam Allianz Holdings (Kenya) PLC"** with effect from the date set out in the Certificate of Change of Name issued by the Registrar of Companies.
4. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chairman for which 48 hours' notice had been given to the Group Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Emma Wachira

Group Company Secretary

Date: 12 September 2025

Notes

A. General Notes

(i) **Shareholders wishing to participate in the meeting should register for the EGM by doing the following:**

a) Dialling ***483*902#** for all networks in Kenya and follow the various prompts regarding the registration process; or

b) Sending an email request to be registered to sanlamegm@image.co.ke; or

c) Shareholders with email addresses will receive a registration link via email through which they can use to register. 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 CDSC Account Number at hand. For assistance, shareholders (whether in Kenya or outside) should dial the following helpline number: **(+254) 709 170 000** from **9:00 a.m.** to **5:00 p.m.** from **Monday** to **Friday.** Any shareholder outside Kenya should dial the helpline number to be assisted to register.

(ii) **Registration for the EGM opens on 16 September 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and will close on 8 October 2025 at 5.00p.m. Shareholders will not be able to register after 8 October 2025 at 5.00p.m.**

(iii) **In accordance with Section 283 (2) (c) of the Companies Act, the following documents; a copy of this Notice and the Proxy Form may be viewed on the Company's website https://www.sanlam.com/kenya. These documents may also be accessed upon request by dialling the USSD code above and selecting the Reports option or accessed on the livestream link.**

(iv) **A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting and who is unable to attend electronically is still entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. To be valid, a proxy form, which is available from the Company's head office or the Share Registrar's offices, must be completed and signed by the shareholder or the duly authorised attorney of the shareholder and must be either emailed to sanlamegm@image.co.ke or lodged at the offices of the Company's Share Registrar's Image Registrars, 5th Floor, Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street, Kenya so as to arrive not later than 11.00am on 7 October 2025. A proxy form is attached to this Notice and is available on the Company's website via this link: https://www.sanlam.com/kenya. Physical copies of the proxy form are also available at the following address: Image Registrars Limited offices, 5th Floor Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street.**

(v) **Any person appointed as a proxy should submit his/her mobile telephone number to Image Registrars no later than 6 October 2025 at 11.00 a.m. Any proxy registration that is rejected will be communicated to the shareholder concerned no later than 7 October 2025 at 11.00am to allow time to address any issues.**

(vi) **Shareholders wishing to raise any questions or clarifications regarding the EGM may do so by:**

a) **sending their written questions by email to agm@sanlam.co.ke;**

b) **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; or**

c) **to the extent possible, physically delivering their written questions with a return email address to the registered office of the Company at Sanlam Tower, 15th Floor, Waiyaki Way, Westlands, Nairobi, or to Image Registrars offices at 5th floor, Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street; or**

d) **sending their written questions with a return email address by registered post to the Company's address at P. O. Box 10493-00100 Nairobi.**

Shareholders must provide their full details (full names, ID/Passport Number/CDSC Account Number) when submitting their questions and clarifications.

(vii) **All questions and clarification received by the Company by Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 5:00 pm will be responded to by the directors of the company by 8 October 2025. A full list of all questions received and the answers thereto will be published on the Company's website before the commencement of the EGM. Some of the questions will also be answered during the meeting.**

(viii) **The EGM will be streamed live via a link which shall be provided to all shareholders who will have registered to participate in the EGM.**

(ix) **Duly registered shareholders and proxies will receive a short message service (SMS) prompt on their registered mobile numbers, 24 hours prior to the EGM acting as a reminder of the EGM. A second SMS prompt shall be sent one hour ahead of the EGM, reminding duly registered shareholders and proxies that the EGM will begin in an hours' time and providing a link to the livestream.**

(x) **Duly registered shareholders and proxies may follow the proceedings of the EGM using the livestream platform and may access the agenda, ask a question, propose and second resolutions and vote via the VOTE tab on the livestream link. Duly registered shareholders and proxies may vote via the USSD prompts as well as through the vote tab on the livestream link.**

(xi) **Results of the EGM shall be published on the Company's website https://www.sanlam.com/kenya within 24 hours following conclusion of the EGM.**

(xii) **Shareholders are encouraged to continuously monitor the Company's website https://www.sanlam.com/kenya for any updates relating to the EGM.**

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CRIME

Riders to undergo fresh registration, training to tame rampant criminals

Boda boda riders will now be required to undergo fresh training in an effort to weed out those engaging in criminal activities.

Among the proposals is a requirement for riders to wear distinct uniforms based on their area of operation, with each stage having a chairman who will be held accountable if a member is caught breaking the law.

Riders will also receive new registration numbers linked to their location. For instance, those operating within Nairobi will have numbers beginning with 047.

The measures were part of the agreement signed by operators and police after a meeting in Nairobi late last week, aimed at addressing challenges facing the sector, including infiltration by criminal gangs and persistent disregard for traffic regulations.

"That will make it easy to track the motorcycle and its owner, even if it is used to commit a crime in Mombasa, it will be easy to identify that it is from Nairobi. The registration will also include the abbreviation of the sub-county and stage where the owner operates," said Traffic Commandant Fredrick Ochieng.

He added that a directive had been issued for the release of motorcycles impounded in police stations, but tracing genuine owners has proved difficult due to poor registration records.

Boda boda licence

The Commandant, however said before obtaining the new registration, riders will be required to present a valid boda boda licence, a certificate of good conduct, insurance cover and two helmets, among other requirements.

Authorities say some of the leading causes of motorcycle accidents in Nairobi include obstruction and riders' failure to observe traffic rules.

The signing of the agreement by the Boda-boda association will pave way for the implementation of the new regulations.

Kevin Mubadi, the association's president, said those unwilling to comply should leave the sector altogether.

"If you won't register, then leave the boda boda sector immediately. Chairmen, if an incident happens in your area, you will be held accountable if you cannot identify those involved," Mubadi said.

The announcement comes amid growing public concern over misconduct by boda boda riders, including alleged links to criminal gangs in Nairobi. On Tuesday last week, assailants who shot city lawyer Mathew Kyalo Mbobu were reportedly on a motorcycle, echoing the killing of Kasipul MP Ong'ondo Were in May this year.

Last week, boda boda riders operating in Nairobi city centre convened a meeting to address rising cases of muggings, highlighting persistent challenges.

"Motorbikes that are unregistered or not part of any Sacco are the ones being used to carry out robberies in the city centre," said Patrick Muasya, chairman of 047 Boda Boda Sacco.

"Going forward, we will ensure that all riders are registered so that when someone is caught on the wrong side, their details are easy to obtain."

The group also urged both county and national governments to eliminate riders operating from undesignated areas.

Speaking at the recent Jukwaa la Usalama forum, the Boda Boda Association chairman from Kisii County appealed to the government to introduce an age limit for new entrants.

"Children are dropping out of school, even in Grade 8 and 9, to join the boda boda sector. Setting an age limit will help to address this, because the sector has become too easy for anyone to enter," he said.

He further accused politicians of exploiting riders. "Politicians misuse riders with a few coins, but after the damage is done, they are nowhere to be seen," he added, calling for dialogue between police and riders to resolve the challenges facing the industry.

[Pkemoi Ng'enoh]

Impounded boda bodas crowd the yard at Nairobi's Central Police Station. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Boda boda tumble from lifeline to lawless threat

- The boda boda sector was once hailed as affordable transport and a pillar of the informal economy.
- Riders now stand accused of lawlessness, intimidation and deadly arson fuelling calls for State crackdown.

Boda boda riders set ablaze a Super Metro matatu along Thika Road after it knocked down a motorcycle rider and pillion passenger. [Courtesy, Standard]

OKUMU MODACHI, NAIROBI

Over the past two decades, the boda boda sector has flourished into an indispensable lifeline for millions, hailed as anessential, affordable and reliable means of mobility in both urban and rural areas across the country.

The revolution has created jobs for young people while easing the burden on overstretched public transport systems.

However, a recent spate of troubling incidents — in which riders have unleashed violence, torching both personal and public service vehicles after road accidents — has seen the industry slipping into a security menace, sparking public uproar.

At least five vehicles have been set ablaze by rowdy boda boda operators in different parts of the country in the last week alone. The latest incident resulted in the deaths of two riders after a police officer opened fire during a confrontation following a road accident in Makongeni, Thika.

Such acts of lawlessness have raised alarms within the transport industry, painting a stark picture of a sector teetering on the edge of a security crisis.

More baffling still is the silence of top security and ministry officials, who have yet to publicly condemn the incidents. Industry players have warned this inaction could force them to devise their own means of protecting vehicles on the roads.

The Mass Mobility Operator Association, representing matatu owners, said the attacks have left investors counting losses worth millions of shillings and could push them to form rival gangs to confront the riders. "These vehicles being set ablaze are not only machines but drivers of the economy and investors have gotten them through a lot of sweat, and loans. Thus it hurts when we see them being set ablaze," the association's chair, Nelson Mwangi, said on Tuesday.

The lobby group's Secretary-General warned: "If the government fails in its responsibility, we may be forced to organise as operators and provide our own security for vehicles. Laws cannot be implemented by civilians unless we are living in a banana republic. There is due process for handling accidents."

The alarm

The Motorist Association of Kenya also sounded the alarm over what it described as the growing menace posed by boda boda riders across the country. It accused them of rampant lawlessness, harassment of motorists, and endangering pedestrians, while lamenting the silence of government agencies responsible for road safety enforcement.

"Motorists across the country are under siege," the Association declared, citing attacks on trailers, buses, matatus, and private cars in broad daylight.

What began as an affordable transport solution has now morphed into a national security headache. With their numbers swelling and impunity growing, the question is no longer whether the boda boda sector requires reform, but whether the State can tame it before it overwhelms the very order it was meant to serve.

Senior adviser to President William Ruto, Professor Makau Mutua, has called for a full ban on boda bodas in major towns, a proposal critics quickly dismissed as elitist and detached from Kenya's economic realities.

> *The boda boda sector has grown into a parallel power structure, one that defies traffic law, undermines justice, and even intimidates State institutions."*
>
> **Briann Ayumba,** Transport and Logistic expert

According to Professor Mutua, the riders contribute to urban chaos, lawlessness, and poor road discipline. He argues that no modern city should tolerate the disorder, illegality, indiscipline, and poor aesthetics brought about by the sector.

"I am convinced that all boda bodas should be banned from the streets of all Kenya's major cities and towns. No modern city should tolerate such chaos, illegality, terrible aesthetics, and indiscipline on its roads. Absolutely unacceptable," Mutua wrote on X on July 17, 2025.

His remarks sparked immediate public debate, with Kenyans deeply divided on whether banning boda bodas would be justified.

The Boda Boda Safety Association of Kenya (BAK) sharply criticised Mutua, calling his comments reckless and misaligned with the government's economic policy direction.

In a statement, BAK said the call to remove boda bodas from urban areas contradicts the spirit of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which aims to empower ordinary Kenyans, particularly those working in the informal sector.

"Dismissing the entire sector as chaotic and illegal ignores the role it plays in creating employment and sustaining local economies, especially among the youth and low-income earners," the association said.

"The boda boda sector has grown into a parallel power structure, one that defies traffic law, undermines justice, and even intimidates State institutions. Without regulation or decisive intervention, it risks spiraling out of control," said transport and logistics expert Brian Ayumba

By the time of going to press, NTSA had not responded to The Standard's request for comment on the matter.

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Trio set free in lawyer killing

▸ No links found as forensic, ballistic, and alibi checks clear the three in lawyer Mathew Mbobu's murder.

▸ Lawyer terms the arrest reckless, saying innocent lives were nearly ruined unfairly.

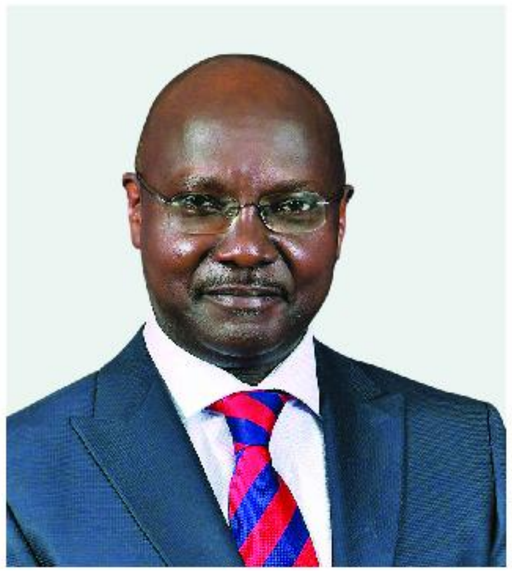
HUDSON GUMBIHI, NAIROBI

Three individuals who were detained in connection with the murder of lawyer Mathew Kyalo Mbobu have been released unconditionally after being cleared of any involvement.

George Wainaina, Eric Muhia, and Paul Mbugua were freed on Saturday night following two days in custody. Their release came after forensic analysis, ballistic tests, and verified alibis ruled them out of the murder investigation.

Mbobu, a former chairperson of the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal, was gunned down last Tuesday along Magadi Road while driving to his home in Karen. According to police, two men on a motorbike had trailed him before one approached on foot and fired multiple shots through the driver's window. He died on the spot from the injuries.

The three men were arrested last Thursday and placed in separate police stations



Kyalo Mbobu

across Nairobi as detectives sought to determine if they were involved. They were reportedly the last people seen with Mbobu at a hotel earlier that day.

According to their lawyer, Musa Maulid, police returned all personal belongings and cash to the trio after their release at around 9pm "Forensic phone analysis, ballistic examination of the firearm, and independently verified alibis have all conclusively exonerated the three individuals from any connection whatsoever to the murder," Maulid said.

He condemned the arrests as "malicious, unjustified, and a reckless abuse of police power," and said it was deeply regrettable that innocent citizens were publicly linked to such a serious crime before thorough investigations had been conducted.

"These findings confirm what has been true from the start — Eric Muhia, Paul Mbugua, and George Wainaina had no involvement in this crime," Maulid added.

A formal statement is expected in the coming days. After being released, Wainaina was admitted to a city hospital with an undisclosed ailment, Maulid confirmed.

The murder is now under active investigation by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Homicide Unit, which is working to piece together clues and identify the real perpetrators. Efforts to reach Homicide Unit Chief Martin Nyuguto were unsuccessful.

A postmortem conducted by Government Pathologist Dr. Johansen Oduor revealed that Mbobu was shot eight times, with most bullets targeting his neck and upper arm. Two bullets were recovered from his body. Oduor confirmed the cause of death as massive bleeding and severe spinal injuries.

Mbobu, 55, was facing multiple debt-related court cases at the time of his death, but was widely respected for his work in commercial litigation.

The legal fraternity mourned Mbobu as a humble, charismatic, and brilliant lawyer.

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Briefing

HOMA BAY. CONTRACTORS DEMAND DUES

■ Contractors in Homa Bay have accused Senator Moses Kajwang' of neglecting their plight by failing to pressure Governor Gladys Wanga's government to clear over Sh480 million in pending bills. Led by their association, the contractors claim non-payment since 2013 has left them financially strained, with some facing auction. They gave the county one week to act. However, Finance CEC Solomon Obiero defended the administration, saying it inherited over Sh1.5 billion in debt, but has consistently paid pending bills whenever it receives funds from the National Government. **[James Omoro]**

KAKAMEGA. DEADLY GANG RAID NETS SEVEN

■ Seven suspected members of the 'Jeshi Jinga' gang, including their ringleader and a 17-year-old student, were arrested in Mumias East, Kakamega County. Police recovered crude weapons, cannabis, and jackets used in attacks. The gang is accused of terrorising locals, especially at funerals, and luring victims, such as boda boda riders, using women. Earlier this week, one gang member was shot dead, and two others arrested in Butere. Authorities confirmed the gang's involvement in burglaries and church thefts in several constituencies. Investigations continue as police vow further action. **[Benard Lusigi]**

KIRINYAGA. FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL DORM

■ A fierce fire destroyed a dormitory at St Michael's Girls Primary School in Kerugoya, Kirinyaga County, yesterday morning. Kerugoya Location Chief Justus Mwai said no pupil was injured, as all had left for classes when the fire started. "We suspect an electrical fault," Mwai said, adding the affected dormitory housed 60 pupils. He assured parents that all children are safe and urged them to remain calm. **[Jane Mugambi]**

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POLITICS

A king without an army? Ruku digs at Gachagua's Mt Kenya bid

Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku has launched a blistering attack on Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's claim to leadership in the Mt Kenya region, arguing that his party's failure to field a candidate in the Mbeere North by-election proves he is no kingpin.

The November 27, by-election is widely viewed as a test of President Ruto's influence in restive Mt Kenya and Gachagua's rise. Speaking in Embu during the commissioning of a new administration block at Kogari Comprehensive School, Ruku criticised Gachagua's Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) for withdrawing from the contest. "If he is man enough politically, why didn't he field a candidate in Mbeere North?" he asked amid applause. "He calls himself a kingpin but brings no one to the field. That's not leadership; it's fear."

With DCP and Jubilee both pulling out of the race, the contest has narrowed to a three-way battle: UDA's Leonard Muriuki, Newton Karish (backed by Gachagua), and Dan Mbui of Chama Cha Kazi (CCK). Their withdrawal opened the door for defections and realignments ahead of the vote.

Ruku urged voters to back the Kenya Kwanza development agenda, which he says is delivering tangible results in neglected areas. He highlighted projects, including the Ishiara–Kirie–Gikuyari Road upgrade, the Mukanda Irrigation Project, and expanded rural electrification in off-grid communities. "The era of neglect is over. This region is no longer a footnote; it is a priority," he said.

He also warned against falling for slogans and empty politics, stressing that leadership must

Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku. [Muriithi Mugo, Standard]

be proven at the ballot. "Development speaks louder than theatrics and slogans," he said, urging parents to prioritise education, calling it "the greatest equaliser."

Leonard Muriuki has emerged as a UDA frontrunner after seven rivals dropped out to back him. Notable supporters, include Assembly Speaker Josiah Thiriku, Kariuki Mate, and former MP Muriuki Njagagua. Their support for Muriuki underscores a strategy to consolidate UDA's dominance.

Newton Karish, meanwhile, continues to receive backing from Gachagua's close circle, Muturi, and Kivuti, all seen as positioning themselves for influence ahead of 2027.

[Muriithi Mugo]

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA

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IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR UKWALA, SEGA AND USENGE TOWN

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 31(1), (2), (3),(4) & (5) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act,2011 and the conferment and gazettement of Ukwala, Sega, Usenge and Yala towns, the list of nominees for the respective towns was forwarded for vetting and approval. However, during the vetting exercise certain nominees in Sega, Ukwala and Usenge Towns did not fulfil the requirements under the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011. Fresh names of nominees have since been re-submitted in the affected categories. The below listed nominees are therefore invited to appear before the Assembly Select Committee on Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development for vetting at the **County Assembly Building in Siaya on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025 from 10:00 A.M.**

S/N	NAME	NOMINATING CRITERIA	TOWN	TIME
1.	Ms. Elizabeth Awino Akuka	Business Sector Association	UKWALA	10.00am
2.	Mr.Ogola Joseph Onyango	Governor's Nominee	SEGA	11.00am
3.	Ms. Lucy Akinyi Odhiambo	Governor's Nominee	USENGE	12.00 Noon

The nominees are required to collect vetting forms from the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly from **Tuesday 16th September, 2025** or download from the Assembly website www.siayaassembly.go.ke and return them with certified copies of the under listed documents on or before **Monday, 22nd September, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.**

1. ID Card or passport
2. Curriculum Vitae, personal credentials and Academic Certificates.
3. Current compliance certificate from the (i) Kenya Revenue Authority(KRA); (ii) Higher Education Loans Board (HELB); (iii)Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI); (iv) Credit Reference Bureau (CRB); (v) Respective professional bodies (where applicable).
4. Duly filled vetting questionnaire.

The nominees are advised to bring the originals of the above mentioned documents on the vetting day.

Members of the public are invited to submit any information, memoranda or petition that may have a bearing on the selection of the nominees. The petition and memoranda may be forwarded to the Clerk of the County Assembly of Siaya , P.O. Box 7-40600,Siaya ;hand delivered to the office of the Clerk-Siaya County Assembly Building or emailed to clerk@siayaassembly.go.ke to be received on or before **Monday, 22nd September, 2025 at 5.00p.m.**

ERIC OGENGA - CLERK
County Assembly of Siaya
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SIAYA

KIAMBU

Family of dead officer pleads for swift repatriation of body

It has been two painful weeks of waiting for the family of Corporal Kennedy Mutuku Nzuve, the Kenyan police officer who died in an accident while serving under the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS) in Haiti.

The family, who live in Mwihoko, Kiambu County, say they remain in the dark about when the officer's body will be brought back to Kenya for burial.

According to his mother, Serah Nzuve, the silence from the government has only deepened their pain.

"We have not been told when the body will be brought. People used to come to comfort me but it looks like they are also getting tired, which I understand. You know these people also have chores to do, and they can't come to my place daily," said Serah.

Further, Serah said while some assume that the government will cover all the funeral expenses, the family is struggling to raise funds for the burial and is appealing to Kenyans of goodwill to support them.

"Many people think the government will cater for everything, but that is not true," she said.

Responding to the concerns by the family, MSS spokesperson Jack Ombaka told *The Standard* that plans were underway to return Mutuku's remains this week.

"I want to assure the family that the body will be delivered with all the honours the deceased deserves. We will accord him the best respect."

The pain of the family began on September 1, when police officers arrived at their home in Mwihoko with the devastating news, that their only son, had died in Haiti.

Mutuku, 41, was killed on August 31 after an armoured vehicle overturned during a towing operation.

The accident left eight other officers injured, three of them seriously.

Mutuku's death is the second Kenyan casualty since the deployment to Haiti began.

In March, another officer went missing after a gang ambush and has not been accounted for.

[Emmanuel Kipchumba]

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MAKUENI COUNTY ON RE-SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (MUTULACARE) IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES.

Reference is made to the Public Notice published on **9th September 2025** regarding public participation forums on the Makueni Universal Healthcare Coverage (Mutulacare) Implementation Guidelines, aligned with the Social Health Insurance Act, 2023.

The Government of Makueni County hereby cancels the earlier county-level schedule and informs all residents, professional groups, stakeholders, and interested persons that the public participation forums will now be conducted at the ward level to enhance inclusivity and ensure wider citizen engagement.

WARD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE MUTULACARE GUIDELINES 2025

S/ No.	Sub County	Ward	Venue	Date	Time
1.	Kibwezi West	Kikumbulyu South	Urafiki centre Siembeni	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
2.		Emali/Mulala	Springhall Kwakakulu	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
3.		Nguu/Masumba	Kwandava Dispensary Compound	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
4.		Nguumo	Kiunduani Community Library	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
5.		Makindu	Makindu County Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
6.		Kikumbulyu North	Ward Administrator's Office Kisayani	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
7.	Kaiti	Kilungu	Nunguni market shade	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
8.		Kee	Kee Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
9.		Ukia	Kilala Ward Office Grounds	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
10.		Ilima	Akatch Stadium	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
11.	Kilome	Kiima Kiu/Kalanzoni	Market Kwa DC	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
12.		Mukaa	Enzai County Playground	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
13.		Kasikeu	Kasikeu Chief's Office	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
14.	Kibwezi East	Ivingoni/Nzambani	Makutano Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
15.		Mtito-Andei	Kathekani Chiefs Office	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
16.		Thange	Thange WA's Office	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
17.		Masongaleni	Ulilinzi WA's Office	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
18.	Makueni	Kitise/Kithuki	Matheani AIC	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
19.		Kathonzweni	Kathonzweni JCC Church compound	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
20.		Muvau/Kikumini	ATC Kwa Kathoka	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
21.		Mavindini	Mavindini Market public Dias(Jukwaani)	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
22.		Mbitini	Kithumani Market.	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
23.		Nzaui/Kilili/Kalamba	Matiliku AIC Church	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
24.		Wote/Nziu	Wote Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
25.	Mbooni	Mbooni	Kikima Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
26.		Kithungo/Kitundu	Kitundu Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
27.		Tulimani	Ward Administrators' Office	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
28.		Kalawa	Kalawa Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
29.		Kako/Waia	Wambiti Social Hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am
30.		Kiteta/Kisau	Kwakulomba social hall	25th Sep 2025	10.00 am

In addition, citizens and thematic groups may provide Memoranda, suggestions and written submissions to: *County.Health@makueni.go.ke,* or to the county ward offices or the office of the Executive Committee Member. All submissions should be received by the **24th September 2025.**

The MutulaCare Implementation guidelines are also available on the county Website: *https://makueni.go.ke/*

Joyce Mutua
County Executive Committee Member, Health Services.

Haiti teeters on the edge as Kenya-led peace mission ends

- The initial departure of 400 Kenyan police officers has been on hold since June due to funding hurdles.
- Despite pledging 1,000 officers to Port-au-Prince, Kenya deployed 751 troops.

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Kenyan police officers on patrol near the national palace, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.[AFP]

The Kenyan police contingent deployed in Haiti is expected back in Nairobi after the expiry of its one-year contract as the international community grapples with a new mission to rescue the Caribbean country from violence fuelled by organised criminal gangs.

The departure of the first batch of 400 police officers has been delayed since June over the issue of funding, and to await a new assignment being mooted to replace the Kenya-led Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission.

The Kenya-led MSS mandate was to assist the Haitian National Police combat violence and rescue control from criminal gangs, exacerbated by the assassination of then President Jovenel Moise in July 2021. The gangs killed a reported 5,601 people in 2024, an increase of about 1,000 over the previous year.

Kenya initially promised 1,000 police officers to Haitian Capital, Port-au-Prince. On paper, the mission, then considered the last viable opportunity to rescue Haiti, has ended, but with less of the envisaged number of officers.

Kenya eventually deployed 751 officers in total. Other contributing countries including Burundi and Senegal had pledged an additional 1,500 troops but only 40 per cent of this had been met last June.

Initial fears, legal hurdles in Nairobi, and dearth in international funding failed to railroad the Kenyan deployment. So far, there have been two confirmed deaths of Kenyans in Port-au-Prince, one related to direct confrontation with gangs and the other linked to a road accident. One police officer has been inexplicably declared "missing".

While one death is too many, the fatality toll within the Kenyan deployment hardly reflects the initial fears. Cynics had predicted the arrival in Kenya of body-bags as the MSS mission cruised on. But this didn't happen, says Ken Opala regional field coordinator Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime (GIA-TOC).

Kenya took the bull by its horn, as it were. President William Ruto stepped up to intervene when the world appeared in apparent paralysis, on the next action for Haiti. "This vote of confidence (in Kenya) underscores the stature of our nation as a respected member of the international community," President Ruto said in October 2023.

"The Kenyan deployment has been a deterrent to hitherto expansionist activities of the criminal gangs. Kenyans oversaw the installation and subsequent functioning of the interim government that replaced the fallen regime of Prime Minister Ariel Henry," Opala said.

Indeed, for fear of antagonising the international community, the Haitian gangs — now united under the coalition Viv Ansanm, led by Jimmy Cherizier — resisted directly confronting the Kenyan-led troops in the capital city. Instead, they spread out to new grounds, claiming even more lives. Reports last May indicated that 4,000 deaths occurred during the deployment of the MSS.

"The leaders of gangs want to be viewed and treated as freedom fighters, as people who want to liberate their country; they don't to be seem as criminal gangs," says George Musamali, a Nairobi-based security analyst.

On the other hand, overwhelmed in sheer numbers, the slightly more than 600 Kenyan police contingent was cautious against directly engaging the gangs.

Instructively, by the time Kenyan boots arrived in Haiti, the marauding gangs had already overwhelmed Port-au-Prince, and were in control of 80 per cent of the city. Previous bilateral engagements, in particular one by the US, had failed had failed in the past.

"Kenya went there when other missions had failed. It was a brave courageous move. It needed the support of the international community. But this support hasn't been forthcoming. Kenya has been left naked in its attempt to rescue Haiti," Musamali told The Standard. "It's now time to rethink the strategy of rescuing Haiti."

Towards the end of its term, the Kenya-led mission was caught between the political realignment in the United States following the election of President Donald trump who has embarked on austerity measures in his country's international commitments, and a paralysis in international aid, GI-TOC observed in May.

Reports about strained relations between Kenya and the new US administration didn't make things better. In fact, in May the US's State Secretary Mike Rubio was forced to cancel his trip to Nairobi just hours after President Ruto left for a State visit to China.

The US was meant to be the MSS's main financier, so the strained relations between the two countries risks putting in jeopardy the $35 million the mission owes to Kenya in reimbursement. This is taxpayers money Kenya spent on the mission expecting the international community to eventually repay. This hasn't happened, further raising doubts on Kenya's continued stay in Haiti.

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Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 101(y) of the Petroleum Act No. 2 of 2019 and Legal Notice No. 192 of 2022, the Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has calculated the maximum retail petroleum prices, which will be in force from **15th September 2025** to **14th October 2025:**

A. MAXIMUM RETAIL PETROLEUM PRICES (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

	September 15th, 2025 – October 14th, 2025	MAXIMUM PETROLEUM PUMP PRICES		
		Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
	TOWNS	KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
1	**Mombasa**	181.24	168.19	151.49
2	Kilifi	182.11	169.06	152.36
3	Likoni Mainland	181.62	168.57	151.88
4	Kwale	181.62	168.57	151.88
5	Malindi	182.47	169.42	152.72
6	Lungalunga	182.49	169.44	152.75
7	Voi	183.43	170.38	153.69
8	Taveta	185.87	172.82	156.12
9	Lamu	186.58	173.54	156.84
10	Hola	187.07	174.02	157.33
11	Mpeketoni	186.58	173.54	156.84
12	Minjila	184.79	171.74	155.05
13	Garsen	184.95	171.90	155.21
14	Samburu	181.39	168.34	151.66
15	Taru	181.70	168.65	151.97
16	Mwatate	184.01	170.96	154.27
17	Wundanyi	184.30	171.25	154.56
18	Kaloleni	181.15	168.10	151.40
19	Marereni	183.60	170.56	153.86
20	**Nairobi**	184.52	171.47	154.78
21	Thika	184.16	171.11	154.42
22	Machakos	184.56	171.51	154.81
23	Kajiado	184.87	171.82	155.13
24	Makuyu	184.65	171.60	154.90
25	Muranga	185.05	172.00	155.31
26	Sagana	185.44	172.39	155.68
27	Embu	186.06	173.01	156.31
28	Kerugoya	185.92	172.87	156.18
29	Narok	186.55	173.50	156.81
30	Nyeri	186.53	173.48	156.78
31	Namanga	186.82	173.77	157.07
32	Kiganjo	186.46	173.41	156.71
33	Chuka	186.98	173.93	157.23
34	Kitui	186.80	173.75	157.05
35	Mwingi	187.47	174.42	157.72
36	Nanyuki	187.49	174.44	157.75
37	Nkubu	189.17	176.12	159.42
38	Mtito Andei	188.36	175.31	158.62
39	Meru	189.51	176.45	159.75
40	Isiolo	189.25	176.20	159.51
41	Maua	190.29	177.24	160.54
42	Garissa	191.36	178.30	161.61
43	Marsabit	197.73	184.68	167.99
44	Liboi	196.14	183.09	166.40
45	Moyale	200.46	187.41	170.72
46	Sololo	198.83	185.77	169.08
47	Habaswein	196.02	182.97	166.26
48	Dadaab	193.75	180.70	164.01
49	Tarbaj	199.90	186.85	170.16
50	Elwak	202.68	189.63	172.93
51	Wajir	200.17	187.12	170.43
52	Modogashe	196.26	183.21	166.52
53	Mandera	206.70	193.65	176.96
54	Matuu	185.70	172.65	155.96
55	Merti	193.40	180.35	163.65
56	Oldonyiro	188.23	175.17	158.48
57	Eldas	203.23	190.18	173.49
58	Bute	198.12	185.07	168.37
59	Hadado	195.68	182.63	165.93
60	Mai Mahiu	184.36	171.31	154.61
61	Doldo	188.81	175.76	159.07
62	Lamuria	187.29	174.24	157.54
63	Sipili	188.79	175.74	159.04
64	Marimanti	188.14	175.09	158.40
65	Mutuobare	187.00	173.95	157.25
66	North Horr	199.39	186.34	169.64
67	Maikona	196.99	183.94	167.25
68	Kalacha	197.93	184.88	168.19
69	Loyangalani	198.05	185.00	168.30
70	Turbi	197.71	184.66	167.97
71	Laisamis	192.88	179.83	163.13
72	Merille	192.36	179.31	162.62
73	Korr	194.51	181.46	164.76
74	**Nakuru**	183.56	170.87	154.21
75	Gilgil	183.13	170.43	153.78

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		Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
	TOWNS	KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
76	Mogotio	183.11	170.41	153.76
77	Molo	183.26	170.57	153.91
78	Olenguruone	184.47	171.77	155.12
79	Londiani	183.64	170.95	154.29
80	Nyahururu	183.62	170.93	154.28
81	Archers Post	188.79	176.09	159.44
82	Lodosoit	190.69	177.99	161.34
83	Naivasha	183.76	171.06	154.41
84	Marigat	184.45	171.75	155.10
85	Kabarnet	185.30	172.61	155.95
86	Maralal	187.18	174.48	157.83
87	Wamba	188.63	175.94	159.28
88	Rumuruti	184.56	171.87	155.22
89	**Eldoret**	184.38	171.68	155.03
90	Kiplombe	184.38	171.68	155.03
91	Iten	184.38	171.68	155.03
92	Naiberi	184.38	171.68	155.03
93	Kesses	184.38	171.68	155.03
94	Kapsabet	184.03	171.34	154.70
95	Webuye	184.75	172.06	155.40
96	Kitale	184.64	171.95	155.30
97	Kapenguria	185.74	173.05	156.39
98	Bungoma	185.33	172.64	155.99
99	Moiben	184.03	171.34	154.70
100	Matunda	184.00	171.30	154.65
101	Burnt Forest	183.93	171.23	154.58
102	Tambach	184.08	171.39	154.74
103	Kapsowar	184.89	172.19	155.54
104	Chebara	184.68	171.99	155.34
105	Kimwarer	184.56	171.85	155.21
106	Timboroa	184.42	171.73	155.07
107	Nandi Hills	184.35	171.66	155.01
108	Kaiboi	184.10	171.41	154.75
109	Kiminini	184.95	172.26	155.61
110	Endebes	185.55	172.86	156.21
111	Saboti	185.00	172.31	155.66
112	Chepareria	186.10	173.40	156.75
113	Lomut	188.89	176.19	159.54
114	Burgich	186.81	174.12	157.47
115	Sigor	187.04	174.34	157.69
116	Lodwar	191.24	178.55	161.90
117	Kakuma	193.99	181.30	164.65
118	Lokichar	189.52	176.82	160.17
119	Kalokol	192.56	179.87	163.21
120	Lokori	190.15	177.45	160.80
121	Lokitaung	197.55	184.86	168.20
122	Kapedo	188.89	176.19	159.54
123	Malaba	186.03	173.34	156.68
124	Lokichogio	196.05	183.35	166.70
125	Ziwa	184.35	171.66	155.01
126	Soy	184.01	171.32	154.67
127	Moi's Bridge	184.13	171.44	154.78
128	Turbo	183.93	171.23	154.58
129	Kibish	197.95	185.25	168.60
130	Nakalale	195.91	183.22	166.56
131	Loima	189.72	177.03	160.37
132	Lokiriama	192.42	179.73	163.08
133	Kainuk	187.60	174.90	158.25
134	Kacheliba	186.43	173.73	157.09
135	Kiwawa	187.48	174.79	158.14
136	Ortum	186.77	174.07	157.42
137	Kachibora	184.68	171.99	155.34
138	Kwanza	185.91	173.22	156.57
139	Kaplamai	184.73	172.04	155.38
140	Eldama Ravine	185.45	172.75	156.10
141	Tenges	185.69	173.00	156.34
142	Barwessa	185.89	173.20	156.55
143	Kipsaraman	187.46	174.77	158.12
144	Loruk	187.24	174.54	157.89
145	Kabartonjo	185.45	172.75	156.10
146	Tindiret	185.55	172.86	156.21
147	O'lessos	184.13	171.44	154.78
148	Kobujoi	184.82	172.12	155.47
149	Serem	184.95	172.26	155.61
150	Kabiyet	184.01	171.32	154.67

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		Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
	TOWNS	KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
151	Cheptulu	184.75	172.06	155.40
152	Songor	185.69	173.00	156.34
153	Kapcherop	185.07	172.38	155.72
154	Sambalat	186.25	173.56	156.91
155	Arror	185.65	172.96	156.31
156	Tot	186.01	173.32	156.66
157	Kaptarakwa	184.35	171.66	155.01
158	Kapese	189.45	176.76	160.10
159	Kalemngorok	188.40	175.71	159.06
160	Marich	186.63	173.94	157.28
161	Alale	187.48	174.79	158.14
162	Kunyao	186.90	174.21	157.55
163	Asilong	186.18	173.49	156.84
164	Orolwo	186.25	173.56	156.91
165	Sebit	186.17	173.47	156.82
166	Morpus	186.01	173.32	156.66
167	Chepkorniswo	185.81	173.11	156.46
168	Kaibichbich	185.72	173.02	156.37
169	Keringet	185.24	172.55	155.90
170	**Kisumu**	184.37	171.68	155.03
171	Sondu	184.18	171.49	154.84
172	Oyugis	185.02	172.33	155.67
173	Kakamega	184.09	171.40	154.75
174	Mumias	184.57	171.88	155.23
175	Bondo	184.37	171.68	155.03
176	Siaya	184.58	171.89	155.24
177	Kericho	184.89	172.19	155.54
178	Nyamira	185.00	172.31	155.65
179	Kisii	185.53	172.84	156.18
180	Sotik	185.24	172.54	155.89
181	Keroka	185.55	172.86	156.20
182	Busia	185.51	172.82	156.17
183	Homabay	185.43	172.72	156.08
184	Migori	186.90	174.20	157.55
185	Isebania	187.39	174.70	158.04
186	Bomet	185.94	173.24	156.59
187	Muhoroni	184.41	171.71	155.06
188	Mbita	185.40	172.70	156.05
189	Mbale	184.37	171.68	155.03
190	Etago	186.52	173.83	157.17
191	Magenche	186.69	174.00	157.35
192	Kilgoris	186.40	173.71	157.06
193	Malava	184.64	171.95	155.29
194	Lugari	185.31	172.62	155.96
195	Rodi Kopany	185.53	172.84	156.18
196	Ndhiwa	186.01	173.30	156.66
197	Rangwe	185.51	172.82	156.17
198	Sindo	185.53	172.84	156.18
199	Awasi	183.94	171.25	154.60
200	Ahero	184.37	171.68	155.03
201	Ugunja	184.75	172.05	155.40
202	Asembo	184.15	171.45	154.80
203	Usenge	184.97	172.28	155.62
204	Harambee	184.08	171.38	154.73
205	Muhuru Bay	187.14	174.45	157.79
206	Kehancha	187.55	174.85	158.20
207	Ntimaru	188.08	175.39	158.73
208	Rongo	185.96	173.26	156.61
209	Kaspokwony	185.89	173.20	156.54
210	Chwele	185.80	173.11	156.46
211	Kimilili	185.67	172.97	156.32
212	Nambale	185.51	172.82	156.17
213	SioPort	185.48	172.79	156.14
214	Port Bunyala	185.58	172.89	156.23
215	Funyula	185.26	172.57	155.91
216	Ogembo	185.80	173.11	156.46
217	Nyangusu	186.25	173.55	156.90
218	Sengera	186.11	173.42	156.77
219	Keumbu	185.65	172.95	156.30
220	Marani	185.13	172.43	155.79
221	Kerina	185.75	173.06	156.41
222	Ikonge	184.64	171.95	155.29
223	Nyansiongo	185.33	172.63	155.98

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In accordance with Section 99 of the Petroleum Act No. 2 of 2019 (the Act), a person convicted of retailing petroleum products above the recommended price shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten (10) million Kenya Shillings, or a term of imprisonment of not less than five (5) years or both. Further, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are cautioned that non-compliance with the recommended maximum wholesale petroleum prices shall attract a fine of not less than five (5) million Kenya Shillings as per Section 124 of the Act. In this respect, consumers are requested to be vigilant in reporting non-compliant retailers to the Authority for necessary legal action. The Authority has installed a hotline number (**0709 336 000**), operational during normal working hours, with a view of increasing its engagement with stakeholders to enhance enforcement and compliance activities.

Members of the public can obtain the latest petroleum prices in major towns by sending the message: **"price <space> name of major town"** to **40850** or by dialing the short code *363# on their mobile phones.

The Authority would also wish to alert petroleum retail station dealers of increased instances of fraudsters purporting to monitor petroleum prices on behalf of the Authority. On this account, the Authority has put in place an SMS inquiry system where dealers can verify the authenticity of persons inspecting their stations by sending the message **employee** followed by the **national ID number** to 40850 e.g. employee 12345678 or by dialing the short code *363#.

Further, the Authority wishes to caution petrol station dealers that it is an offence to store or offer for sale adulterated or export bound petroleum products. The Authority shall not hesitate to revoke licenses of petroleum dealers found to have committed such an offence.

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INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

UMEME
Powering Uganda

The Directors of Umeme Limited present the unaudited interim financial results for the six months ended 30th June 2025. The main operating activities during the period centered on the operational retransfer of the electricity distribution system to the Government of Uganda at the end of the natural term of the concession in March 2025 subject to payment of the full Buy Amount due to Umeme and on the recovery of all amounts outstanding due to Umeme under the concession, including payment of the full Buy Out Amount claims due and owing to Umeme by the Government at the end of the concession.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The period's performance is mainly related to the last quarter of the concession, compared to full six operating months in 2024.

Electricity demand increased by 11% compared to the same period (quarter) in 2024. This is on account of new connections, improved network stability and continued reduction in energy losses. Umeme closed the Concession with losses for the quarter at 16.5% (losses for the last full year of operations ie 2024 closed at 16.1%) compared to 38% we began with in 2005.

Revenues reduced to Ushs 504 billion in the six months due to the short operating period (2024: Ushs 1,152 billion). Gross profits reduced to Ushs 95 billion (2024: Ushs 410 billion), on account of reduced margins, reduced operational months and lag in regulatory income recovery.

The operating costs for the period were Ushs 99 billion, compared to Ushs 146 for the same period in 2024.

As required by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the valuation of assets and liabilities is based on prudent accounting principles. As such, provisions have been made based on previous asset bases which have been revalued to their current fair value. The changes are due to the end of the electricity distribution concession and pending resolution of the dispute with the Government.

An amortisation charge of Ushs 134 billion was therefore incurred in the period, adjusting the intangible assets to the current valuation, pending the resolution of the dispute with the Government of the Buy Out Amount claim. As a result, the Company recorded a loss of Ushs 167 billion compared to a profit of Ushs 13 billion in the same period in 2024.

The Company's total assets exceeded total liabilities by Ushs 69 billion (31 December 2024: Ushs 241 billion).

Net cashflows generated from operating activities during the period amounted to Ushs 87 billion (2024: Ushs 112 billion).

Cash generated from investing activities during the period amounted to Ushs 408 billion driven by receipt of Ushs 434 billion (USD 118 million), being the partial payment by the Government of the Company's Buy Out Amount claim. As a result, closing cash balance at 30th June 2025 amounted to Ushs 467 billion.

OUTLOOK

As per the Company's notice dated 24 June 2025 the Board of Directors of Umeme Limited declared an interim dividend of Ushs 222 per ordinary share, subject to deduction of withholding tax where applicable; that was subsequently paid to the shareholders by 31st July 2025.

As communicated by the Board of Directors to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 18th July 2025, management and the board remain focused on resolving the on-going dispute with the Government on the Company's outstanding Buy Out Amount claims as provided for in the privatisation agreements.

At the same time, we continue to manage the business prudently in line with this transitional environment, while also working to develop and capture opportunities for new business.

We will keep the shareholders and stakeholders informed of any new developments in this respect, and any material new business opportunity will be brought to shareholders before the Company enters into binding commitments.

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2025 (Ushs million)	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2024 (Ushs million)
Revenue from contracts with customers	503,521	1,151,821
Cost of sales	(408,089)	(742,131)
GROSS PROFIT	**95,432**	**409,690**
Repair and maintenance expenses	(12,460)	(34,609)
Administration expenses	(86,281)	(111,313)
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains	(8,486)	5,785
Decrease/(increase) in expected credit losses	14,074	(1,084)
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE AMORTISATION, IMPAIRMENT, INTEREST AND TAX	**2,279**	**268,469**
Amortisation and write-off of intangible assets	(134,298)	(238,314)
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	**(132,019)**	**30,155**
Finance income	4,196	9,774
Finance costs	(27,016)	(16,352)
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAX	**(154,839)**	**23,577**
Income tax charge	(11,875)	(10,590)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	**(166,714)**	**12,987**
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	**Ushs (102.7)**	**Ushs 8.0**

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2025 (Ushs million)	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2024 (Ushs million)
(Loss)/Profit for the period	**(166,714)**	**12,987**
Other comprehensive (loss)/income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax):		
Exchange differences on translation from functional currency	(5,979)	(20,733)
Total comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax	**(172,693)**	**(7,746)**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Unaudited 30 June 2025 (Ushs million)	Audited 31 December 2024 (Ushs million)
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Deferred tax asset	-	3,033
Current assets		
Intangible assets	-	145,300
Other financial asset	30,410	434,847
Concession financial asset	-	337,757
Inventories	8,275	69,535
Contract assets	-	60,616
Trade and other receivables	85,138	296,304
Prepayments	158	8,354
Bank balances	466,337	32,973
	590,318	**1,385,686**
TOTAL ASSETS	**590,318**	**1,388,719**
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Issued capital	27,748	27,748
Share premium	70,292	70,292
Accumulated losses	(237,060)	(70,346)
Translation reserve	207,809	213,788
	68,789	**241,482**
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Long term incentive plan	-	44,011
Concession obligation	-	337,757
Contract liabilities	341	46,401
Accrued expenses	-	33,515
Provisions	1,186	1,213
Trade and other payables	520,002	625,505
Current income tax payable	-	593
Bank overdrafts	-	58,242
	521,529	**1,147,237**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	**590,318**	**1,388,719**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	ISSUED CAPITAL (Ushsmillion)	SHARE PREMIUM (Ushsmillion)	ACCUMULATED PROFIT/(LOSSES) (Ushsmillion)	TRANSLATION RESERVE (Ushs million)	TOTAL EQUITY (Ushs million)
At 1 January 2024	**27,748**	**70,292**	**609,430**	**229,911**	**937,381**
Profit for the period	-	-	12,987	-	12,987
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	(20,733)	(20,733)
Total comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	12,987	(20,733)	(7,746)
Dividend declared	**-**	**-**	**(126,987)**	**-**	**(126,987)**
At 30 June 2024–unaudited	**27,748**	**70,292**	**495,430**	**209,178**	**802,648**
At 1 January 2025	**27,748**	**70,292**	**(70,346)**	**213,788**	**241,482**
Loss for the period	-	-	(166,714)	-	(166,714)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	(5,979)	(5,979)
Total comprehensive loss, net of tax	**-**	**-**	**(166,714)**	**(5,979)**	**(172,693)**
At 30 June 2025 – unaudited	**27,748**	**70,292**	**(237,060)**	**207,809**	**68,789**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2025 (Ushs million)	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2024 (Ushs million)
Net cash flows from operating activities	**87,420**	**112,074**
Investing activities		
Purchase of intangible assets	(25,929)	(66,240)
Proceeds from other financial asset	433,794	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	161
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	**407,865**	**(66,079)**
Financing activities		
Dividend paid	-	(38,973)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	**-**	**(38,973)**
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	**495,285**	**7,022**
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	(25,269)	(48,385)
Translation differences	(3,679)	4,593
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**466,337**	**(36,770)**

Message from the Directors

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The interim financial statements for the six months ended 30th June 2025, were approved by the Board of Directors on 12th September 2025, and were signed on its behalf by:

Chairman **Managing Director**

OPINION

The Standard

"I did not wish for this job. It was after voices from the streets that I was compelled to accept,"

Sushila Karki, Nepal's interim PM

EDITORIAL

Stop glaring wastage of taxpayers' money now

The government should move with speed to tackle key issues affecting the economy by reducing wastage. From the State House to the devolved units, to the legislature and the Judiciary, and ministries, audit reports show huge wastage and misappropriation of money that could be used to fund pressing issues in the country.

For instance, the State House's printing budget for the 2024/2025 financial year was Sh817 million (Sh2.2 million daily), according to the Controller of Budget (CoB). Moreover, the State House reportedly spent Sh3.6 billion in 42 days on travel, hospitality, and vehicle maintenance, raising suspicions of reckless spending.

The CoB's 2024-25 report also lays bare the colossal sums consumed in refurbishments at State House, Harambee House, the Government Press and foreign missions.

Refurbishment of buildings at State House Nairobi, has so far gobbled up Sh1.18 billion since July 2015. At the Government Press, modernisation and refurbishment that began in July 2013 have swallowed up Sh981.7 million. Yet, with an expected completion date of June 2028, the project is only eight per cent complete.

The reported loss of funds at Social Health Authority and the money given to non-existent hospitals tell of a country being destroyed by "it's our time to eat" mentality. Kenyans have also been wondering why capitation to schools have delayed, not once, not twice, but many times, despite a reduced amount from Sh22,000 per student to Sh16,000 per student.

Luxury jet

The theft, wastage and mismanagement are happening at a time when the political class is showing opulence by carrying huge sums of money, whose sources are questionable, in bags to the so-called development or economic empowerment rallies.

Moreover, they fly in helicopters at the expense of taxpayers, even as their high-end fuel guzzlers, fuelled by our taxes, are driven there as well. In addition, the President chartered a Sh2.6 million luxury jet to Ethiopia instead of using a cheaper aircraft or even flying Kenya Airways.

And to rub salt into the injury, every Tom, Dick, and Harry is being invited to State House at the expense of the taxpayers, who foot their enjoyment and per diems at a time when Kenyans have been overburdened by taxes. Amid such misspending it's hard to convince Kenyans to pay more taxes.

For the umpteenth time, we reiterate that it's wrong for those in power to preach austerity but to live like kings and to spend taxpayers' money on what many people deem as non-issues. The government should start spending money more diligently on projects and causes that the majority of Kenyans believe are worthy investing in. The Kenya Kwanza administration should put more money into health, education and building better roads, not into luxury jets and State House empowerment meetings that are no better than political rallies. Such spending worsens public discontent in the government.

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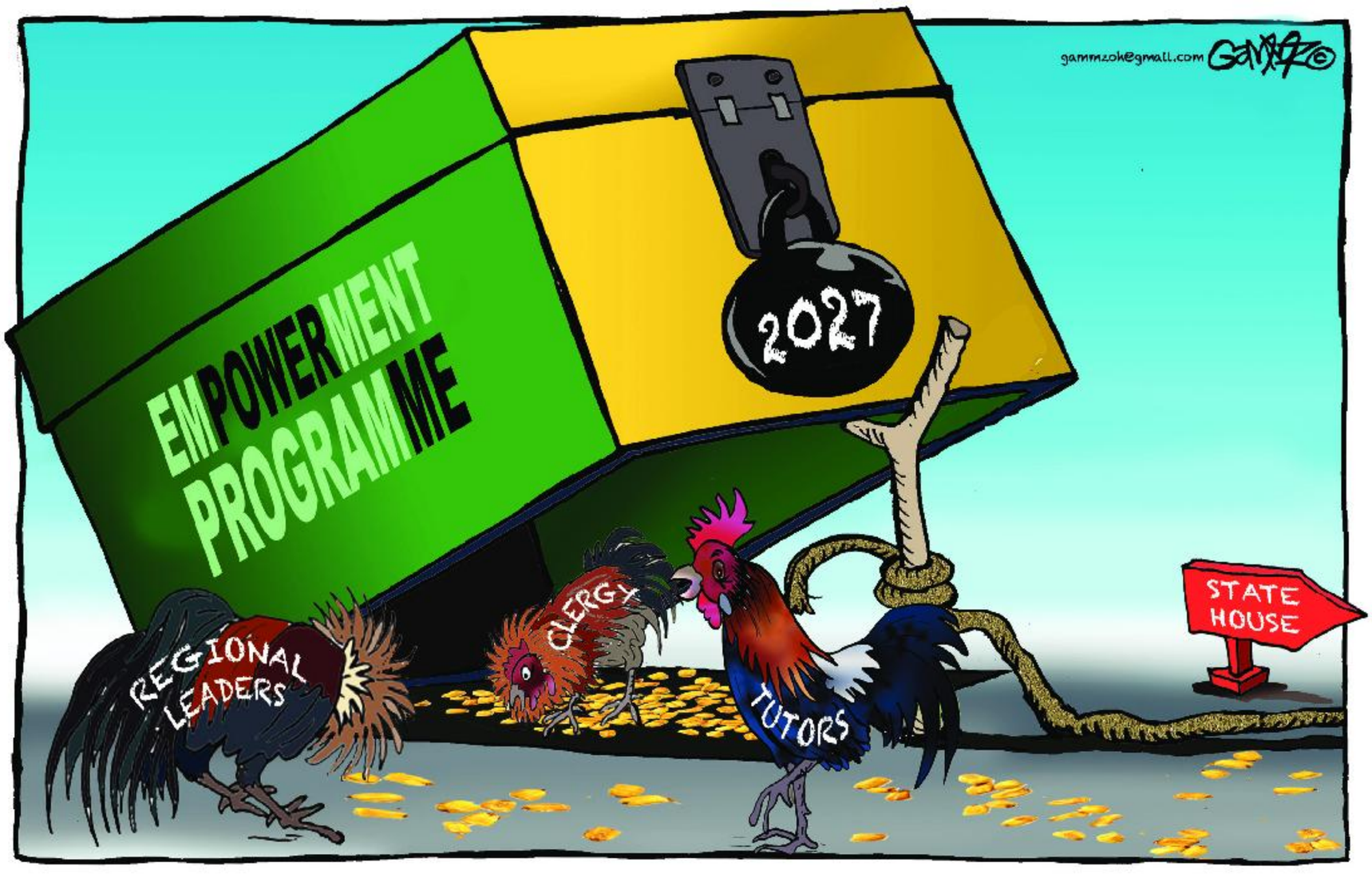

THE MANDATE

Ordinary Kenyans' lives have not improved under Ruto presidency

KIDI MWAGA

As we mark the third year of President William Ruto's presidency, the primary question is, are we better off than we were at the tail-end of President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration? The answer to this question will depend on whom you ask. To the members of the government online propaganda machine, the man in the State House is the most effective president of the 21st century. In their arguments, they cite macro-economic indicators as very promising. But that is not true.

The argument that our inflation is stable is just half the story. Material disclosure would have them point out that we are very vulnerable to external shocks such as food imports, oil imports and global exchange. The persistent deficits, exacerbated by revenue shortfalls make us susceptible to political and social fallout.

In a nutshell, the story about strong fundamentals of the economy under the current administration is not predicated on any fact. It's political misrepresentation calculated to weave a yarn that all is well. The other response you will get is from any random Kenyan. As day is different from night, you will get a more sobering answer if you speak to any ordinary Kenyan in the streets. They will tell you that they can instinctively feel the basic bargain slipping away. The boisterous Kazi ni Kazi slogan has not only seen the government lose money in unpaid Hustler Fund debts, but it has seen proliferation of informal jobs without corresponding social safety nets, an indication that we lowered the sights of our people.

The President says that he has signed many bilateral labour agreements. I mentioned that to my mechanic. He retorted in sheng: "Hiyo story ya prezo hubamba tu mafala". To mean that line of thought excites only the ignorant. He further told me that labour migration can only help ease the pressure in the short-term. But the damage in terms of brain-drain and scattering of talent is not consistent with what Lee Kwan Yew would have done given a similar situation.

As efforts are made to buy the President some political headroom through the many State House visits, it must be noted that Kenya's voting age population has risen from 27 million people in 2022 to 31 million people in 2025. Felt Africa Group, a political think-tank in Nairobi, projects that the number of voters will hit 33 million people in 2027. Taking into account the five million unregistered voters in 2022, the number of new voters is projected to hit 11 million by 2027. This new voter segment is the most marginalised in terms of economic opportunity. It's therefore an indictment on the part of those who thought that hosting a few hungry youths on the lawns of State House was an act of political genius. They went in with high hopes and came out convinced that the chasm between our problems and the prevailing political thinking is irreconcilable. So as the clock ticks, so is our date with destiny.

The people are concerned about the giving out of motorbikes by the glorified economic team that is gobbling up millions at the State House. How sustainable is the motorbikes project? The so-called empowerment is some form of decentralised despotism where you get a native to tell another native that "All is gonna be alright?" In a nutshell, so many Kenyans are trying to locate their government on the radar but sadly what they see are occasional blips, which is not comforting for it only means that the plane is falling from the sky.

As we enter the last 24 months of this administration, we the youth must engage in strategic collaboration. We should continue to offer political education and awareness so that in the next election, we can answer the question "Are we better off under Ruto?" by massively voting for him or against him.

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PALAVER

The world over, Shisanya Majanja [shisanyamajanja@gmail.com] says, preparedness against fire is a national priority. "A fireman's job is looked at with respect. Firemen must be educated individuals capable of thinking on their feet. Fire is fought using the latest technology and techniques; from the ground and the skies," he says and adds: "Nairobi's traffic and alleyways, supporting every kind of small business, prevent firefighters from reaching fires in time. More than 60 years since independence, Nairobi has not invested in even one helicopter to fight fires. Are we for real?"

The rise in the number of school dropouts in Siaya County, which is linked to gold mining, is deeply concerning, according to Keith Baraka[keithbaraka39@gmail.com]. "Many teens leave school, drawn by the promise of quick money from mining, but this jeopardises their future. Mining work exposes them to danger and instability, while missing education limits their skills and opportunities. This risky labour fuels poverty instead of ending it. The county government, parents, and community must act to keep students in school by raising awareness."

Kenya's politics feels like a never-ending drama series—loud debates, endless promises, but little action where it matters, according to Rodgers ochieng [ochiengrodgers914@gmail.com]. "Young people are tired of recycled speeches while the cost of living keeps biting. Jobs are scarce, education is expensive and leaders still argue about power instead of solutions. But there's a shift: The youth are watching, questioning, and speaking out. Social media has become a political arena where empty talk is quickly exposed. The young generation wants results, not rehearsed rhetoric."

The recent return to the loss-making zone by Kenya Airways (KQ)reminded Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com] of the pain expressed by the current Speaker of Parliament Moses Wetang'ula when he campaigned with the now President William Ruto and highlighted the sad story of KQ as a drain on our national treasury. "Today, however, Wetang'ula is silent on the matter and is likely to describe KQ as a 'national strategic asset', losses notwithstanding."

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Do you support the new boda boda regulations?

YES

IVY MAHIANYU,
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE, ENSIGN GROUP

They will bring order to this sector

I fully welcome the new regulations in the boda boda transport sector. The radical proposals will significantly restore order and tame the runaway crimes that have been linked to boda boda. Tales of boda boda operators getting involved in criminal activities have become the norm. These challenges have not only threatened public safety but have also impacted negatively on the operators' reputation and insurability. As a professional in the field of insurance, I also feel the new rules will enforce accountability and order. The implementation of location-based uniforms, elected stage chairpersons, and updated registrations are risk management techniques rather than merely administrative measures. Chairpersons offer a clear point of responsibility in the event of disputes or claims. Uniforms foster accountability through visibility, and registration aids in recognising and characterising legitimate operators. In the end, these regulations will reduce instances of crime, uninsured losses, fraud, and mob justice.

NO

ALLAN MUSEMBI,
CHAIRMAN OF BODA BODA OPERATORS, MACHAKOS COUNTY

There was no public participation

I do not support the new regulations brought by the government to regulate the boda boda sector because there was no public participation to ratify the decision in accordance with the law. Kenya has more than 15 boda boda associations and only one was involved in driving that agenda. The decision to introduce the new regulations appears to stem from incidents that have occurred in specific places, not across Kenya. The government should not hurt boda boda riders because of the sins committed by individuals. For many years, boda boda operators have been targeted as perpetrators of crime more than providers of affordable and efficient transport. This is grossly unfair. The directive that the riders wear distinct uniforms, undergo fresh registration and training will introduce an additional financial burden for them. President William Ruto should remember that boda boda operators are mere hustlers who do not even own the bikes they ride.

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HINDSIGHT

Despite prevailing difficulties, Gen Zs give us hope for a better tomorrow

MACHARIA MUNENE,
Historian

There are positive signs that Kenya's future is bright despite discouragements that dot the country. The many negatives include over-taxation, extra-judicial killings, abductions, and gross misappropriation of public funds. Regular reports about public money paying ghost institutions or luxuries for top officials as public services collapse are disheartening. Such misdeeds create national despair as people watch in dismay and lose hope. There is, however, a flicker of encouragement arising from the youth, particularly in the solidarity that Gen Zs keep demonstrating.

The Gen Zs seemingly have fresh vigour and purpose that is political, socio-economic, intellectual, and techno savvy. They tend to attract the admiration, and probable envy, of older generations, beginning with their dot.com parents. The Gen Zs are daring, bold, fearless, and focused. In taking desperate actions to correct the misdeeds of their elders, they had three things going for them. First, as Mwai Kibaki's children, they had good education because they went to functioning schools, read books that challenged them to think, and their teachers taught.

Second, they are also the digital generation that sprouted when Uhuru Kenyatta was president and became so good cyber and social media operators that they can communicate in real time to any part of the world. Third, the combined youth education and cyber readiness in 2024 collided with President William Ruto's seeming desire to drive Kenya into the past whose effect was to increase poverty; this was seemingly at the behest of external forces. Subsequently, Dr Ruto emerges as the leading promoter of external interests in Africa.

That collision shocked political heavyweights. They then came out to design counter strategies to disempower the Gen Zs. Among them, was the rise of 'youth' counter groups, at times called 'goons', who appeared to have police escort. Since the 'goon' demonstrations were old style, destroy property, and hurt people, they were proxies. Second, is the virtual government admission that it might be guilty of abductions, killings, and injuries. It did that by minting a 'compensation' committee to investigate and pay for the dead and the injured. Former National Assembly Speaker and Attorney General Justin Muturi believes the committee "is a deliberate destruction from the real path to justice" and that Faith Odhiambo's and Irungu Houghton's involvement "betrays a dangerous naivety".

The Gen Zs, besides causing such government reactions, show solidarity in facing such socio-cultural challenges as deaths. It happened when a Strathmore University student, Emmanuel Wainaina Waweru aka 'Manu', died while on a hiking trip. While parents, relatives, and friends and Kahawa Sukari neighbours understandably grieved, it was the Gen Z's show of solidarity that captured attention. Apart from Strathmore students, the youth in various estates in Nairobi showed up at Kahawa Sukari in big numbers in order to give one of their own a Gen Z send off.

That send off involved having an evening candle lit vigil in memory of 'Manu' accompanied by a release of helium filled balloons into space. Releasing the balloons symbolised their collective release of Manu's spirit to leave the earth and go to eternity. And they then talked of celebrating Manu's birthday roughly a week after his death because that would have been his birthday. So they let his spirit go but they were not willing to let his memory go; in their minds, he was still one of them. That is Gen Z solidarity.

There is big hope in the country, despite the many bad deeds. Kenya's future is safe because young people have collective solidarity in confronting obstacles. They are alert, aware of the wrong things, and raise difficult questions. Their strength has two sources; solidarity and focus. While few deviants might try to derail the objective of safeguarding Kenya through vigilance, the collective Gen Zs are solid in solidarity and in focus. Their parents, the dot.coms and older, want them to maintain that solidarity in doing the right things to make Kenya safe.

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Reconsider cybercrimes Bill to safeguard freedom of expression

There is no doubt that Kenya needs a strong cybercrime law. The rapid growth of the country's digital economy has made it a prime target for cyber threats including financial fraud, identity theft, misinformation, and cyberbullying. As more Kenyans embrace mobile banking, e-commerce, and digital platforms, risks to personal data and national security have increased.

So, it is only logical to have a law that not only protects citizens and businesses from losses but also builds trust in the digital space. But the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in its current form, isn't that law.

The Bill, which seeks to amend the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act 2018, will curtail free speech online as the government is likely to use it against those it views to be using the digital space to criticise it. Already, this has happened. Remember Rose Njeri? Just for creating an app that Kenyans could use to submit comments on the Finance Bill 2025, she was arrested, held in a police cell for days, and then arraigned. Luckily, she was finally released.

But Albert Ojwang', the teacher and blogger who was arrested after a senior police officer allegedly accused him of publishing defamatory online content, wasn't as lucky. Mr Ojwang died at the hands of the police in a police cell in Nairobi. In both cases, the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act 2018 was used to justify the arrests.

The level of censorship of legitimate speech online will intensify if the Bill is passed as it is. The Bill grants sweeping powers to the National Computer and Cybercrimes Coordination Committee (NC4) to shut down websites and applications if they "promote illegal activities, child pornography, terrorism, and extreme religious and cultic practices".

This is deeply concerning. Whereas no one disputes the need to block any sexual abuse material and stern action to be taken against content promoting acts of terrorism, such a provision could lead to abuse and overreach by NC4 due to its vague terminology, absence of oversight, or lack of limitation on the period of blockage. It means any speech online or on social media deemed to "promote illegal activities" could be used as a basis to block an entire website or an application indefinitely.

The provision raises several questions: Who decides what counts as "extreme religious" content? On what evidence and what standard? With what right of appeal? Given the Bill is silent on such issues, it is hard not to see it as a window to censorship.

Human rights groups have rightly warned that the proposals contravene international standards on freedom of expression. ARTICLE 19, for instance, has called for the withdrawal of the Bill, arguing that vague offences and administrative blocking powers fail the necessity and proportionality tests at the heart of human rights law.

It will be remembered that in November 2024 the Bill sailed through First Reading, and by April 2025 Parliament's committee was collecting stakeholder concerns, many of which pointed to the same defects. We should heed these calls.

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Kenya has been down this road before. The 2018 Act attracted many court cases, leading to the suspension of sections of the law perceived to restrict freedom of speech as enshrined in the Constitution.

The NC4 blocking clause is not the only problematic part. The Bill widens the scope of "cyber-harassment", including where conduct is likely to cause someone to commit suicide. As has been pointed out by legal experts, the inclusion of the phrase "likely to cause a person to commit suicide" seeks to enhance protection against cyber harassment and its psychological effects.

However, it's ambiguous on the "cause", and may result in arbitrary enforcement, which could lead to the criminalisation of public discourse, activism, or political speech. It could be abused to target critics, bloggers, and other content creators, especially in a heated political climate. It should be refined to target clear cases of harassment and establish specific thresholds for liability, ensuring that it aligns with constitutional rights and due process.

As we discuss the implications of the Bill, let's not forget that digital rights are human rights.

Kenya needs a cybercrime law that combats genuine threats like fraud and child exploitation without silencing legitimate speech. Parliament should reconsider the Bill in its current form and work with citizens, experts, and human rights defenders to draft amendments that protect both security concerns and freedom. Let's fix the Bill by aligning it to the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of expression – even online.

Russia-Ukraine war

Why freedom will overcome evil again and again

YURII TOKAR

Ukraine is not just a country at war. It is a country that systematically refuses to die. Our story goes back more than a thousand years. In the 9th century, the state of Kyivan Rus' rose on the banks of the Dnipro River - a powerful centre of trade, science, and culture. Later came the Cossacks - fierce warriors of the steppe, free people who chose their own leaders and defended their land with unmatched courage.

In the 20th century, as empires collapsed after World War I, Ukrainians again declared independence. We fought wars, raised our national flag, and for a short time established our own republic. But surrounded by stronger powers, Ukraine was crushed, divided and occupied. Yet even then, the dream of freedom never died.

Finally, in 1991, after centuries of struggle, Ukraine reclaimed its independence peacefully, through a nationwide vote. More than 90 per cent of our people said "yes" to freedom.

But independence is never given once and for all. Today we fight again - against Russia's invasion, in the largest war in Europe since World War II.

Our frontline stretches over 1,000 km. It is not just trenches and tanks - it is a shield for the whole of Europe. On that frontline, ordinary Ukrainians - teachers, farmers, engineers turned soldiers - stand against one of the biggest armies on earth.

The enemy wages war not only with weapons but with terror. Thousands of Ukrainian children have been abducted, taken to Russia to erase their identity. Prisoners of war face brutal torture. Cities are bombed daily, civilians killed in their homes, schools, and markets.

And the world has heard many times - "there will be peace talks," "there will be negotiations," "there will be compromise." But every time such promises were made, the opposite happened. The terror only grew. The bombs became heavier. The violence became more ruthless.

This is why Ukraine cannot be told to "just sit at the table." Peace without justice is not peace - it is surrender. And yet - Ukraine stands.

In the last 100 days, Russia launched a massive new offensive. Missiles, drones, artillery, endless waves of troops. They swore they would break us. But we fight back. We endure.

Every day on the frontline, Ukrainians prove one truth - freedom is never free. It must be defended. Kenyans understands this wisdom. You, too, fought for your independence. That is why Ukraine's struggle resonates here in Africa.

We are grateful to Kenya for standing with us - for your voice at the United Nations, for defending the Charter, for showing that aggression must never be rewarded.

But Ukraine is not only about war. Even now, we build, we innovate, we connect. We are ready to work with Kenya in agriculture, education, technology, and security.

From Odesa on the Black Sea to Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, our ports are gateways of friendship. Even during war, Ukrainians drink Kenyan coffee - strong, rich, unforgettable. That taste is like the bond we want to build - energising, resilient, lasting.

Ukraine's story is one of resistance - from Kyivan Rus', to the Cossacks, to the 20th century wars for independence, and now today. Each generation stood up. Each generation carried the dream forward.

And today, together with Kenya, we believe that freedom will overcome the evil again. And again. And again. Because you know that dignity and national identity can never be defeated, incorporated into any empire.

Mr Yurii is Ukraine's ambassador to Kenya

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HOT ON X

Waiguru to vie for Senate seat

@georgediano: Governor Anne Waiguru has declared she will vie for Kirinyaga Senate seat in 2027. Once they taste power, they become power hungry.

@Pinchez_mp: But the people will vote her in. So, voters are the problem not these power hungry creatures.

@WILBERF7: From Governor to Senator? These people fear being jobless.

@BreakTheKnown: Power in Kenya is like sugarcane. Once they taste it, they keep chewing till the last fiber.

@MixhK16877: We can't recycle old leaders. When will the young have a chance to lead? I believe if you serve as a Governor for two terms you have no business running for any other office apart from the Presidency.

@eb4f496191d1: When will we have a governor ascend to the presidency?

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FROM THE WEB

Government to hire 20,000 teachers

Standard Digital: Government to hire over 20,000 teachers by January 2026 to improve teacher-student ratio,President Ruto says during a meeting with teachers at the State House.

Patrick Mukanga: Now call all Kenyans to the State House.

Kagara Charles: They are busy clapping on behalf of their colleagues who didn't make it to the house on the hill.

Kiporor Nick Kipkosgei: PR gesture! Elections are just slightly more than a year ahead.

Chomba Kabuitu: Did you have to invite teachers to the State House to tell them that?

Boniface Mc Zablon: Did they also discuss school capitation?

Gilbert Wa Musavini Muali: Is this the reason thousands of tutors were hauled to State House? How much was spent to make such a function successful?

Jack Mengo Matindi: Kenya Police and KDF, your turn is also nearing to visit the house on the hill.

JUSTICE

Tension between Director of Public Prosecutions and EACC over high-profile cases is concerning

Misunderstanding over the mandates of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) raises a lot of concerns. More worrying is the silence from framers of the Kenya Constitution 2010.

Should the misunderstanding between these two be put down to mere power struggle, or is it a constitutional check in action?

Tension between the two institutions regarding the withdrawal of high-profile corruption cases raises concerns about the integrity of Kenya's criminal justice system. Prima facie, the complaints raised by EACC seem to be driven by real commitment to ensuring that the fight against rampant corruption is not, in any way weakened.

However, there is growing suspicion that these complaints may also be aimed at regaining prosecutorial powers taken away from investigative agencies by the our Constitution.

The Constitution 2010 was crafted with one guiding principle: No single institution should wield too much unchecked power. Historically, investigative agencies jointly investigated and prosecuted cases. This overlap, however, resulted in abuse of prosecutorial discretion, politically motivated charges, and weak investigations being rushed to court. That is why the Constitution deliberately separated these roles to preclude mischief.

EACC is mandated to investigate, gather evidence, and recommend prosecution. ODPP, under Article 157, has the sole authority to decide whether to prosecute, continue, or withdraw cases.

The ODPP has a constitutional responsibility to assess the strength of every case. Where evidence is weak or procedurally flawed, the ODPP is within its mandate to decline or withdraw prosecution.

The ODPP should openly explain its decisions, especially when withdrawing cases involving

billions of public funds. EACC must focus on improving the quality of its investigations so that the ODPP has no reason to drop cases. For every withdrawal, the DPP must seek the permission of the court, which can only be granted where the DPP provides sufficient reasons.

Any calls to restore prosecutorial powers to investigative bodies are retrogressive. They would collapse checks and balances and open the door to political manipulation of prosecutions. We must guard against turning the war on corruption into a stage for institutional turf wars. True progress will come when each body faithfully plays its role within the constitutional framework.

Let us defend the Constitution. Let us demand transparency and accountability. Above all, let us resist the temptation to weaken our democracy by concentrating unchecked power in any single institution.

Denis Muhanda, Kakamega

POLITICS

By-elections Ruto's 2027 litmus test

November 27, 2025, is not just another election date but the first tremour in Kenya's political fault line. With 24 assorted seats on the line, these by-elections are more than a numbers game. They will serve as a preview of 2027; a referendum on alliances, and a battlefield where reputations will be made or broken.

In a move that blurs the lines between rivalry and strategy, parties within Kenya Kwanza coalition will join forces with Raila's ODM. Therefore, this won't be political courtesy only but a sneak preview of the 2027 endgame. These by-elections go beyond votes to rehearse dominance. The results will lay bare the support metrics for the broad-based camp and the united opposition.

Political temperatures are boiling, and the spotlight on Ruto's regime grows sharper by the hour. The opposition, on the other hand, isn't just mobilising, rather, it is gunning for a statement win. These by-elections will fill vacant seats, and further sketch the battle lines for 2027, revealing whether Ruto's grip is tightening or slipping, and how fiercely his challengers intend to unseat him.

Michael Karanja, Journalist

CULTURE

It is not right to call all motorcycles boda boda

In Kenya, almost every light motorcycle is casually branded a boda boda. Yet the term has a specific history. It began at border points, where riders ferried people from "border to border." Over time, it grew into the popular public transport sector we know today.

But not all motorcycles are in that business. Many are privately owned for personal transport, courier services, or leisure.

To lump them all together under one label is misleading. Worse, whenever a section of riders misbehaves, the entire community of motorcyclists is condemned. That is unfair and unjust.

We do not call every car a taxi. Not every Toyota Hiace is a matatu. Why then should every motorcycle be a boda boda? Language shapes perception, and perception shapes policy. If we care about fairness, safety, and respect, then it is time Kenyans learned to make this simple distinction. ***Kigwiri Njuru, Murang'a***

CBE

Ensure smooth transition to senior secondary school

Grade 10 students are expected to proceed to Senior Secondary School in early January next year. As we know, the Competency-Based Education has taken over from the Competency-Based Curriculum. Every change, comes with transitional challenges. It is how we tackle the challenges, however, that will determine the success or failure of that change. That is why the Ministry of Education should collaborate with the Teachers Service Commission to ensure a smooth transition despite the teething problems of Competency-Based Education.

The team from the Ministry of Education has been going from one school to another to establish the state of infrastructural facilities in order to know which pathway goes where to avoid some schools being overwhelmed come January. School managers should be honest and give the correct information regarding infrastructure. There need to be more consultations among the education stakeholders and experts in order not to ruin a generation. Let it be a collective responsibility to ensure smooth transition and quality education for all our learners.

Frankline Mukembu, Tharaka Nithi

Tribunal orders KPA to pay firm Sh427m over seized beach land

▸ After a decade-long land dispute, KPA must compensate a Mombasa developer over trespass and rights violations.

▸ The tribunal dismissed KPA's non-liability claim, citing prolonged trespass and denial of economic land use.

JOACKIM BWANA, MOMBASA

A tribunal has ordered the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) to pay over Sh427 million to a Mombasa-based firm over the forceful acquisition of beachfront land.

The Lands Tribunal directed KPA to also pay interest accrued to Tudor Creek Limited after it unlawfully acquired 0.628 hectares (about 1.5 5 acres) of beachfront land in Mombasa County.

Tudor Creek Limited stated the land was intended for a sugar processing plant. The National Land Commission (NLC) acquired it for the Mombasa Port Area Development Project (MPARD). MPARD is a joint infrastructure initiative by the Government of Kenya involving the Kenya Railways Corporation (SGR project), Kenya National Highways Authority (Southern Bypass), and KPA (port expansion).

Tudor Creek Director Abid Mahmud said the land's 258-metre ocean frontage was strategically intended for importing raw sugar via the Port of Mombasa, processing it on-site, and distributing it locally or for export.

He said the NLC upheld the company's land ownership and issued an award letter on October 6, 2016, valuing 1.5124 hectares (about 3.737 acres) at Sh171,908,458.

KPA lost a land dispute after tribunal ordered Sh427 million pay to firm. [Courtesy]

However, despite the award, no compensation was paid. KPA took possession of the land, reclaimed the sea frontage, and integrated it into port and railway expansion works.

In their verdict, Justices Nabil Orina, George Supeyo, and Ruth Okal said KPA acted with impunity and violated the rights of the developers. "The sequence of the matters in this case and the long period of the violation demonstrate the impunity with which the officers of the 4th respondent (KPA) have acted," said Justice Orina.

0.628

SIZE of land in hectares of beachfront land in Mombasa County was unlawfully acquired by KPA.

The Tribunal found that KPA and NLC violated Tudor Creek Limited's rights under Articles 40(3) and 47(1) of the Constitution of Kenya (2010), the Fair Administrative Action Act, and Part VIII of the Land Act No. 6 of 2012.

KPA was ordered to pay Sh80.8 million, inclusive of a 15 per cent disturbance allowance.

It will also pay Sh81,631,000 for injurious affection caused by the unlawful acquisition of 0.628 hectares (about 1.55 acres), plus interest at Central Bank base lending rates from June 2012 until full payment.

Additionally, KPA must pay Sh20 million per year from June 2012 until payment is complete, as general damages for trespass, and a further Sh5 million in aggravated damages.

"It is our considered view that, considering the positioning of the suit property and the economic activity the 4th respondent is engaged in, an award of Sh20 million per year since 2012 is reasonable compensation," said Justice Orina.

The Tribunal noted KPA has already developed infrastructure, including a road, on part of Tudor Creek's land.

However, it also observed that Tudor Creek Limited had not produced evidence of approvals for the proposed sugar refinery. "The complainant has not produced evidence of the approvals obtained for setting up this intended project. Despite the detailed plans, it remains a mere idea without the necessary approvals," said Justice Orina.

The Tribunal ruled that KPA's actions restricted Tudor Creek from using the land for over 10 years.

"It is clear to us that the complainant could not use this property for any economic activity while the respondents were making up their minds on how much was required for public use. Unfortunately, this situation persisted until the suit was filed," added Justice Orina.

NLC denied compulsorily acquiring the land, while KPA disclaimed liability, citing lack of mandate to compensate owners.

Tudor Creek Limited is seeking Sh1.1 billion in compensation, or an amount the Tribunal deems fit, plus interest at 14 per cent per annum from the award date.

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TAITA TAVETA

Kenyatta Boys suspends all Form Fours after riot

Kenyatta Boys National School in Taita Taveta has suspended all Form Four students following Thursday night riots that led to the destruction of property of unknown value.

The school's Board of Management (BOM) sent home 369 Form Four students for a week after they allegedly rioted over excessive punishment and reduced study hours. In a crisis meeting, the BOM resolved to suspend the students to allow for investigations and appropriate action.

Taita Taveta County Police Commander Jonathan Koech said the school's administration will carry out corrective measures before the students return. "All the 369 Form Four students have been sent home for one week as other corrective measures are being considered. Classes for Forms Two and Three continued smoothly, and security officers remained deployed within the school compound. The situation remained calm," Koech told The Standard.

Koech noted that the board met to hear and deliberate on the students' grievances, which included excessive punishment and inadequate study time. The students had reportedly requested an additional two hours of study time.

Earlier, police and BOM members said the students had refused to sit for a mock examination last week, instead choosing to riot and destroy school property. The students reportedly vandalised the school's canteen, dining hall, and window panes before storming out and camping along the Mwatate-Wundanyi road for hours.

"We had agreed with the school authorities last term that, upon reopening, this year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates must sit for regular mock examinations to help improve performance in national exams. Last month, about 30 students refused to sit the mock," said a BOM member.

Koech blamed the riot partly on indiscipline among students and alleged that some teachers were inciting unrest to resist changes introduced by the new principal, Domnic Maingi.

"The new principal is strict and committed to restoring discipline and improving performance. However, some teachers are resisting change and inciting students. We will pursue those responsible for the chaos," he said.

He added that the school had recently confiscated dozens of mobile phones from students suspected of cheating, a move that upset both students and some teachers allegedly involved in malpractice.

Kenyatta School, one of the top institutions in the Coast region, has over 800 students. It posted a mean grade of 8.959 and was the best public school in the region.

Meanwhile, Wundanyi MP Danson Mwashako criticised recent principal appointments, claiming they excluded local candidates. Other national schools in the county, include Bura Girls and Dr Aggrey Boys High School, recently upgraded to national status. **[Renson Mnyamwezi]**

Briefing

MURANG'A. JSS TEACHERS DEMAND FULL AUTONOMY

■ Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers have criticised the government for placing them under primary school heads, calling for full administrative autonomy. In Murang'a, teachers demanded a distinct JSS structure with separate leadership, resources, and curriculum. Ronald Atamba of the Kenya Junior School Teachers Association said the current setup creates confusion and lacks essential infrastructure, especially science laboratories. He said JSS remains under-resourced, denying learners practical lessons, with only a few accessing labs in nearby secondary schools. **[Boniface Gikandi]**

MERU. INDUSTRIAL PARK NEARS COMPLETION

■ Meru County's Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) is 97 per cent complete, making it the most advanced among similar national projects. Investment, Trade, and Industry CS Lee Kinyanjui said the facility, jointly funded by national and county governments, will support agro-processing of crops, such as coffee, macadamia, and avocado. Deputy Governor Linda Gitonga said the park aims to reduce post-harvest losses, boost value addition, and create jobs, aligning with Vision 2030 and the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda. **[Phares Mutembei]**

MOMBASA. KDF SECURES LAPSSET AFTER ATTACKS

■ The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) will enhance security along the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor, following years of terror attacks that killed 16 workers and injured 42. Major-General Luka Kutto said KDF, under Operation Amani Boni, is committed to securing the strategic project and protecting workers. Improved security has revived construction and boosted investor confidence. French shipping giant CMA CGM recently shifted transshipment operations to Lamu. China Road and Bridge Corporation reaffirmed its commitment to complete the project within international safety and technical standards. **[Philip Mwakio]**

BUSIA. DISPUTE ROCKS ODM DELEGATES ELECTIONS

■ The Political Parties Disputes Tribunal has suspended the results of ODM's Busia County delegates election held on August 29, following a petition challenging Governor Paul Otuoma's win. Complainants allege irregularities in the process and seek fresh elections. The tribunal barred ODM from using the disputed delegates list and set the matter for mention on September 24. The fallout has deepened internal divisions within ODM in Busia, as rival factions emerge ahead of the party's 20th anniversary celebrations. **[Mary Imenza]**

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Addis declaration: Africa not a victim, but hub of solutions

- The declaration made climate finance a legal obligation, not charity, citing Article 9 of the Paris Agreement.
- Delivery will depend on whether Africa's internal pledges translate into real projects.

MACTILDA MBENYWE

Africa has stopped asking. In Addis Ababa, leaders declared that the continent will no longer wait for external blueprints or piecemeal aid.

With over $100 billion in African finance already pledged to green industrialisation, and a target of 300 gigawatts of renewable power by 2030, the Addis Ababa Declaration reframes Africa not as a victim of climate change, but as a hub of solutions.

"We show the world we are not applicants, but investment partners," said Wamkele Mene, head of the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat.

His words captured the shift: Africa is positioning itself as the global supplier of renewable energy, climate-smart industries, and transition minerals. Mohamed Adow of Power Shift Africa called the Africa Green Industrialisation Initiative "the most ambitious effort yet to turn our energy and resource wealth into engines of climate-smart growth."

The summit closed with $150 billion in homegrown commitments. These included $50 billion through the new Africa Climate Innovation Compact and Africa Climate Facility, and $100 billion from African development banks and financial institutions.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced Ethiopia's proposal for an African Climate Innovation Compact to deliver "1,000 African solutions" by 2030. He said it would unite universities, start-ups, and rural communities to drive change.

Africa is, therefore, no longer waiting on donor capital. It is mobilising its own institutions and inviting investors to join on its terms. "By mobilising African capital, we change the dynamic," Mene said. "Africa is not waiting. We are architects of our own green future."

The Addis Declaration expands Nairobi's 2023 vision by tying energy to industrialisation. Leaders endorsed the Africa Green Minerals Strategy (AGMS) to stop the extract-and-export model. With vast reserves of cobalt, lithium, and rare earths, Africa is moving to refine and manufacture locally.

Ethiopia's President captured the new tone: "Africa is not a passive recipient of climate solutions. We are, and must be, the architects of them."

From left: Djibouti's President Ismail Omar Guelleh, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Kenya's President William Ruto and African Union Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf pose for a group photo in Addis Ababa, on September 8, 2025. [AFP]

Finance was placed at the very top of the Addis Declaration. Leaders demanded over $3 trillion by 2030, with grants, not loans. Between 2021 and 2022, Africa received only $30 billion, just 1 per cent of what is needed.

The declaration made climate finance a legal obligation, not charity, citing Article 9 of the Paris Agreement. It also tied climate finance to reforms in global debt and tax rules, areas where Africa has won progress at the UN.

"We called for a reformed Global Climate Finance architecture that is just, equitable, and attuned to Africa's realities," Ethiopia's President Taye Atske Selassie said. "Climate finance must be a path to sovereignty, not servitude."

The Addis Declaration highlights food systems, linking agriculture to sovereignty. Leaders said Africa needs $579 billion by 2030 for adaptation alone.

Civil society demanded that smallholder farmers, especially women, be central. "Grants must go directly to national funds that reach farmers, not through layers of bureaucracy," Iskander Erzini Vernoit, Founding Director, Imal Initiative for Climate & Development insisted.

The declaration also committed to implementing the Kampala Declaration on resilient agrifood systems. Leaders stressed that adaptation finance must be scaled up urgently, not in distant decades.

The declaration drew criticism for leaving a loophole for fossil gas under "transitional fuels." Civil society groups warned this risks locking Africa into debt and stranded assets.

"A path grounded on fossil gas is not just. It traps us in cycles of inequality and dependence," said Dean Bhekumuzi Bhebhe, Senior Adviser, Power Shift Africa, citing the failed gas booms in Mozambique and Nigeria.

Carbon markets were also contested. While the Addis Declaration framed them as tools for sustainable development, Bhebhe said they often displace communities. "Carbon markets are a wolf in sheep's clothing. They provide financing, but not justice," he argued.

Workers' groups welcomed references to jobs but warned about quality. Rhoda Boateng of Climate Change, Just Transition & Occupational Health and Safety said: "We must speak about green, decent, and quality jobs. Otherwise we risk creating employment that does not provide dignity or social protection."

They urged leaders to embed social dialogue so workers, employers, and governments all have a seat in shaping the transition.

The Addis Ababa Declaration is not an end but a blueprint for Belém, Brazil. Leaders made clear that Africa will arrive at COP30 with a united stance on finance, industrialisation, and adaptation.

Finance

$100 BILLION

AMOUNT of African finance pledged to green industrialisation and a target of 300 gigawatts of renewable power by 2030.

MOBILISATION

Chiefs take up role as climate champions

Chiefs across Kenya have mobilised more than two million people, planted over 114 million trees, and achieved a 60 per cent seedling survival rate — all without external funding.

They are proving that locally led climate action can deliver concrete results at scale, offering clear evidence that the National Climate Change Security Resilience Programme (NCCSRP) is transforming communities.

The 4,000 chiefs use their convening power to coordinate tree planting, restore degraded land, and strengthen local resilience. Every first Friday of the month, they lead Climate Action Days, turning villages into hubs of environmental activity.

"Financing climate-security solutions at the community level yields triple dividends — peace, resilience, and green growth," said Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo at the Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa. He explained that the programme integrates climate adaptation with national security, using grassroots leadership as a force multiplier.

Since its inception less than a year ago, the programme has delivered more than 6.4 million seedlings, with a survival rate of 60 per cent. This work contributes to Kenya's 15 billion Tree Growing Campaign (2022–2032), which aims to restore degraded landscapes nationwide.

"Chiefs are uniquely positioned to maintain peace while driving environmental restoration," said Omollo. "Their role goes beyond leadership — they are a bridge between government priorities and community needs."

The programme has attracted regional interest. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is training officers in Kenya on a Climate, Peace, and Security Curriculum. Mobile-based Digital Decision Support Frameworks allow Chiefs to report in real time, improving responses to local hazards such as droughts, floods, or conflicts over grazing land.

In Garissa County, Chief Amina Yusuf described how her community rehabilitated 200 hectares of degraded rangeland. "We saw bare land turn green in months," she said.

Across counties, similar stories are emerging: farmers report improved yields, women's groups are planting fruit trees, and youth are being trained in nursery management and tree maintenance.

The initiative addresses multiple threats at once. Climate change worsens conflict, undermines food security, and pressures local governance. By embedding resilience into local structures, Kenya's model converts vulnerability into measurable outcomes.

"Africa has tested models," Omollo said. "What we need is predictable financing to scale these solutions." **[Mactilda Mbenywe]**

Lack of data hinders whale conservation efforts in Kenya

▸ Kenya is emerging as a key migration corridor for humpback whales and other marine species.

▸ In Kenya, however, gaps in population data have left conservation efforts fragmented.

AMOS KIARIE

At 7am, Ali Hamisi Mwaluma is already at his post on the highest point of Watamu Beach, a spot that has served as his office since 2017.

From here, the ocean stretches endlessly before him, with binoculars hanging from his neck and a clipboard tucked under his arm, Ali settles in to watch.

Alongside his colleagues, he sets up on a vantage point facing the sea, his eyes scanning the horizon for any sign of the migrating humpback whales. Every wave, every splash, every shadow on the water demands attention, and when a shape seems suspiciously larger than the ordinary surf, he quickly jots down notes on the data sheet.

"Every day from July to September, when the whales are migrating, I come here with my data assistants to see if we can spot any. There are years when the numbers are many—but this season, we have recorded only two sightings," he said.

What Ali and his team conduct is a land-based survey, one of the most effective and accessible methods in marine mammal conservation.

From fixed coastal points, observers like Ali record whale sightings, behaviours, and migration timing—crucial data that forms the backbone of marine research around the world. In Kenya, land-based surveys have been one of the few consistent sources of whale data since around 2014.

"What we usually observe are the whales breaching, blowing, or slapping their tails on the water. With dolphins, it is different because we see their acrobatics. I have very sharp eyesight, and when I spot a whale, I can tell immediately. I alert my team, we confirm the sighting together, and then we make contact with the office to record it," he said.

But the challenges are stark. Their tools are basic—binoculars and data papers—and their work is limited to just the cooler morning hours before the sun becomes unbearable. Lacking boats or night-vision equipment, surveys cannot extend offshore or into the evening.

"Sometimes the sea plays tricks... you stare so long that you think every swell is a whale. Lacking acoustic devices or drones, many sightings remain unconfirmed, making data uncertain and incomplete," he said.

This scarcity of data stands in stark contrast to South Africa, where land-based surveys have been running for decades. According to research published in Marine Mammal Science in 2015, long-term monitoring from Cape Vidal in the iSimangaliso Marine Protected Area recorded more than 14,000 humpback whales migrating past the KwaZulu-Natal coast each season, with the population showing an average annual growth rate of 7.1 per cent to 7.4 per cent between 2011 and 2015.

These findings were made possible through systematic, shore-based surveys that have allowed scientists to track recovery trends of Southern Hemisphere humpback populations with precision. In Kenya, by comparison, no such surveys exist, and the true number of whales migrating along the country's coastline is unknown.

Kenya's 600-kilometre coastline—from Kiunga to Vanga—is home not only to humpbacks but also blue whales, Bryde's whales, sperm whales, Longman's beaked whales, and pygmy sperm whales—all documented by researchers and citizen scientists. Yet comprehensive population assessments or migration mapping are undeveloped.

Data from the Kenya Marine Mammal Research and Conservation (KMMREC), with support from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), shows that strandings of whales and dolphins along Kenya's coast are rising. From 2004 to 2019, only 25 strandings were recorded—less than two a year on average. But the numbers have gone up sharply in recent years, with 12 cases in 2020, 18 in 2021, and 17 by mid-2024. These strandings have given scientists a chance to study dead animals through post-mortems, uncovering rare species like pygmy sperm whales that are almost never seen at sea. Still, because Kenya lacks long-term monitoring, the reasons behind the strandings remain unknown, and conservation teams can only act after the animals wash ashore.

Globally, the stakes could not be higher. Humpback whales are a conservation success story, with approximately 135,000 individuals worldwide and a growing population trend. Each whale sequesters roughly 33 tonnes of CO2 annually, vastly exceeding the 0.02 tonnes stored by a tree, exemplifying whales' overdue recognition as vital climate allies.

> *Our ocean is still a mystery. Beyond 30 metres of depth, we have almost no data, yet our Exclusive Economic Zone stretches thousands of nautical miles into the Indian Ocean."*
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> **Dr Mohammed Omar,** Researcher

33 TONNES

AMOUNT of Carbon that a whale stores per year. A tree stores only 0.02 tonnes - Whales boost phytoplankton that make 50 per cent of Earth's oxygen.

Through the "whale pump," they fertilize surface waters with nutrient-rich waste—especially iron and nitrogen—stimulating phytoplankton blooms that capture carbon and support the marine food web.

Whale conservation also brings regional climate leverage: half of Earth's atmospheric oxygen comes from phytoplankton, made more productive by whales.

The IMF estimates that current global whale populations contribute over US\$1 trillion in climate regulation and ecosystem value, and each whale equals over US\$2 million in ecological benefit.

Humpback whales pass Kenya's coast between July and September, arriving by late June and lingering until as late as October for breeding and resting. Numerous mothers with calves spend weeks in these waters—yet their visits remain under-documented.

Despite this rich marine heritage, experts warn that Kenya lacks critical data on these species—data that could determine whether they thrive or vanish in the coming decades.

According to the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI-Kenya), Head of the Coastal and Marine Research Centre, Senior Principal Dr. Mohammed Omar, the lack of advanced technology is one of the biggest barriers to understanding the country's marine ecosystems.

"Our ocean is still a mystery. Beyond 30 metres of depth, we have almost no data, yet our Exclusive Economic Zone stretches thousands of nautical miles into the Indian Ocean. Right now, we only know about the shallow reefs close to shore, but the deeper waters—which make up the largest part of our marine territory—remain unexplored. This is why we want to use modern technology like deep-sea cameras, underwater drones, and acoustic sensors to collect information where divers cannot reach. The truth is simple: we cannot protect what we do not understand. Expanding research into these deeper areas will take significant resources, but it is the only way to secure the future of our marine ecosystems and support Kenya's blue economy," he said.

He added that these data gaps also affect the livelihoods of coastal communities that depend heavily on tourism and fishing. Inadequate research undermines both sectors, threatening jobs and the local economy. Dr. Omar notes that collaboration with stakeholders—including local fishers, conservation groups, and international research partners—offers a way forward.

"When people do not see real benefits from conservation, it is natural for them to lose interest. The issue is not that they don't care—it is that we have given them structures without the training and tools they need. Our focus now is on true empowerment through practical skills like financial management, governance, and sustainable business development," he said.

IFAW board member Judi Wakhungu adds that Kenya cannot close the data gap on whale conservation alone and that partnerships with countries that have advanced marine technology and expertise are critical because through such collaborations Kenya can gain access to modern research tools, share knowledge and jointly map marine habitats and migration routes that stretch far beyond its territorial waters, making cooperation the surest way to build the solid scientific foundation needed for long-term conservation policies.

"Protecting whales is not just a Kenyan responsibility but a global one because a whale's journey cuts across many borders, reminding us that conservation is a shared duty and our role is to create strong partnerships that ensure these giants of the ocean are not only studied but safeguarded for future generations," she said.

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Millions of families squeezed as diaspora remittances dry up

▸ Many Kenyan homes depend on these inflows and any slight changes will have a major impact on their lives.

▸ The one per cent tax on all cash being sent out of US has been cited as a major reason behind this decline.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

Even though there has been an increase in money sent to Kenya yearly, monthly records shows a decline in August. [File, Standard]

A critical financial lifeline for millions of Kenyans is drying up, with new government data confirming a sustained decline in overseas remittances, fanning fears of a deepening household crisis and mounting pressure on the country's foreign exchange reserves.

Fresh figures from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) show inflows fell again in August, with the year-on-year total dipping by 0.2 per cent; from $427.2 million (Sh55.2 billion) in August 2024 to $426.1 million (Sh55 billion) in August 2025.

"Remittance inflows to Kenya totalled $426.1 million in August 2025 from $427.2 million in August 2024, a decrease of 0.2 per cent," said CBK in its weekly bulletin.

While smaller than July's 1.0 per cent fall, the back-to-back yearly declines signals a troubling trend that economists directly link to an intensified immigration crackdown and a new remittance tax enacted under US President Donald Trump.

"Two months does not make a trend, but the coincidence with US policy shifts is too stark to ignore," said Ian Njoroge, a Nairobi-based independent analyst.

"For a country that runs on this dollar oxygen, even a slight, sustained reduction can trigger a cascade of economic pain."

Domestic unemployment

The consecutive drops, which translates to a combined loss of over half a billion shillings, threatens to destabilise the budgets of countless families and complicate President William Ruto's ambitious plan to export one million workers to solve a domestic unemployment crisis and shore up foreign currency.

For Kenya, remittances is more than just pocket money; it's a macroeconomic pillar. The CBK's bulletin underscored this again on Friday, stating the inflows "remain a key source of foreign exchange earnings and continue to support the balance of payments."

The shilling's recent stability, trading at a steady Sh129.24 to the dollar, is in part credited to these consistent dollar flows.

The 12-month cumulative figure to August 2025 still shows a robust 9.4 per cent increase to $5.08 billion, highlighting the sector's overall strength. However, the recent monthly dips are a red flag for policymakers, suggesting the peak of this growth cycle may have passed.

The fear among Kenyan families is that the decline is a direct consequence of a more hostile environment for immigrants in the United States—the source of over half of Kenya's remittances.

The implementation of the Trump-backed "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," which slapped a one per cent tax on all cash remittances sent from the US is cited as a primary culprit.

Evidence from similar policies globally suggests even a small tax can lead to a significant drop in volumes as senders seek informal channels or reduce the frequency of transfers.

Beyond the tax, a climate of fear is taking hold. Reports of increased raids by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and anti-immigrant rhetoric are causing anxiety among diaspora communities, including legal residents.

SH258 BILLION
MONEY cumulatively sent to Kenya for 12 months leading to August 2025.

Some are moving savings out of the US amid fears of instability, directly reducing the pool of money available for regular family support.

"Instead of cracking down on illegal immigration and cartel finances, this tax increases the cost of living for struggling families abroad and risks increasing global instability," argued an economist with a major regional bank who asked not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter.

The declining trend arrives at a delicate time for President Ruto and the economy.

His administration has been aggressively championing labour export deals with Germany, Saudi Arabia, and other nations, touting diaspora employment as a dual solution to youth joblessness and the need for stronger forex reserves.

A sustained downturn in remittances threatens to undermine a key premise of this strategy: That more Kenyans abroad will automatically translate into more dollars sent home.

The new US reality suggests that even those with jobs may soon find it harder and more expensive to support their families back home. All eyes are now set on the September remittance data.

If it confirms another downward slide, it will signal that the world's most vital economic lifeline for Kenya is under threat, with millions of families and the nation's financial stability caught in the crosshairs of a global political shift.

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MARITIME

Kenya seeks re-election to global body

Kenya has officially launched its bid for re-election to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council under Category C for the 2026–2027 term.

The announcement was made by the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hassan Joho, who said the bid is not just symbolic but a strategic step toward safeguarding Kenya's maritime future.

"As a coastal nation with a thriving Port of Mombasa and growing blue economy ambitions, Kenya's presence on the Council allows it to shape global maritime policies that directly impact shipping, environmental standards, and climate change regulations," Joho said.

"Being on the council means Kenya has a seat at the table where critical decisions on shipping and safety are made decisions that affect our economy, environment, and people." He said Kenya's re-election goes beyond national interests, positioning the country as a regional voice for Eastern Africa and the Great Lakes region.

The launch event drew strong diplomatic backing, with over 20 ambassadors, including representatives from Chile, Ghana, and Egypt, pledging their support for Kenya's re-election bid. Their endorsements signal growing recognition of Kenya's leadership role in championing regional maritime interests and advancing global shipping standards.

The Assembly, at its 34th session, will elect 40 members of the council. The total number of candidatures received to date are category (a) 11, category (b) 11 and category (c) 26. **[Sofia Ali]**

TECH

Airbus, Leonardo eye European space firm

European aerospace firms Airbus, Leonardo and Thales could seal an accord this year to set up a joint satellite enterprise, a senior Airbus official told Corriere della Sera daily in an interview published Sunday.

The three firms want to set up a satellite production entity to rival Elon Musk's SpaceX and growing low-cost competition from China and other countries. Roberto Cingolani, head of Italy's Leonardo aerospace and defence giant, said in June that an accord could be taken by July, but the deadlines have been pushed back.

Michael Schoellhorn, chief executive of Airbus Defence and Space, told Corriere della Sera he expected a deal to be signed this year

. "We are on the right path but there are still aspects to clear up before such an important step," he said. **[BBC]**

Kenya Meat Commission Managing Commissioner Maj Gen Jattani Gula (second left), Board Member Agnes Leina Ntikaampi (left) and Kajiado County Executive Committee Member for Trade Ms Leah Maria, during the launch of the Kitengela Nyama Haven retail outlet.

Brookside Dairy Milk Procurement General Manager Emmanuel Kabaki (right) and other officials award Mau Dairy Co-operative of Kericho County Chairman Paul Rono (left), with a biogas unit won during a raffle at the University of Eldoret Agribusiness Trade Fair.

Pierce Vaughn and Seth DuBois both from Chainalysis, Naomi Ducat from the US Department of State and Dominic Mutinyu from the Kenya Association of Stockbrokers and Investment Banks during a cyber security workshop on managing crypto risk organised by CRDF Global and sponsored by the US Department of State.

Founding CEO of Iktifaa Sumayya Hassan, Kiota School Directo Emma Miloyo, Founder - Leading Ladies Network Yawa Hansen-Quao, Re-imagine Impact Associates Ltd CEO Sicily Kariuki and author Claire Munde at the StandOut Women's Leadership Experience EA 2025.

From left: IUCN Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, Luther Anukur, Kenya Bankers Association CEO Raimond Molenje, Senior Carbon Market Advisor Faith Temba, Head of Development Cooperation at the Germany embassy Maren Kneller and WWF Kenya Board Member Ravi Sikand during the launch of the KBA Centre for Sustainable Finance and Enterprise Development.

Cake City Kenya Marketing Manager Dollycate Kawira (left), CEO Mohammed Zahir (centre) and Head of Sales Trizah Okal during the recent Top 100 Excellent Brands Awards ceremony where Cake City Kenya was recognised as Kenya's "Most Trusted Brand."

Faraja Cancer Support Trust's CEO David Makumi and founding Trustee Shaira Adamali (shaking hands), with Victorial Commercial Bank Board Chair Ketaki Sheth and Head of Risk and Compliance Juliet Nyambisa at the VCB Head office, ahead of the cancer walk.

Kingdom Bank Board led by Chair Margaret Karangatha (left) and Vice Chair Macloud Malonza (second right), with Co-operative Bank Board at the Kingdom Bank stand during the Mombasa International Show. Kingdom Bank was ranked the third best bank stand.

Javans Coffee Ltd's Anthony Munyiri, Ngunguru Coffee Factory Chairman Wilson Waihenya, Foodscape GM Charles Wanjohi, and Ngunguru Coffee Factory Manager John Machira during a visit to the factory, where Java Foundation and Javans Coffee donated drying beds.

From left: Communications Authority Assistant Director Peter Ikumilu, ICT Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo, Nxtra Africa CEO Yashnath Issur and Airtel Kenya MD Ashish Malhotra at the ground-breaking of the 44 megawatt Nxtra Data Centre.

MP Shah Hospital Chairman Manoj Shah receives a Joint commission integration certificate from the hospital CEO Dr Toseef Din after it was certified as a green champion in conservation of the environment.

Bellafam's Founder and CEO Stephen Kimani gives his counterpart at Ahadi Kenya Trust Stanley Kamau a honey bee sting to experiences the healing power of bee venom apitherapy in Murang'a town during the launch of Murang'a Young Professionals attended by 1500 local youth.

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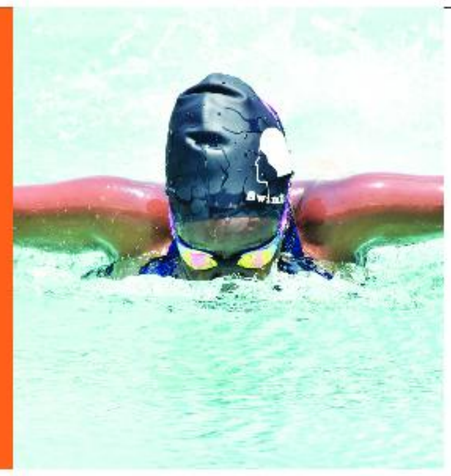

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Fuel crisis overshadows Malawi election as frustration mounts

- Muted rallies and restless youth shape tomorrow's vote, with 16 candidates contesting power.
- President Chakwera faces his predecessor Mutharika amid widespread voter cynicism and economic despair.

BBC

Prolonged petrol shortages add to the tangible frustration of many Malawians voters. [Courtesy]

The queue for fuel rather than the queue for vote is what is on the mind of many Malawians as tomorrow's general election approaches.

Prolonged petrol shortages, regular power cuts, the rising cost of living, hunger, poverty, inequality and youth unemployment all add to the palpable frustration.

The presidential, parliamentary and local council candidates are competing for votes against a background of cynicism about about whether anything will really change.

In a sign of straitened finances, electioneering has been more subdued than in the past, despite the presidential race being seen as a rematch between incumbent Lazarus Chakwera and his predecessor, Peter Mutharika, whom he defeated in 2020. There are 15 other contenders.

But the usual carnival atmosphere of Malawian politics is missing. Free T-shirts once handed out with abandon to whip up enthusiasm are scarcer, while giant billboards along the nation's main roads are fewer.

Back in the snaking petrol queues, patience is running thin, occasionally spilling into fistfights. Sensing the shortages were becoming an electoral issue, Chakwera sought to address them head-on.

In a televised address, eight days before polls open, he acknowledged the frustration and apologised. The president then turned his fire on allegedly corrupt officials who he accused of deliberately sabotaging the oil market.

Jobs are equally scarce. To put food on the table, young men sell fuel in small plastic containers at five times the official price. In Mangochi, they refused interviews, except to say that preying on desperate motorists was their only means of survival.

With food costs rising at more than 30 per cent in the past year, and wages not keeping pace, things are becoming harder to afford.

The high inflation rate has been partly attributed to a shortage of foreign currency, which has forced some importers to buy US dollars on the more expensive black market. The costs have then been passed on to the consumer.

The effect of the economic troubles on young people could be particularly significant in this election – as around half of registered voters are under the age of 35.

And yet the two leading presidential candidates are considerably older. Chakwera is 70 and Mutharika is 85.

"When young people cast their ballots next week, they should think about the poverty crisis. The coming president should fix the employment rate because many of the young people are unemployed," said 33-year-old Monica Chinoko, who works in the capital, Lilongwe.

Many younger voters have told the BBC that these continuous problems have dampened enthusiasm for the elections.

"Looking at the candidates - it's really a tough choice to make because hope has been lost. We've been voting and voting but things haven't gotten better," said Ashley Phiri, 35. "But I'm hoping that this time around, the next leader will radically transform Malawi."

Mutharika's election convoy has made several stops in the villages along the Bakili Muluzi highway.

In one place, a supporter held up a sign saying "back to state house" and said life was better when the former president was in office.

At a Mutharika rally in Machinga, an elderly woman wearing a colourful headscarf and sarong held up a huge bucket and shouted "fertiliser".

She was highlighting the crucial issue for the 80 per cent of the population who live in rural areas. Many of these people survive on what they grow on their smallholdings and make money from what is left over.

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>
> **Ashley Phiri,** Malawian.

Chakwera had promised to reduce the cost of the vital farming input – but the price has gone in the opposite direction. It is now six times more than it was in 2019.

The president has "accused some opposition parties of working with private traders to distort fertiliser prices", his office said. He has pledged to smallholder farmers that the price will come back down under a targeted programme due to start next month.

Chakwera has had a tough five years at the helm but remains optimistic.

Chakwera insists he is investing in the nation's future. As a flagship policy, he has pledged to deposit 500,000 kwacha (£210) into an account for every child born after the election, to be accessed at 18.

Another former president, Joyce Banda — Malawi's only female head of state — is also contesting, vowing to fight corruption, transform the economy and improve rural infrastructure. Other candidates, including Atupele Muluzi, Dalitso Kabambe and Vice-President Michael Usi, all promise radical change in one of the world's poorest nations.

There is no shortage of choice on the ballot paper. But Malawians hope that whoever emerges victorious — after Tuesday's vote or in a possible second round — will finally put more food on the table and more fuel in the tank.

Briefing

MEXICO. AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE DIE IN ROAD CRASH

At least 15 people were killed Saturday in a road crash involving three vehicles in southeast Mexico, local authorities said. A cargo truck overturned on the highway between the cities of Merida and Campeche, hitting a car and a truck transporting construction workers, Yucatan state's security secretariat said. The fatal crash is the country's third such incident with multiple casualties in less than a week. On Monday, 10 people were killed and 41 injured when a freight train collided with a double-decker bus in central Mexico. Two days later, a truck transporting nearly 50,000 litres of gas overturned and exploded in Mexico City. Thirteen people were killed and dozens of people suffered severe burns, according to a toll updated Saturday. **[AFP]**

AUSTRALIA. NUCLEAR SUBMARINE PLANS ADVANCE

Australia will spend an initial Aus$12 billion (US$8 billion) to upgrade shipyard facilities for a future fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, the government has said. The "very significant" investment is to be spent over a decade at a shipbuilding and maintenance precinct in Perth. The government is ploughing money into Perth's Henderson Defence Precinct after signing the 2021 Aukus pact with Britain and the United States to acquire a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines. Australia, which has no infrastructure to service nuclear-powered submarines, aims to acquire at least three US Virginia-class submarines within 15 years and eventually to manufacture its own subs. Total costs for developing Henderson could rise to Aus$25 billion. **[AFP]**

NIGERIA. 'BANDITS' KILL ONE, KIDNAP 18 OTHERS

Gunmen killed a man and abducted 18 women and children during a raid on Birnin Zarma village in Nigeria's north-western Zamfara state, local sources said on Saturday. The attackers, identified as members of kidnap and cattle-rustling gangs known as "bandits", struck at dawn on Friday as residents prepared for morning prayers. A farmer, Garba Gambo, was shot dead, while his wife sustained gunshot wounds. The assailants then herded 18 women and children out of the village. The gunmen were believed to have come from neighbouring Anka district, where they maintain camps in nearby forests. Soldiers stationed in Bukkuyum, across a swollen river, were unable to intervene as no boats were available. **[AFP]**

CONFLICT

Sudan rejects exclusion from peace proposal

Sudan's army-aligned government pushed back on Saturday against a new peace proposal put forward by four influential foreign powers, rejecting any suggestion that it be excluded from the country's post-war political transition.

On Friday, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt jointly called for a humanitarian truce in Sudan's more than two-year war, followed by a permanent ceasefire and a transition toward civilian rule -- but suggested that no warring party should be part of that transition.

Responding in a statement from the foreign ministry, Khartoum said it welcomed efforts to end the war, but would not accept "interventions that do not respect the sovereignty of the Sudanese state and its legitimate institutions, which are supported by the Sudanese people, and its right to defend its people and its land".

Sudan's institutions are currently under the control of the army, which has been at war with the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) since April 2023. In May, the army formed a new civilian-led government "to complete the tasks of transition" and "cleanse all of Sudan" of the RSF.

In its statement, the foreign ministry said "the Sudanese people alone have the right to determine how they are governed through national consensus", as led by the transitional government.

The plan put forward by the four foreign powers, often referred to as the Quad, had proposed a three-month humanitarian truce, followed by a permanent ceasefire and a nine-month transition toward a civilian-led government.

"Sudan's future governance is for the Sudanese people to decide through an inclusive and transparent transition process, not controlled by any warring party," Friday's statement read.

But Sudan rejected "any attempt to equate it with a racist terrorist militia that recruits foreign mercenaries from across the world to destroy and erase the Sudanese identity" -- a clear reference to the RSF, which has been accused of receiving support from foreign fighters funded by the UAE. Abu Dhabi denies such allegations.

The Quad also rejected any role in Sudan's transition for "violent extremist groups" linked to the Muslim Brotherhood, which ruled until 2019 and has reemerged during the conflict in support of the army.

That same day, the US imposed sanctions on Sudan's finance minister Gebreil Ibrahim, who leads an armed group fighting alongside the army in Darfur. **[AFP]**

Sudanese queue to receive humanitarian aid in the Al-LaMap district of Khartoum on September 8, 2025. [AFP]

LONDON

Far-right protest draws 150,000 to UK streets, sparking clashes with police

Clashes erupted in London on Saturday as police arrested 25 people during one of Britain's largest far-right protests, organised by activist Tommy Robinson.

The Metropolitan Police said 26 officers were injured — four seriously — after facing "unacceptable violence" from parts of the crowd, many draped in English and British flags. An estimated 110,000 to 150,000 people attended, far exceeding organisers' claims. Violence broke out as some attempted to breach restricted areas near counter-protesters.

Around 5,000 people joined a Stand Up to Racism march nearby, with 1,000 officers deployed to separate the groups. Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist said many protesters exercised lawful rights, but others engaged in physical and verbal abuse, attempting to break police cordons. Arrests were made for violent disorder, assault, and related offences.

Robinson's "Unite the Kingdom" event marched over Westminster Bridge before speeches near Downing Street featuring far-right figures from Europe and North America, including X owner Elon Musk.

[AFP]

RECORD POT OF RICE

Nigerian chef Hilda Baci (centre) stirs rice as staff members pour rice in a giant pot during an attempt to break the world record for the largest pot of Jollof rice, led by Nigerian chef Hilda Baci in Lagos, on September 12, 2025. [AFP]

Nepal's Gen Z protests propel judge to power

- Thousands of young activists used the Discord app to name Sushila Karki as their leader.
- The former chief justice has been tasked with restoring order ahead of elections in six months.

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AFP, KATHMANDU

Nepal's new leader vowed Sunday to follow protesters' demands to "end corruption" as she began work as interim prime minister, after "Gen Z" youth demonstrations ousted her predecessor.

Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, has been tasked with restoring order and addressing protesters' demands for a corruption-free future ahead of elections in six months.

Protests, sparked by a ban on social media and feeding into long-standing economic woes, began on Monday and quickly escalated, with parliament and key government buildings set ablaze.

"We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation," Karki said in her first public comments since taking office on Friday.

A fifth of people in Nepal aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the World Bank, with GDP per capita standing at just $1,447, in the Himalayan nation of 30 million people.

"What this group is demanding is the end of corruption, good governance and economic equality," she added.

Karki held a minute's silence on Sunday for those killed in the unrest, before meetings began in the key government complex of Singha Durbar -- where several buildings were set on fire during mass protests on Tuesday.

At least 72 people were killed in two days of protests, and 191 injured, the government's chief secretary Eaknarayan Aryal said Sunday, increasing an earlier toll of 51. It was the worst unrest since the end of a decade-long civil war and the abolition of the monarchy in 2008.

The appointment of Karki, known for her independence, came after intense negotiations by army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel and President Ram Chandra Paudel, including with representatives of "Gen Z", the loose umbrella title of the youth protest movement.

Thousands of young activists had used the Discord app to name Karki as their choice of leader.

"The situation that I have come in, I have not wished to come here. My name was brought from the streets," Karki said.

Parliament has been dissolved and elections set for March 5, 2026.

"We will not stay here more than six months in any situation, we will complete our responsibilities and pledge to hand over to the next parliament and ministers," she added, in a speech to the nation.

Ordinary Nepalis said they were hopeful the government would bring change -- but were aware the challenges were heavy.

"This government's list of responsibilities and issues to address isn't easy," said grocery shopkeeper Satya Narayan, 69. "It also needs to ensure unity and harmony in the country by taking all sections along".

President Paudel, who swore Karki into office, said late Saturday that "a peaceful solution has been found through a difficult process".

Soldiers have scaled back their presence on the streets, where they had been deployed in large numbers after the protests.

But more than 12,500 prisoners who escaped from jails during the chaos are on the run, and present a daunting security headache.

Regional leaders have congratulated Karki, including Nepal's two giant neighbours, India and China.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said New Delhi supported "peace, progress and prosperity" in Hindu-majority Nepal, while Beijing's foreign ministry said it wanted to "push China-Nepal relations steadily forward".

Buddhism is the country's second-largest religion, and the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, wished Karki "every success in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people of Nepal in these challenging times."

We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation

Sushila Karki, Nepal Interim PM

TV GUIDE

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4:00 PM	MBIU
4:30 PM	KIDS
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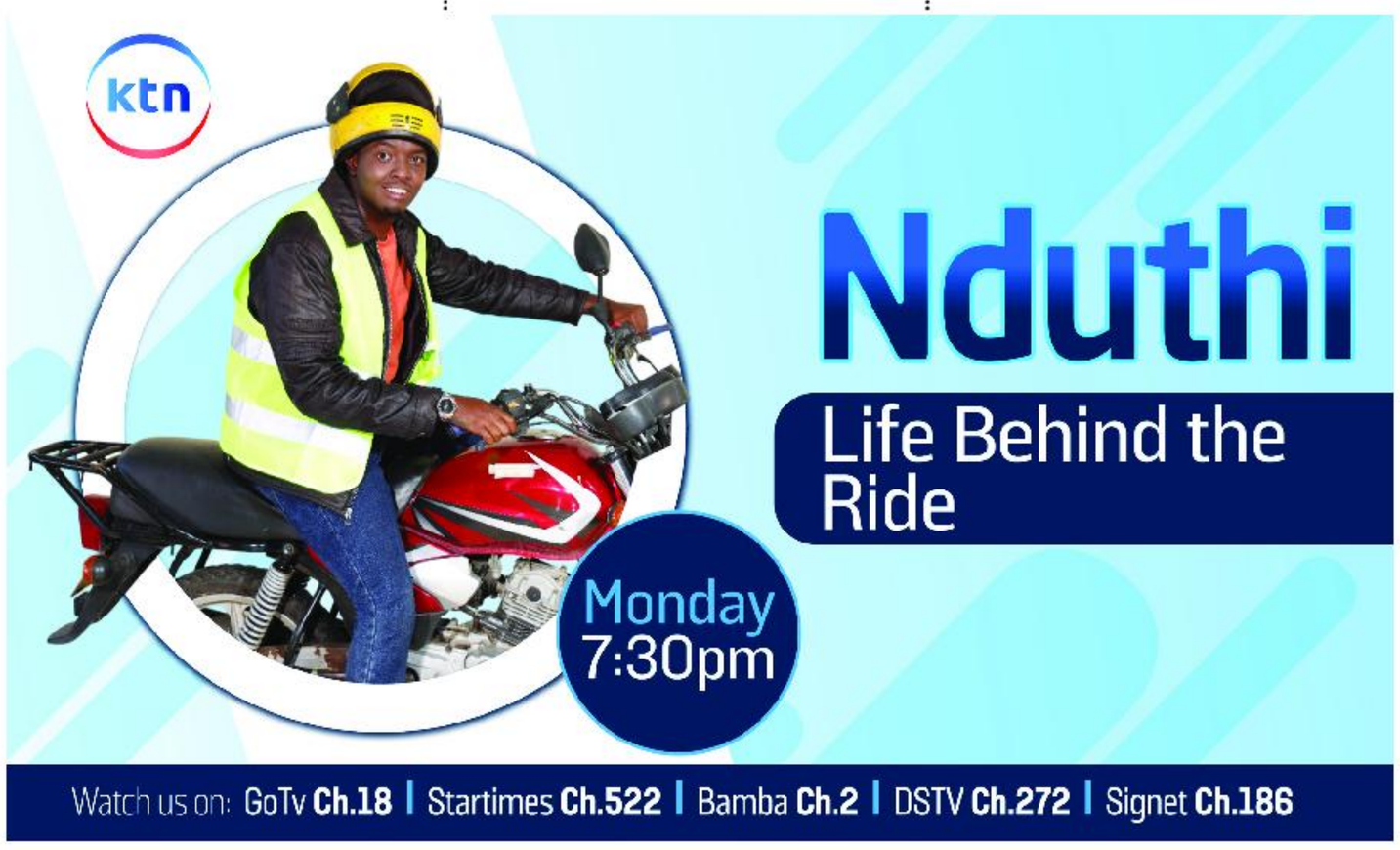

HOROSCOPE

Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
There is more competition, fire, and energy in your feeling nature, and your love life can mirror this. There can be some yearnings to be understood today, but even though the chances of your words getting across as you intend aren't high, your actions can mean much more at the moment.

Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
The appreciation of a friend may motivate you to go after what you want. Friendships and love relationships can strengthen or enliven now, although it's important not to expect solid answers and directions -- the day, in fact, favors gestures more than syntax.

Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov21
Keeping some things to yourself while smiling for the camera is what works for you at the moment! Still, this transit tends to encourage us to be ourselves and to express ourselves directly and confidently. It activates your need for more dynamism and creative expression in your work and possibly your private life as well.

Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec21
The need for good company and interesting experiences can motivate you into action. You're inclined to express your feelings straightforwardly now, and this forthcoming approach truly works in your favor.

Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
You can be motivated to make a connection or find channels to satisfy a burning desire. Investigation or seeking out hidden answers or resources can be successful. You might see progress, improvement, or excitement in your intimate life.

Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
A bit of competition or an exciting possibility can motivate you to give a little more. This can also be an exciting time for learning something new or for the sparking of a new interest.

Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
You're especially well-liked in your workplace and among people in your daily environment, or there may be social opportunities through your work or daily activities.

Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Feedback from others can be motivating, for example. Your appeal is powerful today, and others may pull you into activities or inspire you to action. It might also be an excellent time for creative work or pleasure-seeking activities.

Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
You're interested in putting a little more of yourself into any task you take on now, and it shows! Friendly competition is pleasant and stirring today. The ability to show what you mean through your actions is with you right now.

Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
This transit can also spark your desire for creative or romantic interactions and might even prompt you to reach out and express your feelings to someone special. You could turn to physical activities or games to release built-up tension.

Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
A creative business idea may come together. Personal comfort, artistry, aesthetics, decoration, and prized possessions can be in high focus. Ideas for improving your finances, comfort levels, and home life stand out as special.

Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Attempts to reach out to someone can be very successful today. Even so, there is a withdrawn pattern to the day that you'd be wise to honor by getting time to yourself and letting go of excessive thinking/analyzing.
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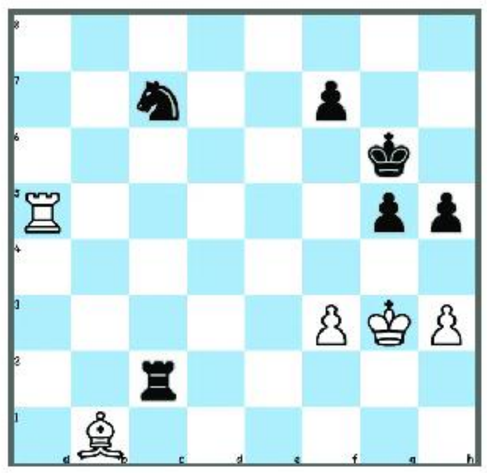
Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.

Intermediate puzzle
Black mates in 3 moves.



Saturday's solution

Easy:
1. Qxh7+ Kxh7
2. hxg6#

Intermediate:
1. Nxh7+ Rxh7
2. Qh6+ Rxh6
3. Bxh6#

SOLVIT

A	D	H	G	12
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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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Saturday's solution

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

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CLUE
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Crack the code and solve the crossword. Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

Three letters are already in place to get you started.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Saturday's solution

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By Kham

KAKURO

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Saturday's solution

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Saturday's solution

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."

Ernest Hemingway

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LOSS of Title Deed No. Makueni/Ikalyoni/1013 for Samuel Wambua Mutie

LOST title Nyandarua / Pesi 268 of Dinah Esther Njoki Gachoka

LOSS of Title Mavoko Municipality 6/802

LOSS of Title Mavoko Municipality 6/801

LOSS of Title Mavoko Municipality 6/805

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LOST title deed Makuyu/Kimorori/Block 111/2667

LOST Title NGONG/NGONG 90479 of James Kange"ethe Waweru

A22/NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of Plot Title No. **MACHAKOS/MUA HILLS/221 (PART)** located off Machakos - Kangundo road, within, Machakos Municipality, Machakos County propose to change its use from **AGRICULTURAL USE** to **COMMERCIAL USE (HOTEL AND ANCILLIARY SERVICES) USE** subject to approval by the Machakos County Government. Individuals, Members of the Public, Institutions, Organizations e.t.c with comments and/or objections to the above proposal should forward the same in writing within **Fourteen (14) Days** of this Publication notice to;

The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Housing, Urban Development and Energy
Machakos County,
P.o. Box 1996 - 90100
MACHAKOS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of plot **Lr No. Nrb/Blk 206/6410 & 6411 (Amalgamated)** located in Mihango Area off Gesora Road intend to Amalgamate and change its use from **single dwelling unit to multi-dwelling units(flats)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individual, institution, organization etc with objections or concern to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14days of fabrication of this notice to:

CECM- Lands, Urban planning, Urban Renewal, Housing & Project Management,
Nairobi City County Government
P.O Box 30075-00100,
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT NAIROBI
MILIMANI LAW COURTS
CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. ELC1E076 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 62(1) (e), 67(2) (a) AND 252(1) (a) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, 2010
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 8(a) AND (c) OF THE LAND ACT, NO. 6 OF 2012
AND SECTION 6(a) OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION ACT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF JOHN FRANCIS ROURKE AND WINIFRED LAURIE ROURKE (DECEASED/PRESUMED DECEASED)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF L.R. NO. 2327/72 (ORIGINAL NO. 2327/8/64) GLA 13995
NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION .....PETITIONER

SUBSTITUED SERVICE BY WAY OF ADVERTISEMENT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 17 OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES
(Pursuant to Court Order issued on the 9th of September 2025)
To the general public and any other interested parties
TAKE NOTICE that the above Petition has been filed in Court by the National Land Commission seeking a declaration that land parcel L.R. No. 2327/72 (Original No. 2327/8/64) GLA 13995 has escheated to the State as public land under Article 62(1) (e) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, following death/ presumed the death of the registered proprietors and the absence of any identifiable heirs.
A copy of the Petition, the Notice of Motion and supporting documents may be obtained from the Registry of the Environment and Land Court at Milimani Law Courts, Nairobi.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are required to enter appearance in the suit within **FOURTEEN (14) DAYS** from the date of publication of this advertisement, failing which the Petition may be heard and determined in your absence.

DATED at **NAIROBI** this 11th day of **September 2025.**

NJUGUNA JACQLINE
ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER

DRAWN & FILED BY:
NJUGUNA JACQLINE
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT MAKUENI ELC OS NO. E005 OF 2023

BERNARD MUSEMBI MUTHAMA..... PLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-
JOHN MUTINDA NDIVO.....DEFENDANT
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT AS PER ORDER OF THE COURT DATED 27/5/2025 AND HEARING NOTICE.

TO;
JOHN MUTINDA NDIVO
TAKE NOTICE that a Suit was instituted against you and you are required to Enter Appearance and file your Defence and any other Documents within 15 days from the date of this Advert (If you wish to participate in the Court Proceedings). You may collect the Pleadings from the Plaintiff's Advocates offices herein below provided.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the Suit has been set down for Hearing on the **30th October, 2025** at the **Makueni** Environment and Land Court.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your attendance or of your authorized representative at the date and the time hereof the Court may proceed to hear and give such Orders as it may deem just and expedient to grant your absence notwithstanding.

DATED at NAIROBI this 11th day of September 2025

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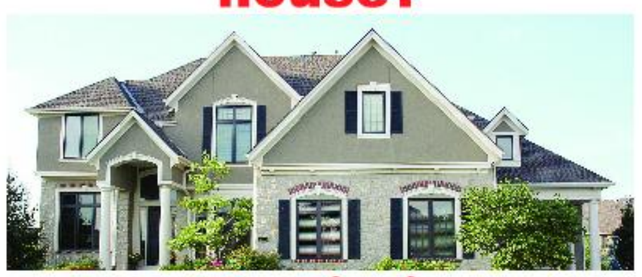

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NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title No. **JUJA KALIMONI BLOCK 22/95** Located in Juja Subcounty proposes to ***Change*** its Use from **Residential Single dwelling** to **Residential Multi dwelling (Flats),** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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

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 Title No. **Kiambaa/ Waguthu/ 5383** Located in Kiambaa Subcounty proposes to ***Change*** its Use from **Agricultural Use** to **Residential Multi dwelling (Flats),** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM, LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING
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Physical Planner: Marvin Mugambi Reg No: 0323

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 (2019)
CHANGE OF USER

Notice is hereby given that the owner of **L.R. No. 23374/81** located in OJ area, Ruiru Subcounty has applied for permission to change the user of the land from **agricultural to multi-dwelling residential flats** subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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MINING ACT, 2016
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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR MINING LICENCE

NOTICE is given by virtue of Section 34 of the Mining Act No. 12 of 2016, that the following application for mining licence have been made and accepted for consideration.

Applicant	**DEFU KENYA INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**
Applicant Address	**P.O BOX 61110 - 00200, NAIROBI**
Application Number	**ML/2024/0187**
Application Area	**0.1074 KM² (1 CADASTRAL BLOCK)**
Locality	**KIAMBU COUNTY**
Mineral(s) Sought	**GROUP A: CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL MINERALS (AGGREGATE)**

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPOSED APPLICATION BOUNDARIES
The proposed application's area is particularly described by the following WGS 84 co-ordinates.

Order	Lat. Deg.	Lat. Min.	Lat. Sec.	N/S	Long. Deg.	Long. Min.	Long. Sec.	E/W
1	01	04	31.00	S	036	35	31.00	E
2	01	04	30.00	S	036	35	30.00	E
3	01	04	32.00	S	036	35	27.00	E
4	01	04	31.00	S	036	35	25.00	E
5	01	04	34.00	S	036	35	24.00	E
6	01	04	32.00	S	036	35	21.00	E
7	01	04	37.00	S	036	35	17.00	E
8	01	04	43.00	S	036	35	14.00	E
9	01	04	43.00	S	036	35	18.00	E
10	01	04	44.00	S	036	35	21.00	E
11	01	04	40.00	S	036	35	21.00	E
12	01	04	40.00	S	036	35	28.00	E

The said application may also be accessed from the portal vide website: https://portal.miningcadastre.go.ke and has been published in the Kenya Gazette and opened to public comments for forty-two (42) days from date of publication.

Dated the 14th April, 2025
HON. HASSAN ALI JOHO EGH,
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ICT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CADP) FOR F/Y 2026/2027

Pursuant to Article 201 of the constitution 2010, Section 87 of the County Government Act 2012, Sections 125(2) and 126 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the County Government of Nyamira hereby invites the general public, civil society organizations, community based organizations, interested persons and all other stakeholders to submit written memoranda on possible programmes and projects to be prioritized in the County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2026/2027 This exercise will go towards addressing the constitutional provisions that advocates for openness, accountability and public involvement in County planning matters. The consultations shall take place on **Wednesday 24th September, 2025** at the centers listed below.

SUB-COUNTY	DATES	VENUES	TIME
Borabu	24th Sept. 2025	Borabu CDF Hall	8.00am-5.00pm 24th Sept. 2025
Masaba North	24th Sept. 2025	Rigoma Market.	8.00am-5.00pm 24th Sept. 2025
Manga	24th Sept. 2025	Manga Social Hall	8.00am-5.00pm 24th Sept. 2025
Nyamira North	24th Sept. 2025	Ekerenyo Youth Hall	8.00am-5.00pm 24th Sept. 2025
Nyamira South	24th Sept. 2025	Township MCAs Office	8.00am-5.00pm 24th. Sept 2025

Those who might not be able to attend the fora may download the memorandum template and submit written feedback to Ward/sub-county administrator's offices or through email info@nyamira.go.ke or through post office to: P.O BOX 434- 40500, Nyamira so as to be received on or before 24th September, 2025. For calls, kindly use our toll free number **(800720176)** during working hours within the period.

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Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned M/Vehicles on **Tuesday 23 rd September 2025** at Legend Storage Yard Ltd Thika Makongeni at 10:30 AM

NO.	CASE NO./COURT	PARTIES	M/VEHICLE/ GOODS	MODEL
1	CIVIL SUIT NO.E030 OF 2022 EMBU COURT	Bernard Irungu Maina -Vs- Julius Mwangi Gichinga	KBA 289W	Mitsubishi Canter
2	CMCC NO. 123 OF 2018 THIKA COURT	Francis Maina Machangi -Vs- Stephen Ndichu &Wanyamu Mathuku	KBM 676V	Toyota Hilux Pickup
3	SCCC NO.E041 OF 2025 MURANGA COURT	Martin Mutonga Ndungu -Vs - Joseph Ngaruiya Ndungu	KDA 730Z	Toyota Succeed
4	SCC CASE NO.E252 OF 2025 THIKA COURT	Stanley Murigi Njuguna -Vs- Beatrice Njehia Wanjiru & Chile Kenya Motors Ltd	KDG 526L	Toyota Vitz
5	MCCC NO. E153 OF 2023 KITHIMANI COURT	Pauline Wambui Kuhora -Vs- Buscar East Africa Ltd	KCF 444Z	Scania Bus
6	CIVILSUIT NO.E514 OF 2019 MILIMANI COURT	Sally Wadue Hey Vs Rodgers Sasaka Lucia	KBE 714V	Nissan Terrano
7	SCCC/E5878 OF 2023 MILIMANI COURT	Simon Mwangi Nguri Vs Registered Trustees of Deliverance Church	KDR 640X	Toyota Hiace
8	CIVIL SUIT NO.E196 OF 2023 GATUNDU COURT	Paul Ndungu Ngugi Vs Dominic Ngugi Waniiru	KBJ 891J	Toyota Hilux Pickup

CONDITION OF SALE
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Contact Person: Hezron G. Onsongo- 0722 997 747/ 0739 997 747

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property together with all improvements thereon.

1. ON TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 STARTING AT 11.00AM AT OUR OFFICES KOOINEI PLAZA 2ND FLOOR ROOM 2-17 KERICHO
A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ALONG KISUMU-BUSIA ROAD KAPTEBESWET AREA KERICHO COUNTY.
All that piece of land known as **L.R.NO.KERICHO/KIPCHIMCHIM/2722** measuring **1.26 Hectares or 3.10 acres** approximately. The property is situated in Kaptebeswet Area, of Kericho County.The subject property lies approximately 480 Metres due Southeast of Kaptebeswet Secondary School, approximately 600 Metres due East of Kaptebeswet Primary School and approximately 5.5 Kilometres from Kericho Town. Approach from Kericho Town is via Kericho-Kisumu-Busia Road. The property lies along Kisumu-Busia Road.

GPS Co-ordinates:- 0°21'23.04"S 35°14'54.08"E
The property is registered in the name of: **SHADRACK KOSKEI CHEROGOE**

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS:
The plot was developed with two (2 No.) bungalows, semi-permanent structures, a temporary store, an ablution block and gazebo.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details as these are not guaranteed by the Auctioneer.
2. Interested bidders must deposit **Kshs.1,000,000/=** for the property in **CASH OR BANKERS CHEQUE** to the auctioneer before being allowed to bid
3. Deposit of **25% must** be paid by way of bankers cheque and the balance to be paid within **a period of 90 days** from the date of sale
4. The sale is subject to a reserve price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable).
5. Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property is possible during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property on **Wednesday 1st October, 2025** at **our Nakuru Office,** Jagir Singh Chal Building, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Next to Hill Court Resort & Spa, along Nakuru - Nairobi Highway at **11.00 a.m.**

1. All that piece of land known as **LR: NOs. KAJIADO / KITENGELA / 78441 & 78442, NGAMURIAK AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY.** Registered in the name of **DIANA MUTINDA MULANDI** measuring **0.04 Ha or thereabouts.** The properties are in Ngamuriak Area, Kajiado County, approximately 15 kilometres south west of Kitengela town. They are situated about 10 kilometres off and to the right of Kitengela – Kajiado tar surfaced road, deviating onto Acacia main feeder road, about 2.5 kilometres North West of Wananchi Homes Phase 2 and about 220 metres south of Jonathan Ampuni's Residence. **GPS Coordinates: 1°31'07.6"S 36°51'57.7"E.**
Improvement: Vacant.

2. All that piece of land known as **LR: NO. NAIVASHA / MARAIGUSHU BLOCK 2 (NYONDIA)/1126, GITUAMBA AREA, NAIVASHA SUB – COUNTY, NAKURU COUNTY.** Registered in the name of **DIANA MUTINDA MULANDI** measuring **0.047 Ha or thereabouts.** The property is in Gituamba Area, Naivasha Sub – County, Nakuru County. It is situated approximately 650 metres off and to the left of Naivasha – Kinamba – Engineer tar surfaced road, deviating at Valley's Lily Mixed Day and Boarding School sign post. It is about 250 metres North East of Little Friends Junior Academy, about 500 metres South of the said School and about 5 kms South East of Naivasha Town.
GPS Coordinates: 0°43'47.5"S 36°28'03.7"E
Improvement: Erected on the subject plot are; three bedrooms bungalow, a residential extension I, residential extension II/ ablution block, study room and a poultry hutch/dog kennel.

3. All that piece of land known as **LR: NO. KIAMBOGO/MIRORENI BLOCK 1 /2922 (ITHERERO) PEMA ESTATE EBURRU / MBARUK WARD GILGIL SUB COUNTY, NAKURU COUNTY.** Registered in the name of **PETER MWANGI WAITHERA** measuring **0.0465 Ha** or 0.115 of an acre approximately. The subject property is situated approximately 860 metres off the Nakuru – Nairobi Highway in Pema Estate, Eburru / Mbaruk Ward, Gilgil Sub County, Nakuru County. It is accessed from the highway by branching to the left just after the OLA Filling Station – Kiungururia onto a murram road for about 830 metres, followed by a right – hand turn for 30 metres to the property on the left hand side. Pema Estate lies approximately 100 metres southeast of the property, while Woburn School is about 600 metres to the northwest. GPS Co –ordinates **0°21'30.9"S 36°10'54.5"E. Improvement:** The plot is developed with a two-bedroom (master ensuite) bungalow, an external ablution block and a semi – permanent structure.

CONDITION OF SALE
1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify all the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or the chargee.
2. A 25% deposit must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee's office from the date of sale failure to which the deposit money will be forfeited.
3. A deposit of Kshs. 100,000/= must be paid direct to the Auctioneer before being issued with a bid number, refundable after sale or be part of the purchase price to the declared purchaser.
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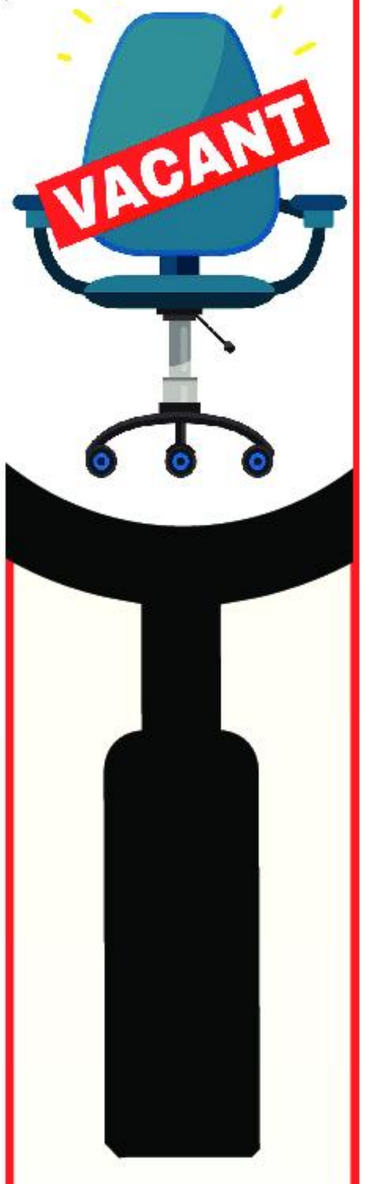

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned properties on **Friday 3rdOctober, 2025 at our Nakuru Office, Jagir Singh Chal Building, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Next to Hill Court Resort & Spa, Along Nakuru-Nairobi Highway at 11.00am.**

All that piece of land known as **LR: NO. SIPILI / DONYOLOIP BLOCK 1/9012, OL MORAN AREA, LAIKIPIA COUNTY.** Registered in the name of **EAST AFRICAN VENTOR COMPANY LIMITED** measuring **53.945 Ha or 133.30 Acres or thereabouts**. The subject property is situated, approximately 7 Kilometers due North of Laikipia Ranching Primary School, approximately 9 Kilometers due North West of Tumaini Academy and 11.6 Kilometers from Ol moran Trading Centre. GPS Co-ordinates are – 0°35'20.0"N, 36°27'15.6"E or (0.588889, 36.454333). **Improvement:** Vacant.

CONDITION OF SALE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals on behalf of their client, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties together with all improvements erected thereon.

ON TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER, 2025 STARTING FROM 11:00A.M. AT OUR OFFICES IN FINANCE HOUSE, 11TH FLOOR.

1. A 4 BEDROOMS MAISONETTE ALL ENSUITE, WITH A STAFF QUARTER LOCATED CIRCA 270M OFF NYERI-NANYUKI ROAD WITHIN MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATE OF NANYUKI TOWNSHIP IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY.
All that piece or parcels of land known as **LR. NO: NANYUKI MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 9/147** Registered I.N.O **JAYS EXCITE LIMITED** of **P.O BOX 96 – 10400 – NANYUKI – as** a Leasehold interests for 99 years w.e.f. 1/11/1991. The property is located circa 270m off Nyeri – Nanyuki road within Mountain View Estate of Nanyuki township in Laikipia County. The property lies opposite the Fountain Learning Centre Nanyuki, about 100m to the northwest of Besia Hotel and approximately 1.2km to the southwest of Nanyuki Town Centre, (Quickmart). The subject plot measures Nought Decimal One Two Two Nine of a hectare (0.1229 Ha i.e.0.3037 Acres) approximately. **The property is Developed with a perimeter wall, double storey Four (4)Bedrooms' Maisonette Residential unit with a staff quarter.** Mains water and electricity and sewer are connected to the property.

2. A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN KIHINGO VILLAGE, MANGUO AREA, KIMARU, KIAMBU COUNTY.
All that piece or parcels of land known as **LR NO. LIMURU/KAMIRITHU/4234 Registered I.N.O ZARIKI DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED of P.O BOX** 46765 – 00100 NAIROBI as a freehold Interest. **T**he property is in Kihingo village, Manguo area, Kimaru ,Kiambu County. It is situated about 300 metres off and to the right of Limuru – Manguo tarmac road deviating just after the Fountain of Life Church. It is located approximately 1.5 km from Limuru town Centre. The plot measures Nought Decimal Nought Four Five of a hectare (0.045 Ha) or thereabout (Approximately 0.111 Acres). **A** residential plot, rectangular in shape gently sloping to the east. soils are the red loams type. boundaries are marked by natural stones perimeter wall.

3. A PROPERTY (HSE NO. 588) SITUATED WITHIN BURUBURU PHASE IV, EMBAKASI WEST CONSTITUENCY.
All that piece or parcels of land known as **LR NO. NAIROBI/BLOCK 78/558, HSE NO. 588** Registered I.N.O **RONALD OSORO ORAYO** P.O. BOX 35365 – 00100 NAIROBI as a **Leasehold Interest** for a period of 99years w.e.f. 1st January, 1979. **T**he property is located within Buruburu Phase IV, Embakasi west constituency. It can be accessed by branching off Jogoo Road into Rabai Road and proceeding for about 235meters northwards, then making a right turn onto Mumias Road and proceeding for about 1.1km. followed by a right turn onto mumias road and proceeding for about 1.1km followed by a right turn onto Amasya Crescent and proceeding for about 450m then making a left turn to access Jibisa/Kalute Court then proceeding for about 50m followed by a right turn and proceeding for 60m and finally making a right turn and proceeding for about 20m where the property is situated to the right. ***The whole plot area is Zero Decimal Zero One Four Four of a hectare (0.0144 Ha) or 0.0356 of an acre approximately***. Mains electricity and water are connected to the property.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending Purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our clients and sold 'As IS Where Is Basis'.
2. A refundable deposit of **Kshs. 500,000/=** must be paid to obtain a bidding number. Please note that **NO** bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.
3. A deposit of 25% MUST be paid by CASH or BANKERS' CHEQUE at the fall of the hammer and the balance be paid to the Chargee's Advocates within a Period of ninety (90) Days from the date of sale.
4. The Sale is subject to a Reserve Price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable).
5. Conditions of Sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property.

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Auctioneers, Debt Collection, Private Insvestigation and Process Service

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **23rd September 2025** at our yards starting **10.30 a.m.**

Ricon printer, white cabinet, von small fridge, office desk (4), Ultrasound machine sonoscope, steel office shelf, Ultrasound sound machine mindray, mindray small machine, fire extinguishers (2), Lab incubator 22 ltrs, Von small dispenser, ramtom dispenser, mecer cpu (4), bizhub printer, Hp cpu (7), hospital bed (2), wheel chair (3), office (7), plastic chairs (3), Keyboard (2), assorted cables, Lenovo monitors (2), dell monitor (1), view sonic monitor, Hisence 32 inch tv, Gld tv 32, vivitec projector and sterilizers (3).

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

NYALUOYO AUCTIONEERS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed and in exercise of the charges statutory power of sale, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property with all the improvements thereon:

1. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN RANGERS AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY ON 8TH OCTOBER 2025 AT OUR NAIROBI OFFICE AT 11:30AM.
All this parcel of land known as **KAJIADO/ KITENGELA / 38744.** Registered in the name of **STANLEY NGOTHO MAMA** of **P.O.BOX 623-00600 NAIROBI** and measuring **0.096HA (0.2372 Acres).** The subject plot is situated 700 meters off and to the right of New Namanga road deviating at Rangers Road proceed 400 meters and then turn left for 300 meters The plot is located directly opposite Gil Harder Educational Centre.
GPS Coordinates: 1032'51.18"S36°56'4.69"E
DEVELOPMENT: The property is vacant and ripe for development.
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2. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN SUPA AREA, MALAHA KAKAMEGA COUNTY ON 14 OCTOBER 2025 AT OUTSIDE KCB BANK MUMIAS BRANCH AT 11:30AM.
All this parcel of land known as **EAST WANGA/MALAHA/1910.** Registered in the name of **JANE AKUMU NAMATSI WAMAYA** of **P.O.BOX 9-50106 SHINDA** and measuring **0.20HA (0.4942Acres).** The property is located within Malaha; approximately 6 kilometers to the North East of Shianda Market Centre and off Kakamega-Mumias road in Kakamega County.
GPS Coordinates: 0.354066° 34.602289°
DEVELOPMENT: A 2-bedroom bungalow.

3. PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN GILGIL TOWN, NAKURU COUNTY ON 7TH 2025 AT OUTSIDE EQUITY BANK AT 11:30AM.
All this parcel of land known as **1317/98 (I.R NO. 37615).** Registered in the name of **MONICA WANJIKU KIMANI** of **P.O.BOX 87-20116 GILGIL** and measuring **0.15HA (0.371Acres).** The property is located in Gilgil Town, Nakuru County, about 300 meters off Gilgil – Nyahururu Road deviating at Gilgil Post Office, opposite Deputy Commissioner's Office and 100 meters due west of Gilgil DEB Primary School. It is easily identified as ***'Spring Junior Academy'***.
GPS Coordinates: 0°29'58.5"S 36° 19' 17.8"E
DEVELOPMENT: A double storey classroom block.

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TERMS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the properties and verify the details for themselves, as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer, the Advocate or the Charges.
2. A deposit of 25% must be paid in **CASH OR BANKERS CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within 90 days.
3. Sale is subject to reserve price; the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving reasons for doing so.

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Onyango & Tarus ADVOCATES

A: The Bloom, 7th floor, KMA Centre, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya.
P: 29107, GPO, 00100

We are inviting offers from interested parties for the purchase of motor vehicles as listed below by way of private treaty:

RECEIVING OFFERS CLOSE AT 12 NOON TUESDAY, (23RD SEPTEMBER 2025)

	REG No.	TO BE VIEWED AT	MAKE	YoM	RESERVE PRICE
1	KDN476M	Eldoret Supermax Storage Services	Audi Q3	2016	2,540,000
2	KBH422D	Leakey Storage, Kitui Rd	Landrover Range Rover Vogue	2004	1,270,000
3	KCA872R	Legacy Yard - Nakuru	Mazda Biante	2008	480,000
4	KAX820M	Bungoma Safe Keepers Yard	Mercedes Benz E200 Tronic Plus Automatic Gearbox	2001	450,000
5	KAR835V	Wachenya Yard - Kitale	Mitsubishi Fh215	2003	690,000
6	KCE581N	Homeboys Auto Garage & Storage Yard - Voi	Mitsubishi Lancer - Cy1Asrshr Glx Auto	2015	900,000
7	KDP941L	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Nissan Note	2010	1,070,000
8	KCP984C	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Subaru Legacy 2.5 Bm9 Auto Cvt/Bmm	2010	800,000
9	KCF105R	Blackbird Storage & Auction Yard - Kisumu	Tata Lpt 1116 Tc	2014	1,300,000
10	KBT564T	Razor Shard Storage Yard	Toyota Corolla Zze122	2005	380,000
11	KDN667F	Joyland Yard - Eldoret	Toyota Fielder Nre161	2018	1,540,000
12	KCC499N	Auto Gallery Ltd - Westlands	Toyota Fielder Zre142G-Awxek	2008	580,000
13	KBV331W	Eldoret Supermax Storage Services	Toyota Harrier Acu 35	2004	940,000
14	KCY646J	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Toyota Harrier Zsu60	2014	2,330,000
15	KCS790P	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Toyota Passo	2011	400,000
16	KDB501W	Joyland Yard - Eldoret	Toyota Probox F	2015	480,000
17	KDP798X	Startruck Yard - Malindi	Toyota Sienta	2017	1,210,000
18	KDG955S	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Toyota Vitz	2014	540,000
19	KBM245D	Eldoret Supermax Storage Services	Toyota Voxy Azr60	2003	410,000
20	KDA578V	Blackbird Storage & Auction Yard - Kisumu	Toyota Wish Zge20 S/Wagon	2013	900,000
21	KBW151H	Eezy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Volkswagen Touareg 3.0 V6 Tdi Auto	2006	1,100,000
22	KCD044J	Integra Yard	Toyota Harrier	2008	951,000
23	KCR098B	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Subaru Impreza	2011	374,000
24	KBR748Q	Jogoo Road Motors	Lexus RX300	2005	636,000
25	KBS507E	Jagwood Motors	Toyota Isis	2005	317,000
26	KCD979K	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Nissan Advan	2008	281,000
27	KBS656A	Valuers Yard	Landrover Discovery iv TDV6	2005	979,000
28	KBR638S	Autogallery Yard	Nissan Hardbody Single Cabin	2012	792,000
29	KDQ899P	Blackbird yard Kisumu	Toyota Succeed	2018	1,040,000
30	KCW473F	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Toyota Crown Royal	2012	869,000
31	KBW482C	Diphine Storage	Toyota Mark X	2006	422,000
32	KDT240L	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Suzuki Alto	2018	632,000
33	KCR757W	Jogoo Road Motors	Mazda Demio	2011	206,000
34	KBR881K	Jogoo Road Motors	Isuzu NQR	2010	608,000
35	KCB425Z	Jogoo Road Motors	Nissan Wingroad	2007	271,000
36	KCG280B	Capital Yard	Nissan X-Trail	2008	655,000
37	KBL349C	Eldoret Supermax	Toyota Noah	2003	396,000
38	KBJ344J	Integra Yard	Peugeot Partner Van	2007	360,000
39	KCR898A	Moco Yard	Toyota Hiace	2013	935,000
40	KCA521T	Jogoo Road Motors	Tata LPK Truck	2014	1,700,000
41	KCN479R	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Mazda Premacy	2010	476,000
42	KCU974H	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Subaru Forester	2001	408,000
43	KBS474C	Jogoo Road Motors	Toyota Vitz	2005	315,000
44	KDB879U	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Mazda Demio	2013	467,000
45	KCJ830R	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Toyota Passo	2009	460,000
46	KCW152F	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Subaru Legacy	2012	918,000
47	KCN565W	Startruck Yard, Bamburi	Toyota Ractis	2010	468,000
48	KCA873C	Jogoo Road Motors	Toyota Belta	2007	360,000
49	KCX043P	Blackbird Yard, Nyali	Toyota Ractis	2012	600,000
50	KDC735C	Moco Yard	Toyota Probox	2014	558,000
51	KDC668G	Integra Yard	Nissan Dayz	2014	367,000
52	KCG120T	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Mazda Demio	2009	323,000
53	KDH254D	Roth Storage, Machakos	Toyota Passo	2014	553,000
54	KDC622G	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Suzuki Alto	2014	243,000
55	KAW823T	Eezy Ruiru Yard	Toyota Carina	2001	270,000
56	KCT297S	Remma Yard	Toyota Wish	2011	780,000

Vehicles are sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".**
Offers should be submitted on **www.eezycars.co.ke,** not later than **23rd September 2025.**
For any assistance please contact: **0783 616458 or 0709 335005** alternatively, send an email to: **sales@eezycars.co.ke.**

AL-HILAM AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEERS, DEBT COLLECTORS & INVESTIGATORS
P. O. BOX 46002-00100, NAIROBI MOBILE: 0113091409

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the Financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** in our offices located at Jeevan Bharati house Harambe avenue Second floor room 209.
IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION

REG. NO.	MODEL	PLACE OF VIEW
KDL499W	PRIME MOVER FAW	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD
KDL531Z	PRIME MOVER FAW	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD
KDL688X	PRIME MOVER FAW	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD
ZH2169	FLATBED TRAILER	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD
ZH2170	FLATBED TRAILER	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD
ZH2167	FLATBED TRAILER	LEAKEY`S STORAGE-KITUI ROAD

TERMS OF SALE
All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs.100,000 by bankers' cheque to obtain bidding number
Sale is on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
Strictly CASH or BANKERS CHEQUE at the fall of the Hammer
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the **FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 at 11.30am.**

REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	COLOUR	STORAGE YARD
KCG 543C	TOYOTA FIELDER	BLACK	PURPLE ROYAL STORAGE YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

1. The sale is strictly **CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.**
2. Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the Financiers we shall sell by public auction under mentioned motor vehicle; –
ON TUESDAY 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025 STARTING AT 10.30 A.M AT OUR OFFICES QUEENSWAY HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR SUITE 615.

REG NO.	MODEL	FINANCIER VS.	VIEWING
KCV 593K	TOYOTA AXIO	ANNE NJAMBI KAMAU	SKLS YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our clients.
2. Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the motor vehicle is possible during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves.
3. All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs. 100,000 to get a bid number and the balance at the fall of the hammer.

NB: LOG BOOK AVAILABLE.

Auctioneers, Repossessors, Realization of securities, Debt Collection and Metropol CR8 Agent. CR8 Agent No: 027792

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal, the Chargee/Creditor, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned properties with all the improvement therein, if any, on **30th day September 2025** in our office situated at NSSF Building 1st floor Nkrumah road Mombasa**, starting from 10 am.**

1. All that piece or parcel or land known as **Title Number Kwale/Shimba Hills/2852 Mkanda 2 area, Lukore Kwale County** measuring **Two Decimal One Four (2.1 HA) hectares** which is approximately Five Decimal One Eighty Nine (5.189 A) acres or there about. The property is freehold registered in the name of **Dickson Muoki Mutuku** of P.O. Box 41571-80100 Mombasa. The property lies approximately 2.2 kilometers due east of Lukore Secondary School and 2.3 kilometers due North West of Kwa Musola Junction. The GPS Coordinates to a point within the property are **4° 21'14"S 39°20'07.1"E.** The property is not developed (vacant).
2. All that piece or parcel or land known as **Title Number Kwale/Shimba North/Kundutsi 'A'/1028 Bilashaka Area, Vuga Kwale County,** measuring approximately **Four Decimal Two Four (4.2 HA) hectares** or Ten Decimal One Three Seven Eight (10.378 A) acres or there about. The property is freehold registered in the name of **Dickson Muoki Mutuku** of P.O. Box 41571-80100 Mombasa. The property is situated in Bilashaka area within the larger Vuga of Kwale county. It lies approximately 1.15 kilometers due South East of Bilashaka Dispensary and 1.4 kilometers due North West of Magombani Community Centre. The GPS Coordinates to a point within the property are **4° 12'22.7"S 39°30'49.7"E.** The property is not developed (vacant) and user agriculture.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1) All interested purchasers are requested to view the properties and verifies all the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Chargee/Creditor or the Auctioneer.
2) A deposit of 25% must be paid to the Auctioneer or Chargee at fall of hammer and, or immediately after the acceptance of the bid in cash or RTGS and the balance within 90 days to the Chargee/Creditor.
3) The Auctioneer reserves the right to accept or reject bid without giving any reason what so ever.
4) The sale of the property is subject to a reserve price and viewing can be done through arrangement with the Auctioneer's office and done during normal working hours.

Immediate Auctioneers

KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 2ND FLOOR OFFICE SUIT NO.10, MURANG'A ROAD, NAIROBI.
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Repossession & Realization or Charged Securities

PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR CLIENT, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION BELOW MOTOR VEHICLES ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 11:30 AM AT OUR OFFICES, KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 3RD FLOOR, SUITE NO. 17.

MILIMANI SCCCOMM/E8975 OF 2023
PEWAKI ENTERPRISES LIMITED VS. MWANGI MAIRWE

REGISTRATION NO.	MAKE/MODEL	LOCATION/STORAGE
KBK 151R	TOYOTA PRADO	SEGEN MOTORS

FINANCIER VS. FREDERICK MUKEKU

REGISTRATION NO.	MAKE/MODEL	LOCATION/STORAGE
KDK 203C	HONDA VEZEL	JOGOO ROAD MOTORS

CONDITION OF SALE
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

ONYX AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEERS, REPOSESSESORS, DEBT COLLECTORS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS & GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instruction received from our principles the Financiers and pursuant to the powers conferred upon them by section 96 of Land Act 2012 and other enabling laws of the Republic of Kenya we shall sell the undermentioned property through Public Auction as indicated below.

1. On **Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 11:00 AM** at our offices located at Norfolk Towers 2nd Floor , Kijabe Street Nairobi. All that piece or parcel of land known as **MUGUGA/KANYARIRI/T.478.** Measuring 0.0485 Hectares or 0.12 Acres registered in the name **VIOLET MUTHONI MUINAMIA** of **P.O Box 25016-00603 NAIROBI**. The subject is located off Gitaru Dual Carriage way in Muguga Ward, Kabete Constituency, Kiambu County.It is about 500 metres south of Kanyariri Primary School. The GPS coordinates are, (-1.234339), (36688067).The property is currently undeveloped and ripe for any developments.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.
1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details as these are not guaranteed by the Auctioneers.
2. The sale shall be on "AS-IS-WHERE-IS BASIS.
3. The declared purchaser MUST deposit of 25% of the purchase price by close of business on the Auction day and the balance paid within NINETY (90) days from the date of auction, failure to which the money received including the deposit will be forfeited.
4. The sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

GARAM INVESTMENTS

AUCTIONEERS
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PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE ON **TUESDAY 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 11.00 AM AT OUR OFFICES LOCATED ON THE 5TH FLOOR, WESTERN HEIGHTS, KARUNA ROAD WESTLANDS, NAIROBI**

REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	Y.O.M
KCH 017A	NISSAN VAN P/UP (NP 300)	2013

P/S : **Pictures of the aforementioned motor vehicle can be viewed on our website www.garam.co.ke**

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1. Viewing will be from **15.09.2025** to **22.09.2025 (during normal working hours)** with prior appointment at star truck, bamburi near JCC Road, Mombasa
2. All interested bidders are requested to view and verify the details by themselves, as the auctioneer or **client** does not warrant these, as the units are being offered for sale **"AS IS WHERE IS".**
3. All intending bidders are requested to make a refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs 100,000.00.**
4. The balance shall be payable **within seven (7) days** thereafter vehicle released upon clearance of the balance of the purchase price. **Please note that failure to pay the balance within the stipulated seven days will result in forfeiture of all deposits paid.**
5. Unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded their deposits 48 hours after the auction. Sale will be subject to reasonable reserve prices.

SAMTRUCK AUCTIONEERS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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

ON **8TH OCTOBER 2025** AT **11.00 A.M.** AT OUR OFFICES LOCATED AT CATHEDRAL HOLDINGS BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR RM NO. 1.6 ALONG KANISA ROAD OPPOSITE MWALIMU SACCO – NYERI .

PRIME AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN MUKURWE-INI AREA IN NYERI COUNTY

All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. L.R. MUHITO/ GATURIA/1577 Measuring approx. 0.283 HA** held on Freehold Interest and registered I.N.O. **WAITHERERO GATHANGA** P.O. BOX 74 MUKURWEINI g/t **LUCY GATHIGIA GATHANGA** P.O. BOX 74 MUKURWEINI.

The property is situated in **Kiangoma Area to the south of Mukurwe-ini Boys High School in Gaturia Sublocation in Nyeri County. GPS Co-ordinates : -0.568020, 37.065069**.

IMPROVEMENTS:- Water and electricity available for connection

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

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PROTON AUCTIONEERS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal, the charge/financier, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by Public Auction

TO BE SOLD ON FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMER 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT H.H. HUSSAIN MOTORS CAR YARD ALONG NGONG ROAD, OPPOSITE NGONG HILLS HOTEL, NAIROBI.

REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	Y.O.M	COLOUR	LOCATION
KDT306R	NISSAN VANETTE	2017	WHITE	H.H.HUSSAIN MOTORS

H.HUSSAIN MOTORS CONTACT:0711-537572/0769-997515

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FINANCIER –VS- PETER MURIKI ALAINE
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Sports

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Unrivalled backstroke torpedo

Mghoi stars at Interbank Games

Absa swimming team captain Valentine Mghoi (also inset) in action during this year's Inter-bank Games at Kasarani Aquatic Stadium. [Courtesy]

- The Absa Swim Team captain defends title for the fourth time.
- Valentine attributes good run to the wellness culture at their organisation.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

'Backstroke Queen' Valentine Mghoi proved peerless as she cruised through the waters to win the women's 50m backstroke at the Kasarani Aquatic Stadium in Nairobi at the weekend.

The Absa Swim Team captain clocked 49.15 to not only set a new Meet Record in the ongoing 39th edition of the Interbank Games in Nairobi, but also successfully defended her title for the fourth year in a row at the annual banking institutions sports.

Mghoi further iced the cake with another surprise victory in the women's 50m freestyle where she timed 44.87 to strike another glittering gold medal.

"They just don't call me the 'Backstroke Queen' for nothing," the blazing water speedster told *Standard Sports*.

"The win shows patience and resilience cultivated over the years to be a master of the category. Defending the title for four years in a row is such a toll order, but I'm glad that I have shown that it can be done," the skipper added.

"It's a fantastic feeling to triumph- not once, not twice but four times. It only proves the level of hard work that has been out in place in this discipline." "Coming to this championship, our team had set targets and I'm happy to see that some objectives were duly met," Mghoi said.

Asked the secret to her winning ways, Mghoi, who doubles as Absa Bank Kenya Creative Lead, said: "Discipline. When you have control and order, results will pop up. Players should know that discipline and consistency will always beat talent any day."

The 36-year old swim ace says she feels honoured to captain the star-studded Absa Swim Team that has dominated the discipline in the ongoing championships over the years. "I have led the team for two years in a row in the banker's games. It's so amazing to lead a squad of champions."

"Ahead of the inter-bank Games, we did our preparations from March. We are lucky to have been given full support in that mission by our organisation." Absa Bank Kenya Business Banking Director Elizabeth Wasunna-Ochwa, who clocked 1:00.03 to strike gold in women's 50m freestyle, said: "The banking environment is very competitive in terms of operations and these games provides opportunities for employees to meet, interact, compete and let off steam."

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SELECTED RESULTS:

Women's 36-40, 50m backstroke-	Valentine Mghoi -	Gold
Women's 36-40, 50m Freestyle -	Valentine Mghoi -	Gold
Women's 36-40, 200m IM-	Valentine Mghoi-	Silver
Women's 36-40, 50m Butterfly-	Valentine Mghoi-	Silver
Women's 51-55, 50m Breaststroke -	Elizabeth Wasunna-Ochwa-	Gold
Women's 46-50, 200M IM-	Purity Maithya-	Silver
Women's 51-55, 50m Backstroke -	Elizabeth Wasunna-Ochwa –	Gold
Women's 46-50, 50M Backstroke-	Purity Maithya-	Silver
Women's 26-30, 50m Breaststroke -	Serena Akwiri-	Bronze
Women's 46-50, 50m Butterfly -	Purity Maithya-	Silver
Women's 26-30, 50m Freestyle -	Serena Akwiri-	Bronze

BOXING

Crawford shocks Alvarez to bag historic world title

Terence Crawford stunned Mexican superstar Saul "Canelo" Alvarez to claim the undisputed super middleweight world boxing crown yesterday morning, becoming the first man to win undisputed titles in three weight divisions.

In a fight of razor-thin margins, Crawford poured it on in the closing rounds to earn a unanimous decision victory, improving his unblemished record to 42-0 with 31 knockouts.

Crawford, 37, had jumped up two weight categories to vie for history, having already counted undisputed titles at super lightweight and welterweight among his titles in four -now five -weight classes.

He silenced critics who claimed his sparkling resume was packed with sub-standard opponents and quieted a raucously pro-Alvarez crowd of 70,482 at Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders.

"For sure this is definitely a signature win," Crawford said. "Moving up two weight classes, being the B-side, fighting a guy that's been undefeated in the division, undisputed."

"My other undisputed runs I had titles, I was coming in as a champion as well. But this one I was coming in as an underdog, no championship belts and I felt like everything was on the line."

One judge scored it 116-112 for Crawford and the other two saw it 115-113 for the American, who had nothing but praise for his opponent.

"Canelo is a great champion," Crawford said. "And he fought like a champion today."

But Crawford added: "I think I was the better man today. I was stronger, I punched harder."

"It means a lot to me," Crawford said. "You know anybody can be a nobody, and that's all they say I've been fighting is nobodies.

"So what can they say now?"

[AFP]

Terence Crawford (right) in action against Canelo Alvarez in their undisputed super middleweight title fight yesterday. [AFP]

So, this is where it all ends **for Kenyan champs Police Bullets**

- Rwanda's Rayon Sports FC edged out Uganda's Kampala Queens to book a final slot.
- JKT Queens and Rayon will battle for CECAFA Zone's lone ticket to Egypt tomorrow.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

Kenya Police Bullets FC players react after their match against Denden FC in the 2025 Caf Women's Champions League CECAFA qualifiers at Nyayo Stadium yesterday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

Kenya Police Bullets FC's wait to make their Caf Women's Champions League debut continues after they lost to Tanzania's Jeshi la Kujenga Taifa (JKT) Queens in the semi-finals of the CECAFA Zone qualifiers at Kasarani Stadium.

The Beldine Odemba-coached side lost 4-2 to JKT Queens in post-penalties after their match ended in a 1-1 deadlock in extra time.

Police had taken an early lead through a Margret Kunihira penalty, but Jamila Rajabu ensured parity with a well-executed header before the half-time break.

This was the first time the two sides, who had topped their respective groups, conceded goals.

Police put up a gallant fight against the Tanzanians who are looking to secure a return to the continental championship set for November in Egypt.

However, their opponents were so good in their execution, converting four chances to carry the day and book a final date with Rayon Sports FC from Rwanda in tomorrow's final.

Emily Moranga and Leah Andiema failed to find the back of the net, with Moranga firing the ball above the goal while JKT goalkeeper Najiata Idrisa saved Andiema's shot. Mary Kilonzi and Elizabeth Ochaka were on target for Police.

Bullets goalkeeper Annedy Kundu on the other hand was totally outwitted by the Tanzanians, as she failed to save a single shot. Winfrida Gerald, Alia Salum, Donisia Minja and Ester Marwa converted for JKT Queens.

Meanwhile, Rayon held their nerves to edge out Ugandan champions Kampala Queens 4-3 in post-match penalties after their duel ended in a barren draw in extra time.

The Rwandan side will have their goalkeeper Angeline Ndakimana to thank for after she rose to the occasion and saved two penalties to spur them into the final.

With the encounter clearly set to be decided on penalties, Kampala Queens coach Firew Hailegebral Asefa made a goalkeeper substitution for the first time in the tournament, bringing in Gloria Namakula in place of his regular Daisy Nakaziro.

Ndakimana was the first between the sticks and she stood tall, saving Catherine Nagadya's shot.

Scholastique Gikundiro, who has been instrumental for Rayon, outwitted Namakula to give her side a 1-0 lead. The Ugandans then converted their three chances through Najjuma Teddy, Joanitah Ainembabazi and captain Shakirah Nankwanga.

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RESULTS:

- Rayon Sports 0(4) - 0(3) Kampala Queens
- Kenya Police 1(2) - 1(4) JKT Queens

GOLF

Mochanga retains the Commander Kenya Navy trophy

Most often in golf, victory depends on pure luck and this time, it fell on Joel Mochanga, who survived narrowly to retain this year's Commander Kenya Navy trophy at the par 71 Sea-link Mombasa Golf Club over the weekend.

Playing off handicap 4, Mochanga braved a close challenge after carding a countback score of 35 stableford points to emerge the KDFGA Division A winner.

"It's a great honour to be the winner again and I take this opportunity to thank my fellow competitors for their sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the tournament," said Mochanga, who is also the Kenya Navy golf club captain.

"This victory is not just about me, but about the dedication, hard work and perseverance that have brought me to this moment. I'm thrilled to have had the opportunity to showcase my skills and represent Kenya Navy Golf Club with pride."

His challenge came from second-placed handicap 16 Lt. Col.Epapara Lagat who was among those salivating for the top prize, but both tied on same score.

The day-long tournament was organised by Kenya Defense Force Golf Association (KDFGA) and hosted by the sitting Commander of the Kenya Navy, Paul Otieno.

A diverse field of 130 plus players from across the country graced the field. **[Maarufu Mohamed]**

Kenya Navy Commander Paul Otieno (right) awards Joel Mochanga. [Maarufu Mohamed]

GOLF

Mathenge braves biting cold to win in Limuru

Tee-Off with Crown Lady winner Nyambura Wangunyu in action. [Mose Sammy, Standard]

Joseph Mathenge was the toast of the day as he braved biting cold at Limuru Country Club over the weekend to triumph at the final leg of the Tee-Off with Crown series.

Playing off a handicap of 12, Mathenge demonstrated remarkable skill and composure, finishing with an impressive score of 42 stableford points to claim the top prize.

"It was an early start, 6:48 am to be exact, but being the first group on the course made for a perfect round. I consistently hit greens in regulation, which made all the difference," said Mathenge.

Francis Kimani was the clear Gross winner with a score of 76 stableford points.

In the men's divisions, Feisal Ahmed claimed the Division A title with 38 stableford points, while Brian Kisuke dominated Division B with a score of 40 stableford points. Kenneth Wanjohi topped Division C, posting 34 stableford points.

The ladies also delivered standout performances, with Wambui Gitonga winning Division A with 38 stableford points. Catherine Sakuti excelled in Division B, matching the overall winner's score of 42 stableford points. Nyambura Wangunyu claimed victory in Division C with 35 stableford points.

Among the visiting golfers, Paul Oduor stood out by delivering a sensational score of 44 stableford points to win the coveted prize.

At the scenic Sigona Golf Club layout, Ashit Shah, playing off a handicap of 18, emerged as the overall winner of the Mayfair Insurance Golf Day at the Sigona Golf Club, securing the title with an impressive score of 40 stableford points. **[Mose Sammy]**

FOOTBALL

Mandera's Afia FC crowned champions

Afia FC were crowned champions of the Lafey chapter of the PS Ismail Madey Phase Two tournament after defeating Ajax FC 2–0 in the final played at Lafey Grounds.

Captain Hassan Derow gave Afia the lead with a powerful header before tournament top scorer Gundi Ali sealed the win with a late strike.

The victory saw Afia FC walk away with Sh200,000, while Ajax received Sh100,000 as runner-up. Hamcity FC, who finished third, pocketed Sh75,000.

The final was graced by top leaders, among them Lafey MP Mohamed Abdikheir, Mandera North MP Bashir Abdullah, Mandera East MP Abdirahman Hussein, and Lafey MCA Adan Hussein Rahoy, alongside other dignitaries.

The tournament has a prize pool of Sh1.2million. **[Washington Onyango]**

Kenya's Ishmael Rokitto Kipkurui, Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha, Uganda's Dan Kibet, Sweden's Andreas Almgren, US' Grant Fisher and Japan's Jun Kasai in men's 10000m final yesterday. [AFP]

Kenya fails to reclaim lost glory in men's 10,000m World title hunt

- The fastest Kenyan man in the final, Ishmael Kipkurui finished fourth.
- Beatrice Chebet won Kenya's first gold medal in the event on Saturday.

STEPHEN RUTTO

Kenya's attempt to reclaim the men's 10000m world title came tumbling down yet again yesterday.

The trio of former World Cross Country Under-20 champion Ishmael Rokitto Kipkurui, Edwin Kurgat and former world Under-20 5000m champion Benson Kiplangat were hoping to bring home the elusive gold medal in the 25-lap race.

Kipkurui came close to the podium but finished fourth in yesterday's final. Kurgat placed seventh in a race decided by powerful kicks in the final lap.

The country will have to wait again for 2027 to end the title drought in an event that Kenya last won in 2001 Edmonton, Canada through Charles Kimathi.

On Saturday, Kenya claimed the women's 10,000m title through Olympic champion and record holder Beatrice Chebet.

Frenchman Jimmy Gressier was surprisingly crowned champion while Yomif Kejelcha of Ethiopia claimed a second silver medal, adding to his 2019 achievement.

Before Kimathin clinched the title in 2001, Moses Tanui had made Kenya proud in the 1991 event in Tokyo while Paul Kipkoech secured gold in the 1987 Rome event.

The country's men are now praying that the 3000m steeplechase squad which is running its final this afternoon bags a medal.

World Under Under-20 champion Edmund Serem will be looking to decorate his wall cabinet with a world medal as he lines up in the 3000m steeplechase alongside experienced stars.

10000M SELECTED RESULTS:

1. Jimmy Gressier	28:55.77(France)	Gold
2. Yomif Kejelcha	28:55.83(Ethiopia)	Silver
3. Andreas Almgren	28:56.02(Sweden)	Bronze
4. Ishamael Kipkurui	28:56.48(Kenya)	
5. Nico Young	28:56.62(USA)	
6. Selemon Barega	28:57.21(Ethiopia)	
7. Edwin Kurgat	28:57.83(Kenya)	
8. Grant Fisher	28:57.85(USA)	

> *I am in top shape (this season). In all the Diamond League races that I took part in this season, I was on the podium and I'm now ready for the final."*
>
> **Edmund Serem,** World Under Under-20 steeplechase champion

On Saturday he became the first Kenyan to book his spot in today's finals of men's 3000m steeplechase after a tactical race in Heat 1.

A star-studded field that progressed from the first round will be eying medals in what is expected to be a hotly contested event in Day 3 of the World Athletics Championships currently underway in Tokyo, Japan.

He will have the company of world silver medallist Abraham Kibiwott as they take on defending champion Soufiane El Bakkali of Morocco and the world record holder Lamecha Girma of Ethiopia.

The Moroccan has been unstoppable in the last two world championships, claiming the titles in 2023 Budapest and 2022 Oregon and has gold medals from the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

El Bakkali is guarding his reputation as the most decorated title holder while Girma is out to confirm that he holds the fastest time in the event.

Girma has been a constant figure at the world podium since 2019, winning silver the last three editions, but the Serem, the teenager, is aiming at turning the tables.

During the first round on Saturday, Serem, who is aged17, closely watched the moves from behind as Japan's Ryuji Miura took the lead.

Serem stepped into the middle of the pack, just behind the leaders in the third lap. By this time, Getnet Wake of Ethiopia was holding the leadership position.

The teenager proved his mettle after clearing the last barrier when he unleashed a blistering kick, overpowering Ethiopia's Getnet Wale on the final metres, winning his Heat in 8:29.92.

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1500M

Kipyegon oozes class as she leads squad to 1500m final

Four-time world champion Faith Kipyegon displayed her brilliance once again as she booked her place in women's 1500m set for tomorrow.

Kipyegon, a three-time Olympic champion, ran a tactical race in Heat 1 of the event's semi-final at the Japan National Stadium yesterday, anchoring countrywoman Dorcus Ewoi to a n automatic qualification.

The 1500 world record holder took the top place (4:00.34) in the Heat, while Ewoi (4:00.65) followed in second place.

Ethiopian two-time world indoor champion Freweyni Hailu recovered from a fall in the first lap of the Heat to finish third in 4:01.03) behind Kipyegon and Ewoi.

"I hope I will be more focused on the bigger goal on Tuesday and we hope we do our best to run a beautiful race in the final," Kipyegon said after qualifying.

She said the squad progressing to the final is eying a podium sweep.

Kipyegon, a defending champion, is on a mission to claim her fourth world 1500m title.

Olympian Nelly Chepchirchir won Heat Two, qualifying for the final, as Susan Ejore bowed out of the championships.

Kipyegon, Chepchirchir, and Ewoi will be carrying the nation's hopes in the women's 1500m tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Africa's fastest man Ferdinand Omanyala's dream of reaching yesterday's final of the 100m in the ongoing World Athletics Championships ended at the semi-final.

Omanyala, who has not dipped under 10.00 this season, was knocked out of medal contention after finishing fifth in 10.09 in Heat Two.

He is looking to battle for a place in the final once again in the 4x100 relay.

"I'm glad I got here and that is the result I got. It is just putting my head together and moving forward," Omanyala said after the semi-final.

American Kenny Bednarek won that Heat, clocking the same time (9.85) with Jamaican Kishane Thomson.

South Africa's Akani Simbine and his compatriot Gift Leotlela, Nigerian Kayinsola Ajayi, Noah Lyles (USA) and Oblique Seville (Jamaica) also dashed to the final.

Mercy Oketch, the only Kenyan in the women's 400m. **[Stephen Rutto]**

Kenya's Faith Kipyegon and Dorcus Ewoi in women's 1500m semi-final. [AFP]

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Jepchirchir hunts down Assefa to **deliver Kenya's second gold**

- Peres defeated Ethiopian Tigst, who shattered her women-only world record at the London Marathon in April.
- Kenyans led by President William Ruto took to social media to congratulate the newest world champion.

STEPHEN RUTTO

Kenya was a proud nation yesterday as the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan entered Day 2.

Just hours after Beatrice Chebet opened the medal account with gold on Saturday evening, former Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir continued the hunt, achieving a historic victory yesterday morning, in her debut.

An epic battle pitting Jepchirchir, a former women-only record holder and Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa, the second fastest in the marathon, but it was difficult to predict who among the two would edge out another for the prestigious world title.

The race was decided in the closing stages by a blazing sprint on the tracks of Japan National Stadium, the world marathon's final stretch.

Assefa was leading when the duo entered the iconic stadium but Jepchirchir, who was breathing down her neck, pulled a major surprise.

> *When I entered the stadium I was feeling exhausted. At 400m to go, she (Assefa) kicked and did it again at 200m but when I saw the finish line, energy came from nowhere."*
>
> **Peres Jepchirchir,** World marathon champion

She surged forward with a killer speed that saw her bring home the second gold medal for Kenya in 2:24:43 (season best) with the Ethiopian star, an Olympic silver medallist settling for silver in 2:24:25. Julia Paternain (2:27:23) of Uruguay bagged the bronze.

Jepchirchir's gold placed Kenya on the lead in the medal tally, and the country was still the only African nation with a world title in the opening days of the global showpiece.

The marathon queen was just returning from an ankle sprain as she prepared for the 2025 London marathon in April, an injury that she says almost crashed her hopes of competing this year.

Two months after resuming training, Jepchirchir had to choose between running the Berlin Marathon on September 21 and the Tokyo World Championships and she picked the assignment to fly Kenyan colours.

"This was my first marathon this year and I want to go back home and decide whether to run another race later in the year. I dedicate the gold medal to Kenyans for believing in us," the newest world champion said after her victory in Tokyo.

"I ran my Olympic Games debut in Japan and I have run my first world race here. I feel grateful and I thank God for this (the win). I wasn't expecting it, but I won. I feel so happy to run my first world championships here (in Tokyo). It is my first time and my first world title."

It was in Sapporo, Japan that Jepchirchir cruised to an Olympic gold medal at the 2020 Games, which were staged in 2021 and went ahead to win the New York City Marathon that year.

"When I entered the stadium I was feeling exhausted. At 400m to go, she (Assefa) kicked and did it again at 200m but when I saw the finish line, energy came from nowhere," said Jepchirchir.

She said she had to overcome unfavourable weather in Tokyo to defeat Assefa, who shattered her women-only record at the 2025 London Marathon.

"In April, I was in good shape but I twisted my ankle and the doctor told me that it was better to rest than to suffer a stress fracture. I was so stressed but I didn't lose hope. I was in great shape preparing for the London Marathon and I rested for two months before resuming my training. I was to compete in Berlin but I decided to run the world championships," she added.

Back home, Kenyans led by President William Ruto took to social media to express joy and congratulate the Jepchirchir for making an expectant nation proud at the world stage.

"Your resilience embodies the Kenyan spirit and proves once again that Kenya rules the marathons. Another gold for our nation, another proud moment as you raise our flag high," the President said.

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Peres Jepchirchir reacts after winning women's marathon yesterday. [AFP]

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2. Tigst Assefa (Ethiopia):	2:24:45
3. Julia Paternain (Uruguay):	2:27:23
4. Susanna Sullivan (USA):	2:28:17 SB
5. Alisa Vainio (Finland):	2:28:32 SB
6. Shitaye Eshete (Bahrain):	2:28:41
7. Kana Kobayashi (Japan):	2:28:50
8. Jessica McClain (USA):	2:29:20 SB
9. Fionnuala McCormack (Ireland)*:	2:30:16 SB
10. Dolshi Tesfu (Eritrea):	2:30:41

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TODAY:

Men's Marathon Final	1:30am
Women's 3000m Steeplechase Heats	4:30am
Women's 400m Hurdles Heats	5:20am
Men's 400m Hurdles Heats	1:35pm
Men's 110m Hurdles Heats	2:23pm
Women's 100m Hurdles Semi-Final	3:06pm
Men's 1500m Semi-Final	3:30pm
Men's 3000m Steeplechase Final	3:55pm
Women's 100m Hurdles Final	4:20pm

TOMORROW:

Men's 800m Heats	1:35pm
Men's 110m Hurdles Semi-Final	2:40pm
Men's Hammer Throw Final	3:01pm
Women's 400m Semi-Final	3:07pm
Men's 400m Semi-Final	3:35pm
Women's 1500m Final	4:05pm
Men's 110m Hurdles Final	4:20pm

Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala and Abdul-Rasheed Saminu of Ghana, in men's 100m heatse. [AFP]

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Pregnancy loss leaves more than medical scars and without grief support and care, countless mothers will remain with unheard cries for help

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HEALTH BITES

Metabolic mayhem: Cut through the sugar overload and live healthier

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Sugar is in almost everything we eat.. The question is, how much is too much?

The World Health Organization (WHO) urges adults and children to keep free sugars, which are added to foods and drinks or found in honey, syrups and fruit juices, below 10 per cent of daily energy. For better health, WHO recommends cutting this to five per cent.

Globally, many people still exceed that limit. Surveys show children and teenagers obtain about 13 to 14 per cent of their energy from free sugars, according to the Sugar Nutrition Resource Centre. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) projects that sugar use in Africa will rise further, with per person intake expected to reach 15.6 kilogrammes a year by 2034.

In Kenya, the pattern is similar. Figures from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) show that in 2024/25, national consumption reached 1.23 million tonnes and is set to climb. Local production has struggled, with output dropping by 16 per cent in the first half of 2025.

At the same time, Kenya is moving to strengthen food labelling. A report by the Access to Nutrition Initiative revealed that 90 per cent of packaged foods would require health warning labels due to high sugar, salt or fat under proposed regulations.

Too much sugar does more than add empty calories. It raises the risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, obesity, fatty liver disease, tooth decay and poor sleep. It drives weight gain around the waistline while inflaming cells and making insulin less effective. Research also links high sugar intake to memory problems and faster cognitive decline, suggesting the brain may be more vulnerable than once thought.

There are practical steps that can help reduce the risks:

Choose natural sources of sweetness. Fresh fruits are healthier substitutes for cakes or sweetened juices. They provide fibre and nutrients that slow absorption and reduce blood glucose spikes.

Read labels. Many packaged foods contain hidden sugars under names such as corn syrup, maltose, dextrose or fructose. The National Health Service notes that consumers who compare labels are less likely to exceed safe limits.

Rethink drinks. Sugary beverages are major contributors of free sugars. Swapping sodas or flavoured teas for water, unsweetened tea or milk can cut dozens of teaspoons each week. Research in The Lancet has linked such drinks to higher risks of obesity and diabetes.

Set a sugar goal. The NHS advises adults to consume no more than 30 grammes of free sugars daily, about the amount in a small yoghurt and a glass of juice. Tracking intake helps prevent overconsumption.

Cook more at home. Preparing meals, sauces, porridges or baked goods allows control over sugar levels and reduces reliance on processed foods.

Be sugar-wise when shopping. Certifications such as Sugarwise, which align with WHO limits, guide consumers towards healthier products.

Support healthier environments. Backing local initiatives matters. The proposed nutrient profile rules, which would require warning labels on most high-sugar products, are an important step towards making healthier choices accessible to all.

SPOTLIGHT

Study: Right diet lowers rate of cognitive decline

For some people, a small amount of cognitive decline comes with age. But significant changes can be a sign of a cognitive disorder. Injury, illness, and habits can influence how much your cognitive abilities change.

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Your mind is central to your identity. The sharpness of your thinking, your ability to communicate and connect with others, and the rich trove of memories you have collected over a lifetime all have enormous value.

As you get older, you may notice changes in some of your thinking skills, including cognitive decline.

For some people, a small amount of cognitive decline comes with age. But more significant changes can be a sign of a cognitive disorder. Injury, illness, and health habits can influence how much and how fast your cognitive abilities change over time.

Cognitive decline may look different from person to person. This may be because people vary in their health profiles, life circumstances, and capabilities.

There are those with mild cognitive decline who might have trouble finding the right words to express themselves, especially when compared with others of the same age, easy to lose or misplace things, forget appointments and scheduled events while others may become overwhelmed by complex tasks and projects.

A recent study on data from more than 60,000 older adults found a link between certain dietary patterns and a lower risk of cognitive decline.

A major review involving more than 62,500 adults suggests that following certain diets could cut your risk of cognitive decline in old age by as much as 40 per cent.

Scientists at Shandong University in China analyzed 15 studies of people over 60 and found out that those following the Mediterranean or MIND diets were significantly less likely to develop memory and thinking problems than those with less healthy diets.

The study revealed that Mediterranean and MIND diets are very similar. Both include a lot of vegetables, fruit, legumes, nuts, seeds and whole grains, as well as a moderate amount of fish, poultry and dairy. However, processed foods, red meat and sugar are limited.

The Mediterranean diet emphasizes certain culturally significant ingredients, such as olive oil, but the MIND diet prioritizes nutrient-rich foods such as berries and green leafy vegetables, both thought to protect the brain from inflammation.

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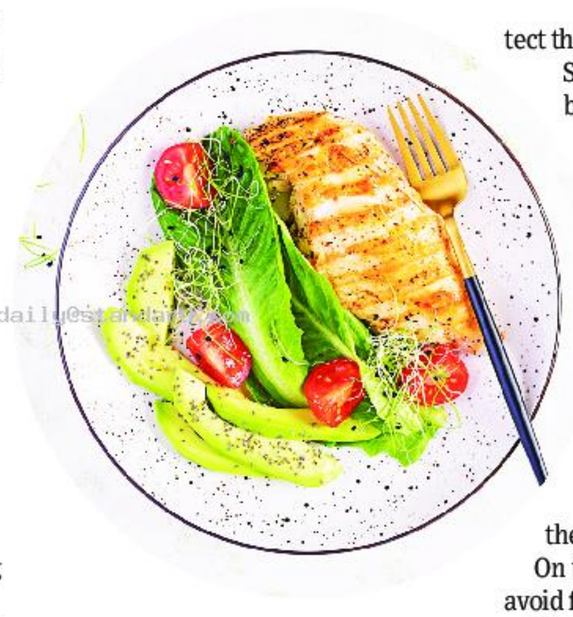
> **Study by scientists at Shandong University in China**



Scientists have long suspected that what we eat affects how our brains age, but the evidence has been mixed. To get a clearer picture, the team at Shandong University combined data from 15 studies to better understand the relationship between what we eat and how our brains fare in old age and by extension, our risk of associated diseases, such as dementia.

The studies suggested that older adults who ate healthily were significantly less likely 40 per cent to experience cognitive decline, compared to participants with less healthy diets.

Therefore, the scientists concluded that it is safer and healthy for older adults to eat vegetables, fruit, fish and legumes at every meal.

However, this study could still be interrupted cautiously since the link between diet and cognitive health is complex

On the other hand, here are some of the foods and ingredients to avoid for good brainpower:

Ultra-processed food like frozen meals, chips, pastries, cookies and fast food contain additives that can disrupt gut bacteria, leading to inflammation to chronic diseases.

Sugary Drinks and Sweets: High-fructose corn syrup, a sweetener found in many processed foods and drinks, is associated with obesity and insulin resistance, increasing the risk of memory loss and cognitive decline.

Red Meat and Processed Meats: Limit consumption of red meat and processed meats like hot dogs, as they can increase inflammation and have been linked to higher risks of dementia.

Refined Grains: Foods made from refined grains, such as white flour, should be limited because they lack the fibre and vitamins B found in whole grains that support brain health.

Excessive Alcohol: Limiting or avoiding alcohol consumption is important for cognitive health as it can negatively impact your ability to think and process information.

Why These Foods Are Harmful

Inflammation: Many of these foods, particularly ultra-processed items and red meat, contribute to chronic inflammation in the body, which can also affect brain health and increase the risk of dementia.

Additives and Toxins: Additives in ultra-processed foods can disrupt the gut microbiome, which has been linked to systemic inflammation and brain health issues.

Toxicity to Brain Cells and Insulin Resistance: High-fructose corn syrup can lead to insulin resistance, a risk factor for cognitive decline.

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A-Z ON DISEASES

Gigantomastia: When breast growth becomes a health burden

Gigantomastia remains extremely rare. Globally, only a few hundred cases have been documented in medical literature

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For some women, the natural process of breast development spirals into a painful, life-changing burden. Their breasts enlarge so rapidly and excessively that each can weigh several kilogrammes, making ordinary tasks like walking upright, sleeping comfortably or finding clothes that fit almost impossible. Many suffer in silence, cowering under layers of fabric and battling shame from society's gaze.

Yet behind this struggle lies a recognised medical condition known as gigantomastia.

"Gigantomastia is a rare condition characterised by excessive, uncontrolled breast enlargement. Its exact cause is not fully understood, but it is thought to be linked to abnormal hormonal sensitivity, particularly to oestrogen and progesterone," says Andrew Were, a plastic surgeon at Refine Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery Centre and at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH),

This heightened sensitivity explains why the condition often appears during periods of hormonal upheaval such as puberty and pregnancy. Other risk factors include certain medications like penicillamine or cyclosporine, as well as family history.

"The condition is largely unpredictable, though family history and specific medications can raise the odds," Dr Were explains.

The symptoms go beyond mere size. One of the earliest signs is unusually rapid breast enlargement, often within weeks or months. This is commonly accompanied by pain, skin stretching, back, neck and shoulder strain, and difficulty in movement. Postural changes and spinal issues such as curvature of the spine may develop over time.

The constant friction and weight can cause skin rashes or infections beneath the breasts, and in severe cases, open wounds or tissue death. Beyond the physical, women often endure deep psychological distress, including embarrassment, low self-esteem, depression and social withdrawal.

Gigantomastia remains extremely rare. Globally, only a few hundred cases have been documented in medical literature. Gestational gigantomastia, which occurs during pregnancy, is estimated to affect between 1 in 28,000 and 1 in 100,000 pregnancies, according to the Journal of Sexual Medicine.

A systematic review by the National Centre for Biotechnology Information, which analysed reports from 1962 to 2022, identified just 66 documented cases of gestational gigantomastia.

In Africa, the picture is even less clear. According to the Nigerian Journal of Medicine, fewer than ten cases have been described across the continent. This low figure is believed to reflect stigma, poor access to healthcare and limited reporting rather than the true scale of the problem.

Local clinical experience suggests that some women in Kenya may be living with undiagnosed or untreated gigantomastia, particularly during pregnancy, only seeking care once the condition becomes debilitating. This suggests the condition may be more present in the region than the sparse statistics indicate.

Treatment depends on severity. Conservative management may involve medication such as tamoxifen, which works by blocking hormone receptors, or bromocriptine in pregnancy to reduce hormonal stimulation. However, results are inconsistent and usually temporary. As the National Library of Medicine reports, medication often provides incomplete relief.

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"The mainstay of treatment is reduction mammoplasty or, in severe or recurrent cases, mastectomy with reconstruction," says Dr Were. Surgery is frequently the only lasting option to relieve pain, restore mobility and improve quality of life.

Yet recurrence after surgery remains a concern.

According to Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery – Global Open, rates of regrowth range from zero to 52.9 per cent depending on patient age and underlying triggers. A systematic review of adolescent patients found that 18 per cent experienced regrowth, and about 2.7 per cent required another reduction.

In pregnancy-related cases, recurrence after reduction can reach 100 per cent during subsequent pregnancies, which is why some surgeons recommend mastectomy as a more definitive solution.

In uncommon instances, the condition has been linked to an underlying tissue change called pseudoangiomatous stromal hyperplasia (PASH).

Gigantomastia, though rare, is a condition with far-reaching consequences.

It is not merely a cosmetic concern but a serious medical and psychological burden. Awareness and early access to care can make a transformative difference.

Why you should treat alcoholism as medical emergency

By Dr Catherine Syengo Mutisya

Many people assume that because they don't consume alcoholic beverages daily, they are okay with weekend drinking of alcohol regardless of the amounts.

It is therefore important to understand what binge drinking is.

Binge drinking is characterized by episodic intermittent heavy alcohol consumption within a short period. Such can lead to impaired judgement, increased risk of accidents, alcohol poisoning, and negative effects on physical and mental health. It can also lead to compulsive behaviours such as drunk driving and unprotected sexual contacts.

According to most dietary guidelines, adults who choose to drink should limit their intake to two drinks or less in a day for men and one drink or less in a day for women. It is safest to avoid alcohol altogether if you are taking medications that interact with alcohol, managing a medical condition that can be made worse by drinking, under the age of 21, those suffering from alcohol use disorder (AUD) or unable to control the amount they drink and those who are pregnant or planning to be pregnant.

On September 10, the world united to mark World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) and it is important to remember that alcohol misuse is associated with a 94 per cent increase in the risk of death by suicide. As a depressant, alcohol can worsen feelings of loneliness and depression. It can also enhance aggression, influence decision-making, and lower inhibitions. Persons with family history of alcohol use disorder should remember that they are genetically predisposed to the same problem.

Recognizing when alcohol consumption becomes problematic is essential for both ourselves and those around us.

If we, or our loved, ones are struggling with severe alcohol use disorder or engaging in regular binge drinking, getting the right professional help and support is crucial.

Correct diagnosis that teases out the problem and the extend of the problem is essential. Alcohol use disorder can coexist with other mental health problems like anxiety and depression.

At times it is hard to tell which is the egg and which is the chicken. Medical laboratory tests and physical examination can also reveal medical complications like liver function derangement, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, deranged lipid profile and even alcohol related memory loss.

Alcohol withdrawal can be very severe and if untreated, or incorrectly managed, could even lead to death.

It is therefore important to treat alcohol withdrawal as a medical emergency.

Facilities without proper medical personnel should therefore refer severe cases to the facilities with adequate personnel and appropriate medical commodities.

Various treatment options are available, including therapy, support groups, and medical interventions.

Dr Mutisya is a consultant psychiatrist with 25 years of medical practice experience

THE MAIN DOSE

The quiet mental health crisis after

Pregnancy loss is not just medical, it's mental, emotional, and social. Unless grief support and maternal care improve, Kenya's mothers will keep carrying invisible wounds and unanswered cries for help.

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When 21-year-old Loice Ongayo from Chavakali, Vihiga County, first conceived in 2024, she imagined holding her newborn and beginning life as a mother in her newly married home. But that dream ended abruptly when she lost the pregnancy at just four months.

Shaken but still hopeful, she conceived again in November of the same year. Yet three months later, in February 2025, tragedy struck once more. Her second pregnancy ended in complications that left her bleeding, heartbroken—and, perhaps most devastating of all—chased away from her marital home.

"My husband and in-laws accused me of deliberately losing the pregnancies. They said I was cursed. I was sent away while still bleeding. That is how my marriage ended," Loice recalls, her voice breaking.

For Loice, losing two pregnancies in less than two years was not just a personal tragedy. It became the beginning of isolation, rejection, and untreated trauma.

Healthcare struggles

She remembers experiencing severe abdominal pain during her second pregnancy and pleading with her husband to take her to Vihiga County Referral Hospital.

"On that day the doctors and nurses were on strike, and I waited for long before anyone attended to me," she said. Help came too late—she miscarried again, before even the 13th week.

Doctors later reported that chromosomal abnormalities in the foetus may have caused the miscarriages. But to her husband and family, this explanation meant nothing. They accused her of losing the pregnancies on purpose and claimed she did not love her husband.

As she bled, she was asked to leave her marital home and returned to her parents in Chavakali. "With no money for treatment, my father used herbs to stop the bleeding after the miscarriage," Loice recalls.

The pain of losing her pregnancies was compounded by ridicule from her in-laws and a section of the community. She sank into stress and depression-like symptoms.

Silent suffering

Her guardian, Agneta Kasoha, noticed worrying changes in how the young woman was behaving, and she lost weight after losing her appetite.

"Loice has always been a friendly person. But after losing her pregnancies and facing stigma from her husband's side and society, she became very shy and withdrawn," said Kasoha.

Her story echoes that of many women across the country who suffer silently after losing pregnancies or infants, trapped by stigma, neglect, and the absence of structured mental health support.

Pregnancy loss, stillbirth, and early infant death are far more common in Kenya than many realise. Kenya's neonatal mortality rate according to Ministry of Health data is around 21 deaths per 1,000 live births, with approximately one-third of these deaths due to complications from prematurity.

The country records an estimated 127,000 to 193,000 preterm births annually. Meanwhile, stillbirths number approximately 35,000 each year. The World Health Organisation (WHO) further reports that sub-Saharan Africa has the highest neonatal mortality rate in the world—27 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2022.

Nearly half of all stillbirths globally occur in the region, highlighting a huge, often invisible, burden of loss. Without improvements in maternal and newborn care, many of these losses are preventable.

In Vihiga—where healthcare facilities are under-resourced—the burden is even heavier. For every story, such as Loice's, countless others go untold: young mothers whose pregnancies end abruptly or whose infants die before their first birthday.

Beyond the statistics are women carrying invisible wounds of depression, anxiety, and shame—often with no one to turn to.

When Sarah Munaji, 23, from Emuhaya, gave birth to twins at Vihiga County Referral Hospital in April 2024, she was filled with joy and fear in equal measure.

The babies were born prematurely at 32 weeks, weighing 1.2 and 1.1 kilogrammes, and were placed in incubators. For weeks, she prayed they would survive. But one month later, one twin developed a heart complication.

Sarah Munaji, 23, cradles her one-year-old during a counseling session with community health promoter Sophia Orango. She lost the baby's twin to a heart complication when the child was just one month old. [Brian Kisanji, Standard]

Doctors recommended urgent surgery, but Sarah could not raise the funds. "I could not afford the surgery, that's how I ended up losing one of my twins," she said softly.

The child had a congenital heart defect that prevented proper blood circulation, leading to organ failure. When the doctors told her that she had lost one of the twins, she feared the same would befall the other one. "I wanted to wail in the paediatric ward, but the nurses stopped me. That was the beginning of my silent and inward fight with grief," she said.

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> **Loice Ongayo,** bereaved mother

Her surviving twin brought her comfort, but the loss of the other plunged her into sorrow. "I did not even know how to grieve. Everyone around me told me to be strong for the baby who lived. But inside, I was broken," she said.

The twins' father went missing, leaving the young mother in anguish with little help. Her grief was worsened by financial strain. "We sold almost everything to pay for incubator care. When my baby died, I was left with debts and no child. It felt like I had lost twice."

Community response

Nancy Savai, from Mubita village in Emuhaya, lost her pregnancy in the fourth month last year. "They did an ultrasound and found my baby had died in the womb. I went home empty-handed and in tears," she recalled.

She says the pain of carrying the foetus back home for burial was saddening. At the hospital, there was no follow-up counselling. She spent just one night due to lack of funds and went home without any support.

Her husband, James Mundia, remembers her crying through the nights and withdrawing from everyone. "The stress and depression that came with losing our baby girl was unimaginable, especially for my wife," he said.

Nancy changed her behaviour, and that worried her husband, who felt she had even withdrawn from him. Later on, she regained herself after several counselling sessions with church elders.

What makes these losses worse is not only the death itself but how society responds. In many Kenyan communities, pregnancy loss is whispered about rather than acknowledged. Women are blamed, accused of witchcraft, or told they are cursed.

When a woman experiences pregnancy loss—whether through miscarriage (spontaneous abortion before 20 weeks), stillbirth (foetal death after 20 weeks), or neonatal death (death within the first 28 days of life)—she faces not only physical recovery but also significant emotional and psychological challenges.

Medical experts say the grieving process often involves postpartum grief disorder, which, if not addressed, can progress into major depressive disorder (MDD) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Symptoms may include prolonged sadness, insomnia, loss of appetite, withdrawal from social interactions, or even somatic complaints such as chronic headaches and abdominal pain.

Linet Indiazi, the Vihiga County Head Psychologist, stresses the importance of

miscarriage and infant loss

timely support to women who undergo this traumatic loss. "When a woman loses a child, if she is not guided, she risks falling into depression. Early psychological intervention is crucial in preventing long-term mental health conditions," she said.

Doctors recommend that women undergo psychological debriefing within the first weeks after loss. This may include cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) to address negative thought patterns, grief counselling, and, where necessary, pharmacotherapy using antidepressants or anxiolytics under medical supervision. Physical recovery is also essential.

After a miscarriage or stillbirth, women are encouraged to seek postnatal care, which includes monitoring for postpartum haemorrhage, sepsis, or retained products of conception. Nutritional support—especially iron and folate supplementation—helps the body recover.

"Equally important is community and family support, and in some cases we recommend peer-support groups, church-based counselling, or guided sessions by Community Health Promoters (CHPs) to help mothers process their grief," Ms Indiazi said.

For many rural women, their hope lies with community health promoters as government hospitals lack enough counsellors to provide mental health therapy. This is evident in Vihiga County, where CHPs have become saviours for women who cannot access specialised treatment after loss.

Mildred Nyabera, a Community Health Promoter (CHP) in Chavakali, says the gap is glaring between a woman losing a child and the recovery process, especially mentally.

Nutritional support

"There is a huge gap in how mothers are helped after losing pregnancies, stillbirths, or infants. The healing process is left to chance, with little counselling or follow-up. Many are left in silence," Nyabera said.

Her colleague, Sophia Orango, who manages 153 households in Mubita village, notes that these cases have long been left unaddressed. "Every six months, at least one mother in my area suffers a pregnancy loss, a stillbirth, or an early infant death. The problem is not just medical—it is also the stigma and neglect from society. Women are told to 'move on' instead of being given the help they need," Orango noted.

Globally, studies show that mothers who lose babies are at least twice as likely to suffer depression and anxiety. In Kenya—where mental health services are underfunded—most women never see a counsellor.

A 2023 study by the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) found that fewer than 10 per cent of Kenyan parents who lost babies accessed professional mental health care. Both national and county governments report that they are working to strengthen mental health services, but stakeholders say progress is slow.

Nicholas Kitungulu, Vihiga's County Executive for Health, estimates that 20 per cent of the county's population is at risk of experiencing mental health issues, particularly women who lose children.

He, however, acknowledges that when the women leave the facilities, little is done and most end up suffering in silence in the rural villages. "There is a gap that we are addressing to ensure that we have follow-up sessions and journey with the women, but currently CHPs are of big help," Kitungulu said.

Mental health checks

Recently, Thalia Psychotherapy Group, in partnership with the county government, launched the Maisha Mothers Programme in Vihiga. At its launch, the programme targeted women who had undergone loss and needed mental health services.

The programme integrates mental health checks into maternal visits and offers economic relief through the Maisha Duka scheme, which allows mothers to buy essential goods at subsidised prices. "Women who are in the situation of losing babies are not just dealing with grief—they are also struggling financially. That's where we come in," said Mercy Mwende, Thalia's Chief Operations Officer.

The group, which focuses on mental health awareness and treatment, believes that rural women who have lost pregnancies or infants also deserve financial assistance. "Through Maisha Duka, we ensure they can at least meet basic household needs as they recover," said Mwende.

Through Thalia Psychotherapy Group, the aim is that both government and non-governmental organisations can resolve cases like those of Loice, Sarah, and Nancy—stories that reflect the grief of thousands of women across Kenya.

They share the narrative that pain is not just about medical loss—it is about being left alone in their darkest moments, stigmatised by culture, and neglected by systems meant to protect them. "Every stillbirth or infant death is more than a statistic. It is a broken dream. And until we start treating it as such, mothers will continue to suffer in silence," Mwende said.

Mental health experts warn that unless programmes like this are scaled up, Kenya risks perpetuating cycles of trauma, poverty, and silent suffering.

Deadly gaps: Why mothers are losing babies too soon

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Loice Ongayo (right), who lost two pregnancies with Mildred Nyabera, a community health promoter in Chavakali. [Brian Kisanji, Standard]

Pregnancy is a delicate journey, yet many women unknowingly engage in habits that raise the risk of miscarriage, especially in the first trimester.

Doctors warn that lifestyle choices, untreated health conditions, and delayed access to care are major contributors.

One of the most dangerous practices is self-medication.

Dr Clarence Eboso of Vihiga County Referral Hospital stresses that seemingly simple choices can easily lead to the loss of a pregnancy.

"Many expectant mothers buy painkillers or herbal remedies without medical guidance, unaware that some of these substances can trigger uterine contractions or harm the developing foetus," he explains.

Others continue heavy lifting and strenuous work, which strains the body during the critical early weeks.

"Harmful substances, unbalanced diets, and failure to attend antenatal clinics can be tragic for expectant mothers," Dr Eboso adds.

The use of alcohol, cigarettes, and recreational drugs also remains a leading but preventable cause of pregnancy loss.

On medical grounds, Dr Eboso explains that early pregnancy losses (first-trimester miscarriages) are often biologically driven by chromosomal abnormalities.

Vital screenings

At the same time, poor nutrition and skipping antenatal visits deny mothers vital screenings for high blood pressure, infections, and diabetes—conditions that can silently threaten both mother and child.

"Untreated infections, poorly controlled chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension, undernutrition," he says.

For instance, he points to studies in Western and Nyanza regions that show higher burdens of adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Contributing factors include higher rates of malaria in pregnancy, HIV prevalence, adolescent pregnancies, and lower coverage of continuous, quality antenatal care.

"Here in Western, studies show that clinically detected miscarriages are common. Community cohort research in rural western Kenya found cumulative miscarriage probabilities approaching 19 percent," he explains.

He adds that poor readiness of health facilities to deliver basic newborn care often compounds the risk.

In some regions, long distances to referral hospitals, shortages of skilled birth attendants, and gaps in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) contribute to infections in both mothers and newborns.

These challenges often result in late presentation when complications arise.

"Many early losses happen because mothers did not get continuous, quality antenatal care. Infections go untreated, pre-eclampsia is not identified early, and referrals are delayed," Dr Eboso says.

Skilled help

"If we close the gaps in antenatal care, iron and infection screening, and ensure skilled attendance at birth, we could prevent a large share of these tragedies."

Data from the Ministry of Health shows that many women in Kenya lose pregnancies or babies in the first weeks of life for reasons that are often preventable.

Early pregnancy loss (miscarriage) and neonatal death (within the first 28 days) together account for a large share of reproductive losses.

Kenya's 2022 Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS) reports a neonatal mortality rate of about 21 deaths per 1,000 live births and an infant mortality rate of 32 per 1,000—meaning a large proportion of child deaths occur within the first month of life.

Medical experts recommend strengthening antenatal care (ANC) and expanding family planning and preconception services.

Addressing chronic disease and malnutrition before conception reduces unintended pregnancies and improves maternal health. Wider contraceptive access also lowers the number of high-risk pregnancies and allows healthier pregnancy timing.

Finally, experts emphasise the importance of better data and vital registration.

Improved tracking of miscarriages, stillbirths, and neonatal deaths through civil registration and facility reporting would help counties plan targeted interventions and reduce preventable losses.

Dr Eboso urges the government and health sector stakeholders to enhance collaboration and form sustainable partnerships to deal with the persistently high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality in Kenya.

MY STORY

Type 1 diabetes: Inside teen's life where every prick means survival

Living with juvenile diabetes means daily morning injections, evening routines and tough sacrifices, but for 14-year-old Johnny Chege, it's also about hope, family love and chasing dreams beyond the diagnosis

Ken Chege watches over his son, Johnny Chege, as he administers an insulin injection in his right arm at their home in Bombolulu, Mombasa. [Sharon Wanga, Standard]

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An alarm rings at 6am every morning, and 14-year-old Johnny Chege wakes up to prick his fingers and check his blood sugar levels.

It's a ritual Johnny has followed daily since November 2020, when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"It's a school day, so I wake up at 6am to check my sugar level. I freshen up, then inject my Novorapid insulin before eating breakfast because I've already checked my sugar," Johnny explains, describing his morning routine.

Before every meal, Johnny draws insulin into a pen and injects himself — a life-saving necessity that has become as routine as brushing his teeth.

Daily discipline

He doesn't eat breakfast at school; instead, he waits until lunchtime and ensures he injects at least 15 minutes before the meal. "Then I calculate the amount of carbohydrates I'm about to eat. I paint a picture in my mind of how much food I want to eat, depending on how much my stomach can accommodate," Johnny says.

He explains that visualising his food intake helps him inject the correct amount of insulin.

When he returns home to Bombolulu in the evening, he sticks to zero-carbohydrate snacks and enjoys some of his favourites, such as eggs.

At around 8:30pm, he has dinner, and later, by 10pm, he injects the Lantus pen, a long-acting insulin used to maintain stable blood sugar levels. "Depending on my sugar level, I take something before bed. If it ranges between nine and 12, I take half a glass of milk. If it's around eight, I'll add a slice of bread or have a piece of fruit," he adds.

Johnny's father, Ken Chege, recalls how it all began, with persistent thirst and frequent urination, despite Johnny having had a normal childhood.

"We started noticing ants gathering around the toilet bowl after he had used it. He would also take two litres of water to bed and finish it by morning," recounts Chege, a resident of Mombasa.

Worried, the parents took their then nine-year-old son to a paediatrician, who recommended both a blood sugar test and a haemoglobin A1C test — which confirmed their fears.

It was type 1 diabetes.

They were immediately provided with a mixed-start insulin to begin managing the condition, along with a sugar level testing kit. "Having a child with such a condition was devastating for us as parents. This is something you have to manage every single day. He has to test his sugar regularly. He has to inject himself every time, it's not easy for a child, or even for the parents," Chege shares.

Since there were no paediatric endocrinologists in Mombasa, Johnny's parents were referred to Nairobi, where they began their treatment journey.

"At first, it took time to process the diagnosis. I was in denial because I went from having a normal life to suddenly being someone who needed injections every day," Johnny recalls.

Crucial support

Initially, the family struggled to manage the condition, particularly in a school setting. They had to explain the situation to Johnny's teachers, who fortunately responded positively and took it upon themselves to help supervise him during the school day.

It wasn't until 2023 that Johnny began to truly adapt, following consistent advice from doctors and his parents. He started practising how to calculate food portions and better manage his diabetes.

With the aid of technology — such as a glucometer and mobile applications — monitoring has become easier for both Johnny and his parents.

"Now, when he tests his sugars while at school, we can monitor it through the app on our phones. We see when he's tested and help track his sugar levels over time," says Chege.

However, the cost of treatment remains a significant burden for the family.

Although Chege's employer provides medical cover that assists with Johnny's check-ups, it's not enough to cover all the expenses. "I still have to dig into my own pocket, spending between Sh15,000 and Sh20,000 a month. An insulin pen costs about Sh2,400, plus the testing kits and strips, and you can imagine, he tests his sugar four to five times a day," he explains.

In addition, Johnny requires a full medical check-up annually, further adding to the financial strain.

Chege notes that apart from the cost, a lack of awareness also complicates the management of type 1 diabetes in children.

He recounts an incident involving a young boy begging in the streets of Nyali, Mombasa, for money to buy insulin.

"That incident moved my wife and me to start raising awareness, because many people can't differentiate between type 1 and type 2 diabetes — especially in children," he says.

Since then, the couple has transformed their personal experience into advocacy, organising awareness events in Mombasa to spotlight childhood diabetes.

Five years on, the family has adapted to the daily demands of diabetes management — from purchasing insulin and testing supplies to meticulously planning meals to help keep Johnny's blood sugar in check.

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> **Ken Chege,** Johnny's father

Lifelong condition

Johnny's endocrinologist, Dr Renson Mukhwana, explains that type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition in which the immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. This distinguishes it from type 2 diabetes, which is often linked to lifestyle factors. "In children, type 1 diabetes isn't caused by diet or inactivity; it's a lifelong condition requiring daily insulin for survival. A balanced, healthy diet is recommended, focusing on carbohydrate portions that match insulin doses and meet bodily needs. Exercise is important — it supports bodily function, enhances insulin effectiveness, and helps with weight control," says Dr Mukhwana.

He urges parents to watch for symptoms, such as excessive thirst, frequent urination (especially at night), fatigue, and weight loss, as early signs of diabetes in children.

He warns that early symptoms are often overlooked, leading to delayed diagnosis, sometimes only discovered after the onset of diabetic ketoacidosis, a life-threatening condition.

Dr Mukhwana also highlights the challenge of access: "Access to the right insulin preparations and glucose monitoring devices remains limited. Many schools lack nurses, and food insecurity in rural areas further complicates care," he shares.

"Stock-outs in public health facilities aren't uncommon. Insurance providers often restrict quantities or extend coverage limits. Currently, many children rely on partner-funded programmes, but we hope county governments will step in to provide free supplies," he adds.

Beyond medical concerns, he stresses the emotional and social toll of living with diabetes. "It does affect the child. He must inject himself before every meal, which requires privacy. That can lead to stigma and emotional strain. Teachers should be aware of the condition and ready to offer support in case of emergencies," Dr Mukhwana advises.

Though diabetes cases in children are increasing, he clarifies that the real spike is in type 2 diabetes, largely due to poor dietary habits and sedentary lifestyles. "Better public and health provider awareness has improved diagnosis in children who might otherwise have been misdiagnosed or lost. Type 2 diabetes among teens is growing due to lifestyle issues and obesity," he adds.

He says insulin therapy remains the gold standard globally, with emerging delivery systems, such as insulin pumps and glucose sensors helping to reduce the burden of daily injections.

Diabetes burden

Kenya continues to grapple with a growing diabetes burden, contributing to complications such as blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, strokes, and amputations.

According to the Access to Medicine Foundation's 2024 report, approximately 6,500 children and young people under 20 were living with type 1 diabetes. That year, 1,400 new cases were diagnosed, and approximately 570 deaths were attributed to related complications.

The World Health Organisation also reported that adult diabetes prevalence in Kenya rose from 3.3 per cent in 2015 to around 4.0 per cent by 2021, with projections expected to reach 4.5 per cent by 2025.

In response, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Kenya's Ministry of Health have developed national guidelines and built networks of county-level diabetes clinics.

For Johnny, however, not all is lost — he still aspires to make a difference in society. "I really want to make an impact — to be among the first entrepreneurs living with type 1 diabetes. I used to play sports, but now I reflect more on my life. I play drums in church, swim, and cycle — it helps me escape reality," Johnny shares.

He attributes his strength and motivation to the support of his family and friends.

Despite the challenges, the Chege family remains optimistic. "Sometimes his sugar spikes due to infections," says Chege. "But with support from friends and family, we keep going."

MY STORY

What nearly killed me was not a fall in the bathroom **but a drug-resistant infection**

Dr John Kariuki underwent hip replacement surgery, but recovery never came. Instead his condition deteriorated. Despite aggressive treatment, antibiotics failed to contain an infection and his life hung in the balance.

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On October 6, 2020 veterinarian John Kariuki, fell in his bathroom. It took one year of excruciating pain, surgeries and a myriad of drugs before healing.

What almost killed him was not the fall but an unseen enemy known as the silent pandemic — anti-microbial resistance.

Anti-microbials are drugs that treat infections.

Resistance begins when germs have become stronger than the drugs. Thus the body becomes resistant if you use antibiotics too much or the wrong way, like not finishing the dose or taking them when we don't need them.

After Dr Kariuki fell, he rested for three days then decided to go to hospital after experiencing excruciating pain.

"It began with a misdiagnosis. When they took an x-ray, they were unable to identify the problem. Or rather they misdiagnosed because they gave me muscle relaxants and pain killers."

Ten days later when the pain did not subside, he went back to the hospital for a CT scan. That showed a complete fracture of the hip. The femur, the long bone of the leg was completely separated from the pelvis.

On November 18, 2020 he went for a hip replacement surgery. However, he never recovered and his health deteriorated.

"The antibiotics were not effective, three weeks later I was again hospitalised in ICU. They inserted a negative pressure therapy machine which was supposed to suck up all the effluents from the surgical sites. The infection was still going on despite the antibiotics I was taking," says Kariuki

In January 2021, he was rushed to Kijabe Hospital. This was during the Covid period and due to lack of bed space he spent the night at a hotel.

"I remember that night, all the bandages, towels, sheets got soaked with the discharge from the surgical site. And the following morning the hospital told me the kidneys were almost failing. So they referred me back to Kenyatta National Hospital. Again, there was a problem of accommodation," he says

He spent the night in the corridors.

There was a nurse who was giving him intravenous fluids. A day later he was taken to a high dependency unit where he was stabilised. However, the infection was still on.

He was then taken to the general ward, while taking a powerful antibiotic. He underwent another surgery to control the infection.

"This was February 1 and I remember the orthopaedic surgeon said he had never removed dead tissue from a human body like the much he removed from me. And that was what was causing the illness. I continued to recuperate in the ward, but still the infection was not going away," he says

Kariuki contracted Covid while in the hospital and recovered in May. He went home on a wheelchair. After five weeks the wound had not healed.

He went for a culture sensitivity testing. A lab procedure that involves growing germs from a body sample to diagnose an infection and identify the most effective medicine to treat it.

The results indicated that out of 18 antibiotics he was taking, only one was effective. They administered the one antibiotic.

"Towards the end of October, I did another culture sensitivity testing. The infection was gone. By the beginning of November, while I was still doing physiotherapy, I had graduated from walking two metres using a four-legged walker. Then I began walking with crutches. That was a journey that took a year to recover."

So, how did he become resistant to antibiotics?

"I acquired the infection in the theatre. When I had the fracture, I had no part of my body that was open. I didn't get a wound," says Kariuki

"They are organisms that live in hospitals. Hospitals use a lot of antimicrobials. Every now and then, there are some organisms that become resistant to drugs."

Medics are encouraged to do antimicrobial susceptibility testing before they administer antibiotics.

"What we missed in the beginning was antimicrobial susceptibility testing. If this was done early, I would not have gone into sickness. We would have administered the right drug at the right time."

Margaret Oluka, the antimicrobial use technical lead at the University of Nairobi, says the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) prevalence in the country is 44 per cent

Dr John Kariuki.

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Following a research done in the country, Ceftriaxone was ranked top, among the most common used antibiotics at 23 per cent..

"This is an antibiotic that should not be used commonly in our hospitals. Because according to World Health Organisation (WHO), it is in the group called Watch antibiotic. It should be used for very serious infections," said Prof Oluka.

According to the WHO, antibiotics are classified into three groups — Access, Watch and Reserve — taking into account the impact of different antibiotics and antibiotic classes on antimicrobial resistance, to emphasise the importance of their appropriate use.

"We should be using more commonly antibiotics in the Access category, but we are unfortunately using an antibiotic that we should use for serious infections. Already, about 70 per cent resistance has developed from Ceftriaxone," says Oluka

Among top 10 antibiotics that is commonly prescribed is meropenem at position six.

Meropenem is in the Reserve category. It should be used for very serious bacterial infections.

Loice Ombajo, an infectious diseases specialist, says globally trends of AMR have been rising over time, these trend seems to be higher in resource-limited settings, for example in southeast Asia, south American countries and sub-Saharan Africa.

"But beyond having the highest rates of AMR, they're also the least equipped to manage AMR, because managing AMR means you're able to detect it and to detect it means you need to have well established labora-

Infectious diseases specialist at the University of Nairobi, Dr Loice Ombajo. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

tory systems."

Dr Ombajo adds, "once detected, it needs to be contained which means within hospitals, you must have the capacity to ensure that it doesn't spread from patient to patient. But then you also need to have the capacity to treat it, which means access to antibiotics that are not routinely available."

According to WHO antimicrobial resistance would lead to 10 million deaths by the year 2050 with Africa accounting for 4.5 million if nothing is done to combat the silent pandemic.

Over the years AMR has been referred to as the silent the silent pandemic, however, Ombajo says that it no longer a silent pandemic. The reason AMR has been silent is because it is not easily detected.

"Patients die in hospitals, and we don't know why they die. It's time that we now identified what is ailing us, "says Ombajo

She said patients are sometimes misdiagnosed and told they have blood infections, while probably 60 to 70 per cent of them are resistant to antibiotics.

Emmanuel Tanui, of the National AMR Focal Point for Kenya, working with Ministry of Health, says they are guided by a national action plan for prevention and containment of AMR, which identifies the things that need to be prioritised.

"One of them is creating awareness across communities, as well as among professionals. Once people are aware about the level of resistance and the impact that it causes, then they can be able to start the journey of the behaviour change. The other factor is reducing infections," says Dr Tanui.

According to Ali Kassim, a clinical microbiologist at the Ministry of Health, through partnerships they have been able to equip many microbiology facilities across the country.

"The equipment is able to do blood cultures, detect the bacteria and resistant patterns," says Dr Kassim

According to Maurice Murungi, a veterinarian and epidemiologist, when affected animals are treated with antibiotics, residues can remain in their meat if not well managed. When humans consume this, they ingest the antibiotics.

"Over time, this exposure can contribute to the development of antibiotic resistance, as it may not be sufficient to kill bacteria found in humans completely, but would be enough to encourage bacteria to adapt and become resistant. This means that when humans become ill and use antibiotics to treat infections, the drugs become less effective," says Dr Murungi.

Many Kenyans are living with untreated sexually transmitted infections. Do you get tested routinely for STIs?

Bravin Oburae, Street photographer

The STI that concerns me the most is HIV because it's a lifelong condition with no known cure. Although antiretroviral therapy can manage the virus, the expenses and potential long-term effects are daunting for me. I'm aware that many Nairobians live with untreated STIs due to fear of exposure and stigma. As for testing, I went for an STI test with my partner, and we trust each other. If I were to contract STI, I would inform my partner so we could navigate the situation together and prevent further transmission. Open communication and mutual support are crucial in such situations.

Sammy Wanyama Ochieng, Street photographer

I am particularly concerned about HIV because it's a serious and lifetime situation. What's alarming is that some Gen Z individuals are born with HIV and may not disclose their status to their partners due to fear of rejection. I was tested for STI, when I was in school, but I wasn't sexually active at the time. If I were to contract an STI, I would seek treatment discreetly due to fear of social judgment. However, I understand the importance of getting tested and treated to prevent long-term health consequences.

Peris Wamboi, Media consultant

I am not fearful of STIs because I am informed about them, and knowledge is power. I believe in getting tested regularly to monitor my health status. If partners suspect they have been exposed to an STI, they should get tested together. It's essential to create a safe and non-judgmental environment where people feel comfortable seeking medical help. By doing so, we can work together to prevent the spread of STIs and promote overall well-being.

June Maenya, Businesswoman

Chlamydia and gonorrhea are STIs that concern me due to the stigma and misjudgment associated with them. Many people are affected, and it's essential to get tested regularly. I go for routine checkups at government hospitals to monitor my health. If I were to contract an STI, I would inform my partner out of love and concern for their well-being. Open communication and mutual support are vital in preventing the spread of STIs and ensuring that both partners receive treatment if needed.

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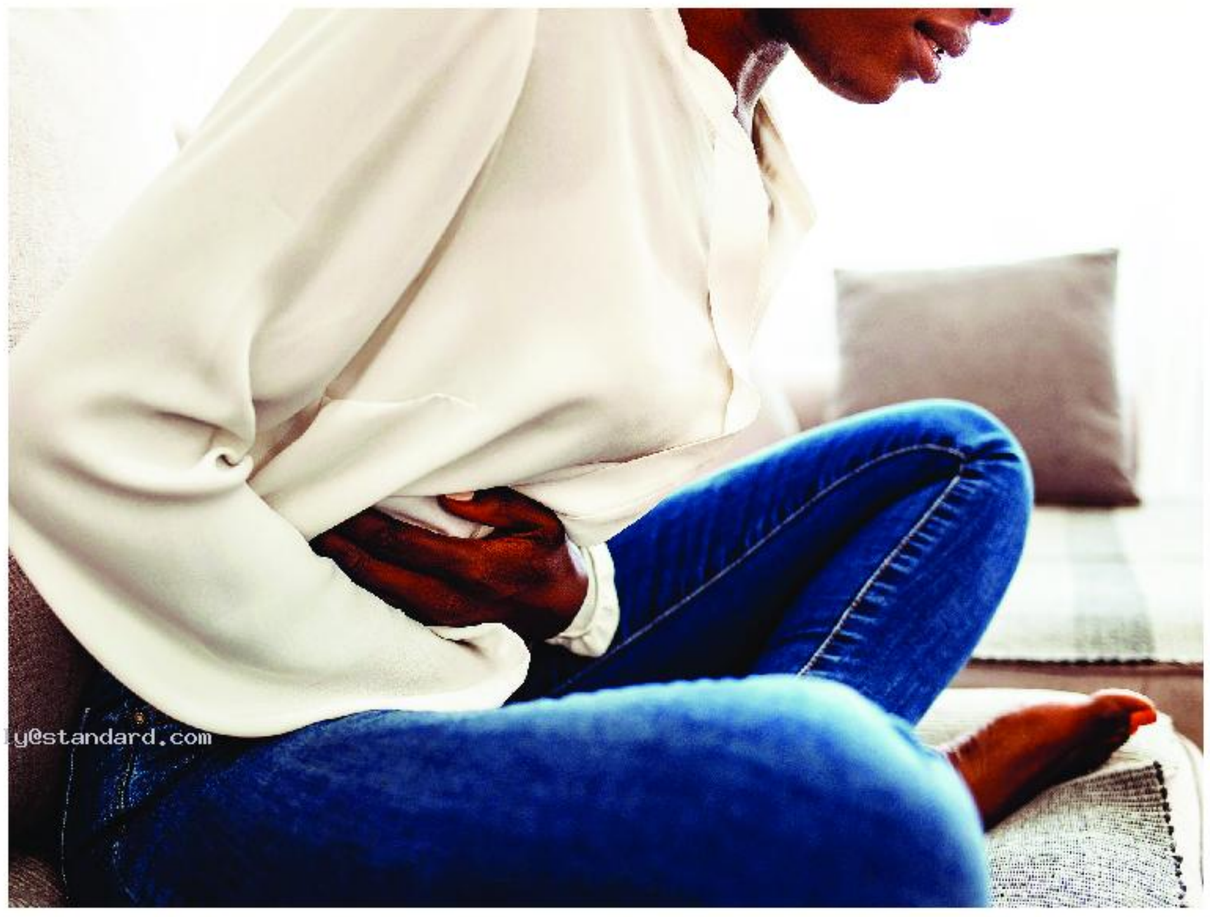
FEATURE

Unseen, untreated: Clinicians sound alarm on silent STI epidemic

Five per cent of patients undergoing treatment for sexually transmitted infections fail to recover. STIs increase vulnerability to HIV because lesions and inflammation create entry points for the virus.



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Experts are sounding the alarm over the rising prevalence of untreated sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Kenya, warning that they are silently driving infertility rates and fuelling new HIV infections.

At least half of those who test positive for STIs show no symptoms, a situation health officials say calls for urgent investment in routine screening and targeted treatment.

The revelations came during the unveiling of the Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Kenya clinic in Mathare, Nairobi, now the country's largest standalone comprehensive care centre dedicated to sexual and reproductive health.

The facility is equipped with cutting-edge polymerase chain reaction (PCR) machines capable of testing for 12 infections at once, enabling clinicians to confirm the exact cause of infections such as syphilis, gonorrhoea and chlamydia before treatment is initiated.

"At Mathare, we are launching a new service we're calling wellness. We screen for all types of STIs and treat based on laboratory evidence, not guesswork," said Samuel Kinyanjui, Country Director, AHF Kenya.

AHF is collaborating with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) to conduct more research on the treatment of STIs.

Dr Kinyanjui said two to five per cent of patients undergoing syndromic treatment for STIs fail to recover. This is despite undergoing first, second and third lines of treatment.

"By introducing PCR testing and collaborating with Kemri on culture and drug-sensitivity testing, we can precisely identify the cause and select the drug that works. That means faster recovery for clients and fewer chances of onward transmission."

Clinicians describe STIs as a "silent epidemic", pointing to the large number of clients who carry infections unknowingly.

According to AHF Kenya, at least 20 people visit the clinic daily, with a positivity rate of roughly 75 per cent for the three leading STIs, namely syphilis, gonorrhoea and chlamydia.

"Many of our clients are adolescents and young people, and interestingly, about half of them come without symptoms but test positive for STIs," said Joshua Shumbuya, a clinical officer at AHF Kenya. "Routine screening is critical to catch these infections early and prevent long-term complications like infertility."

Left untreated, STIs can lead to blocked fallopian tubes, chronic pelvic pain and ectopic pregnancies in women, as well as reduced sperm count and quality in men.

They also increase vulnerability to HIV infection because lesions and inflammation create entry points for the virus.

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Kenya's public health system has traditionally relied on syndromic management, a method of treating patients based only on visible symptoms.

While useful in resource-limited settings, experts warn that this approach often leads to under-diagnosis, overtreatment, and missed infections, especially in asymptomatic cases.

"PCR is the gold standard but often out of reach due to cost. AHF's investment bridges that gap," said Stephen Ndolo, Director of Promotion and Programme Management at the National Syndemic Diseases Control Council. Dr Ndolo said diagnosing specific infections, rather than treating syndromes alone, improves outcomes and protects the wider community from infection.

A single PCR test costs between Sh4,800 and Sh5,500, but the entire cost including consultation, medication and follow-up is absorbed by AHF Kenya with support from partners.

The average value of a "wellness" episode of care is estimated at Sh7,500, provided at no charge to the client.

The Mathare Wellness Clinic is designed as a one-stop hub for sexual and reproductive health services, including STI counselling, testing and health education.

Other services to be offered include PCR-based STI diagnosis and treatment for gonorrhoea, chlamydia, syphilis and HIV; HIV prevention services including Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), and condom education and distribution; partner notification and follow-up to prevent reinfection; and TB screening and treatment.

Maternal, child and adolescent services, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, immunisation and HPV vaccination, shall also be offered at the centre.

Individuals visiting the centre are registered using unique identifiers to protect privacy.

After counselling and risk assessment, clinicians order urine, blood or swab tests.

Those with recurrent or resistant infections are referred for culture and drug-sensitivity testing through AHF's partnership with Kemri.

Anthony Kiplagat, Head of the HIV, STI and Viral Hepatitis Programme at the Nairobi County Government, said the facility will help fill critical data gaps that have hindered effective STI control.

"For a long time, STIs have been a silent epidemic. With this partnership, we can finally collect data specific to STIs and improve the quality of care," said Kiplagat.

Mathare is being used as a sentinel surveillance site to inform national STI treatment guidelines.

Data collected here will guide drug procurement, monitor resistance patterns, and shape prevention campaigns targeting high-risk groups such as adolescents, sex workers and key populations.

While most clients prefer to remain anonymous, clinicians say many patients come to the clinic after experiencing repeated infections or failed treatment elsewhere.

"One young woman told us she had been treated three times for gonorrhoea, but the infection kept coming back. When we did PCR testing, we discovered the strain was resistant to the drug she was given. We switched to the right antibiotic, and she finally got better," said Shumbuya.

He said such cases highlight the value of evidence-based treatment and the danger of self-medication or incomplete treatment, which contribute to rising antimicrobial resistance.

Experts noted that the Mathare clinic will bridge long-standing gaps in financing and service delivery, ensuring Nairobi residents, including vulnerable groups such as adolescents and street families, can access timely, high-quality care.

An online booking portal is also being developed to reduce patient waiting times.