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Enigma bows out

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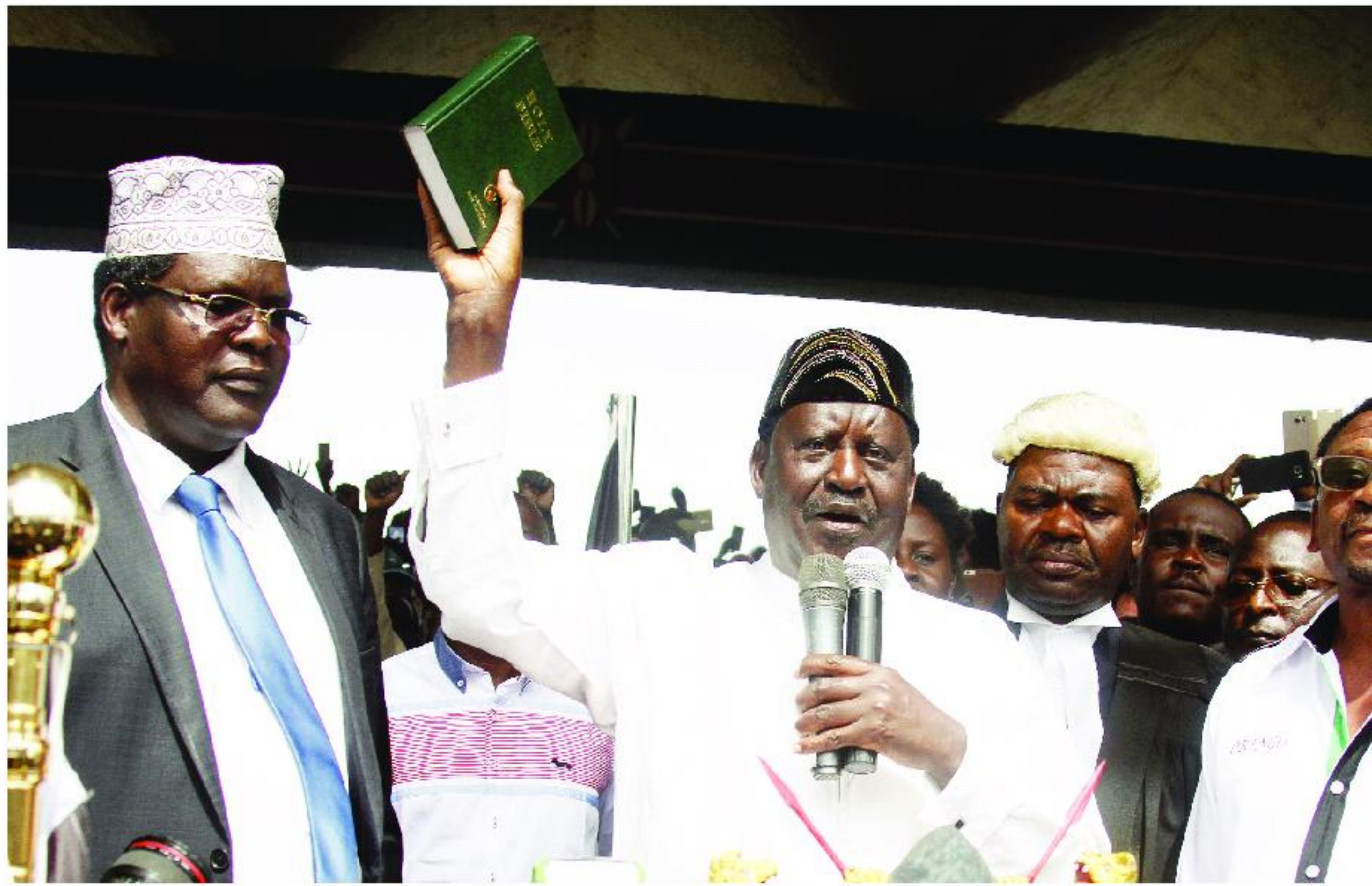
TRIBUTE A towering figure in the continent's political history has fallen. Raila Amolo Odinga — freedom fighter, reformist, and the country's most enduring opposition leader — died in India, closing a life defined by struggle, sacrifice, and an unrelenting quest for justice. Raila was both revered and reviled — a restless, brilliant, mercurial force whose life was a constant duel between destiny and defiance. He led, fought, reconciled and re-emerged time and again — a political phoenix in a nation that rarely forgives its own. Now, as the music fades, Kenya mourns the enigma whose silence leaves a huge void.

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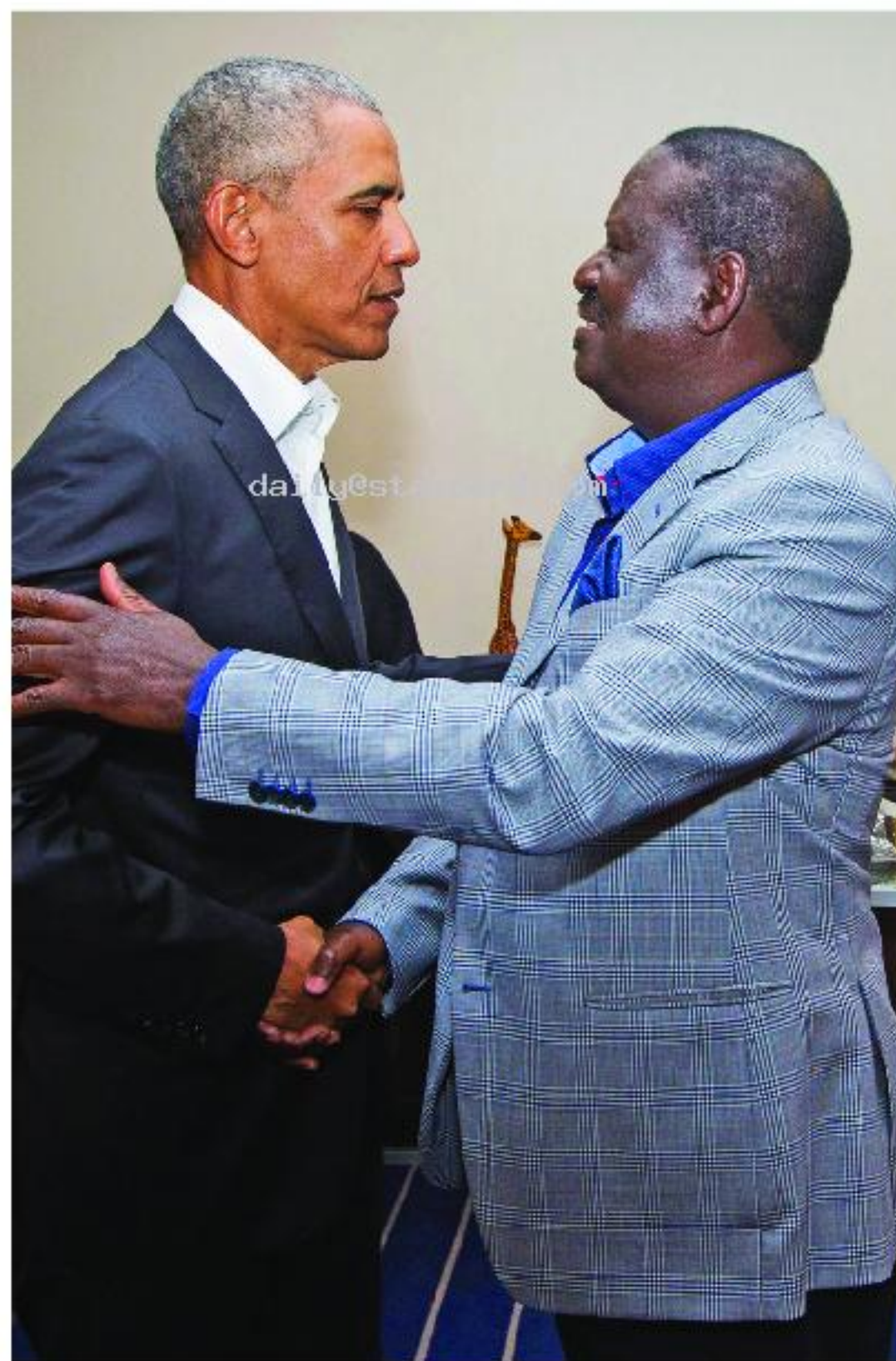
Former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo (left) and former premier Raila Odinga share a stylish moment at the FESTAC Festival in Kisumu. [Michael Mute, Standard]



Nasa leader Raila Odinga (centre) is sworn in by lawyer T.J. Kajwang' (second right), flanked by lawyers Miguna Miguna (left) and James Orengo (right), during the swearing-in ceremony at Uhuru Park, Nairobi on January 30, 2018. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]



President Mwai Kibaki (2nd left) and Raila Odinga (2nd Right) in photo with HE Koffi Annan (centre), HE Graca Machel (left) and HE Benjamin Mkapa (right) when they held a peace mediation session at Harambee House, Nairobi. [File, Standard]



HE Raila Odinga meets former US President Barack Obama at Kempinski hotel in Nairobi. [File, Standard]



Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga with Kenya's first AG Charles Njonjo, at Holy Family Basilica during Tom Mboya's memorial mass on July 5, 2019. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]



Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, his elder brother Oburu Odinga and former Baringo Senator Gideon Moi during a visit to retired President Daniel arap Moi at his Kabarak home in Nakuru County on May 5, 2019. [Courtesy]



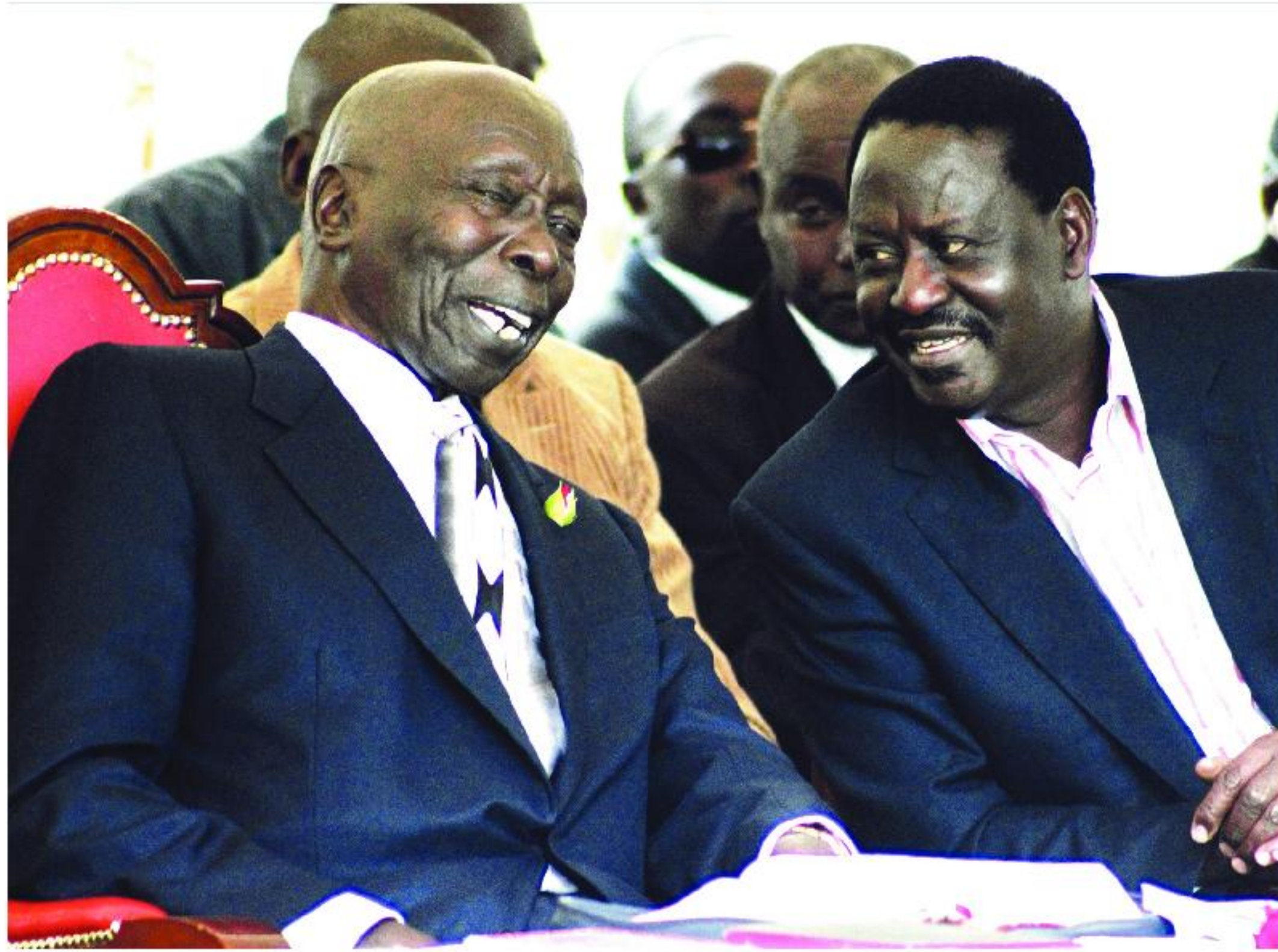
Ford activist Raila Odinga casts his vote at Kibera polling station during the 1992 elections. [File, Standard]



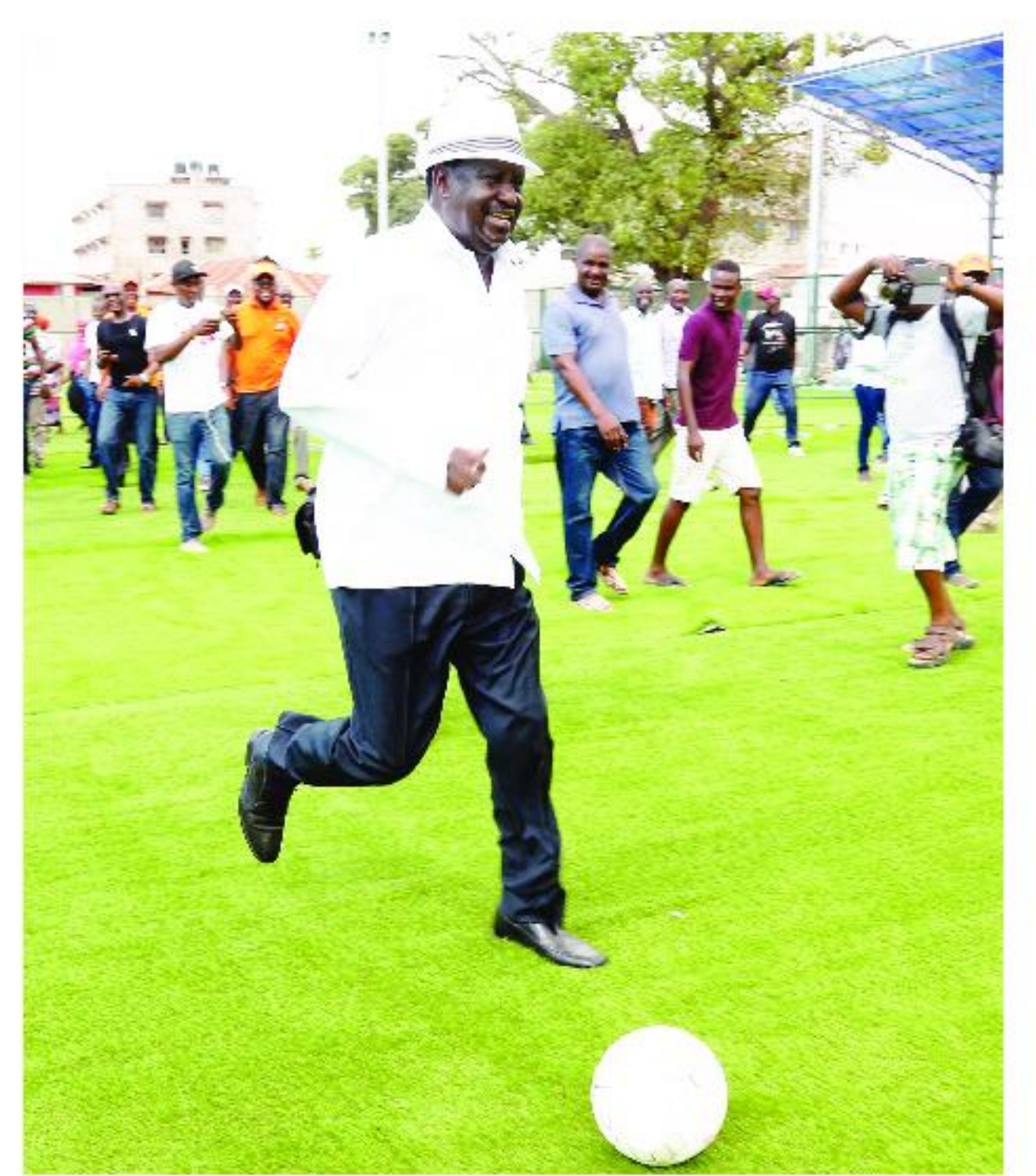
Azimio leader Raila Odinga and his wife Ida dance at a Nairobi hotel during her 74th birthday celebration. [Collins Kweyu, Standard]



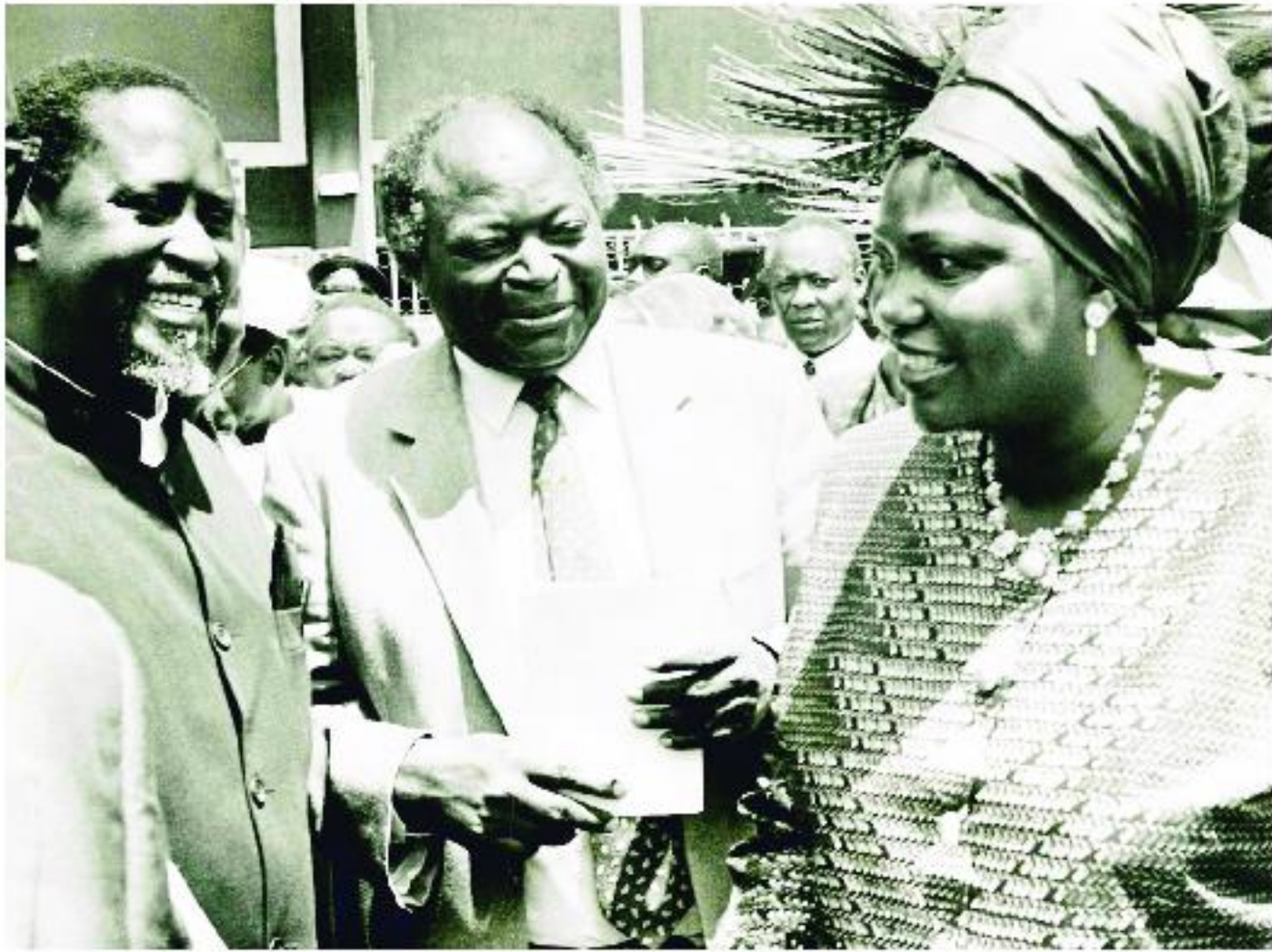
President William Ruto consoles Mama Ida, wife of Raila Odinga and Oburu Odinga, Raila's brother, at their Karen home, yesterday. [PCS, Standard]



President Moi has a word with NDP leader Raila Odinga. [File, Standard]



ODM leader Raila Odinga plays football after inspecting Kongowea's Uwanja wa Mbuzi seven-a-side pitch in Mombasa on March 25, 2017. [Maarufu Mohamed, Standard]



Raila Odinga, then Lang'ata MP and Mwai Kibaki meet Mama Ngina Kenyatta after Kenyatta Day celebrations at Nyayo Stadium in 1995. [File, Standard]



Raila Odinga with his wife, Ida, and daughters Winnie and Rosemary in 1991. [File, Standard]



Police officers arrest Raila Odinga after 1982 coup attempt in Nairobi. [File, Standard]



Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga with Kabarak University Chancellor Dr Gideon Moi and Vice-Chancellor Prof Henry Kiplagat during the university's 20th graduation ceremony on December 20, 2024. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]



NARC party leaders, the late President Mwai Kibaki, former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka, Raila Odinga, and the late former VP George Saitoti, in December 2002. [File, Standard]



President William Ruto, Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni and then AUC candidate Raila Odinga at the 4th Piny Luo Cultural Festival in Bondo, Siaya County in January this year. [File, Standard]



'Son of the Bull' who baffled all, charted own

► Raila Odinga outfoxed older brother from young age and outdid Jaramogi's dominance.

► Name of the man with ability to reincarnate his political career to be remembered for many years.

BARRACK MULUKA, NAIROBI

His Nigerian biographer styled him as an enigma in Kenya's politics. An apocryphal narrative from family sources recalls the day that an incensed Raila Odinga abandoned his three siblings in a car on Ngong Road, Nairobi, in the 1970s. He had only recently returned from training in East Germany and had taken up a job at the University of Nairobi.

His elder brother, Oburu Odinga, was then an elected councillor in Kisumu Municipal Council. Their two sisters, Beryl and Akinyi Wenwa Odinga, were in high school. The family matriarch, Mama Mary Odinga, was striving with the role of both father and mother, their father Jaramogi Ajuma Odinga Odinga, doing time in detention without trial, apparently conveniently forgotten by the Jomo Kenyatta government.

The two brothers had taken their sisters out to enjoy an evening of music, dance and biting at the then famous Hallians Club along Tom Mboya Street. When the time to go home came, it was Raila who took the steering wheel of his mother's old Austin to drive the family back home in Karen. Oburu did not know how to drive and so it naturally fell upon his more enterprising brother to be the family chauffeur.

Along the way, Oburu began complaining about his junior brother's driving skills. Cut to the quick, Raila abruptly stopped the car and stormed out, telling his elder brother to drive on, if he thought that he, Raila, was a poor driver. To their dismay, the three siblings saw their brother board a public bus, leaving them stranded with a car none of them could efficiently maneuver back home.

Early-age defiance

The story goes that a shaky Oburu managed to steer the vehicle all the way to Karen from Ngong Hills Hotel, mostly engaging only the first and second gears of the car. Upon arriving home, the three found their brother enjoying a glass of his favourite Scotch on the rocks and rocking his head to the musical wonders of Steve Wonder. He threw them a casual look and carried on with his activities, sipping from his glass, throwing peanuts in the mouth and selecting the next album, as if nothing had happened. Not a word was mentioned of the earlier happenings of the evening.

That was the essential Raila Amolo Odinga, the second born son to Kenya's first Vice President, the late Jaramogi Odinga Odinga. A hugely precocious child, even in the early years, Raila demonstrated edgy wit that made him

the de facto leader of the Odinga children, often harrying the genial older boy. He easily sidestepped him and took over the role of captain of the Odinga siblings.

It was a role he carried to the national arena and to its politics. Everywhere he went, he sought to be the overall leader and he often gets his way.

The ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus, who lived in the period 535 BC to 475 BC, famously said that our fate is tied up in a double knot with our character. "Ethos anthropos daimon," he said; "Character is a man's destiny." The totality of the things that define our behaviour will ultimately define not just who we are, but also our fate. The mores, values and personality traits that define us in certain situations and the choices that we make will inform who we are and determine where we end up.

Raila Odinga was no exception, certainly by the path he chose and travelled to the very end. Where would it land him, ultimately, in the Kenyan minefield that is the country's political agora? He finished the journey in a strange corner, ensconced in the inner sanctums of the William Ruto government, the unofficial de facto Prime Minister, to the chagrin of many who admired his political track record before his dalliance with Ruto.

Domineering comportment

Raila was gifted with rare restlessness. With that also same a witty head and a domineering comportment. He did not suffer slow characters lightly and he told it as he saw it. These attributes became both a boon and a burden in his political metamorphosis.

Having been brought up in a political family, he cut his teeth quite early in politics. Born on January 7, 1945, he was already an intelligent young adult of 18, when his father, Jaramogi, threw a celebratory bash for both the incoming and exiting political notables at the ornate family residence in Nairobi's Kibera in the later days of June 1963.

Daniel Branch notes in the book *Kenya Between Hope and Despair, 1963-2011* that Jaramogi was a forceful personality who fully justified his nickname of "The Bull." The luminaries at his 1963 festivity included none other than the country's brand new Prime Minister, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta.

In August 2010, the younger Odinga would host a similar celebration at his Nairobi residence, this time to mark the dawn of a brand new Constitution, the Constitution of Kenya 2010. As his father had done in 1963, an Odinga shared the glory of the moment with a Kenyatta - Uhuru Kenyatta. While, as in 1963 Odinga was voluble and ebullient, Kenyatta kept his remarks brief and cryptic. Dave Opiyo, as read by Branch in the *Daily Nation* of August 17, 2010 recalls Uhuru as having only said, "I don't care what you do or say today, nothing will make me angry."

The Son of the Bull was a true chip off the old block. The restlessness spirit was typical. Jaramogi was reputed to have had a penchant for banging the ta-



Raila Odinga (right) with his father Jaramogi Odinga Odinga in a meeting in a Nairobi hotel in April, 1987. [File, Standard]



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ble at President Kenyatta at Cabinet meetings, at a time when the young nation and its first government were groping for direction.

President Moi would later recall how they would hold their breath in anticipation as the elder Kenyatta listened patiently to his raging deputy. In the end, the two men fell out. Phase One was in March - April 1966, when a Tom Mboya-led coup saw Jaramogi and the radicals in Kanu troop out of the party to form the Kenya People's Union (KPU). With the exception of Luo Nyanza, KPU candidates did disastrously in the Little General Election of June 1966.

The election followed yet another coup against Jaramogi, when Mboya successfully led a Motion changing the law, making an MP who left his party to go back to the electorate to

seek a fresh mandate from the people. The final falling out came during the opening of the New Nyanza Hospital in October, 1969. A rare public exchange of expletives between Jaramogi and Kenyatta ended up in a rumpus in which lives were lost. KPU was banned at once. Kenyatta detained Jaramogi.

It was during this detention stint that the younger Odinga returned from Germany and huffily deserted his siblings on the high road in the night. And so, like father, like son.

And yet not quite so all the way. A characteristic that was not shared was Jaramogi's ability to consider others as better placed for the task at hand than he was. It is well documented that at the dawn of independence, the departing British wanted to hand power over to



path and shaped political duels for decades

Jaramogi, when Kenyatta was still in detention. But Jaramogi declined. He coined the mantra of “No independence without Kenyatta.” Kenyatta was Kenya’s leader and he was the person to take the country to independence. Not even when Kenyatta’s fellow Kikuyu tribesmen advised him to take power and free Jomo from detention after that would Jaramogi listen to them. Kenyatta was “Kenya’s second God,” Jaramogi averred, adding, “If I was a woman, I would marry him.”

And so power bypassed the Odinga house and went to the Kenyatta house. Over the years, the Odingas have strived in vain to bring back what they let go in the 1960s. They have formed one alliance after the other and metamorphosed from this political platform and from this friend to the other, but to no good end. In the process, the younger Odinga has betrayed tragic inability to make lasting friends. Political friends are instruments. They can be employed and be dispensed with when the purpose for which they were fashioned no longer obtains. His chameleonic political maneuvers led his biographer, Babafemi Badejo, to call him the enigma of Kenya’s politics.

And truly, Odinga was a paradox. His political moves by far surpass the complex combinations of the famous Akamba mwomboko dance. He will leave friend and foe alike breathless with his midair acrobatic swings. You will be thinking that he was going in some direction only to be shocked by a midair about face.

Raila, Amolo and Odinga

Michael Wamalwa, Mwai Kibaki’s first vice president in 2002, understood this trait rather well. He famously said that there were three Raila Odingas in one package. There was Raila, Amolo and Odinga. When negotiating anything with one, it was imperative to know which one of the three you were talking to. Raila may promise you something. But you had to be sure that both Amolo and Odinga agreed. If you did not have the other two covering your tracks, you were likely to find yourself crying in a smoky washroom – alone and disconsolate.

Wamalwa had himself learnt this the hard way. When Jaramogi passed on in February, 1994, Wamalwa was one of his two deputy party chairmen in the Ford Kenya Party that broke off from the original Ford Party to leave Kenneth Matiba and Martin Shikuku holding the other plank, named Ford Asili. The younger Odinga thought that he was the right person to step in his departed father’s shoes. If his elder brother Oburu replaced their father in a by-election as the MP for Bondo, Raila wanted to become the party leader. He could not surmount the combined forces against him however, comprising as they did of Wamalwa, Paul Muite, James Orenge, Anyang’ Nyong’o, John Kapten, Mukhisa Kituyi, Gitobu Manyara and a host of other then youthful poli-

iticians who went under the generic moniker of Young Turks. The election of Jaramogi’s successor in the party gave Wamalwa a resounding victory over Raila, leading to instant fracas at the Thika Municipal Stadium, where the late Archbishop Manases Kuria of the Anglican Church of Kenya was the returning officer. Kenyans recall photographs of some shaken notables hiding under tables as havoc reigned at the stadium.

Yet Raila metamorphosed swiftly and went on to redefine himself in the unfolding political environment. While some thought that he had been licked, they had seen nothing yet. For he resigned from Ford Kenya and from his seat as the MP for Lang’ata. He took over the then little known National Development Party and declared himself the Party Leader. He went on to win the Lang’ata by-election.

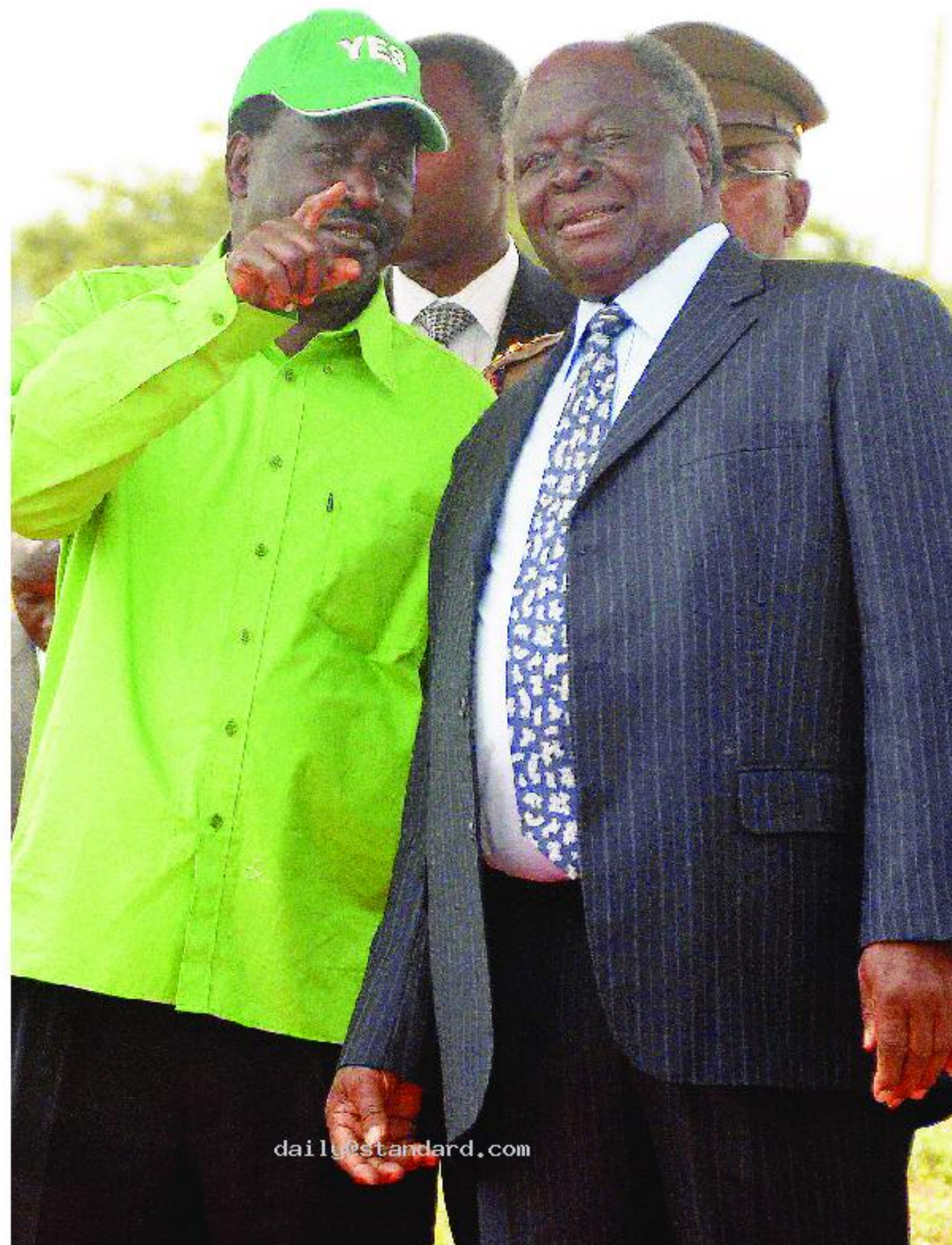
Thus began the rise and rise of the Son of the Bull. In the process, he fought many battles, crushed many heads underfoot and got many former foes to literally kneel before him. His third task, after owning a political party and winning the Langata seat, was to fight for the soul of the Luo people.

Traditionally, the Luo are a warrior community that loves strong willed leaders, almost to the point of worshipping them. The people who led their migrations from Southern Sudan into the Great Lakes Region of Eastern Africa were themselves folk heroes of great acclaim. The various migrating groups were named after each of these heroes. There were the Joka Omolo, Joka Oketch, Joka Owiny, and Joka Ojok. There were also the Japadhola, among others.

Away from these patriarchs there were other folk heroes like Lwanda Magere, whose story reads like an African version of the Samson and Delilah narrative, and Gor Mahia son of Ogalo – both father and son being reputed to have been rare medicine men. People like Raila Odinga and his late father walk easily in the footsteps of these legendary figures. Long after this generation is gone, the Luo people will probably be talking of Raila Odinga in the same light as they have talked of Lwanda Magere and Gor Mahia. They will tell stories of how like Mahia, he was a man of Mahia, which is to say a man of wonders.

Jaramogi succession

After the demise of Jaramogi, the Luo people wanted another folk hero to replace him. The battle was fought in a variety of theatres. There were the erudite arenas with the likes of Orenge and Prof Nyong’o. This class basked in the glory of letters, urbane polish and manners. But their high learning and genteel nature did not impress the abrasive and bucolic Luo. Speaking good English, couturier, gastronomy and sundry are important attributes in the modern Luo cosmology. However, they do not a leader make.



Prime Minister Raila Odinga and President Mwai Kibaki at a campaign for the proposed new constitution in Machakos on June 18, 2010. [File, Standard]

Political grooming

78 YEARS

AGE of Raila Odinga when Kenya became independent in 1963. His father became the first vice president the following year.

The Luo are more readily mesmerised by a person who, at the end of an address, is ready to lead them into combat, and not by vacuous speeches and resolutions of majorities. In that regard, Raila easily vanquished the university types.

In the 1997 elections, Nyong’o lost the Kisumu Rural parliamentary seat to a Raila acolyte, the late Job Omino, when he (Nyong’o) contested for the seat on a Social Democratic Party ticket. His party – which had also fielded Charity Ngilu as a presidential candidate – however won enough seats to salvage him as Nominated MP. In the subsequent election in 2002, Nyong’o was wise enough to smell the coffee. He crossed over to Raila’s new party, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

But I run ahead of myself. Suffice

it to note that Orenge was still stubborn. Not only did he run for the Ugenya seat on a National Social Congress ticket, he also tried to become President and lost in both efforts. In subsequent times, he would surrender to Raila and become his most loyal disciple and confidant.

But Raila also fought bloody street battles in Kisumu town and elsewhere in Luo Nyanza, before he could stamp his authority as the undisputed Luo leader. It is recalled how every Friday, his Bagdad Boys would do battle with Mayor Akinyi Oyile’s own bad boys. Eventually, it was Odinga who took control of Kisumu and the soul of the Luo people. Oyile not only lost Kisumu and his people’s soul, he died shortly afterwards. Odinga became the king and has remained so. He probably will rule the lives of these people to the very end of our times. It was behind this supremacy that Odinga has defined himself as a willy political craftsman. Underrate him at your own peril. Many a politician has discovered this painfully.

After the 1997 elections, the losing presidential candidates – Kibaki, Wamalwa, Ngilu, Raila and Wangare Mathai came together to form what they called the Opposition Alliance. At first they wanted to contest Moi’s legitimacy. However, Moi and the court system defeated them and they agreed to work together as a strong united Opposition. What the rest did not know was that even as they ne-

gotiated and signed pacts with him, Odinga was secretly talking to President Moi about working with him in government. It did not take long before Kenya began hearing about “cooperation” between Kanu and NDP. A disdainful Alego Usonga MP, Peter Oloo Aringo, who had recently defected from Kanu as his own surrender to Raila could not believe his ears. “Cooperation *mar chiethi!*” he quipped, saying something that had best be left in the original language.

Yet not too long afterwards, NDP was in a formal compact with the Kanu Government. Aringo was the very first person to gleefully take his seat on the front benches in the National Assembly. He had been talked to and he had to toe the line.

That was one thing Raila had perfected. For all his avowed democratic credentials, the Luo must toe the line or forever stay in the political cold. He was exceptionally impatient when addressing this particular community, and especially so in mother tongue. He did so with the superior authority of a flock owner. Those who did not agree with him were best off holding their peace.

Unquestioning following

The best attitude was demonstrated by two legislators from South Nyanza. Talking about the Odinga-Kenyatta handshake of March 9, 2018, on the doorsteps of Harambee House, the then Homa Bay County Woman Rep said, “We laud this handshake and cooperation with the Government for three reasons; number one, because Baba is always right. Number two, because Baba is never wrong. And number three, because if you are in doubt refer to number one and number two.”

Now this kind of babble does not make for a flattering support base for any democrat. Where is the rigour of logic? Where is style and substance? It is pure sycophancy and this is how you are expected to behave when you are from the big man’s tribe.

The NASA Minority Whip at the time, Junet Mohamed, made matters worse by taking this absurdity to the floor of the National Assembly.

“When Baba says we jump, we jump. When he says run, we run. When he says migrate, we migrate. We don’t question.”

Raila had problems trying to impose the same kind of following within NASA affiliate parties. Recognising that they come from a different formation and they have their own leaders and party organs, some of the officials from the other parties have found it difficult to religiously follow Raila, the way he was accustomed to being followed in ODM. He was said to be particularly unhappy with former Senators Bonni Khalwale, then in Ford Kenya, and Johnston Muthama, then in Wiper Democratic Movement. Also a thorn in his were officials of the then Musalia Mudavadi-led ANC

CONTINUES TOMORROW



Narendra Modi, India PM
"I had the privilege of knowing him closely since my days as Chief Minister. He had a special affection for India, our culture, values and ancient wisdom. This was reflected in his efforts to strengthen India-Kenya ties."



Abiy Ahmed, Ethiopia Prime Minister
"On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, I extend my sincere condolences on the passing of former Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga. May he Rest In Peace."



Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia
"I extend my heartfelt condolences to the people of Kenya on the passing of former PM Raila Odinga - a towering statesman whose legacy of democracy, justice & public service will endure."



Ismael Guelleh, Djibouti President
"Raila Odinga is gone. Kenya has lost a visionary leader. Our condolences to his family and all the Kenyan people."



Hakainde Hichilema, Zambia President
"We extend our deepest condolences to the people of Kenya, the Odinga family, President William Ruto and all those touched by this towering advocate for democracy. His legacy will endure."



Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, AUC Chairperson
"Africa has lost one of its most visionary sons; a leader who dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, democracy, and unity. His legacy will continue to inspire our collective efforts to build a peaceful Africa."



Workneh Gebeyehu, IGAD Executive Secretary
"An unwavering Pan-Africanist, he dedicated his life to the pursuit of democracy, justice, and unity. His lifelong struggle for freedom and equality inspired generations."

Raila's court battles that transformed justice

► His election petitions reshaped electoral law and judicial accountability nationwide.

► Beyond politics, he defended constitutional order and public interest cases.

NANCY GITONGA

In death, as in life, Raila Amolo Odinga leaves behind a legacy defined not only by politics but by his relentless pursuit of justice through the courts.

As the country mourns the passing of its indefatigable reformist, the courtroom stands as a silent witness to his lifelong struggle for fairness, accountability and constitutional order.

From the bruising presidential petitions that redefined electoral law to the epic Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) judgment that tested the reach of power, Raila's legal crusades shaped Kenya's democracy as profoundly as his politics did.

He may have left the stage, but his voice still lingers, in the precedents he inspired, in the judgments that bore his name and in a nation forever changed by his belief that justice must never fear power.

In 2013, Raila first took on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and then-President-elect Uhuru Kenyatta, claiming that the general election had been marred by irregularities and that the results were neither free nor fair.

Filed after the March 4, 2013 presidential election, Raila challenged the inclusion of rejected votes in the final tally, failures of the IEBC's electronic transmission system and the commission's alleged non-compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Running under the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD), Raila lost to retired President Kenyatta, who was declared winner under The National Alliance.

The Supreme Court, led by then Chief Justice Willy Mutunga, dismissed the petition and upheld Kenyatta's victory.

"The presidential election was conducted in a free, fair, transparent and credible manner in compliance with the Constitution," the Mutunga-led

bench ruled.

Though defeated, Raila accepted the verdict, telling supporters: "I respect the decision of the court, but I do not agree with it." It was his first major confrontation with the country's highest bench, but far from his last.

Four years later, in 2017, Raila returned to the Supreme Court in Presidential Election Petition No. 1 of 2017, again challenging Kenyatta's victory.

Respect the decision

Contesting under the National Super Alliance (NASA), Raila alleged widespread irregularities and illegalities in the August 8 presidential election. In a historic judgment delivered by then Chief Justice David Maraga, the Supreme Court nullified Kenyatta's election, the first such annulment in Africa.

"The greatness of any nation lies in its fidelity to the Constitution and adherence to the rule of law," Justice Maraga declared. The court cited irregularities in the transmission of results and non-compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The judgment sent shockwaves through Africa's political establishment, and vindicated Raila's long insistence that elections must not only be free and fair but also seen to be free and fair. The jubilation was short-lived. The repeat election, held in October 2017, was boycotted by Raila's NASA coalition amid claims of continued irregularities.

Five years later, in 2022, Raila filed what would become his final presidential petition. Together with his running mate Martha Karua, under the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition, he filed Petition E005 of 2022 challenging President William Ruto's victory.

The petition alleged vote manipulation, forged Form 34As and a compromised tallying process.

His legal team, led by Senior Counsel James Orengo and the late Pheroze Nowrojee, argued that the IEBC's declaration was fraudulent and constitutionally invalid.

"The election result Forms 34A had been intercepted by third parties upon transmission from polling stations, details altered and reuploaded in the IEBC's public portal," Orengo



NASA presidential candidate Raila Odinga (left) and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka (right) carry evidence for the election petition to the Supreme Court on August 18, 2017. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]



We have always stood for the rule of law and the Constitution. In this regard, we respect the opinion of the court, although we vehemently disagree with their decision today."

Raila Odinga, Former premier

told the seven-judge bench led by Chief Justice Martha Koome.

Vote manipulation

He further claimed that "the IEBC procured two parallel sets of Form 34A," saying the manipulation was deliberate and premeditated.

But the Supreme Court was unconvinced. Chief Justice Koome led

the bench that dismissed the claims by Raila and Karua were baseless and 'hot air'

"Some of the documents presented by the petitioners were outright forgeries. The allegations of interference with the results transmission system were no more than hot air," CJ Koome ruled. She also described the case as "a wild goose chase," noting that the evidence failed to demonstrate any manipulation of the IEBC results or breach of constitutional procedure.

"Are we to nullify an election on the basis of a last-minute boardroom rupture? To do this would be tantamount to subjecting the sovereign will of the Kenyan people to the quorum antics of IEBC. This we cannot do," Koome said. The ruling affirmed Ruto's election as Kenya's fifth president.

The phrasing stung. Many of Raila's supporters felt the judgment demeaned the seriousness of the issues raised, while others praised the judiciary's firmness.

"We have always stood for the rule

of law and the Constitution. In this regard, we respect the opinion of the court, although we vehemently disagree with their decision today," Raila responded with restraint.

For him, the courts were never a stage for theatrics, they were a temple of principle, even when principle ended in loss.

Beyond electoral contests, Raila's imprint on Kenya's legal landscape was perhaps most visible in the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), a constitutional reform drive he co-sponsored with President Kenyatta after their famous 2018 "handshake."

What began as a peace pact soon evolved into a sweeping bid to amend the Constitution to expand the executive, promote inclusivity and address governance issues. But opponents argued the process was unconstitutional, a "presidential hijack" of a people-driven amendment mechanism.

The High Court, in a unanimous decision by a five-judge bench comprising Justices Joel Ngugi, Jairus Ngaah, Teresiah Matheka, George Odunga and Chacha Mwita, declared the BBI process unconstitutional, holding that the President had violated Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Public welfare

In March 2022, the Supreme Court also found the process unconstitutional. Though disappointed, Raila accepted the judgment gracefully.

Raila's legal activism also extended to issues of public welfare.

From the disputed elections of 2013 to the groundbreaking nullification of 2017, from the BBI saga to GMO and Shakahola litigation, Raila turned the courtroom into an arena for civic transformation. He was not merely a politician seeking victory, he was a constitutional warrior demanding accountability.

Through it all, his trusted lawyers, among them Senior Counsel James Orengo, the late Pheroze Nowrojee, Philip Murgor, Okong'o Omogeni, Paul Mwangi, Jackson Awele, Julie Soweto, Arnold Oginga, Velma Mau-mo, Prof Ben Sihanya and others, stood by his side.

For Raila, justice was never a slogan. It was a lifelong struggle, one that tested systems, strengthened institutions and ultimately defined his legacy.



Ed Barnett, Charge d'Affaires, British High Commission Nairobi
"His legacy as a statesman, reformer and champion of democracy will forever resonate across Kenya and beyond."



Henriette Geiger, EU Ambassador to Kenya
"He dedicated his life to fight for Kenya and has been an iconic leader through the decades. His legacy will live on."



Cyril Ramaphosa, South African President
"The nation of Kenya and our continent have lost a patriotic and selfless leader whom I knew and worked with as a friend and brother."



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General
"I'm deeply saddened to learn about the passing of our dear brother, Raila Odinga. My deepest condolences to his family, friends and all Kenyans."

Baba: Politician who schooled a nation

- ▶ Raila championed free, quality education from primary to university level.
- ▶ He founded schools and scholarships supporting bright, needy learners.

LEWIS NYAUNDI, NAIROBI

Born to a teacher and married to another, Raila Odinga's life has always been intertwined with education even when his platform was the political stage rather than the classroom.

His father, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, began his career as a teacher in Maseno, his mother, Mary Juma Odinga was a primary school teacher while his wife, Ida Odinga, spent her early adult life years teaching English and Literature.

However, Ida lost her job at Kenya High School in September 1988, while Raila was in exile, a year after his release from detention in 1987. Her dismissal led to her eviction from the school's staff quarters, an exercise supervised by police officers.

While that marked Raila's early link to education, he would later deepen his influence in the sector over the next three decades, from championing philanthropic campaigns to advocating for education reforms.

The longtime opposition leader has hugely shaped public debate, from calling for free university education to demanding the devolution of schools and greater funding accountability.

Raila's earliest major contribution to education came in 2006 with the establishment of the Raila Odinga Foundation.

Six years later, the foundation launched a Sh300 million scholarship and mentorship programme to support bright but needy students from marginalised communities.

"We are now formally establishing the Raila Odinga Centre (ROC) to mobilise resources and promote integration among students in the East African Community. In other words, we want to expand the scope and give children in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania a holistic education that enables them to achieve their potential," he said during the launch in Nairobi in November 2011.

Five years later, in October 2016, Raila inaugurated the Raila Education Centre in Kibra, a learning institution designed to help slum youth access training and mentorship opportunities.

The facility, located in the heart of Kibera, is equipped with classrooms, laboratories and digital learning spaces.

While these two initiatives mark Raila's most tangible contributions to the education sector, his views and public pronouncements have also greatly influenced education policy and debate.

When the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) was introduced in 2017 and met with widespread criticism over poor planning, Raila took a different stance.

He threw his weight behind the CBC, urging Kenyans to give it a chance, arguing that it was better aligned with the demands of the modern job market.

In October 2021, he publicly defended then Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha during a political rally in Nyando, saying the CBC would "rescue Kenya's education from over reliance on rote learning."

Raila's long-standing advocacy for free education also aligned with the vision of his political ally, President Mwai Kibaki, who introduced free primary education in 2003.

During the 2022 presidential campaign, Raila pledged to make education free and compulsory from primary to university level, promising to fund it through rationalised spending and an intensified fight against corruption.

"No parent should sell land to take a child to college," he often declared on the campaign trail.

Although the pledge was met with skepticism, it elevated education to a central campaign issue.

Contentious proposal

His most contentious proposal, however, came later when he called for the devolution of primary and secondary education.

The idea, presented during the 2025 Devolution Conference, would place the management of schools under county governments.

"We cannot run schools from Nairobi and expect efficiency. Governors must take charge," he told delegates. The proposal triggered strong protests and backlash from teachers' unions and other education stakeholders, who warned it could disrupt national standards and oversight.

This was not Raila's first push to devolve basic education; he had made a similar proposal in 2020, which also met stiff resistance.

After losing the 2022 election, Raila remained steadfast in demanding accountability and proper funding for education.

In January 2024, he accused the Ruto administration of delaying the disbursement of billions in capitation funds, saying public schools were being crippled by empty promises.

Similarly, in 2025, he accused the government of "starving schools" and warned that the free education programme risked collapse.



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End of an Era: Kenya mourns a fallen political mastermind

► The former Prime Minister died while receiving treatment in India.

► Odinga tragic passing has shocked millions of his supporters.

DAVID ODONGO, NAIROBI

On Wednesday morning, as Kenyans got ready for work, tragic news hit their screens; former Prime Minister had died in an Indian hospital while undergoing treatment.

For the past few weeks, Odinga had been receiving treatment at Ayurvedic eye hospital in Southern India. The 80-year-old statesman is said to have lost the battle after suffering a fatal cardiac arrest during a morning walk on the serene campus of the Sreedhareeyam Ayurvedic Eye Hospital and Research Centre in Koothattukulam, Kerala. Despite efforts to revive him at Devamatha Hospital where he had been rushed to, he was pronounced dead at 9:52 a.m. Raila was in the company of his daughter, whose vision had previously been restored at the same facility, as well as his personal doctor.

Indian police said his body remains at the hospital. Odinga's family including his wife Ida Odinga alongside Kenyan government officials are in India where they have already initiated repatriation process of the body back to Kenya.

According to Indian news outlet, Mathrubhumi, a police officer said that information regarding Odinga's death had been conveyed to the For-

eigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) for necessary procedures as per protocol.

As news of his passing spread rapidly, first as rumours, then confirmed by family sources, Kenya's political landscape was thrown into grief.

Rumours of his passing started at around 8am before they gained traction after sources close to State House intimated that Oburu Odinga had been called for a meeting to the State House. An hour later, The Standard independently confirmed from family sources that Raila had indeed passed on. Two hours later, just before noon, President William Ruto's convoy snaked to Odinga's Karen home. And shortly after, Ruto addressed the nation to confirm the tragic loss and declare seven days of national mourning.

On October 3, Odinga, had left the country quietly aboard a private jet, seeking what insiders described as "rest and medical attention" after a period of fatigue.

The veteran politician is said to have been 'feeling tired and needed to rest for a while,' a source close to the family revealed. Since then, speculation about Odinga's health intensified, painting a grim picture.

Odinga's decision to seek treatment in India stemmed from an incident in 2021 when his 47-year-old daughter Rosemary Odinga gained sight after treatment at Ayurvedic eye hospital-cum-research centre.

For the past one month, Odinga had cut down public appearances and missed several key political events.

Early in the month, the elderly statesman failed to show up in Kisii for the ODM's 20th anniversary celebrations. Held at Gusii Stadium,



The death of Raila Odinga has robbed Kenyans a man who fought for the freedom and rights of the citizens. [Michael Mute, Standard]

RAILA KEY FACTS

- **Date of birth:** 7 January 1945
- **Place of birth:** Maseno, Kisumu County, Kenya
- **Parents:** Jaramogi Oginga Odinga (Kenya's first Vice President) and Mary Juma Odinga
- **Education:** Attended Maranda High School and later the Technical University of Magdeburg, East Germany
- Holds a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering
- Former lecturer at the University of Nairobi
- Entrepreneur and businessman in the manufacturing sector
- Detained without trial (1982-1988) for alleged involvement in the attempted coup against President Moi
- Prominent figure in Kenya's pro-democracy movement (1990s)
- Elected Member of Parliament for Lang'ata (1992-2013)
- **Served as:** Minister for Energy (2001-2002)
- Minister for Roads, Public Works and Housing (2003-2005)
- Prime Minister of Kenya (2008-2013) under the Grand Coalition Government
- **Presidential Bids:**
 - Contested the presidency in 1997, 2007, 2013, 2017, and 2022
 - Known for his reformist stance, populist appeal, and commitment to governance reforms
- **Personal and Legacy:**
 - Married to Ida Betty Odinga; they have four children
 - Seen as a symbol of resilience, democracy, and opposition politics in Kenya
 - Wielded significant influence in Kenyan and regional politics

Odinga's absence fueled questions about his health since the region had for years steadily backed his political ambitions. More speculations came up when ODM rescheduled its 20th anniversary grand celebrations in Mombasa, shifting the event from October to November. On 30 September, during Dalmas Otieno's funeral, once again, Odinga was missing. His speech was read by his elder brother Oburu Odinga, who did not give any

explanation on Odinga's whereabouts.

Raila spent his last days trying to revive the ODM party even as he battled his own health complications that forced the party to postpone its 20th anniversary celebrations.

Paul Melly, former Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Standard Group remembers Odinga as a man who fought for media freedom. "He was our friend who rescued us

once when we, together with the current Standard Group CEO Chaacha Mwita, were arrested and detained at CID headquarters. Odinga was a political genius and tactician who made several indelible marks across Kenya's social and political spheres including democratisation, human rights, freedom of media and strives on constitutional development. We convey our condolences to the entire Odinga family and people of Kenya," Melly noted.

Jimmy Kibaki, the family spokesperson of Kenya's third President, Mwai Kibaki, says his family had a warm relationship with the Odingas.

"Odinga was no ordinary mortal, he was a legend in his own lifetime. From the fiery political agitator of the 1980s and 1990s, to the esteemed and accomplished statesman of his latter years, Odinga's service and contribution to this country is extraordinary and exemplary. A personality simultaneously shrouded in myth, as well as enormous charisma. Odinga's name now joins the pantheon of the giants of post-Independence Kenya. On behalf of the entire Kibaki family, we extend our sincere and deepest condolences to Mama Ida and her family, the people of Nyanza and Siaya, and to all fellow Kenyans."

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TRANSITION

The day a teenage Raila was caught in a nuclear war standoff

The world was nervous as itchy fingers in Kyiv and Moscow dangerously danced around the key to mass deaths and doomsday. Russia has menacingly told the world that any weapon fired from a European country towards it will be a declaration of war and could end with the damnation of the world.

The last time the world was this close to nuclear war was at the height of the Cold War in 1962. Then, the two superpowers, America and Russia were squabbling over the presence of some nuclear weapons in Cuba.

Earlier, America had unsuccessfully tried to topple Cuban President Fidel Castro who had, in

turn, sought help from Russia. Moscow had supplied him with nuclear weapons and America was now demanding that they be removed. Cuba was nudging Russia to fire nuclear weapons and teach America a lesson.

In the ensuing game of brinkmanship, America declared a blockade on Cuba and ordered all US troops around the world to be on the lookout for ships that could be shipping weapons to Cuba.

This blockade had some unintended consequences for a teenage Kenyan, Raila Odinga, who was on his way to Germany to further his education. At the time, he was aboard a 200,000 tonnes

cargo ship Stubbenkammer, one of the four passengers.

These happenings are captured in the autobiography, Raila Odinga: An Enigma in Kenyan Politics. When US President John F Kennedy announced on BBC on 28 October 1962 that American troops had been placed on alert, Raila's ship was sailing towards Cyprus en route to Malta. Immediately after the captain of Stubbenkammer noticed that he was being trailed by an American war ship of the US seventh fleet in the Mediterranean. The warship demanded to know the nature of the cargo and the people on board, and even after the passengers and crew

were taken to the signal room, the cargo ship was trailed all night with the big guns trained on its defenseless body and occupants.

Although the journey ended well for Raila, who had already been baptised by Sea Needle so as to confuse the spirits of the Bermuda triangle, famous for capsizing ship, the experience spoilt his Damascus moment. Prior to the episode, the opposition chief had just visited Syria and retraced Saul's biblical journey

60 years after visiting Syria, now the country will have to live without this enigma, the people's president who rested in India and has since united the world in grief. [Amos Kareithi]



Raila's relentless pursuit for a just constitution

- ▶ From brokering handshakes to leading national dialogues, Raila Odinga has shaped Kenya's constitutional story.
- ▶ His persistent quest for reform reflects a lifelong mission to deliver a people-powered, truly democratic governance.

BIKETI KIKECHI, NAIROBI

Kenyans celebrated the momentous occasion when former Constitution of Kenya Review Commission (CKRC) chairman Professor Yash Pal Ghai returned to Kenya in December 2000 to write a new constitution.

At Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), he was received by the then MP for Langata, Raila Odinga, who had been elected to chair the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) on the review of the constitution.

A year earlier, Raila had agreed to work with then President Daniel Arap Moi after the former president's point man, the late Mark Too, aka Bwana Dawa, brokered a deal between the opposition and the ruling party elites.

After the 1997 General Election, Raila merged forces with Mwai Kibaki and Kijana Wamalwa, promising to form a united front to hold the gov-

ernment accountable, as their combined number of MPs gave them an absolute majority in parliament.

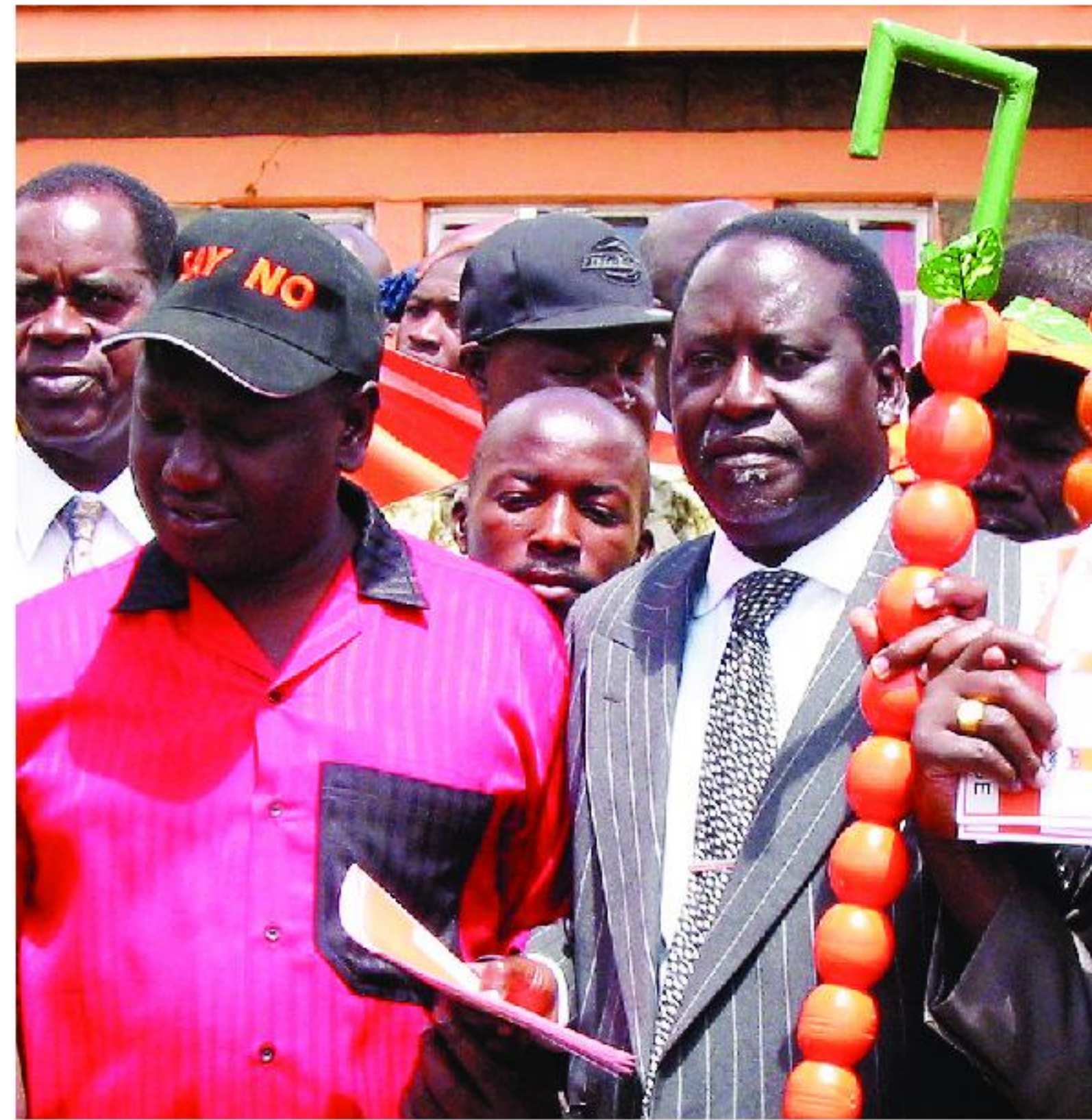
Little did his opposition colleagues know that he had struck a deal with President Moi's hatchet man, the late Too, to support Kanu in parliament. That was the first of many handshakes Raila has had with the party in power.

He was subsequently rewarded with the honour of leading the reforms process after the Kenya African National Union (Kanu) and his National Development Party (NDP) MPs supported his nomination as PSC chairman on the review process.

He zealously took on the task of reviewing the constitution by leading the establishment of the necessary legislative framework, which created the Constitution of Kenya Review Act 2008 — the foundation for the creation of the CKRC.

Raila then helped Ghai merge the government-supported review process with a parallel group called the Ufungamano Initiative. Commissioners from the two groups collected and collated views from Kenyans and later convened at the Bomas of Kenya for a national conference to prepare a review draft widely supported by Kenyans.

However, a section of leaders allied to then President Mwai Kibaki later made drastic changes to the draft when the late Simeon Nyachae, then



Raila Odinga and others at Orange House in October 2005 during the launch of the 'No' campaign against the proposed Wako Draft constitution. [File, Standard]

chair of the Parliamentary Select Committee on the constitution met in Kilifi to prepare for a referendum.

The 2005 referendum was held in



Kenyans met at the Bomas of Kenya and deliberated for a very long time and came up with a very progressive constitution.

Raila Odinga, former Prime Minister

a poisoned political environment created by mistrust and broken promises among the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC) coalition partners that united the Raila and Kibaki factions.

Raila campaigned against that draft constitution and defeated it despite efforts by Kibaki. He complained that the doctored draft allowed the President to appoint and sack the Prime Minister at will, negating the noble objectives of the Bomas draft.

The opposition leader was, however, blamed for supporting the watering down of the Bomas draft at the 2009 Naivasha Accord, where the parliamentary system of government was dropped in favour of a presiden-

tial model. The Bomas conference had also recommended a strong Senate or upper house and no more than 14 county governments. The Party of National Unity under former President Kibaki and ODM led by Raila, however, compromised by reducing the powers of the Senate and increasing counties to 47.

Before his death, Raila was making frantic efforts to spearhead another constitutional review to enact what delegates had agreed upon at the Bomas conference. He teamed up with then President Uhuru Kenyatta to initiate the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) in 2018 and managed to collect enough signatures to support the review process. The effort was, however, thwarted after the courts declared it unconstitutional.

Shortcomings

More recently, Raila called for a national conclave to discuss issues raised by Gen Z in June 2024. He repeatedly emphasised that it was time for Kenya to examine the 2010 Constitution to address its shortcomings. "Kenyans met at the Bomas of Kenya and deliberated for a very long time and came up with a very progressive constitution. That constitution was bastardised to a certain extent during the so-called Naivasha process," said Raila, urging Kenyans to return to the Bomas draft constitution.

The Bomas Draft was a draft constitution featuring key reforms, among them a bicameral legislature with a Senate and a National Assembly, a hybrid executive system with both a President and a Prime Minister, and strong provisions for leadership integrity and devolution.

The calls for a return to the Bomas Draft have received mixed reactions because many Kenyans argue that the 2010 constitution has not been fully implemented.



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There will be a **National Governing Council Meeting** on **8th November 2025** at **Sheikh Zayed Children Welfare Centre** starting from 12:00 noon.

Theme: CBE Transition: Celebrating Achievements, Strengthening Leadership, and Shaping The Future of Learning.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 th June 2025		
	2024-2025 (Kshs)	2023-2024 (Kshs)
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions		
Transfer from coalition partner	-	-
Revenue from Exchange Transactions		
Share From Political Parties Fund (PPF)	25,025,167	13,220,777
Membership fees	6,399,643	8,776,355
Investment Income	1,207,460	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	40,000	20,000
Total revenue	32,672,270	22,017,132
Expenses		
Special Interest Groups Expenses	15,575,639	-
Administrative Expenses	9,287,184	8,749,075
Depreciation	159,873	171,390
Finance Cost	71,182	26,844
Total expenses	25,093,878	8,947,109
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	7,578,392	13,070,023
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 th June 2025		
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	36,644,221	23,597,881
Receivables	-	3,524,920
Total Current Assets	36,644,221	27,122,801
Non-current assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment's	1,088,539	651,490
Total Non-Current Assets	1,088,539	651,490
Total Assets	37,732,760	27,774,291
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	154,368	246,940
Total Current Liabilities	154,368	246,940
Non-Current Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	154,368	246,940
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	37,578,392	27,527,351

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Three names, many hideouts: How Raila fled country to exile

► The Kanu regime had had enough of Raila's agitation and sought to discipline him using thugs.

► After being beaten in Nairobi, Raila disguised himself first as a priest, then as a Ugandan, and finally as a Muslim to escape.

BIKETI KIKECHI, NAIROBI

In August 2020, when the country was struggling to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga invited Robert Njura to Nairobi, where he confessed that he had helped the now-deceased ODM leader escape to Uganda and later travel to Norway during the struggle for multiparty democracy in 1991.

Raila told the media that Njura's account of his escape from Kenya to Norway was true, adding that he would not wish what happened to him on any other person.

And though he was persecuted for his push for reforms alongside other Kenyans, he never stopped the clamour for change.

Raila met Njura when the country was marking the 10th anniversary of the Constitution, a moment that also saw him reflect on his tortured political journey — one deeply intertwined with Kenya's search for a new constitutional order.

From changing identities, switching

clothes and moving swiftly under the cover of darkness, Raila made an epic escape from the anti-reform purge by the Kanu regime — a journey that saved him to fight another day.

On that day, Raila revealed it was the first time he was meeting the coxswain who had rowed him through the stormy waters of Lake Victoria, on a rainy night, to the safety of neighbouring Uganda.

And so, Njura saved the man who would go on to define the contours of Kenya's politics — both in opposition and in government — for over three decades.

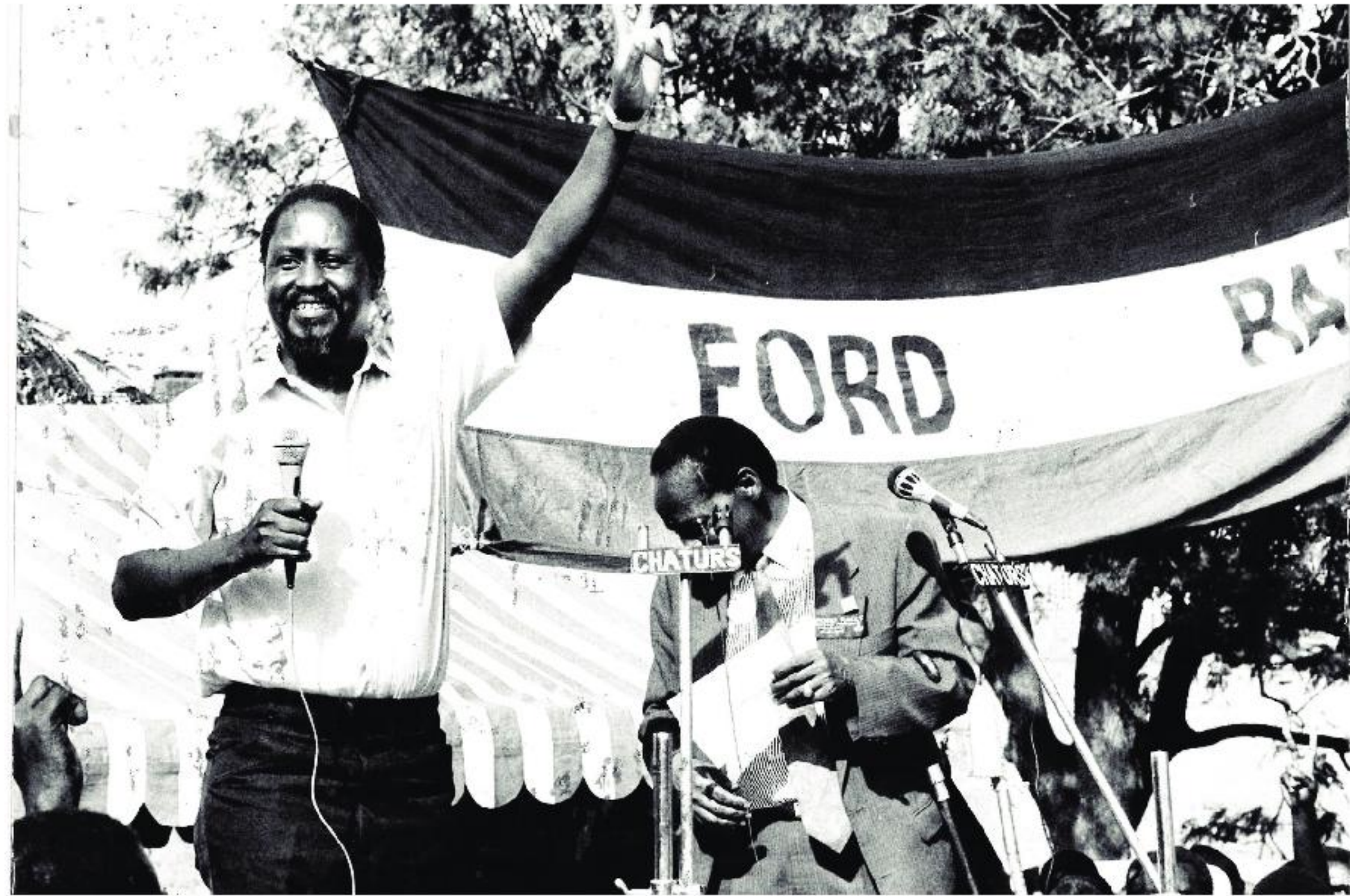
"I thank him for saving my life. I was a fugitive running away from injustice. I was beaten at my home in Nairobi, hospitalised at Nairobi Hospital, and the Catholic Church helped me escape to my rural home before crossing over to Uganda and later to Norway," Raila said.

Tearful journey

"My journey with my friend started tearfully in Nairobi. Some goons had beaten me up at my home. While in hospital, I got information that they were still looking for me, intending to inflict serious harm," Raila narrated.

He remembered how he was saved by the Catholic Church, which arranged his escape from the capital city. "The Church organised my journey, and I was accompanied by Father Okwiri and Sister Diane from the US. I was wearing a collar and dressed in white as Father Augustino from Machakos," he said.

The long and bitter journey then took the team through Central, Rift Val-



Raila Odinga addresses a Ford Kamukunji rally, in Nairobi, in 1992.

ley and finally Nyanza. In Kisumu, they went to a Catholic mission on Riat Hill and had a meal before being transferred to Rang'ala Mission.

It was from there that he was moved to his rural Bondo home to hide in a place where no one could find him.

"From my house, I was taken to Sironko Beach, where I boarded a makeshift boat to Ndede Island. Here I met Njura and his team, who were being organised by the late

Hezron Orori," Raila said.

There, they met another boat manned by a Ugandan businessman who used to bring timber to Kenya and then buy sugar, bread and mattresses to take back to Uganda.

Raila recalled that they passed another island and found only one Kenyan living on it. He later established that the man was related to the late Foreign Affairs Minister Robert Ouko.

"It was night, and it was raining as we journeyed through the waters of Lake Victoria. We crossed the Kenyan waters and I was handed over to a Ugandan boat. Inside the boat, there was a sick woman. I took off my jacket and covered her," he said.

By then, he had left Njura and his team and was in the hands of Ugandans. "We covered about 20 miles and got to a village in Uganda at 3 a.m.," Raila said.

There was then another journey from the island to a shore adjacent to Iganga town in Uganda.

"We were to travel from the village by bicycle to catch a bus at Iganga. The distance was about 15 kilometres. It was hilly, so I put my suitcase on the bicycle carrier and let someone ride it. I ran most of the distance to Iganga," Raila recalled.

At Iganga, they processed Ugandan papers for him, and he travelled to Kampala as Joseph Ojiwa Odera.

"I was even given a certificate for having paid taxes in Uganda for three years. At Owen Falls, security demanded identification but raised no issue with my papers," Raila said.

In Kampala, he tracked down his friend Shem Konga, who helped him register with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

"Shem received me well in Uganda, but we got wind that Kenya's security personnel were looking for me. The UNHCR quickly processed my papers, and I travelled to Norway via Amsterdam as Haji Omar, dressed in a white kanzu," he said.



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Raila Odinga, Former ODM leader

EULOGY

MPs to pay tribute to Raila led by Speaker Wetang'ula

A somber mood engulfed Parliament buildings yesterday when legislators received news of former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga's demise.

Speaker of the National Assembly, Moses Wetang'ula had to adjourn both the morning and afternoon session in honor of Raila and some of the departmental committees lined up were also called off, with grief so loud in the precincts of Parliament.

At around 10am yesterday, Wetang'ula arrived in the National Assembly and said he would issue his official communication in the afternoon and adjourned.

"Member, welcome to this morning meeting, I have just come from assenting to eight bills passed by this House, congratulations to all of you who participated. It is the highest number of bills ever assented together, including private members bills by Owen Baya and others...that is very good..."

He added: "I will invoke my authority under Standing Order No 1, and direct as follows, that the sitting of the House this morning is adjourned, we will have a sitting at 2.30pm where the Speaker will give you some important communication, for now the House stands adjourned. For businesses lined up this morning, bear with the leadership, there will be an opportunity to prosecute those businesses later."

Later in the afternoon, Wetang'ula announced that the National Assembly would eulogise Raila today from 10am to midnight to accord all MPs an opportunity to pay their last respects.

He cited the reason for pushing the eulogy session to today as being the fact that the Parliament leadership, Majority and Minority leaders, Kimani Ichung'wah and Junet Mohamed, respectively, were part of the delegation that was leaving for Mumbai to join a larger delegation of Cabinet Secretaries and Mama Ida Odinga, to

bring back the remains of the fallen hero.

He said the delegation is expected to be back by today afternoon and then there will be a full day of eulogies to Raila.

"We will have a full day of eulogies to Raila starting 10am to midnight to give everybody an opportunity to speak... I advise that tomorrow (Thursday), it may be the only opportunity to eulogise the former Prime Minister. It is advised you come in a somber state with somber attire, meaning, I advise that we dress in black... those who do not have black go and buy this (Wednesday) afternoon. And the good ladies, should provide black ribbons for everybody so that we demonstrate our respect and appreciation for our fallen heroic leader and I will, in the opening of a debate tomorrow then, make a formal statement," Wetang'ula said.

Ichung'wah said: "I beg to move that following

the Presidential proclamation, regarding the passing on of Raila, and pursuant to provisions of the Standing Orders 30(3)(a)... this House resolves to hold morning sitting on Thursday commencing at 10am, to adjourn the Wednesday session and extend its afternoon sitting time and record its tribute by way of an exceptional motion."

He said Raila will be remembered as a pan Africanist, a father to the nation and to many Kenyans.

Junet, in seconding the motion of adjournment, condoled with the family, ODM and the country for the loss encountered of 'a great man'.

"I'm still coming to terms with what has happened and I would request you to allow me to do my condolences tomorrow (Thursday) because some of us had deep relationship with our leader," he said.

[Irene Githinji]

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAKAMEGA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR TWELVE (12) POSITIONS FOR MUNICIPALITY BOARD MEMBERS

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

Pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act (Amendment) 2019, the County Government of Kakamega, hereby invites applications for 12 positions from competent and qualified persons to serve as Board members of Malava, Butere and Matunda Municipal Boards respectively.

POSITION: MUNICIPAL BOARD MEMBERS [12 Posts]

The member of the board shall hold office for a term of five years on part time basis.

Requirements for the Appointment as a Member of Municipal Board

- a) Holds at least a diploma from an institution recognized in Kenya;
- b) Has a distinguished career in a medium level management position in either the private or public sector;
- c) Holds at least five years' post-qualification professional experience; and
- d) Satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution;
- e) Is ordinarily resident or has a permanent dwelling in the municipality; and
- f) Carries on business in the municipality or has lived in the municipality for at least five years.
- g) Evidence of having fulfilled requirements (e) and (f) above.

The Board of the Municipality shall perform the following functions:-

- a) Oversee the affairs of the municipality
- b) Develop and adopt policies, plans, strategies and programmes, and set targets for delivery of services;
- c) Formulate and implement a time bound integrated development plan;
- d) Control land use, land sub-division, land development and zoning by the public and private sectors for any purpose, as may be delegated by the county government;
- e) Promote and undertake infrastructural development and services within the municipality as may be delegated by the County Government;
- f) Develop and manage schemes, including site development in collaboration with the relevant national and county agencies;
- g) Maintain a comprehensive database and information system of the administration and provide public access thereto;
- h) Administer and regulate the Boards internal affairs;
- i) Implement applicable national and county legislation;
- j) Enter into such contracts, partnerships or joint ventures as the Board may consider necessary for the discharge of its functions under the act or other written law;
- k) Monitor, and where appropriate, regulate Municipal services where those services are provided by service providers other than the board of the Municipal;
- l) Prepare Boards budget for approval by the County Executive Committee and administer the budget as approved;
- m) Collect rates, taxes levies, duties, fees and surcharges on fees on behalf of the county government;
- n) Set and implement tariff, rates and tax debt collection policies as delegated by the county government;
- o) Monitor the impact and effectiveness of any services, policies, programmes or plans;
- p) Establish, implement and monitor performance management systems;
- q) Promote a safe and healthy environment
- r) Facilitate and regulate public transport; and
- s) Perform such other functions as may be delegated to the Board by the county government or as may be provided for by any written law.

Remuneration

Members shall be paid as per allowances and benefits as determined and reviewed by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

How to Apply

All written applications, Curriculum Vitae, Copies of Academic and Professional certificates, PIN Certificate, Copies of Identity card and testimonials should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the left side for the Municipality applied for and addressed to the undersigned on or before 6th November 2025.

The Selection Panel
County Government of Kakamega
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KAKAMEGA

Hand delivered applications should be dropped at the County Headquarters 1st floor, Kakamega (Office of County Executive Committee Member for Public Service and County Administration between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays).

Email applications to be sent to selection panel at selectionpanel@kakamega.go.ke

Please Note

- a) All the details requested in the advertisement should be attached to the application form.
- b) During interviews, shortlisted candidates will be required to produce the following original documents: National Identity Card; Academic and Professional Certificates;
- c) Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- d) The County Government of Kakamega is an equal opportunity employer.
- e) Women and persons living with disabilities who meet the specified requirements are encouraged to apply.
- f) Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
- g) Successfully selected candidates will be required to fulfil the Chapter Six requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on integrity and leadership.

Chairperson
The Selection Panel

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR TWO (3) POSITIONS FOR KAKAMEGA COUNTY URBAN WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY BOARD MEMBERS AND ONE (1) POSITION FOR KAKAMEGA COUNTY RURAL WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY BOARD MEMBER

Pursuant to the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012, the County Government of Kakamega invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the following vacant position.

POSITION: BOARD MEMBER (4 POSTS)

Terms of Service: Three (3) years contract renewable for a further one (1) term subject to satisfactory performance.
Remuneration: Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as approved by the Board in line with the Water Services regulatory Board Corporate Governance Guidelines

Duties and Responsibilities:

- In line with the Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Services Act, 2021, Board of Directors specific duties will entail:
- a) Ensure proper and efficient exercise of the powers and performance of the functions of the Company;
 - b) Advise the management of the company generally on the exercise of the powers and the performance of the functions of the company;
 - c) Approve the estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the company;
 - d) Administer the assets, liabilities and funds of the company in such a manner and for such purposes as will promote the best interest of the company;
 - e) Receive on behalf of the company, gifts, donations, grants or other money and make legitimate disbursement therefrom;
 - f) Promote the general welfare of the staff of the company;
 - g) Have power to enter into association with other institutions dealing with water and sanitation matters, institutions of higher learning and research organizations as the Board may consider desirable as appropriate within or outside Kakamega County in furtherance of the purposes of which the Board is established;
 - h) Make rules and regulations for the proper and efficient management of the company;
 - i) Monitor and evaluate the state of water and sanitation systems in the company;
 - j) Liaise with the County department of water services in all matters relating to water and sewerage services; and
 - k) Perform such other functions as the Board of Directors may deem necessary for the proper discharge of its mandate.

Requirements for Appointment

For appointment to this position, a candidate must:

- a) Be a Kenyan Citizen;
- b) Hold a Bachelor's degree in any of the following fields: Finance, Law, Business Administration, Engineering OR Bachelor of Arts in Education, Human Resource, Information Technology from a University recognized in Kenya;
- c) Have at least five (5) years' experience in management;
- d) Be a members of
 - i. Business & Manufacturing community in the County;
 - OR
 - ii. Resident water users organizations/association in the County; and
- e) Meet the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Candidates should **NOT** attach any documents to the application form.
2. All the details requested in the advertisement should be filled on the form.
3. During interviews, shortlisted candidates will be required to produce the following **original documents**: - National Identity Card; Academic and Professional Certificates; **and** where applicable; current pay slip and letter of last promotion to the current grade.
4. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
5. The County Government of Kakamega is an equal opportunity employer.
6. Persons living with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.
7. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
8. Successfully selected candidates will be required to fulfill the Chapter Six requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on integrity and leadership, before appointment.

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Kenya, Africa leaders celebrate Raila Odinga's enduring legacy

► From presidents to political rivals, Raila Odinga was mourned as a patriot, reformer, and visionary.

► His legacy echoed through heartfelt tributes, each bearing witness to a life of selfless service.

JACINTA MUTURA, NAIROBI

Kenya was plunged into mourning yesterday following the death of Former Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga, who was receiving treatment in India.

News of his passing sent shockwaves across the country and beyond, as messages of condolence poured in from world leaders, political allies, and citizens who regarded him as a cornerstone of Kenya's democracy.

Flags flew at half-mast as Kenyans gathered in homes, offices, and marketplaces to reflect on the life of a man whose name had become synonymous with reform, resilience, and the long struggle for a better Kenya.

President William Ruto led the nation in mourning, describing Odinga as a giant of democracy, a fearless freedom fighter, and a tireless warrior for good governance.

In President Ruto's words, "Odinga's name will forever be etched in the story of our republic: a story of struggle, sacrifice, courage, rule of law,



President William Ruto consoles Ida Odinga following the death of her husband, Raila Odinga, yesterday. [PCS]

hope, and our pursuit of excellence."

"For decades, Raila dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, equity, and freedom. He endured detention and persecution so that this nation might know and enjoy democracy," Ruto said in his address.

He celebrated Odinga for championing the birth of rights and freedoms that Kenyans hold dear. "Raila Amolo Odinga is truly a once-in-a-

generation leader: a man whose ideals transcended politics and whose legacy will shape the destiny of Kenya for generations to come. A giant who towered for decades over our democratic landscape," Ruto stated.

Across the border, Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan described Odinga as "a Pan-Africanist, a peace lover, and a solutions seeker whose influence transcended borders."

Other African leaders who consoled with Odinga's family and Kenya at large, include Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia, who mourned Odinga as "a towering statesman whose legacy of democracy, justice, and public service will endure."

The European Ambassador to Kenya, Henriette Geiger, mourned Odinga as a man who dedicated his life to fighting for Kenya. "He has been an iconic leader through the decades. His legacy will live on. May his soul rest in peace," Geiger said.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, described Odinga as a distinguished statesman of the African continent.

Youssouf, who contested for the AU chair position with Odinga, remembered him as a towering figure in Kenya's political life and a steadfast champion of democracy, good governance, and people-centered development. "His decades-long commitment to justice, pluralism, and democratic reform left an indelible mark not only on Kenya but across the African continent. He inspired generations of leaders, including myself," he said.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra

my spirit is burdened with grief that is both profound and deeply personal. The news of Raila's passing has left a silence that echoes across our nation, a silence where once there was a voice of thunder and conviction," Uhuru said.

Uhuru went on to describe Baba, as he was fondly referred to, as a man who sharpened ideas and compelled one to defend positions with rigor and passion. "However, in recent years, a different bond was forged; one of respect, shared patriotism, and a common desire to see a united Kenya."

Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka said Baba was more than an enigma; he was a force of nature that kept going despite every hurdle. "Baba was the longest-suffering political detainee in Kenya. At the heart of the struggle for multipartyism, Raila's body bore the scars of slings and arrows, bullets, and batons that no man or woman should ever endure," Musyoka said.

Kanu chairperson Gideon Moi celebrated Odinga as the most "consequential political figure of our time."

"What will forever define Hon. Odinga's legacy is his untiring selflessness. He consistently placed the nation above self and all else. He made decisions not because they were popular or convenient, but because they were right," Moi said.

"He was a man of firm conviction who believed that a country can only prosper when constitutionalism and the rule of law precede any other ambition. Yet, he was pragmatic enough to build consensus when the country's unity and progress demanded it," he added.

Chief Justice Martha Koome led the Judiciary in mourning Odinga as a statesman whose name is forever etched in the annals of Kenya's democratic journey. "His unyielding struggle for political freedom, constitutional reform, and justice transformed Kenya's political landscape, expanded the frontiers of democratic participation, and anchored the principles of equality and accountability that underpin our governance today," Koome said.

Former Chief Justice David Maraga described Odinga as a patriot, Pan-Africanist, democrat, and leader who made significant contributions to democracy in Kenya and Africa. "Kenya has lost one of its most formidable leaders who shaped the trajectory of our beloved country. Africa has lost a leading voice in pushing for peace, security, and development. The world has lost a great leader."

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua mourned Odinga as "the father of democracy" who dedicated himself to service for humanity throughout his political career. "You faced brutal regimes' brutality; you were tortured, jailed, abducted, and detained several times for Kenya. When the history of Africa's Pan-Africanism is written, your chapter as the indefatigable lion of Africa will attract many readers," Gachagua mourned.

Beyond official tributes, mourning was raw across the country and online, as thousands shared memories and moments with Odinga.



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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TOWARDS THE PASSING ON OF H.E. RT. HON. RAILA AMOLLO ODINGA



His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga

Former Prime Minister and Leader of the Orange Democratic Movement

The Kenya National Union of Teachers has learnt with profound shock the passing on of His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, Former Prime Minister and Leader of the Orange Democratic Party while undergoing treatment in India.

Raila Odinga has been the beacon of peace and the source of hope for the Kenyan people not only in political leadership but also in championing for the rights of the less privileged people in the society.

The Hon. Odinga will specifically be remembered for;

1. Supporting the Kenya National Union of Teachers in pushing for making TSC a constitutional commission under the 2010 Kenya constitution.
2. He was among very few Kenyan leaders who recognized trade unions as critical and crucial links between workers, employers and government.
3. Hon Odinga always championed the fight for the rights of workers and independence of trade unions in Kenya.
4. He was at the forefront of fighting for reforms in the education sector so that the Kenyan education is in tandem with the 21st century education agenda which gave birth to the UN-2030 Educational Agenda.

5. Raila Odinga fought for better terms and conditions of service of teachers and ensured enhanced work environment.
6. Raila Odinga was largely associated in issuing bursaries, scholarships and establishment of educational institutions across the country to cater for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.
7. The Honorable Raila Amollo Odinga contributed immensely in calming political tension before, during and after elections which has helped restore peace in Kenya.

Kenya has lost a great son who stood for humanity and gave the rest of his life to serve the nation. On behalf of the National Executive Council of KNUT, the entire leadership of teachers, all teachers of Kenya and on my own behalf; I wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to his immediate family members, relatives, friends, political leaders and the Kenyan population at large.

We pray that God will rest his soul in Eternal Perpetuity.

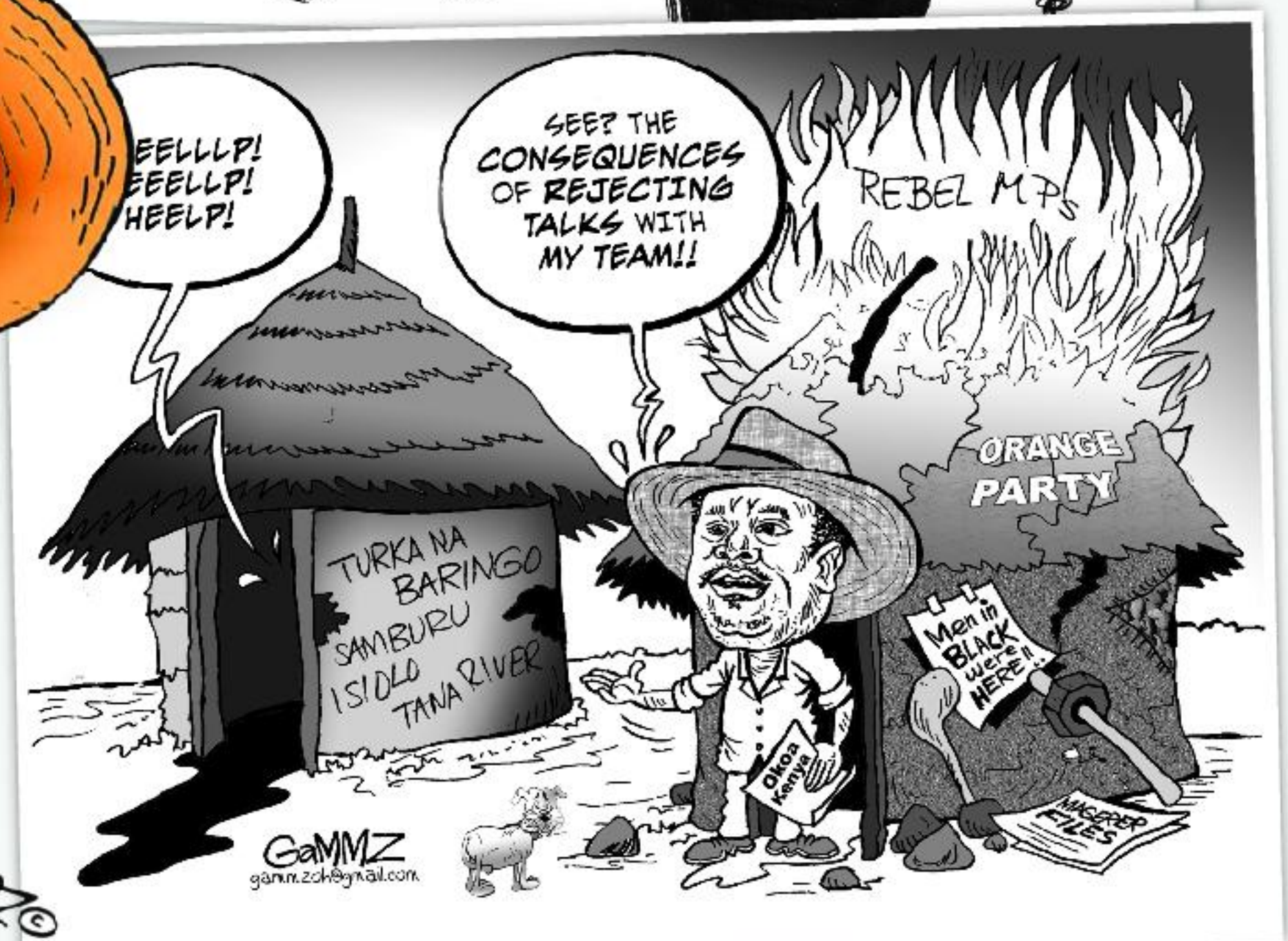
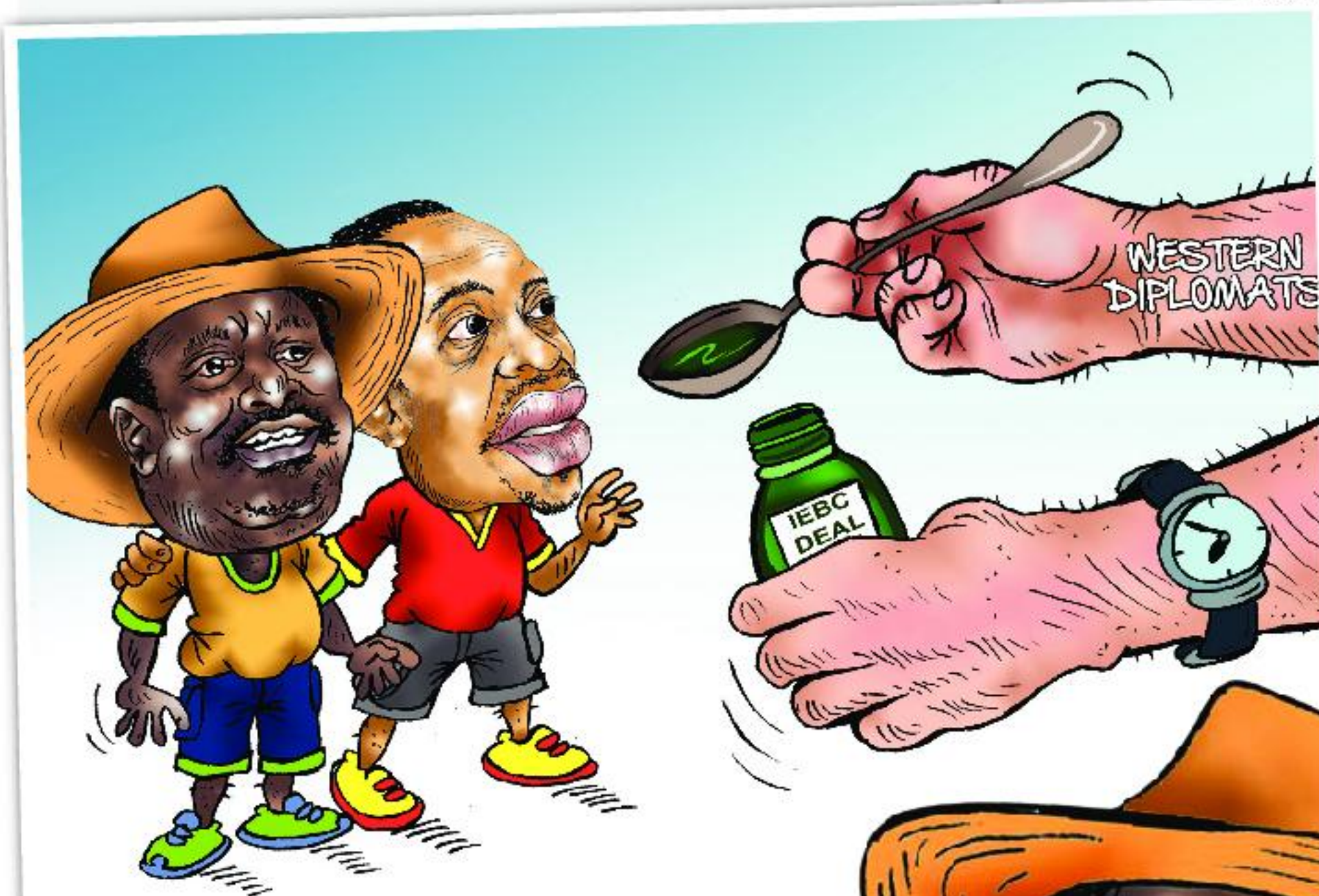
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The legend through lens of cartoonists

Raila Odinga was a darling of the media. He not only defended press freedom but also found himself on the receiving end of its scrutiny on many occasions. Whether as a source or a subject, he captivated audiences with his charisma, wit, revelations and defences. Cartoonists, too, had a field day – immortalising him in sketches and caricatures that captured both his humour and defiance. To journalists, he was an endless story; to the public, a figure who embodied the drama, resilience, and spectacle of Kenya's politics.





Ruto declares State funeral for 'fearless freedom fighter'

- ▶ President declares seven days of mourning, suspends all other activities.
- ▶ Kindiki and Oburu to co-chair committee for burial arrangements.

EDWIN NYARANGI, NAIROBI

President William Ruto yesterday mourned former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, who died at the age of 80 while undergoing treatment in India, as a giant of democracy, a fearless freedom fighter and a tireless warrior of good governance.

Ruto, who addressed the nation from State House, Nairobi, after condoling with Raila's family at their Karen home, said that for decades, Raila dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, equity, and freedom enduring detention and persecution so that this nation might know and enjoy democracy.

Flanked by Deputy President Ki-thure Kindiki and Siaya Senator Oburu Odinga, Raila's elder brother, Ruto said Raila championed reforms that gave birth to the rights and freedoms which Kenyans hold dear, speaking for the oppressed, while his conviction inspired generations and his vision shaped the course of our history.

"Raila Amolo Odinga is truly a once-in-a-generation leader; a man whose ideals transcended politics and whose legacy will shape the destiny of Kenya for generations to come. A giant who towered for decades over our democratic landscape," said Ruto.

The President said Raila would be accorded a state funeral with all attendant honours and that, in consultation with the family, a committee to be co-chaired by the Kindiki and Oburu has been set up to coordinate the funeral arrangements.

Ruto said in a political career spanning decades, Raila offered a compelling model of principled politics at critical moments in Kenya's nation's journey, putting Kenya first before individual interest and that other Kenya leaders should learn from this great patriot who has rested.

Ruto said the government of India, at the request of his government, has offered to facilitate the repatriation of the body and a delegation comprising government officials and family members, led by Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, had left for India.

"Other members of the delegation are Mama Ida Odinga, Cabinet Secretaries Kipchumba Murkomen (Interior) and Hassan Joho (Mining), National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwah, Minority Leader Junet Mohamed, and family members, Jaoko Oburu and Kevin

Odinga among others," said Ruto.

The President said Raila, who was his fierce rival in the last General Election before they embraced each other in the so-called "broad based government", was a colossus of Kenya's modern politics, an indomitable warrior in our struggle for freedom and prosperity, and a statesman of boundless selflessness.

He said in Raila's death, Kenya has lost a patriot of uncommon courage, a Pan-Africanist, a unifier who sought peace and unity above power and self-gain; an unceasing servant of the people who gave his all for the promise of a better Kenya.

In honour of Raila's extraordinary contribution to the nation, Ruto declared a seven-day period of national mourning, during which the national flag would fly at half-mast.

"As a mark of respect, I have postponed all my public engagements for the coming days to join the nation in this period of mourning and deep reflection, as we mourn. I call on all Kenyans to reflect on his towering legacy and the lessons impacted by Raila Odinga's life, work, ideas and example," said Ruto.

The President was scheduled to start his tour of Ukambani yesterday morning.

According to the programmed, Ruto was expected to land at Kwa Siku in Mwingi West and commission tarmac works for Kwa Siku - Migwani - Mbondoni road before flying to Kitui East to commission Zombe - Mwitika road. Later in the day, the President was to launch the construction of another road in Machakos county.

But the news of Raila's death threw the plan into confusion in the morning even as people mobilised to welcome the Head of State made their way to Kwa Siku.

By 10am, Mwingi West MP Charles Nguna of Wiper, who was to host the President after announcing his allegiance to Kenya Kwanza government, was not aware if the tour was still on.

Not long after, the crowd was told to disperse without being given specific details.

At the Kitui Teachers Training College where the Ministry of Energy is holding energy week, Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi landed to commission a gas storage facility, but left immediately, leaving the gathering confused.

State House Digital Communication Director and Head of Special Projects and Creative Economy Dennis Itumbi took to the podium to announce the change of plans 20 minutes later.

"I wish to announce that today's schedule has been suspended. We shall give further directions tomorrow," he said without giving details.

But by this time, everyone had heard the news of Raila's death. **[Additional reporting by Philip Muasya]**

Raila Amolo Odinga is truly a once-in-a-generation leader; a man whose ideals transcended politics and whose legacy will shape the destiny of Kenya for generations to come.

William Ruto, President.

TRANSITION

Hundreds sing freedom songs, chant on city streets in grief

Hundreds of people stormed the streets of Nairobi yesterday morning following the death of former Prime Minister and opposition leader, Raila Odinga.

News of his death spread rapidly across the country, igniting an overwhelming wave of sorrow that swept through the capital and beyond.

In Kibra, the constituency that has long been described as the heart of Raila's political soul, residents poured into the streets in disbelief, many weeping openly.

From the Olympic grounds, groups of men, women, and children moved in solemn processions through Makini-DC Road and joined Ngong Road, waving tree branches as they sang dirges and liberation songs that have punctuated Raila's decades of political struggle.

"Jowie! Jowie!" they cried, their voices breaking with emotion. "Baba iwewanang'o?" "Baba, why have you left us?" "Baba shujaa! Agwambo tunakuja!"

The grief was not confined to Kibra. Across Nairobi's Central Business District, businesses came to a halt as office workers, traders, and commuters paused to absorb the devastating news.

Boda boda riders formed long, roaring convoys, their horns blaring and flags fluttering, in tribute to the man many described as *mtetezi wa wananchi* (the people's defender).

"Who will fight for us now when our children are killed? Who will speak for us when food prices rise and life becomes unbearable?" said

Patrick Muasya, chairperson of the Nairobi Bodaboda Association.

But as the crowds swelled, moments of tension surfaced. Goons were seen breaking into shops and snatching phones and handbags, forcing police to intervene.

Still, the dominant mood was one of mourning. Along Moi Avenue, Koinange Street, and City Hall Way, mourners chanted Raila's name, waving twigs and singing freedom songs.

"Raila is our leader. The country has lost a true fighter who cared for both the rich and the poor," said Winnie Awino.

At Jacaranda Grounds in Embakasi, members of the Bunge la mwananchi — the grassroots civic movement that often rallied behind Raila — gathered in disbelief. "I cannot accept the news of Raila's passing. If indeed he is dead, allow me to believe it tomorrow," said Amos Jakababa, struggling to hold back tears.

They sang. They chanted. They wept. "Raila Odinga died too soon when we needed him most. He fought for democracy, defended the weak, and stood up to power. The country will miss him deeply," said Simon Wainaina, businessman in Kajiado.

By evening, chants of "Baba shujaa! Agwambo!" still echoed across the city, a reminder that the man who defined Kenya's opposition politics for over four decades had taken his final bow. **[Reports by Juliet Omelo, Okumu Modachi and Peterson Githaiga]**

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"My heart is heavy, and my spirit is burdened with a grief that is both profound and deeply personal. To me, Raila was more than a political colleague; he was a defining part of my own journey, in public service and in life."

Uhuru Kenyatta, Former president



EDITORIAL

Raila has left an indelible mark on Kenyan politics

Kenya's former Prime Minister, prominent opposition leader and Orange Democratic Movement party leader, Raila Odinga, has died.

Raila passed on while receiving treatment in India yesterday. His death puts to rest weeks of secrecy and speculation about his health. Kenya has lost a great leader, a man who seemed larger than life and walked our political landscape like a colossus.

Raila came to the national limelight after he was arrested and charged with treason for his perceived role in the 1982 attempted coup, for which he served a nine-year prison term. Indisputably, Raila is among the fathers of Kenyan democracy having, in 1991, played a crucial role in the repeal of Section 2A of the Constitution that allowed multi-party democracy. His push for democratic space also contributed largely to the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Kenya has lost an illustrious and industrious son who spent most of his life fighting for the rights of ordinary citizens. All his political life, from the time he served as MP for Kibera between 1992 and 2013, to the time he served as Prime Minister between 2008 and 2013, to date, Raila dedicated his life to articulating issues dear to the common man.

It has not been smooth sailing, though. Raila first contested for the presidency in 1997, but lost. In 2002, he threw his weight behind Mwai Kibaki with his 'Kibaki tosha' declaration. He again tried his luck at becoming the country's top executive in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022, but always lost controversially.

When Raila disputed the 2007 presidential election results, the country was plunged into chaos that claimed at least 1,300 lives. He again disputed the 2017 presidential election results and proceeded to swear himself in as the people's president in 2018 at Uhuru Park.

Yet despite being the aggrieved party, Raila had the knack of turning around tides when matters threatened to get out of hand. His now famous handshakes with presidents, first with Mwai Kibaki (2008), Uhuru Kenyatta (2018) and William Ruto (2024), pulled the country back from the brink of collapse.

But while many have applauded the handshakes as selfless, others have seen them as Raila's way of worming his way into government for personal gain. However, irrespective of the divergent views, the handshakes have always defused political tension and stabilised the ship of state.

For Raila, it has been an arduous journey of pain and suffering, but he never gave up the struggle. As the fearless defender of citizens' rights that he rightfully was, Raila always kept the government of the day on its toes with demands of accountability.

He inspired both hate, respect and awe. Raila was fondly known as 'Baba', 'Wuod Omollo', 'Agwambo', 'Tinga' and 'the Enigma'. Our politicians have a lot to learn from this man who dedicated his life to fighting for good governance. The Opposition, which is a critical component of any functional democracy, should embrace values that Raila stood for and continue executing the Opposition's role of holding the government to account. Kenya is poorer without Raila. May his soul rest in peace.

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BEYOND WORDS

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How biblical parable of the sower applies to Kenya today



ELIAS MOKUA

The Bible has very interesting parables. Take the example of the parable of the sower. The parable tells of a farmer who scatters seeds on different kinds of ground. The story illustrates how different people respond differently to life's guiding truths or opportunities. Some ignore them, some embrace them briefly and lose interest, others are overwhelmed by distractions, but those who are open, grounded, and committed allow these truths to grow into lasting change and fruitfulness. As the Bible says, "Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matthew 13:1-23).

As Kenya enters another season of political activity ahead of the 2027 general election, the situation mirrors the parable of the sower. Many political actors are already scattering their messages across the nation, seeking to win hearts and minds. Yet, just as some seeds fall on shallow ground or among thorns, some leaders and citizens are moved only by short-term excitement, personal gain, or tribal loyalties. What is fertile soil?

Reflecting on Kenya's unfolding political season, it is clear that people approach life and leadership in very different ways. The Parable of the Sower offers a lens through which to understand this diversity. Just as the farmer's seeds fell on various kinds of soil, our society too is shaped by the moral and spiritual ground in which individuals plant their ambitions.

In today's Kenya, we can broadly recognise four categories of people: Watafuta mali, watafuta mamlaka, wakimbiza uhai, and watafuta haki. Each group reveals a distinct mindset that determines whether their actions will bear lasting fruit or wither away in the heat of self-interest and distraction.

The first group, watafuta mali, represents those seeking wealth. In itself, this desire is not evil, for wealth can be a blessing when it uplifts others and contributes to national growth. Positive capitalism builds communities, creates jobs, and drives innovation. However, when the search for riches becomes selfish and exploitative, it suffocates the soul of society. Wealth then becomes like thorns in the parable, choking the moral life of a people and leaving behind inequality, greed, and division. The difference lies in whether one's pursuit of wealth serves only personal comfort or the common good.

The second group, watafuta mamlaka, consists of those who seek power. For many, power is a means of control rather than service. Their ambition rises quickly in noise and promise, but it lacks moral grounding. Such individuals resemble seeds that fall on rocky ground, visible for a time but unable to endure because they have no deep roots.

Kenya's history has known leaders who burn bright during campaigns but fade once in office, leaving behind disappointment and mistrust. True authority must serve justice, not self, and power should be measured by the lives it uplifts.

The third group, wakimbiza uhai, are those forever running after life. They chase opportunities, money, and recognition, but rarely pause to live meaningfully. Many in this group are the struggling youth, highly educated yet unemployed, whose dreams have been suffocated by greed, corruption, and the unfairness of social systems. They are like seeds cast along the path, full of potential but denied fertile ground. Their restlessness is not from laziness but from exclusion in a society that rewards privilege over merit. They remind us that without justice and equal opportunity, even the most vibrant seeds cannot take root and flourish.

The fourth group, watafuta haki, embodies the good soil in the parable. They are seekers of justice, truth, and fairness who act from conviction rather than convenience. Their efforts may seem quiet, and many of them are rarely recognised. Some even die fighting for the dignity and rights of all, with little appreciation from the very society they serve. Yet, like seeds in rich soil, their sacrifices endure, and their influence outlives them. These are the men and women whose integrity and courage sustain the moral fabric of the nation. They remind us that real greatness is not found in wealth, power, or restlessness, but in the steadfast pursuit of what is right and just.

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PALAUVER

Do we work to pay debt? wonders Onyango Moffat [onyangomoffat89@gmail.com]. "A report from the National Treasury indicates that out of the monthly tax collection, 70 per cent is used to service loans, leaving 30 per cent, which is not enough to run day to day government activities. It is perhaps because most of our money goes into paying debts that we have strikes by doctors and lecturers over delayed salaries. How about leaders taking a 50 per cent pay cut to pay debt? We cannot become a first world country with this financial mess."

The Kenya Defence Forces' plans to open security roads in Laikipia is a smart move to tackle banditry head-on, says Keith Baraka [keithbaraka@gmail.com]. "Improving access will enable quicker response times, helping to curb violent incidents that have long troubled the region. Beyond security, these roads could boost local development by connecting isolated communities and improving access to schools and markets. However, sustained success will depend on community cooperation and addressing causes like poverty and land conflicts."



The Sunday Standard, notes Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com], recently reported that Treasury CS John Mbadi said ODM will not field a presidential candidate in 2027, but will back President William Ruto. "If that is what the party has decided, then it is fine. Mbadi said he is the only one allowed to make such revelations given that he is ODM's Chairman of 10 years. Mbadi added that President William Ruto loves the Nyanza people very much, which is why he is building many tarmac roads there. Doesn't the President love all Kenyans equally?"



The court decision disallowing hospitals from detaining patients who are unable to pay their bills poses a dilemma to the health facilities, according to Limo Eliakim Esquire [limoeliakim@gmail.com]. "When a customer orders food in a restaurant and is not able to pay, s/he may be arrested and arraigned in court. The courts, however, have ruled that a patient who is unable to pay his or her hospital bill should be allowed to walk away freely. This presents an ethical and economic quagmire that calls for a sober discourse."

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Should former president retire from politics?



JAMES YEPET,
BUSINESSMAN



Uhuru should learn from Moi, Kibaki

I totally agree with Rigathi Gachagua that former President Uhuru Kenyatta should exit from politics. As a statesman who has served the country in the second highest political office in the land, I think it is not appropriate for him to continue engaging in active political activities. He should follow in the footsteps of presidents Daniel arap Moi and Mwai Kibaki who maintained a low profile after exiting leadership amid relatively

high-voltage political seasons. Secondly, the former president is already enjoying his retirement perks and privileges bankrolled by the taxpayer. As such, it is only fair that he respects that and tones down on his political engagement. After climbing to the highest political position, really, there is nothing bigger Uhuru can achieve in the world of politics. The Kikuyu nation, which he largely influences, is capable of charting its way forward through other elected leaders. I think his involvement in local politics is responsible for Gachagua's agitation and, fairly speaking, he should stand down from the political podium.

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He has a right to engage in politics

I do not support it. I find it strange that former Deputy President is flip-flopping on his relationship with retired President Uhuru Kenyatta. First of all, until he (Gachagua) stops the double-speak about his relationship with Uhuru, he will not be taken seriously by any Kenyan who expects responsible leadership from him and by extension the entire united opposition. Secondly, nothing prevents Uhuru from

engaging in political affairs. It is his constitutional right. The law only prevents him from vying for the presidency since he has already served the maximum two terms. However, he enjoys freedom of association and he has the right to participate in what democracy has to offer, including supporting a candidate(s) of his own choice. Secondly, Gachagua's problem with Uhuru appears to stem from his conclusion that Uhuru is not keen on supporting his political cause. He fears Uhuru could lead a section of Mt Kenya to vote for a candidate that Gachagua does not want. Now that is selfishness.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

SOCIETY

What Kenya can learn from US state's decline in number of suicide cases

Every single day in Kenya, four people die by suicide. Most of the victims are young people aged between 15 and 29 years, according to Health ministry and World Health Organisation reports.

It is a sad state of affairs. However, recent news that Colorado in the United States has recorded its lowest youth suicide cases in 17 years gives hope that suicide can indeed be prevented. Colorado's inspiring story has been attributed to multi-tier school support programmes, rollout of ubiquitous crisis lines, peer-led programmes, adequate mental health funding, and implementation of data-informed strategies.

Colorado's first win came from normalising mental health conversations in learning institutions. Teachers, peer counsellors, and administrators were trained to handle mental health matters affecting young people like stress, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts without trivialising or dismissing them.

Programmes like the "Sources of Strength" formed the first line of defence. They focused on equipping young leaders with skills to support their peers, which worked very well, as many found it easier to confide in a peer first before getting professional help.

It extended to online spaces. This meant even the most introverted youth (the most vulnerable group) had a platform where they could feel safe discussing their struggles.

The glue that bound all these together was easily accessible mental health services. Through programmes like the "I Matter", which gave children and teens up to six therapy sessions, and the "Second Wing Fund", which paid for and matched youth with seasoned mental health professionals, the State removed one of the biggest



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barriers to mental healthcare: Cost.

For years, efforts to mitigate suicide in Kenya have been crippled by outdated policies. Chief among these was the criminalisation of suicide, a regressive law that has long branded suicide survivors as offenders rather than victims. Fortunately, it was declared unconstitutional early this year. Its impact, however, still lingers.

The effects of criminalisation and stigmatisation of suicide survivors have far-reaching effects on a national scale. For fear of shame and legal consequences, families do not report attempted suicide cases, denying the country reliable data.

While Colorado has succeeded in tracking suicide rates over decades, identifying trends, evaluating mitigation strategies, and revising redundant policy frameworks, Kenya still relies on "fragmented reporting systems" through police stations, hospitals, and sporadic surveys. Without

reliable data, we cannot effectively measure the impact of any mitigation strategy.

Kenya also needs to address the funding gaps in its mental health systems. An alarming 75 per cent of Kenyans lack access to mental health services, yet only 0.01 per cent of the National Health Budget goes to mental health, far below the World Health Organisation's global recommendations. These gaps have hindered the building of functional systems where our young people can get a safe space to express themselves and get professional support.

While we may not have a funding programme yet, nothing stops us from incorporating similar programmes under the Social Health Authority for preventative measures.

In Colorado, patients covered under Medicaid were subjected to routine mental health screening in every hospital visit. We can implement the same strategy for our high-risk group (15-29-year-olds). This will anchor prevention into our health system, catch signs early, and avert future treatment costs.

In the spirit of prevention, we should also address the parental gaps that sometimes trigger suicide. It is a common tendency for African parents to dismiss a child's stress as trivial, saying: "They have no responsibilities." As long as children's material needs are met, we assume all is well. We forget that young people tend to amplify life events that adults may find trivial.

To be sure, it might be too soon to celebrate Colorado's inspiring success, especially in view of America's recent funding policy shifts, which have disrupted several supports that helped young people. The resulting wobbling underlying infrastructure could see the suicide rates move in the wrong direction again.



PRESIDENT WILLIAM RUTO

To me, Raila wasn't just a leader but wise counsellor and brother

It has been an immense privilege, in the course of my journey in leadership and politics, to work and engage with my dear late brother, the Rt. Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga, in different seasons, while playing diverse roles and under various colours. In that time, I can say that we came to know each other very well, and forged a relationship that transcended mutual understanding and became a perennial bond which withstood the furious tempests of our dynamic politics.

As a freshman legislator, I found in the National Assembly a restless and tireless Odinga who had already made an indelible mark as a determined firebrand who never hesitated when called upon to prove his mettle. In 1996, Odinga had done the unthinkable by resigning in his first term as member of Parliament for Lang'ata due to irreconcilable differences with the leadership of Ford Kenya.

Consequently, he contested the subsequent by-election under the then unknown National Development Party, whose symbol, a tractor, would earn him the nickname Tinga Tinga or Tinga in short. It helped that Tinga happened to rhyme with Odinga, and that is what I, with countless others, called him for a long time.

Odinga mobilised non-stop and built the new party from scratch. By 1997, NDP had eclipsed Ford Kenya with 21 members. Following the election, Odinga executed a political strategy that confounded friend and foe, which involved finding common ground with KANU and President Moi, then anathema and implacable foe respectively. In Moi's succession, Odinga had spotted a golden political opportunity he could not turn away from and, in NDP and Odinga, Moi saw not only safety in parliamentary numbers, but also a chance to build a broad national support base for his succession plan.

It was during this time that I found myself working more closely with Odinga as we tightened the nuts and bolts of the KANU-NDP 'cooperation' before transitioning it into the full-blown merger that shook Kenya's political landscape with reverberations that gave rise to NARC and swept KANU out of power to date.

It was immediately clear that, politically speaking, Odinga and I had a number of fundamental characteristics in common. Firstly, is his energy and zeal, especially when it came to networking, mobilising and overseeing operations and the implementation of competitive political strategies.

Secondly, his sharp focus, total commitment and unstoppable motivation in the pursuit of what he believed in. Thirdly, his pragmatism and impressive, yet thoroughly principled flexibility when it came to building alliances, negotiation, reviewing and even changing course.

Fourthly, Odinga believed in the people as the foremost if not the sole reason for political leadership. Finally, he and I believed in the importance of strong, national parties for strengthening democracy and anchoring good governance. Together with other col-



leagues, we built a strong party that endures as a powerful institution of our democracy. Afterwards, I have taken part in building equally formidable parties and coalitions from the bottom up.

This similarity had two fundamental implications: When Odinga and I were on the same page, we were utterly unstoppable. However, whenever we found ourselves at odds, the going got really tough. It will be an understatement for me to state that, in 2002, things got a little difficult after he left KANU and launched a turbocharged NARC.

Between 2005 and 2010, we were a formidable team. However, between 2010 and 2022, we were once more at loggerheads. I will always be grateful to Odinga because, in the last few years, we rediscovered once more the sweet spot and shared a moment of divine grace. I have benefitted immensely from Odinga's wisdom and experience as my parliamentary colleague, team leader, Prime Minister, elder statesman and friend.

For me, working with Odinga affirmed certain important truths that, I believe, no leader should ever neglect: Respect for opponents, acknowledging our diversity and different opinions, never underestimating competitors and never losing sight of the humanity of all persons, including our adversaries.

In all the years I knew Odinga, I was privileged to witness his devotion to his family, his loyalty to his friends and comrades, his pursuit of the abundant life made up of diverse engagements, all energetically pursued: From sport, business and engineering to innovation, devolution, pan-Africanism and farming; from dancing, statecraft and African culture to social democracy.

He impressed me most with the clarity of his conviction that the Kenya we want is within reach if we are committed to do the hard work and make bold decisions; that our democratic experiment must be nurtured

vigilantly and matured ambitiously; that leadership always creates space for the youth now, and that Kenya always comes first, and our ambitions are always subordinate to the greater good.

To his last day, Odinga was steadfast in the struggle to deliver the Africa Union's Agenda 2063 and the Kenya Vision 2030, beginning at the devolved units. I am a witness of Odinga's fiery patriotism, which never dimmed. I know because we had many deep conversations; and we shared the perspective that economic development was the crowning glory of the struggle for freedom, democracy and justice. Odinga never lost an opportunity to reiterate the words of the National Anthem, especially the lines: "Justice be our shield and defender" and, "Plenty be found within our borders".

I honour my dear departed brother not only because he believed in the best of the right things for our country, but also because he never hesitated to stand up for his convictions and, many a time, pay a painful price for them. I celebrate his courage and respect his compassion. I remember his sense of humility, humanity, honour and humour. In a time when politics often beat, broke and reduced the best and brightest into indifference, ambiguity or cowardice, Odinga stood tall, walked proudly and fought the good fight with a smile and a kitendawili.

His legacy calls on us to contemplate the real possibility of a gracious, selfless, principled and patriotic politics. It also demonstrates, beyond any doubt, that it is impossible to attempt a modern history of Kenya without devoting a number of rich chapters to the life and work of Raila Odinga.

As we bid farewell to a much beloved and towering patriot, I want to persuade all Kenyans that the best way of honouring him is by standing together in one accord, working with determination to deliver prosperity for all Kenyans within a generation.

MASHUJAA DAY

On the musical front, Kitui County will not let Kenyans down



ADHYAMBO ODERA

Kitui is home to many celebrated artistes, but this year it will play homage to many people from not just Kitui but also neighbouring counties. The lead guitarist will play a tad louder, the sopranos will shrill an octave higher because if past productions are anything to go by, this Mashujaa Day is set to be wild and not just patriotic and entertaining.

Eastern Kenya, Kitui included, is home to some of the best melodies in history especially cultural and choral renditions. The late Dr Arthur Kemoli famed for the hit arrangements did a number that resonates to date, 'Ngulo' an Akamba folksong. Musically speaking, Kamba music is fast paced, and with heart dubbed *con spirito*, and not for any ordinary Joe; ask Ken Wa Maria of 'this are my things' fame. Dance you must.

After a rigorous two weeks scouting and auditions in August which saw throngs of performing artiste present to the Permanent Presidential Music Commission (PPMC), a final list was chosen and signed up. That list remains a mystery but the rehearsals have been ongoing. PPMC director, the main curator of the entertainment, Dr Otoyoy, is putting together new and seasoned actors who will share with the world the mastery that only art can achieve. Add that to the newly renovated and upgraded Ithokwee Stadium and it is a recipe for greatness.

The system is somewhat organic. Contemporary dancers, for example, who have been chosen to participate in the event knew nothing about each before that but they are currently at camp producing magic. Shoulders are gyrating to the famous drums by local village drummers never seen or heard about before. It will be a fusion of modern and traditional culture.

The creative process is always rigorous and extremely strict. Not only must participating artistes be Kenyan (Proof of Birth by ID) but need to reside within Kitui or a neighbouring county. For instance, when Homa Bay hosted Madaraka Day there were artistes from Migori, Kisumu and Siaya counties.

This time, Kitui has its own talents supported by others from Makueni and Machakos. The lead guitar is about to be loud.

As is the tradition, the categories will include choral choir, curated for occasion and to be performed by various universities and TVET students.

Then there is crowd favourite by the little children all sourced from groups/schools within the county who excelled in the Kenya National Music Festival in August. The budding artistes will use music and drama to bring to life the theme of this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations.

The main acts will have an urban fusion arrangement, a traditional rendition and a peri religious presentation.

PPMC remains true to mandate, find talent train talent present talent. Benga maestro Osito Kalleh was almost buried in the files of oblivion but the hit song in 2021 at the 58th Madaraka Day performed in Kisumu County brought him back to life. Today he stands tall, wears his bling and is getting gigs once more. The same can be attested by the new crop of artistes who have gained a new lease of life after making an appearance at State functions.

The long and short, it is that it is always show time when PPMC takes the stage at national fetes and this time, the platform will be in Kitui.

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HOT ON X

Kenyans pay tribute to Raila Odinga

@dkmaraga: I am shocked to learn of the demise of former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, a patriot, a pan-Africanist, a democrat and a leader who made significant contributions to democracy in Kenya and in Africa.

@ThomasSankaraWN: A lion sleeps tonight - the pride of Kenya rests. Raila Odinga, you fought with heart and walked with grace. Your dream for justice became our compass. May your soul find peace among the stars.

@kevin_muts72332: Raila's legacy deserves exactly this tone, respect without politics. He was Kenya's political conscience, and whether you loved or hated him, you cannot deny his influence.

@MugwimiJoe: You come to see it wasn't hate, but hidden admiration — when the voice that opposed your political beliefs falls silent, and you feel the emptiness it leaves behind.

@lan_lzack: Raila Odinga fought for our democracy. Kenya has lost a true hero. The freedom we enjoy now is a result of his fight. Without him, Kenya would be like Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia and Rwanda.



@jeremiah_adoyo: Truth be told, Raila shook the hands of 4 presidents out of 5. I was not at peace with the last handshake. Rest in power Jakom

@NtwaliWanyu1: We send our condolences to the family of Eng. Raila Odinga.

@Iampankaj_007: Condolences noted. I am curious how many praised his leadership before it became an obituary highlight.

@Gadante2: You once did good to him. By giving him justice when the bad guys tried to steal what was his. A light that never shone indeed.

@Erick_O_Mokua: The man is gone but his legacy will live on for many decades to come. May Baba's soul RIP.

@paddyonyango: Indeed the last trumpet call may have just but sounded; yet its reverberations shall be heard in perpetuity across generations, past, present, and the unborn.

@Rchacha1298621: May Almighty God receive his soul and rest Raila in eternal peace.

@Mrorganic01: A voice that shook the foundations of power has fallen silent. Rest in peace king Jakom.

HEALTH

More awareness campaigns, regular screening can help to reduce cases of breast cancer

As the world marks breast cancer awareness month this October, we are reminded to enlighten the public, through selected forums and media outlets, about this menace that has been, for a long time, the cause of deaths majorly among women, and sometimes, in men. Breast cancer occurs when breast cells become abnormal to form tumours. Women are at a greater risk of getting breast cancer compared to men.

Over the years, the health sector has come up with advanced equipment and medicines to treat breast cancer, non-governmental organisations and private sector stakeholders have conducted public campaigns to create awareness on breast cancer and as a result, people have volunteered to go for screening and to take care of breast cancer patients. But, is everybody able to access the health care services, attend campaigns and afford the screening services being offered?

Despite numerous campaigns, many women in remote areas, especially, still lack access to regular screening or treatment facilities. This shows that awareness alone is not enough. Furthermore, in some communities, myths surrounding breast cancer abound and discourage women from seeking medical attention early, which undermines all control efforts.

Risk factors such as inherited gene mutations, drug and substance abuse and being overweight increase the chances of an individual having breast cancer. Taking precautions such as exercising regularly and watching our eating habits, self examination of the breasts and looking out for the appearance of any lumps in the breasts, nipple discharge and generally any changes in one's breast, and going for regular screening, helps in controlling breast cancer.

As for breast cancer patients, it is paramount to know their breast cancer stage and get the required treatment to manage the disease. Sur-



gery, chemotherapy and radiography are ways of treating breast cancer. It is also important to note that advanced stages of breast cancer, more so metastatic breast cancer, might be cumbersome to treat.

While significant progress has been made through awareness campaigns and improved technology, much more needs to be done to ensure equitable access to care and truly control breast cancer. Reaching out to people through media outlets and giving out public lectures on breast cancer are just ways of creating awareness. But to ensure we save lives and reduce the burden of breast cancer, we need to take precautions and ensure our well-being all the time. **Faith Obech, Rongo university**

ELECTIONS

Gen Z votes will salvage this country

For a long time, Kenyans have been crying out for honest leadership, justice, accountability, and an economy that respects the hard work of its people. Demonstrations, social media rants, and forums filled with anger and resistance have become our daily rhythm. The once promising change makers have gone missing when it matters most, yet history remembers the doers, not the complainers. Kenya needs the courage of Gen Z now more than ever. This is the moment to turn rage into reform, frustration into action, and kick out the system that has failed us. The silence is deafening, we need movement.

To honour the lives lost in last year's demonstrations, let's register in large numbers and use the ballot to demand accountability. It's only through the vote that our voices can truly count. Don't surrender your power; don't make this system stronger through silence. We cannot demand change with empty ballots. How can we give up so easily? We stand on the edge of another election, another chance to shape the destiny of this nation. 2027 is a test, and we cannot pass it without the power of the vote. Let us save our beloved nation. **Arum Martin, Laikipia**

WAR

Why deadly Hamas attack anniversary matters

October 7, 2023 marks the date on which a major Hamas-led cross-border attack on Israel resulted in the deaths of more than 1,200 people, mostly civilians. Besides the dead, dozens others were taken hostage. The coinage "Iron Sword War Memorial Day" has been adopted to give an official memorial framework tied to the October 7 events. The fact that the anniversary is ongoing is not a coincidence.

The reason the anniversary matters is because it reminds both domestic and international audiences of the

original provocation, reinforcing its narrative of defence. Also, the anniversary stirs emotions of grief, loss, solidarity and resolve among the Israelis.

Leaders can use the commemoration to put pressure on both external actors and internal constituencies, for example: Hostile parties, rivals and international mediators. Yet even as the anniversary is marked, they face major obstacles such as hostages release sequencing, disagreement over disarmament, and domestic politics. **Mitchelle Maingi, Thika**





DROUGHT

Hunger should not be declared a national disaster

Hunger has sent quite a good number of not only human beings but also animals to untimely death leaving the rest weak and malnourished. Parts of the countries that are affected by drought and hunger have recently been calling to the government and well wisher to intervene and help them find a solution. If only hunger was declared a national disaster then most countries would bring together their resources and possible researches to help counter the situation. The more the country involves other countries then it is certain that they may probably

find a long lasting solution. As much as offering relief food and water to individuals affected, the government should consider find ways to reclaim unused land for crop production in order to increase food availability, educate farmers on short period crop farming, introduce irrigation through use of available water catchment areas, digging up dams for use in terms of drought, advance storage facilities for proper storing of surplus and most importantly educating individual of causes of hunger, ways to prevent and the effects. **Faith Mwangi, Migori**

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Thursday, 23rd day of October 2025			
1.	Mr. Robert Githinji Ndirangu	Chairperson	9.00 A.M.–10.00 A.M.
2.	Ms. Tabitha Wangare Ndung'u	Member	10.00A.M.–11.00 A.M
3.	Mr. Erick Muriuki Kirimi	Member	11.00A.M.–12.00 P.M.
4.	Mr. Charles Karue Ngunjiri	Member	2.00 P.M.–3.00 P.M.
5.	Mr. Millicent Wambui Kaburi	Member	3.00 P.M.–4.00 P.M.

Any person who desires to make submissions on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees to the positions mentioned above may hand-deliver their sworn submissions /affidavit to the Office of the Clerk at the County Assembly Chambers near Huduma Centre, or email them to clerk@nyandaruaassembly.go.ke

The submissions should be clearly addressed to:

**The Clerk,
 Nyandarua County Assembly,
 P.O. Box 720-20303,
 OL KALOU.**

so as to reach the Office of the Clerk on or before **Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 4.00 P.M.**

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TENDER NOTICE

Nyandarua County Assembly invites interested and eligible Bidders for the tenders listed below.

TENDER NO	TENDER NAME	BID BOND VALUE IN KSH	ELIGIBILITY GROUP	TENDER CLOSING DATE & TIME
3861/1403/0004/2025-28	Supply, Delivery and implementation of a private cloud (Data Center) Solution	200,000.00	County Residents	30/10/2025 at 11.00 A.M
3861/1403/0005/2025-28	Proposed Construction and completion of Staff houses and associated amenities at the Official Speaker's residence	N/A	AGPO (Women)	30/10/2025 at 12.30 P.M

Interested bidders can download Tender Documents at www.egpkenya.go.ke

Prospective Bidders are advised to check the detailed specifications, requirements terms and conditions in the Tender Documents.

Completed Tender Documents must be submitted electronically through the Electronic Government Procurement system (EGPs) platform.

Tenders will be opened immediately after the submission deadline date and time specified above. Tenders will be opened electronically on the EGPs platform www.egpkenya.go.ke

NB: The tender notice is also available at www.nyandaruaassembly.go.ke

Late Tenders will not be accepted.

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company (KACWASCO) is a Water and Sanitation Services Provider mandated by County Government of Kakamega and Licensed by Water Services Regulator Board to Sustainably Provide Quality, Reliable and Affordable Water and Sanitation Services to residents of Kakamega County. To strengthen our Management Team, the Company seeks to recruit a qualified, experienced and results-oriented individual to fill the position of **Technical Services Manager** as detailed in the table below.

S.N	DESIGNATION	SCALE	No. of Vacancies	Vacancy No.	Terms Of Employment
1.	Technical Services Manager	2	1	KACWASCO/TM/2025/01	5 years Contract

For more details on the job requirements, please visit KACWASCO website : www.kacwasco.co.ke

Interested candidates who meet the set requirements should submit their applications, including a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae (CV), copies of academic and professional certificates and contact details of three referees.

Applications should be clearly marked "**Job Ref: KACWASCO/TM/2025/01 – Technical Services Manager**" and delivered to:

**Chairman - Board of Directors,
 Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company,
 PO BOX 1189- 50100,
 KAKAMEGA.**

Deadline for applications: **5th November, 2025 at 5:00PM EAT.**

NOTE: All Applications must be submitted in Hard Copies only

Please note:

- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification
- KACWASCO is committed to availing equal employment opportunities to all Kenyans. Women, persons living with disabilities, the marginalized and the minorities who meet the requirements of the advertised position are strongly encouraged to apply.
- It is criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents
- Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce **ORIGINAL & PROFESSIONAL** certificates during the interview.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit documents of compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 during the interview.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Business Process Review, Re-Engineering & Update of The Accounting Manual

The multi-donor funded programme "Strengthening Good Financial Governance (GFG) in Zambia IV" is financed by the European Union (EU) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Summary of the Assignment

As part of its support to the Office of the Accountant General (OAG), GFG IV Programme seeks to engage suitably qualified and competent consulting firms to provide consultancy services to undertake review and re-design of business processes and procedures in line with best practices and current developments in PFM. The revised business processes and procedures will be used to update the accounting manual and form the bases for the migration of SAP IFMIS ECC6.8 to SAP S/4HANA.

The main objective is to contribute to the implementation of the Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform Programme in Zambia and, therefore, improve the effectiveness in service delivery to Zambia citizens.

The specific objectives of this consultancy assignment are:

- To help the government to comprehensively review and re-design its business processes and procedures in line with best practices and current developments in PFM.
- To update the accounting manual to reflect the approved revised accounting practices, accounting principles, policies, procedures and the existing regulatory framework applied in present accounting system to ensure smooth, effective and efficient operations.

The contractor is responsible for providing the following services:

- Review and update of the Accounting Concepts, Principles and Policies
- Business process review and re-engineering (BPR)
- Updating the Accounting Manual
- Conduct Stakeholder and Validation Workshops

The service is expected to be performed between November 2025 to May 2026. All deliverables must be completed within this period.

Selection Criteria:

To qualify for consideration in the tender procedure, interested firms are required to meet the following qualifications and submit documents for eligibility assessment accordingly:

- Knowledge and experience of key accounting concepts, principles and policies for a national government including IPSAS and GFS compliant Chart of Accounts, accounting & Financial Reporting.
- Knowledge and experience in government computerised accounting systems, business processes, procedures & development of accounting manuals
- Knowledge and experience in Review, Analysis, re-engineering, design and implementation of business processes and procedures in government
- Knowledge and experience of Zambia government's budgeting, budget execution and accounting systems, processes and procedures, etc.
- Experience of working on Two (2) accounting and budget reform assignments in a national government
- Regional Experience in Zambia
- Experience of development Projects

Additional submissions:

- Annual total turnover for each of the last three (3) years, a minimum of 140,000 Euros or Zambian Kwacha equivalent per year is required.
- List of completed and ongoing projects supported by at least 2 client references.
- CV(s) detailing experience, competencies, and skills of key personnel for this project.

Submission Details:

- Official letter expressing interest.

How To Submit:

The number of pages of all submission documents shall not exceed **50** pages. External content (e.g., links to websites) will not be considered, the size limit of the attachment is **30MB**.

The information and documents specified above shall be submitted to GIZ in PDF format **by Tuesday 28th October 2025 on or before 18:00hrs Zambian local time** to the following email address: ZM_Quotation@giz.de

The subject line must be clearly marked as: "**Call for Expression of Interest, Ref Updating Accounting Manual No. 83494794**"

Kindly note that complete tender documents will **ONLY** be shared with the shortlisted consultant that will meet stated criteria.

For further clarification bidders can send their queries to: ZM_Inquiry@giz.de

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DTB BANK HOSTS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM



Investments Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Lee Kinyanjui (left) with Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Chief Executive Murali Natarajan during the DTB Economic and Sustainability Forum in Nairobi yesterday. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

SURPLUS

Carrefour in bid to reduce food waste

Thousands of Kenya families facing food insecurity as set to benefit from expected redistribution by retailer Carrefour.

Majid Al Futtaim Retail, Carrefour's mother company, has signed a memorandum of understanding with Food Banking Kenya (FBK) to distribute surplus, safe, and edible food to vulnerable communities across the country.

The initiative will ensure surplus baked goods are collected and distributed daily, while dry groceries such as rice, cereals, and lentils are delivered to verified charitable organisations within four days. In a statement, the retailer said the agreement seeks to reduce food waste and its environmental impact, strengthen national food security, and ensure that safe surplus food reaches those in need through efficient and transparent processes.

"This partnership underscores Majid Al Futtaim's commitment to responsible retail and to creating a positive impact in the communities we serve. We know that for various reasons, food often goes to waste, yet much of it can be redistributed and repurposed to support those in need," said Majid Al Futtaim Retail Regional Director for East Africa Christophe Orcet.

"By transforming surplus into support, we are reducing waste while strengthening Kenya's food security. [Esther Dianah]

MARKETS

Coffee auction earns farmers Sh644m

The coffee market earned Sh644.6 million after the sale of 10,770 bags weighing 671,180 kgs at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) weekly auction. Coffee estates and cooperatives whose produce was marketed by the New KPCU and Alliance Berries Ltd achieved the highest prices.

The earnings were a drop compared to last week's Sh704 million following the sale of 11,179 bags of coffee.

NCE reports indicated that the top three were New KPCU that sold 3,092 bags at Sh194.7 million, Alliance Berries 2,768 bags for Sh162.5 million, and Minnesota 856 bags for Sh47.8 million.

NCE CEO Lisper Ndung'u said 18 buyers participated where Taylor Winch bought 3,234 bags, Ibero Kenya 2,257 bags, Louis Dreyfus 1,560 bags, C-Dormans 1,518 bags among others.

"There is a need for the growers across the counties to continue increasing production of quality coffee to attract the market," said Ms Ndung'u. [Boniface Gikandi]

New computer, land use laws to tighten control of vital sectors

► Cybercrimes law signed by Ruto yesterday aims to curb extremism and explicit content.

► Delicate issue of historical injustices expected to be addressed by NLC Amendment Act.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

Early yesterday morning before the country received the news of demise of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, President William Ruto assented into law, eight bills passed by the National Assembly.

The Bills are National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023; Land (Amendment) Bill, 2024; and Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Others are National Police Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024; Air Passenger Service Charge (Amendment) Bill, 2025; Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill, 2025; and the Privatisation Bill, 2025.

"With my assent, these laws now become part of the Statutes of the Republic of Kenya, reinforcing our collective commitment to address historical injustices, entrench equity and transparency, and accelerate our national development and transformation agenda," Ruto said.

One of the Bills that raised controversy was the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Bill, which sought to tighten Kenya's digital space

through a far-reaching law that targets cybercrime, online child exploitation, extremist content, fake news, identity theft and misuse of SIM cards.

"The Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Amendment Bill, National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2024...seeks to provide a regulatory framework combating unlawful activities, inappropriate sexual content of minors, terrorism or religious extremism, and cultism, among other forms of cybercrimes, thereby advancing the gains made by the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Amendment Act," read a citation by Deputy State House Comptroller Josphat Nanok.

The Bill was proposed and sponsored by an individual member, Wajir East MP Aden Mohammed, who proposed to amend the Act to prohibit the use of electronic mediums to pro-

mote unlawful activities including terrorism, religious extremism.

"While moving the Bill, the member proposed that the Bill indicate that any persons who use computers or modern technology to exploit our children, including matters of child pornography, will be brought before the law," said Clerk of the National Assembly Samuel Njoroge. "The Bill also provides that the court may additionally order the removal of such unlawful content, closure of or deactivation of the computer system, website or digital device upon conviction of the offender."

The National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was resubmitted following Parliament's consideration and assimilation of the President's recommendation on the bill earlier submitted pursuant to Article 115(1b) of the Constitution.

The Bill sought to amend the National Land Commission Act by repealing Section 15 pursuant to Article 67(2e) of the Constitution, which mandates the Commission to initiate, receive, admit, and investigate any historical land injustices, complaints, and recommend appropriate redress. The Bill was sponsored by the Member for Kilifi North, Owen Baya, which was before the President for a second time.

"The first time, it came, you (President) required that the National Assembly does amend the Bill further to accord properly with Article 67 of the Constitution," Njoroge indicated.

The Bill proposed that the National Land Commission looks further and investigates on its own motion or after being moved by any person on complaints relating to historical land injustices.

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Samuel Njoroge, Clerk of the National Assembly

Crude oil 58.71 +0.01(+0.02%)	Gold 4,210.70 +47.30(+1.14%)	BitcoinUSD 112,491.27 +2,030.68(+1.84%)	Euro/USD 1.1622 +0.0014(+0.1241%)	FTSE 100 9,400.44 -51.89(-0.55%)	Nikkei 225 47,672.67 +825.35(+1.76%)	S&P Futures 6,726.25 +39.75(+0.59%)	NASDAQ Futures 24,962.75 +200.25(+0.81%)
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Tops & Flops

NCBA	75.25	81.25	7.97%
LONGHORN	3.00	3.17	5.67%
SAMEER	13.55	14.10	4.06%
CIC INSURANCE	4.48	4.65	3.79%
UNGA	24.85	25.75	3.62%
KAPCHORUA TEA	394.25	355.00	-9.96%
WILLIAMSON TEA	238.00	214.50	-9.87%
KENYA POWER	12.90	12.15	-5.81%
HF GROUP	10.65	10.05	-5.63%
UMEME	8.50	8.24	-3.06%



Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE	JAPANESE YEN (100)	85.0295
US DOLLAR	129.2364	SWEDISH KRONER	13.5519
STERLING POUND	171.7035	NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.6796
EURO	149.5976	DANISH KRONER	20.0292
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.4006	INDIAN RUPEE	1.4556
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	26.6953	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6222
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	18.9962	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	99.3629
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2314	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4612
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.8043	CHINESE YUAN	18.0981
AE DIRHAM	35.1850	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	83.4609
CANADIAN DOLLAR	91.9145		
SWISS FRANC	160.8618		

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE	Amana Fund Class C	7.16	7.40
Kuza Money Market Fund	10.45%	11.02%	GenAfrica Fixed Income Fund	14.10%	15.04%
Kuza Money Market Fund (USD)	5.75%	5.91%	Equity Balanced Fund	163.51	164.89
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	10.09%	10.57%	African Alliance Balanced Fund	23,427.9	22,064.6
Equity Money Market Fund	4.92%	5.03%	African Alliance Equity Fund	211,376.8	198,505.3
African Alliance Money Market Fund	7.07%	7.31%	African Alliance Enhanced Yield	7.68%	7.95%
Apollo Money Market Fund	9.52%	10.00%	Apollo Balanced Fund	158.75	152.40
Mali Money Market Fund	9.37%	9.37%	GCIB Fixed Income Fund	11.91%	12.59%
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.12%	8.46%	GCIB Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	6.93%	7.15%
GCIB Money Market Fund	11.55%	12.18%	Jubilee Fixed Income Fund	10.54%	11.07%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	10.18%	10.67%	Zimele Fixed Income Fund	11.86%	12.53%
Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)	5.21%	5.34%	Zimele Balanced Fund	16,581.8	16,098.8
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.30%	8.65%	ICEA LION FIXED INCOME FUND	124.90	124.90
Britam Money Market Fund	10.07%	10.59%	ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	147.92	147.92
Britam Money Market Fund (USD)	4.48%	4.58%	ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	143.68	143.68
CIC Money Market Fund	8.22%	8.53%	Britam Bond Plus Fund	10.98%	11.60%
Stanbic Money Market Fund	6.24%	6.42%	Britam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	5.45%	5.60%
SanlamAllianz Money Market Fund	8.96%	9.37%	NCBA Fixed Income Fund	7.56%	7.83%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	10.15%	10.64%	NCBA Fixed Income Fund (USD)	3.61%	3.67%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund (USD)	5.12%	5.24%	NCBA Equity Fund	213.51	213.51
Enwealth Money Market Fund	10.57%	11.10%	Stanbic Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.90%	5.01%
Madison Money Market Fund	9.72%	10.21%	SanlamAllianz Fund	2.07%	2.09%
			SanlamAllianz Fixed Income Fund	7.59	7.59
			SanlamAllianz Balanced Fund	26.63	26.63
			CIC Fixed Income Fund	9.45%	9.88%
			CIC Wealth Fund	7.00%	7.00%
			CIC Equity Fund	7.84	7.64
			CIC Balanced Fund	7.13	6.9

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW	VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME	
AGRICULTURAL					
23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	20.40	20.70	4,913
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00	401.50	401.50	1
424.25	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	355.00	394.25	102
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME		376.75	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	18.45	18.45	8,696
350.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	214.50	238.00	1,334
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
56.75	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	52.25	52.25	8,780
BANKING					
23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	21.95	21.85	153,160
42.55	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	42.35	41.75	31,788
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	104.00	100.50	8,280
59.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	58.75	59.00	182,929
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.05	10.65	622,818
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	42.15	42.25	32,120
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	57.00	57.50	227,308
82.75	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	81.25	75.25	592,261
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	199.00	199.00	7,188
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	289.50	282.25	33,100
21.55	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	19.70	19.70	326,093
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00SME	1.33	1.36	27,684
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.16	7.38	1,447
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.78	3.89	184,238
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	3.17	3.00	600
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.60	1.63	124,517
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.35	13.30	3,313
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	14.10	13.55	3,684
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.40	6.26	2,752
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.55	16.00	900
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.39	0.39	237,587
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.86	2.81	48,234
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00		54.00	-
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	58.50	56.50	845
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	-
64.25	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	58.25	57.50	320
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.40	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	9.10	9.10	3,423,896
15.80	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	12.15	12.90	2,501,639
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.51	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	35.00	34.90	9,321
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.24	8.50	47,189
INSURANCE					
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.46	8.46	180,968
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	4.65	4.48	98,263
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	324.75	320.75	15,005
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.00	3.01	1,408,376
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.95	11.00	2,361
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.90	8.92	16,153
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	14.05	13.95	48,434
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.18	1.20	242,466
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME		1,500.00	-
7.46	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	7.04	6.80	20,412
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	14.70	14.75	19,375
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	129.00	126.75	135
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	431.75	431.75	8,675
30.10	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	25.85	26.45	6,372
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	213.00	214.25	22,838
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.57	1.58	50,922
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricornp Plc Ord 5.00SME		65.00	-
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	25.75	24.85	464
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.16	7.42	72,308
TELECOMMUNICATION					
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	26.55	26.00	6,905,767
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00		20.00	-
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
3330.00	1880.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	5090.00	5050.00	6,532
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	820.00	828.00	556

PARTNERSHIP

Kenya, Australia to strengthen trade ties

Kenya and Australia have had a flawless relationship for the last 60 years, and the two countries have expressed all the intentions cementing this long-standing engagement. While visiting Kenya, Australia's Assistant Minister for Immigration, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Matt Thistlethwaite, exuded confidence that the two countries are set to benefit more from their relationship.

"Australia deeply values Kenya's role as a leader in Africa, as a hub for diplomacy, peace and security efforts, and sustainable development. We are proud to stand alongside Kenya in multilateral fora, from the United Nations to the Commonwealth, championing democracy, human rights, gender equality, climate action, and rules-based international order," said Thistlethwaite.

Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Korir Sing'oei, noted that Australia is home to over 22,000 Kenyans, testament to the favorable relationship. He noted that Australia has been a preferred destination for Kenyans seeking education abroad. "Australia has managed to balance between quality education and affordability, something that incentivizes more Kenyans to go to Australia," noted Sing'oei. Over 8,500 Kenyan students are currently studying in Australia.

Kenya is Australia's second largest trading partner in Africa with two-way trade and investment valued at over \$1 billion in 2024. "Australian companies are contributing to investment, and skills transfer here in Kenya, while Kenyan expertise and innovation, especially in digital finance and technology inspires us in return. Increasingly, we see new frontiers in trade, mining, technology, and clean energy that will shape the next chapter of our engagement," noted Thistlethwaite.

The trade balance between Australia and Kenya is heavily imbalanced, creating a massive room to boost trade between the two nations. In July 2025, Australia exported goods worth Australian \$14 million (Sh1.18 billion) to Kenya. In return, Kenya only exported to Australia goods valued at Australian \$3 million (Sh252 million) to Australia. "We need to do more trading between our two countries," noted Sing'oei. "Australia is a global leader in mining technology, an area we can partner further to see that Kenya's extractive sector grows."

Kenya being home to rare earth minerals, Thistlethwaite said there is an opportunity for partnership. The establishment of The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) in the country is among the springboards present to propel trade and investment between Kenya and Australia, with collaborations in other key areas such as health and sports.

[Noah Kipkemboi]



NUMBER OF THE DAY
SH31M
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KTN TV

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- 6:00 AM THE SITUATION ROOM
- 10:00 AM ART OF LIVING
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- 3:00 PM THE HOT SPOT
- 3:30 PM AMPLIFY
- 4:00 PM MBIU
- 4:30 PM KIDS
- 5:00 PM BASELINE
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- 7:30 PM NJORO WAUBA
- 8:00 PM ART OF LIVING
- 9:00 PM KTN PRIME
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- 6:00PM KENYA'S GOLD
- 7:00PM NIPASHE
- 7:30PM NEEMA
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- 4:00AM PAMBAZUKA



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- 6:00AM MORNING CAFÉ
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- 11:00AM TV47 MATUKIO
- 2:00PM BAZE 47
- 3:00PM THE DEBATE CYCLE - RPT
- 4:00PM TV47 NEWS NOW
- 4:15PM BEAT KIDS
- 4:30PM KIKI AND NUNA
- 5:00PM BEAT PLUG
- 7:00PM UPEO WA TV47
- 7:30PM MFAHAMU
- 8:00PM DW DOCU FILM
- 8:30PM NEW LIFE BEGINS
- 9:00PM THE GREEN FIX WITH SHIKSHA ARORA
- 11:00PM DW DOCU FILM
- 12:00AM BEAT PLUG MIX



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- 10:00PM FIXING THE NATION
- 1:00AM ALJAZEERA



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- 6:00AM TAAITAB BERUR
- 10:00AM TINY TINY BOISIET
- 2:00PM KOITAMA
- 7:00PM KABUREITO



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- 11:00PM MAISHA COCKTAIL



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- 6:00PM FALLING INTO YOUR SMILE
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- 8:30PM BBC- FOCUS ON AFRICA
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- 12:30AM ALJAZEERA

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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
A project or plan can now show signs of weakness. While this can rain on your parade now, you can also decide to work on problem areas and make improvements rather than give up on something important to you.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
The Sun in your sign has been encouraging you to focus on personal efforts toward self-improvement, while Jupiter is pushing performance, ambition, or career and accomplishment. You want to do both well, but something has to give!



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
A debate can get out of hand, as well. For the best results, aim to be discreet at the moment. You may not have all the necessary information to solve a problem, and waiting it out may help you conserve energy.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
While thinking in big terms is fine, today's energies point to a tendency to be immoderate, or to overshoot. While there can be difficulties balancing your intimate life and your social life, it makes sense to slow down and recalibrate.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
Pushing too hard toward a goal can wear you down or overwhelm you, which is counterproductive. Watch for errors made from ignoring or glossing over details. Aim to pace yourself while remaining open to new possibilities and ideas.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
Becoming overwhelmed by things to do will not help you achieve more, and right now, the desire for some freedom from restrictions and routines is strong. Avoid taking on more tasks.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
People in your life may be feeling left out or confused about your attitude, perhaps desiring a show of seriousness to balance things out. Uncertainty about how to proceed in a relationship or about someone's feelings for you can be an issue.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Restlessness is a possibility if you feel overwhelmed with things you want to do or if you are caught up in a dilemma that leaves you wondering what your next step should be. You have a stronger need for security and a sense of belonging, but it's essential to take independent steps to achieve these.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Try not to move forward on a new idea right now, at least not too quickly, and avoid taking on too much in an effort to catch up or get somewhere fast. Spreading yourself too thin will not lead to success as the Sun heads into a square with Jupiter.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Ups and downs are possible, but it's also a great opportunity to see where you've been pushing too hard. Respecting your limits and avoiding promises and inflated expectations can help tremendously now.



Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
A conflict between nurturing your increased need for security and your similarly big desire for personal expansion or freedom can be in the spotlight. Be kind to yourself by not expecting too much of yourself.

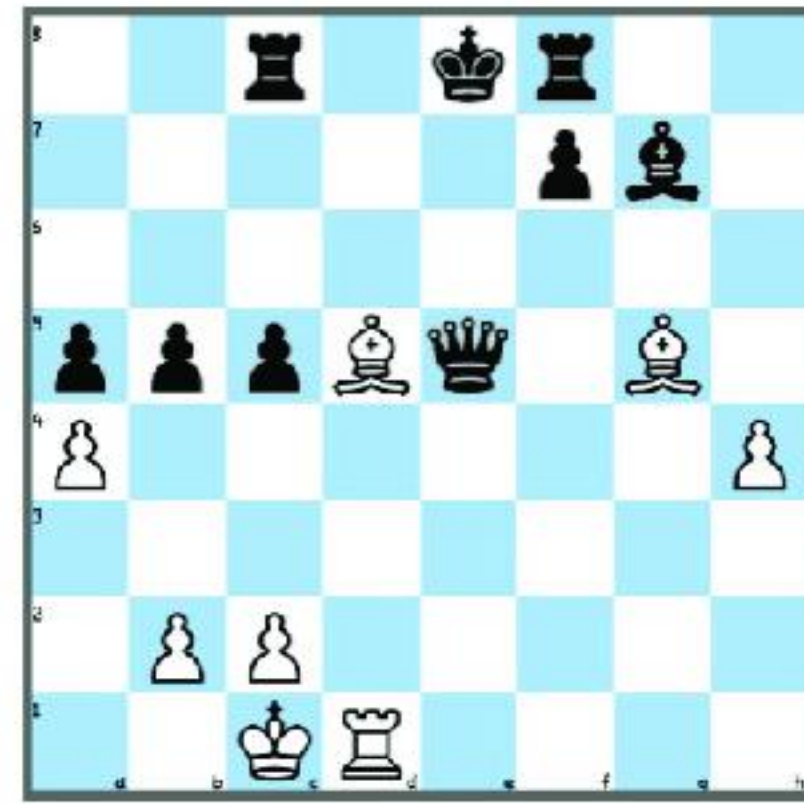


Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
You may be seeking more meaning in your work or your efforts to help others. Try not to take on too much, particularly when it comes to serving and helping others. It's a question of time and energy, as you need to take better care of yourself.
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CHESS

Easy puzzle

White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

Black mates in 3 moves.



Wednesday's solution

Easy:
1. Bxb6+ Kxb6
2. Qb8#

Intermediate:
1. g3+ hxg3
2. Rf3+ Rxf3
3. Ng2#

SOLVIT

B	E	D	G	16
A	F	B	H	29
D	E	J	C	13
H	G	A	C	21
28	10	25	16	

Difficulty

The letters have a distinct value between 1 and 9. Two of these values and the totals horizontally and vertically have been given. Solve all the values.

Today's Clues

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
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Wednesday's solution

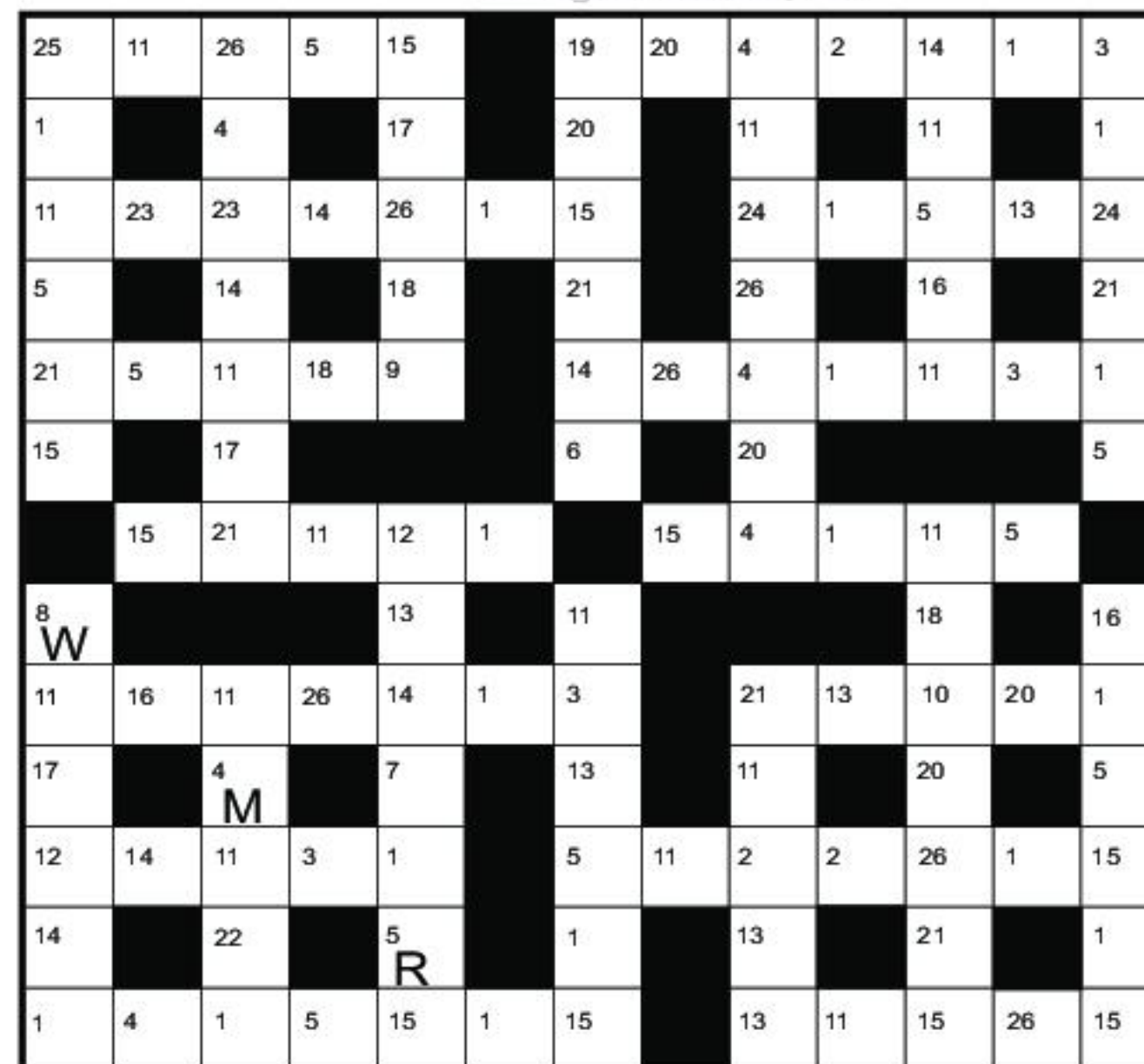
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7	1	5	3	6	2	4	9	8

CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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

Wednesday's solution

1	T
2	S
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4	D
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7	G
8	Y
9	B
10	F
11	J
12	H
13	E
14	Q
15	C
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17	K
18	Z
19	L
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22	A
23	X
24	N
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KAKURO

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The totals for the rows and columns are given on the left for the rows and above for the columns in the shaded boxes. The single digits which give the totals are used only once e.g. 10 = 1, 2, 3, 4 or 1, 4, 5 or 2, 3, 5 etc but not 2, 2, 6 or 1, 1, 8 or 3, 3, 2

Wednesday's solution

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	11	4	2	5	
	21	8	6	7	5
16	6	3	1	4	2
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Wednesday's solution

8	3	6	2	5	1	4	9	7
4	9	2	8	7	3	1	5	6
7	5	1	4	6	9	3	2	8
5	7	4	3	8	2	9	6	1
1	2	9	6	4	5	8	7	3
3	6	8	1	9	7	5	4	2
6	4	7	9	1	8	2	3	5
9	1	3	5	2	6	7	8	4
2	8	5	7	3	4	6	1	9

By Kham



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Letting go means to come to the realization that some people are a part of your history, but not a part of your destiny."

Steve Maraboli



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Real estate

Here are the costs, rules of going green

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When more means less: Poor designs cost landlords

Housing: State hires advisor to help monetise properties

DEVELOPMENT

Mi Vida Homes management buys out the developer's owners

Mi Vida Homes Ltd management has bought out the developer's owners at an undisclosed amount, seven years after the company was incorporated.

A statement from Mi Vida Homes indicated that the developer has reached a share purchase agreement for a management-led buyout of the business from Actis, a private equity fund.

The buyout is, however, subject to regulatory approval. The amount involved in the transaction has also not been disclosed.

Actis, in partnership with Shapoorji Pallonji incorporated Mi Vida Homes in 2018, injecting Sh15.6 billion (\$120 million) into the business.

The statement from the developer described the transaction as a key milestone for the firm, created to provide green affordable housing for the mid-market. "We believe the transaction demonstrates that institutional residential developers can be successfully incubated, scaled and developed to investment-grade quality, positioning them for local capital markets participation," the statement says.

Mi Vida Homes Chief Executive Samuel Kariuki said such is the first transaction involving a residential development platform in the Kenyan market. He described the deal as an important chapter in Mi Vida's journey, which also rein-

forces the viability of institutional home builders on the continent. "It demonstrates that institutional home builders can be nurtured to scale in Africa, operating at high standards of ESG and financial discipline," he says in the statement.

"From inception, our ambition has been to deliver high-quality, sustainable housing solutions tailored to the needs of the local market, while operating with the highest standards of governance and financial discipline."

Kariuki said Mi Vida today holds a strong balance sheet, a diversified capital base, and a healthy pipeline of projects that are well-positioned to scale further and deepen the develop-

er's impact. "We are grateful for Actis' invaluable role in building a solid investment-grade platform that is anchored on sustainability and high governance standards," he said.

Louis Deppe, Partner at Actis, said the transaction highlights the depth of opportunity for long-term capital formation in African real estate, and validates the strength of a model where global investors incubate, institutionalise, and transition platforms to local ownership.

Deppe said Actis' Africa real estate business has been a pioneer in evolving from investor-developers to true platform builders in Africa. **[Graham Kajilwa]**

DECOR

When more means less: How poor designs can cost landlords

Experts say congested buildings return less money, face higher vacancy rates and faster deterioration.

By Amos Kiarie
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In Kenya's fast-changing real estate market, design is emerging as the invisible hand that separates profitable rentals from money-draining investments.

While location and affordability have long been key selling points, new market data and research show that poorly designed houses—those with dim lighting, poor ventilation, and cramped layouts—are increasingly falling out of favour with tenants.

As Kenya's fast-growing rental market expands, a costly mistake is unfolding.

Landlords are rushing to build more units on small plots, believing that more houses mean more income.

But experts and data show the oppo-

site: poorly designed, congested buildings are returning less money, facing higher vacancy rates, faster deterioration, and frustrated tenants who prefer fewer, well-designed spaces.

Across towns like Nairobi, Nyeri, Nakuru, and Kiambu, the dream of quick profits through high-density construction is backfiring.

According to the Cytonn 2024 Market Review, serviced apartments across the Nairobi Metropolitan Area recorded an average occupancy rate of 80.9 per cent in 2023, indicating a vacancy rate of about 19.1 per cent.

This represents an improvement from the 72.2 per cent occupancy rate reported in Cytonn's 2019 Hospitality Report, later referenced in the firm's 2020 analysis.

Cytonn attributes these shifts to factors such as economic pressure, over-supply, and the growing importance of product quality—including design, finishes, and livability—as tenants become more selective about where they choose to live.

"Our analysis of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area (NMA) classified towns into four main categories—high-rise residential areas such as Dagoretti and Embakasi, high-end suburbs like Runda and Karen, commercial zones including Westlands and Upper Hill, and satellite towns such as Ruiru and Syokimau," the report states.



Tenants are willing to pay more for comfort, privacy, and good aesthetics. [File, Standard]

"Overall, land prices in the NMA rose by 4.5 per cent in the financial year 2022/23, up from 3.2 per cent the previous year, driven by population growth, improved land transaction efficiency, affordable housing initiatives, and the rapid infrastructural development of satellite towns."

According to Rax Company chief designer and architect Morris Kariuki, many landlords still think that squeezing more rooms onto a plot guarantees more rent.

But today's tenants are informed. They'll pay extra for good design, natural light, and space. Poor design reduces rent value and increases maintenance

costs. "Some clients come to us asking that we design buildings that fill up their 50-by-100 plots with rental units.

They often insist on maximising every inch of space, telling us that their friends or neighbours have done the same—without realising that overcrowding a plot can compromise both design quality and tenant comfort," he said.

Morris added that landlords who prioritise quantity over quality often hurt their own profits in the long run.

He explained that when property owners cram too many units onto small plots, the poor design reduces ventilation, lighting, and overall appeal—factors that drive tenants away.

"Tenants are willing to pay more for comfort, privacy, and good aesthetics. The type of tenants you attract determines the rent you can charge — you might have fewer units but earn more. For instance, in Kiambu, a two-bedroom across the road can fetch Sh30,000 per month, while another in the same area goes for as low as Sh10,000," he said.

A walk through estates such as Githurai, Zimmerman, or Rongai reveals countless buildings stacked wall

to wall—windows facing concrete and rooms with no proper ventilation.

These apartments, often built on 40x80 plots with over 30 bedsitters, may seem profitable on paper.

Yet many have empty units and frequent tenant turnover.

The Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) Housing Price Index for the second quarter (Q2) of 2024 showed that luxury homes continued to perform well, with apartments remaining the most popular choice in the market, while middle-income properties struggled.

Overall housing prices rose to 2.3 per cent in the second quarter, up from 2.0 per cent in the first quarter.

However, the sector's overall growth slowed from 6.6 per cent to 6.0 per cent, and construction activity dipped from a small increase in Q1 to a 2.9 per cent decline in Q2. In Nyeri town, the story is no different.

Modern two-bedroom units in estates like King'ong'o and Skuta—with open-plan kitchens and balconies—have occupancy rates above 95 per cent, while older, congested flats record vacancy rates approaching 30 per cent.

95

PER CENT

OCCUPANCY rates in Nyeri town estates like King'ong'o and Skuta. Congested flats record vacancy rates approaching 30 per cent.

ENVIRONMENT

Green buildings: Here are the real costs, rules of sustainability



Modern eco-friendly country houses under construction. [Courtesy]

They might cost more, but the initial investment is beneficial in the long term.

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As the climate change discourse rages on, in the real estate spaces, a major concern has been the cost of putting up a green development.

For developers whose traditional methods of design and construction have been successful in the past, change is not one of the strategies they seek to employ.

Yet as the effects of climate change become a reality, it is becoming inevitable. International Housing Solutions (IHS) Managing Director Kioi Wambaa, a private equity firm that specialises in sustainable developments, said one of the main misconceptions is that green buildings are expensive.

Yes, they might cost more, he points out, but the initial investment is beneficial in the long term.

“Over the years, things like solar photovoltaic (systems) have significantly come down in pricing. There are more manufacturers, even on the continent. You will find the base items used to green buildings are getting lower (in pricing),” he said.

Wambaa insisted that greening a building goes beyond a bulb that is

energy efficient or installing a dual cistern. It starts with the structural designs. “There are other interventions used that actually make a building green that including orientation of the building, like the window-floor ratio. Those are passive measures that can be used, and they are not necessarily expensive,” he said.

While participating in a panel discussion at the Kenya Affordable Housing Conference 2025 by the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC), Wambaa noted that a green building, from previous developments done by the firm, would cost seven per cent more to put up.

“Over the years, this has significantly reduced,” he said. “In Kenya, we are tracking the cost, design, and I believe towards the end of the year, we will be publishing some data.”

But Wambaa insists that buyers should not look at the initial cost of the building, but the long-term investment, insisting that the life cycle of the project is equally important.

“What we can show you in the data we have is, in the buildings we are now doing, people in them are making savings in water and electricity equivalent to one month’s rent in a year,” he said. “That is very significant for an affordable unit because we believe affordability is not just about buying a low-cost house. The cost of maintaining it is very critical.”

National Housing Corporation’s acting General Manager for Technical Services Robert Ambuku said the design is a low-hanging fruit for those seeking to put up green buildings.

“As a corporation, we have been trying as much as possible in collaboration with the State Department for Housing and Urban Development,

and other players to optimise our design not only to make it affordable but also green,” he said.

“The more you optimise on your architectural and structural design, the less material consumption your building uses. And the less material used, the less embodied carbon.”

Building Code

There is, however, a need for more research and consequently funding for the green building sector.

There should also be regulations that speak to the adoption of green building technologies.

He notes this should be beyond the National Building Code adopted early in the year. He observes that the code just encourages green buildings. However, there needs to be a regulation that would mainstream adoption.

Additionally, the government’s incentives would go a long way to catalyse the adoption of innovative ideas and materials. “Sustainable housing is very expensive. It can only be made affordable or economical by the government stepping in. The gov-

ernment can come in either through some tax waivers or subsidies of green products,” he said. For Unity Homes Senior Sales Partner Laban Tanui, the usage of aluminium formwork, a building technology considered green, has saved the developer in terms of the cost of construction.

“There are fewer reworks and the quality has improved,” he stated. “It has also helped us in cost-cutting. Initially, you could get like 20 people doing the casting, but now to cast four units, you only need four people. We are also able to deliver units on time.”

The United Nations (UN) details that the buildings and construction sector is by far the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, accounting for a staggering 37 per cent of global emissions.

“The production and use of materials such as cement, steel and aluminium have a significant carbon footprint,” said the UN in a 2023 report titled *Building Materials and the Climate: Constructing a new future*.

During the Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS) conference, the Chief Architect in the State Department for Public Works said that while the country already has a new building code, there is a need for green building standards. He said these will be ready in about a year. “We need to be guided so that when we are saying we are doing a green building or certifying one, we know which parameters we are talking about,” he said.

According to the Green Building Council, South Africa, a green building is one that, in its design, construction, or operation, reduces or eliminates negative impact and can create positive impacts on the natural environment.

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The production and use of materials such as cement, steel and aluminium have a significant carbon footprint.”

UN report

REGULATION

India court eases Diwali firecracker ban despite pollution

India’s top court on Wednesday permitted the use of some firecrackers in New Delhi during the Diwali festival, easing a blanket ban even as the capital battles unhealthy winter air pollution.

The Supreme Court said the controlled use of the less-polluting “green firecrackers” developed by federal research institutes to reduce particulate and gas emissions would be allowed for limited periods between Saturday and Tuesday.

During Diwali, a major Hindu festival of lights, widespread bursting of firecrackers adds to the already high pollution levels in Delhi.

The city, home to some 30 million people, routinely ranks among the world’s most polluted capitals, with thick smog shrouding the city each winter.

During the peak pollution period, concentrations of PM2.5, tiny airborne particles that penetrate deep into the lungs, regularly surge to more than 60 times the World Health Organisation’s recommended daily limit.

A ban on the use of firecrackers during Diwali has been widely ignored in past years. In an effort to balance cultural celebrations with urgent environmental concerns, the court said only licensed manufacturers can produce certified “green” crackers.

Sales will be limited to designated outlets, with each product bearing a QR code listing its chemical contents.

Online sales remain banned

Police have been instructed to form patrol teams to ensure compliance and take action against violators, while pollution control agencies have been ordered to monitor and report air quality levels during the festive period.

Environmental activists have in the past expressed strong scepticism about the actual efficacy of less-polluting crackers, arguing that they still pose significant risks to public health and the environment.

On Wednesday, harmful PM 2.5 particles surged to 75 on the air quality index, three times the WHO’s daily recommended maximum exposure, according to international monitoring company IQAir. [AFP]



Fireworks adorn the Swammarayan Temple during Diwali celebrations. [Edward Kiplimo]

REGULATION

State housing board hires advisor to help monetise property agreements

Plans are underway to start selling units under the affordable housing programme on an offtake basis.

By Graham Kajilwa
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The Affordable Housing Board (AHB) has on-boarded a transactional advisor to oversee the process of monetising the tenant purchase scheme (TPS) agreements through the capital markets.

The plan, according to the board, is to help raise its revenue, which is currently made up of the Affordable Housing Levy and sales of units either through cash buyers or TPS agreements.

Additionally, the board seeks to change its model of selling units, adopting the offtake method common in the Kenyan market among private developers.

Such will ensure the board recoups a larger amount of its cash earlier than how units are being sold at the moment.

According to AHB Chair Jeremiah Simu, there are plans to raise the affordable housing levy to Sh9 billion monthly from the current Sh6.2 billion, which is largely from the 1.5 per cent levy on gross pay.

The Sh6.2 billion is an increase from Sh5.5 billion when the levy was first enacted.

The high investment required to bridge the gap of 200,000 units annually is what informs the intention to develop products from the TPS agreement that would eventually raise more money for re-investment.

Simu, while speaking at the Kenya Affordable Housing Conference 2025 organised by the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) said plans are underway to start selling units under the affordable housing programme (AHP) on an offtake basis.

He said the amount required to bridge the housing needs surpasses what the board can currently raise.

"Funding requirements for the housing programme are in excess of what we are collecting. To do one million units based on the modelling we have done will be an investment of about Sh2.3 trillion," he said.

Kenya is said to have a shortage of two million units, according to the State Department for Housing and Urban Development. However, the construction sector only manages to do 50,000 units annually, with a majority of them being market-rate units, locking out ordinary individuals in need of affordable and social housing.

While making a presentation at the event, Simu said monetising TPS agreements will assist the board in recycling the invested cash faster.

"We will put it in the capital markets, allowing us to recycle and receive it quicker," he said. "We know it has been done in other markets and we have just completed the process of onboarding



a transactional advisor so that we can work towards that monetisation of our TPS book."

A common way TPS agreements have been monetised, according to Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Kenya, through the capital markets, is by using real estate investment trusts (Reits).

This is where the monthly payments towards ownership of the units paid by tenants are invested in Reits where they earn an income.

Budgetary allocations

TPS can also be converted into bonds, a common practice in advanced markets. Apart from the levy and sale of units, the board also raises cash through donations, accrued income, investment income, loans, voluntary contributions, budgetary allocations and gifts and grants.

The board is expanding the sales model to include offtake at earlier stages of construction. The idea is also to recover much of its funds over the period of construction.

"We have been on a model where largely we have been building and then pre-sales follow towards the end. But we are working with partners - banks, Saccos and realtors - to ensure we are bringing pre-sales of the units early into the construction phase and not later," said Simu.

So far, the affordable housing programme has completed 3,171 units, which are occupied, with 128,028 units under construction.

"When the levy started about a year and a half ago, it was about Sh5.5 billion. Part of the oversight function of the board is to ensure we also put in place strategies to grow the levy. That is why the monthly levy is at about Sh6.2 billion and we have a target to get it to about Sh9 billion," said Simu.

The affordable housing programme, according to Housing Secretary Said Athman, has an ambition of bridging the over two million-unit gap in units over 15 years. "If you take an average of Sh2 million per unit, we are talking about Sh6 trillion investment that is required," he said.

Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome estimated the amount required for the 200,000 units annually to be Sh400 billion.

She said the demand on her desk, apart from what KMRC offers through banks, is way above what the government can deliver.

"What has given us pressure and demand to channel out is the institutional housing both for our uniformed officers and learning institutions," she said.

"Our big secondary schools have made written requests to the President, board (Affordable Housing Board), Ministry and even the Principal Secretary."

Gichugu Affordable Housing Programme in Kirinyaga. Plans are underway to start selling units under the affordable housing programme on an offtake basis. [Boniface Gikandi]

Wahome said from the current Sh72 billion raised annually through the levy, the government anticipates to up this figure to Sh90 billion.

She said financial institutions are key in bridging the gap between the Sh400 billion required and the Sh72 billion raised.

"It is a big opportunity for investors and banks to come up with products that speak even outside what we are offering so that we can raise the balance of that projection," she said.



Funding requirements for the housing programme are in excess of what we are collecting. To do one million units based on the modelling we have done will be an investment of about Sh2.3 trillion."

Jeremiah Simu, AHB chair



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Postponement of 122nd Anniversary Celebrations of Arya Samaj Nairobi, the 107th Anniversary Celebrations of Arya Stree Samaj Nairobi, and the Diwali Celebrations scheduled for 17th-19th October 2025

In view of the passing of **H.E. Raila Amolo Odinga**, Arya Samaj Nairobi deeply mourns the loss of **an icon, legend, and true patriot of Kenya**. His lifelong dedication to justice, democracy, and the welfare of the people of Kenya will forever be remembered and cherished.

As a mark of respect, the 122nd Anniversary Celebrations of Arya Samaj Nairobi, the 107th Anniversary Celebrations of Arya Stree Samaj Nairobi, and the Diwali Celebrations scheduled for 17th-19th October 2025 have been postponed until further notice.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and to all Kenyans during this time of national mourning.

May God rest his noble soul in eternal peace.

Om Shanti. Om Shanti. Om Shanti.

*Arya Samaj Nairobi
Arya Stree Samaj Nairobi*

HOUSING

Architect tips on cool cities with lessons from KCB, Britam buildings

Across Nairobi city, massive glass towers rise into the sky, shimmering under the equatorial sun.

Inside them, people meet to work, dream and hustle. But the invisible battle in these buildings' corridors and offices is just one: the fight to stay comfortable in a warming world.

Thermal comfort is basically the "cool spot" in a space where the air feels just right; not too hot, not too cold. At a time when climate change is pushing global temperatures to record highs, even Nairobi's subtropical highland climate isn't immune.

According to Peter Osore, a graduate architect, the city's rapid urban growth, manifested in steel and glass architecture and changing weather patterns, is combining to create new comfort challenges and massive energy bills in buildings.

It is here that his research began, in the heart of Upper Hill, between two of Nairobi's most iconic buildings of Britam and KCB, which formed the paper he submitted during the recent Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) convention that was held between October 1 to 4 in Kisumu.

His findings show that both buildings are gleaming, modern, and ener-

gy-conscious. During the research, he wanted to know: how well do they really keep people comfortable, and what lessons can they offer for building a climate-resilient Nairobi?

According to Osore, buildings are more than walls and windows; they are living environments that shape us in how we feel, think and interact.

"And in a city like Nairobi that is heading towards net-zero, comfort can't just be about air conditioning your way out of heat. That's expensive and not energy sensitive," said Osore.

A deeper view into the case studies, both Britam and KCB buildings showed that both use strategic design solutions to stay cool: shading systems that block harsh sun before it heats the glass, low-e-value glass facade, double-skin façades that trap and release heat strategically and natural ventilation strategies that let the buildings "breathe."

Data obtained from the field indicated that Britam averaged 24°C indoor temperatures, while KCB averaged 24.6°C indoor temperatures, with both comfortably within the acceptable indoor temperature ranges for most people. For indoor air velocity, KCB was at an average of 0.30



KCB Towers office blocks at Upper Hill, Nairobi. [Wilberforce Okiwiri] to

metres per second (m/s), about 23 per cent higher than Britam, which was at 0.23 m/s. "But the real takeaway was that these two buildings proved that design can enhance thermal comfort and keep people comfortable," he said.

Thermal comfort isn't really a new concept. He said even before the modern skyline of Nairobi, older buildings like the View Park Towers, built in the 1980s, already faced backlash from various scholars and architects on their thermal performance and contribution to sustainability. In contrast

this, the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) has previously stood out as one of the early buildings with a good taste of thermal comfort.

Comparison from previous studies, he said, has been very clear; buildings that work with Nairobi's climate are cheaper to run, more comfortable to inhabit, and more climate resilient.

"This study has pointed out that climate resilience isn't just about a trick or a building component, but it's about balance. We need buildings that can keep us cool and don't guzzle energy just to fight solar heat and

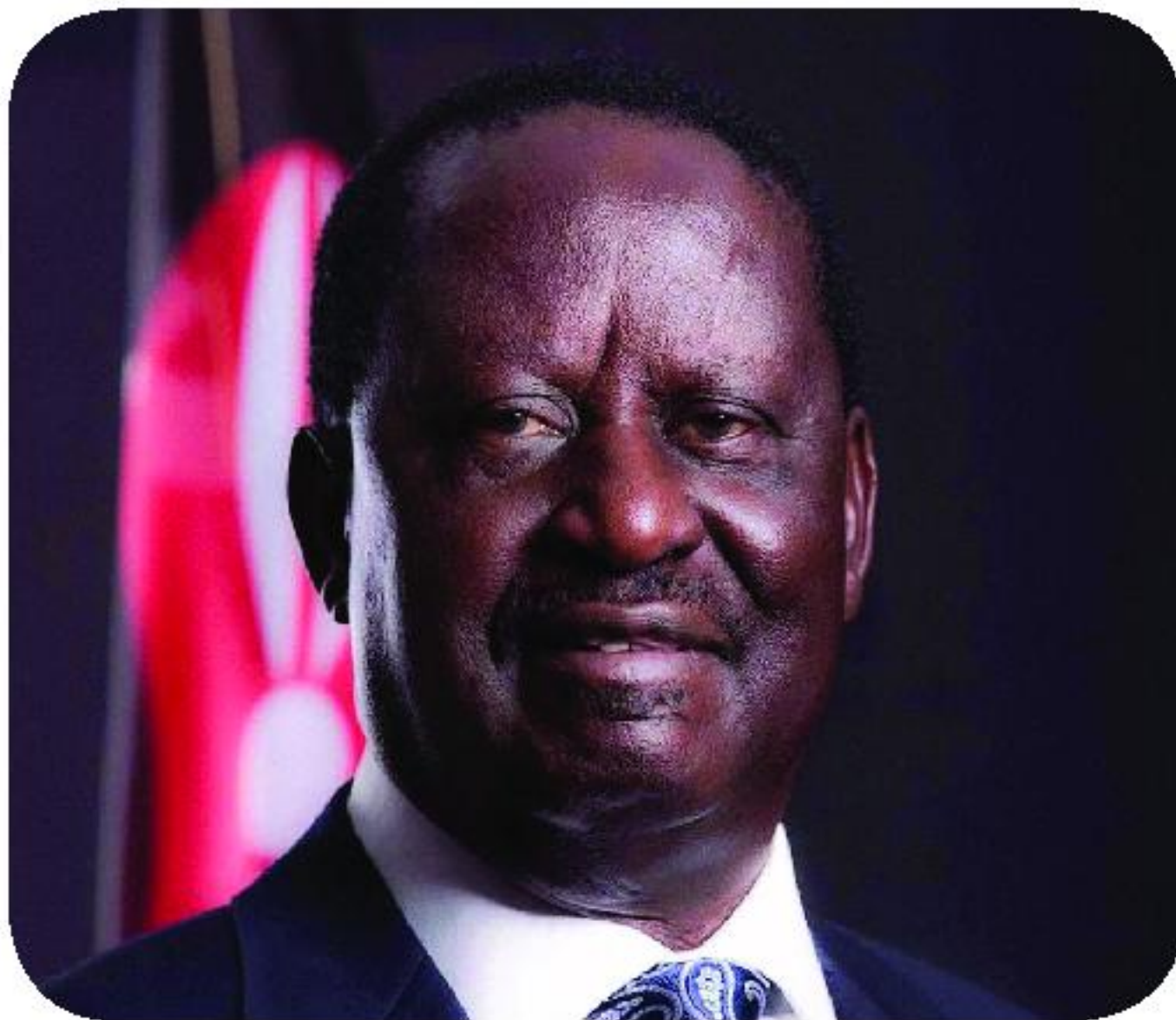
equally make the most of Nairobi's unique climate," said Osore.

He added: "That means we need to rethink our glass-heavy facades, embrace hybrid systems that combine passive cooling with smart mechanical backup, and learn from both the old wisdom and the new tech." This, he said, is just where policy, not just design, comes in.

"Imagine a Nairobi where building codes reward designs that naturally regulate temperature, where developers see lifecycle savings in passive design, not just upfront cost. Where every apartment block, office and school is built for both comfort and climate resilience," he said. As technical as it might sound, Osore said thermal comfort is deeply human since it affects our daily livelihoods; how well children learn, how productive workers are, how safe the elderly feel in their homes, among others.

"It touches our health, energy bills, and our carbon footprint. When we get it right, we create cities that feel lively where you can step inside a building on a sweltering day and feel a soft, cool breeze without a single machine humming in the background," said Osore. [James Wanzala]

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A reformer, a dreamer, whose vision was staged.

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In every success and each noble quest,
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In every heart beating, in every brave fight,
Raila, our hero, you brought forth the light.

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Global Champions issue call to action on adequate, affordable housing

The Global Champions of Adequate Housing have issued a strong Call to Action on Adequate and Affordable Housing, urging countries and partners to prioritize housing as a foundation for sustainable development.

The Call was announced during the High-Level Roundtable of Global Champions on Adequate and Affordable Housing, held on the sidelines of the recent 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) at the UN Headquarters in New York. The roundtable was convened under the leadership of the Government of Kenya and President William Samoei Ruto and co-hosted with UN-Habitat.

"Adequate and affordable housing is not a privilege - it is a human right and the foundation for equality, resilience, and sustainable development," said Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat. "We invite more Member States to join this commitment ... and to work together to ensure every person has a safe and decent place to call home."

Responding to a global crisis

Almost 3 billion people lack

access to adequate housing, including 1.1 billion living in informal settlements and over 300 million who are homeless. The Call to Action urges countries to strengthen housing strategies, integrate housing with climate resilience and social protection, and scale up investment to address this urgent challenge.

The roundtable brought together heads of state, ministers and senior representatives from across regions to reaffirm political commitment, share experiences, and mobilize partnerships. It also reinforced the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, co-chaired by Kenya and France.

Key commitments of the Call to Action

Through the Call to Action, the Global Champions committed to:

- Strengthen a global coalition to champion housing as a development priority.
- Mobilize financing and partnerships to accelerate delivery of affordable, resilient housing.
- Advance UN-Habitat Resolution 2/7 with measurable progress and accountability.

- Promote innovation and inclusion through sustainable technologies and locally driven solutions.

- Elevate housing on the global agenda at major international fora.

- Inspire collective action from governments, communities, civil society and the private sector.

Meanwhile, homelessness is rising in every region and must be addressed as a structural crisis rooted in inequality, unaffordable housing, and weak social protection, according to a new United Nations report presented recently to the General Assembly.

Prepared by UN-Habitat on behalf of the UN Secretary-General, the report *Inclusive Policies and Programmes to Address Homelessness* urges governments to shift from short-term emergency responses to long-term, rights-based housing solutions.

A systemic problem, not an individual failure

Millions of people worldwide still lack secure and adequate housing. Conflicts, climate impacts and rising living costs are worsening the situation, while many forms of "hidden homelessness" remain uncounted.

A rights-based global definition, now being developed through a UN-Habitat-led expert process, aims to close these data gaps and strengthen accountability.

Promising shifts in policy

Across regions, more governments are adopting housing-led and prevention-focused approaches, such as integrated social protection, community-driven housing, and rental mediation. Local authorities are playing a key role, driving innovation through inclusive urban planning.

The report warns that punitive measures like forced evictions and criminalizing people in public spaces only deepen exclusion. Instead, countries are urged to strengthen tenure security and uphold human rights in urban development.

Housing and dignity at the centre of policy

Countries that link housing with robust social protection systems are better able to prevent homelessness and support long-term stability. Expanding universal access to social protection, particularly for marginalized groups, is essential to tackling root causes.

The Secretary-General calls on governments to adopt rights-based data systems, end criminalization, invest in permanent and affordable housing, and integrate prevention across health, education, justice, and social protection systems.

By treating housing as a human right and focusing on prevention and inclusion, the report concludes, governments can move from managing homelessness to ending it for good.

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State formalises new partnership to drive affordable housing uptake

The Government of Kenya has formalised a strategic partnership between its Affordable Housing Programme and the Kenya Homes Expo, aimed at boosting awareness, registration, and uptake of affordable housing units nationwide.

The collaboration positions the expo as a key outreach platform, enabling prospective homeowners to register on the Boma Yangu platform, explore housing options, and engage with developers and financing institutions.

The Affordable Housing Programme targets the construction of 250,000 housing units annually to address growing demand driven by rapid urbanisation, population growth, and affordability constraints. Despite progress, challenges persist around public awareness, financing access, and cost pressures.

Under the new agreement, the Kenya Homes Expo will serve as a direct engagement channel. Visitors will receive step-by-step guidance on registration, view model homes, and access financing information from banks and SACCOs. The platform also brings together developers, building material suppliers, fintechs, and government agencies, encouraging alignment with the housing needs of low- and middle-income Kenyans.

"This collaboration allows us to reach the public more effectively," said Sheila Waweru, Acting CEO of the Affordable Housing Board. "We currently have over 124,000 units either under construction or about to begin, but many Kenyans are unaware of these developments. This initiative will close that gap."

She also highlighted the government's commitment to equitable distribution, citing a goal of building at least 2,000 units per constituency under the national

rollout.

Kenya Homes Expo Executive Chairman Daniel Ojijo welcomed the partnership, noting its potential to accelerate innovation and inclusivity in the sector. "With government support, the Expo becomes a true catalyst, bringing together stakeholders to co-create solutions for Kenya's housing challenges," he said.

The Affordable Housing Programme has evolved from earlier pilot schemes into a structured initiative featuring public-private partnerships, a 1.5% housing levy, and digital enrolment through the Boma Yangu platform. The Kenya Homes Expo partnership integrates this model into a high-visibility event, offering transparency and direct public engagement.

If well-executed, the partnership could mark a pivotal shift in Kenya's housing strategy, offering a replicable model for other East African nations.



Kenya Homes Expo Chairman Daniel Ojijo and Ms Sheila Waweru, the acting CEO Affordable Housing Board during the signing an MOU to raise awareness, registration, and uptake of social and affordable housing units.

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Small enterprises deserve government support to thrive

By Ayoki Onyango

As the Kenya Kwanza administration marks its third year in office, economic experts argue that the government has yet to create a truly enabling environment for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to grow and thrive.

Over the past three years, the regime has largely overlooked the critical role SMEs play in national development, from driving economic growth to creating employment and sustaining livelihoods. Instead, many entrepreneurs say they continue to face punitive taxes, cumbersome regulations, and bureaucratic hurdles that have pushed numerous small firms out of business.

At the same time, several multinational companies have either downsized or relocated to other markets due to the harsh business climate. This trend, experts warn, could further strain Kenya's already fragile economy.

SMEs are vital to Kenya's economic health, contributing



about 60 percent of total employment and up to 40 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). With the right political goodwill and supportive policies, analysts believe the sector could be a key driver of recovery and inclusive growth.

"It is not too late for the Ruto administration to change course by creating a conducive



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environment for SMEs," says Charles Ayoro, Managing Director of Real Estate Associates Limited. "Such an environment is a critical catalyst for fully leveraging SMEs in realizing the national development agenda and Vision 2030."

Ayoro, an economist, notes that many major corporations began as small ventures and gradually

expanded. "SMEs face a myriad of challenges that threaten their sustainability, many of which can be resolved through targeted policy interventions," he adds.

While some progress has been made — such as easing registration processes and reducing certain compliance costs — much more remains to be done. The complexity of licensing, taxation, and insolvency procedures continues to discourage entrepreneurship.

"An effective and transparent regulatory environment is key to SME development at all stages, from entry and investment to expansion and exit," observes Sarah Aluoch, CEO of Sarahfine Investments Limited. "Political goodwill is essential if small businesses are to grow into major corporations."

Economist Fred Owiti of the African Development Bank echoes this view, urging both state-owned and private banks to extend soft loans to registered SMEs, especially those in manufacturing, the jua kali sector, consultancy, real estate, transport, hospitality,

and retail. "Access to affordable credit would go a long way in ensuring the success of these enterprises," he says.

Some positive initiatives are already underway. The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), for example, has established a Manufacturing SME Hub to uplift small and medium businesses through value addition, policy advocacy, and capacity building — part of efforts to achieve a 15 percent growth in the manufacturing sector by 2030.

In 2019, KAM signed a memorandum of understanding with the African Guarantee Fund for SMEs, providing financial backing and enhancing business resilience. "These are commendable efforts that the Ruto administration should build upon and support," notes Ayoro.

Ultimately, experts agree that with adaptive policies, supportive financing, and a predictable regulatory framework, SMEs can flourish and play a transformative role in Kenya's economic future.

Kenyan innovators shine at African Innovation Awards

A pioneering technology and innovation hub based in Eldoret, has garnered continental acclaim by winning four major awards at the AfriLabs Annual Awards held this week in Nairobi.

The awards, themed "Africa's Innovation Future: Policy, Partnerships and Progress," recognize outstanding contributions to digital transformation across Africa.

The event brought together Africa's top innovation leaders, policymakers, investors, and ecosystem builders to celebrate the continent's remarkable progress in harnessing technology for development. EldoHub won Regional Hub of the Year-Eastern Africa, Most Collaborative Hub, Excellence in Gender Inclusion, and Community Engagement Champion.

The AfriLabs Awards spotlights innovation hubs and ecosystem enablers that champion inclusion, foster collaboration, and drive technological advancement across Africa. In a statement, Magdaline Chepkemai, CEO and Founder of EldoHub, said, "This recognition is not just a victory for EldoHub — it's a triumph for every young innovator, woman, and entrepreneur who has walked through our doors. It affirms that purposeful collaboration, investment in people, and championing inclusion can transform

communities and shape Africa's digital future."

Since its establishment in 2016, EldoHub has trained over 25,000 youth and women throughout Kenya and East Africa. Its flagship initiatives, such as Tech Academy, the SasaKazi platform, Miliki Accelerator, and TechLab Mashinani, have been instrumental in equipping emerging innovators with digital skills, entrepreneurship training, and access to markets and investment opportunities.

"We share this achievement with our partners, supporters, and the broader innovation community. Together, we demonstrate that transformative change is achievable when communities, governments, and innovators collaborate," she said.

By Gerard Nyele

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Why digitization is the game-changer for sme development

By James Rattos

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) form the backbone of Kenya's economy, driving job creation and innovation across key sectors such as hospitality, agriculture, trade, and tourism. Yet, despite their central role in powering local economies, many still struggle to scale due to limited access to technology, fragmented markets, and outdated business models.

For SMEs in the hospitality sector—restaurants, tour operators, hotels, and travel agencies—digitization is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity for survival and growth. The same applies to the established hospitality outlets.

Today's customer is digital-first. From online booking platforms to social media reviews, most clients make decisions based on digital impressions long before stepping into a hotel lobby. Mobile applications and online platforms have democratized visibility, enabling even the smallest businesses to reach global audiences without huge marketing budgets.

However, many SMEs still operate informally, missing out on opportunities for digital financing, data-driven decision-making, and customer

analytics. Governments—both national and county—should therefore invest in digital capacity-building through affordable broadband, training programs, and innovation hubs tailored to SMEs.

Digitization also strengthens business resilience. During the COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, enterprises that had embraced technology were able to pivot quickly—offering virtual tours, online cooking classes, and remote bookings—while those that ignored digital tools struggled to survive.

As Kenya's tourism and hospitality sectors continue to rebound, the future belongs to those who leverage technology to improve efficiency, customer experience, and market reach. In the digital age, hospitality is no longer just about beds, meals, and service—it is about data, connectivity, and innovation.

Empowering SMEs to adopt digital solutions is not just good for business; it is vital for inclusive, sustainable economic growth. The transformation may start with small steps, but its impact will ripple across communities—creating smarter enterprises, better jobs, and a stronger national economy.

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

The registered owner(s) of the property plot No. **NAIROBI/BLOCK 32/1247** Located along **Ngong Road, Woodley** proposes to extend use from **Petrol Station to include Auto Gas Filling Station** Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organizations, Institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, NAIROBI** Registered Physical Planner: **Gitonga Kelvin Ritho**, Reg. No 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of **L.R.No.209/5093 & 209/5094** located **ALONG METLO ROAD IN SOUTH C** Area within the jurisdiction of Nairobi City County, intends to **Amalgamate & Change the use of the parcel from SINGLE-DWELLING TO MULTIPLE-DWELLING (APARTMENTS)** subject to approval by the **NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**. Individuals, Institutions and Organizations with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen days from publication of this notice to: **THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, P.O.BOX 30075-00100, NAIROBI.**

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

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

The Registered Owners of land parcel **L.R. No.: 209/20040** located along **Jabavu Road** at **Kilimani** area in the Nairobi City County, propose to **Extend its Commercial use to include Residential (Apartments)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public, etc. with Comments and/or Objections should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to: **The County Executive Committee Member - Built Environment & Urban Planning, Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075-00100 Nairobi** Name of Registered Physical Planner: **Jassan N. Njani**; PPRB Reg. No.: **PP.0363**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of the property plot No. **L.R No. 209/3271/116** Located along **Mweni Road, Pangani** proposes to change use from **Residential to Commercial** Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organizations, Institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O. Box 30075 - 00100,3 NAIROBI** Registered Physical Planner: **Gitonga Kelvin Ritho**, Reg. No 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of **L.R Mavoko Town Blk2/23256 & 23257** located along **Katani Road** near **Katani trading center**, proposes to **change the user from Agricultural to residential multi-dwelling units**, subject to approval by the county government of **Machakos**. Individuals, institutions, members of public, etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to the: **The CEC, LAND HOUSING HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY, MACHAKOS P.O. BOX 1996 80100 MACHAKOS.** Name of Registered Planner **Henry M Mwau** Reg. No. 0031

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner(s) of **L.R.No.7201/6** located off **Lang'ata South Road** in **Karen** area propose to **Change its use from Residential to Institutional Offices (Data center and ancillary facilities-Tower and satellite)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations e.t.c with concerns or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to: **The CECM, Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi RPP: J.N.GACHANJA REG No: 0173**

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

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

The registered owner/s of Parcel **Lr. No. 209/13008**, situated along **Muigai Kenyatta road**, in **Dandora** area, in **Embakasi North sub-county**, wishes to **Change the Use** from **Commercial to Religious(church, church offices and pastor's residence)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to: **The CECM - Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi. Physical Planner: Onesimus Musyoki, Reg No. 0229**

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

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

The Registered owner of **NAIROBI/BLOCK 247/42**, situated off **Kimisa Lane** off **Thika Road** within **Ngumbwa Area, Kasarani Sub-County**, proposes to change its use from **Single-Dwelling Unit to Multi-Dwelling Units (FLATS)**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, organizations, etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within Fourteen (14) days of this publication to, **The CECM, Built Environment & Urban Planning, County Government of Nairobi, P.O. BOX 30075-00100 NAIROBI. PPR NO 0065: CHRISTOPHER N.OMARE**

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT NAIROBI
ELC/DC/2025
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR VESTING ORDERS BY

KYULE MUTANGILI APPLICANT
-VERSUS-
THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES 1ST RESPONDENT
JEROME MWATHI KAUMBULU 2ND RESPONDENT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF TITLE NUMBER: NAIROBI BLOCK 48/45 (FORMERLY LAND REFERENCE NUMBER LR 36/11/302)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT AS PER ORDER OF THE COURT DATED 1/10/2025 AND HEARING NOTICE.

TO: JEROME MWATHI KAUMBULU USA
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 **13th November, 2025** at the **Millennium 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 13th day of October 2025
MUNYASYA & CO ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANT
DRAWN & FILED BY: MUNYASYA & CO. ADVOCATES POSTBANK HSE. SERVICE FLOOR, P.O. BOX 35572 - 00200 NAIROBI TEL: 0715-804916/0751-363649 EMAIL: bmnunyasya@gmail.com

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT KAJIADO
ELCLC/E127/2025

SAROI R. DHANANI 1ST PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
RAVI DHANANI (Suing As The Administrator Of The Estate Of Vijaykumar Dharamshi (Deceased)) 2ND PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
VERSUS
JOHN K. OLE MUSEI 1ST DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
JASON KOILEKEN SEKI 2ND DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
LAND REGISTRAR, KADIADO WEST 3RD DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL 4TH DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

HEARING NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES HOLDING TITLE DEEDS RESULTING FROM LAND TITLE NUMBER KAJIADO/ NTASHART/511 OR ANY SUBSEQUENT SUBDIVISION THEREOF.

TAKE NOTICE that this matter will be heard on 30th October, 2025 at the Environment and Land Court in Kajjado as per the attached Court Order. You are therefore required to file your responses before the hearing date. Reach out the indicated firm of Advocates for more information.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your attendance or your representative who is authorized by law to act for you, the case will be heard ex-parte your presence notwithstanding.

DATED AT NAIROBI this 14th day of October 2025

MARUBU & WANGAI
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

DRAWN & FILED BY:- MARUBU & WANGAI ADVOCATES HUGHES BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR MUMBI BINGU STREET P.O. BOX 50267-00100 NAIROBI. EMAIL: info@marubuwangai.co.ke

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

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE

The registered owners of plot no **Nyeri/ Municipality Block 1/425** off **Mathari Road**, proposes to **Extend Lease** subject to approval by County Government of **Nyeri**. Plans and attendant briefs are deposited at county's office for inspection. Individuals, institutions, e.t.c. with comments or objections are requested to submit them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: **The County Executive Committee Member County Government of Nyeri P.O. Box 1112-10100, Nyeri** Name of the Registered Planner: **John Mwangi** Malwa Reg. No PP0163

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PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land Title Number **Kisumu/ West Agoro/2035** located off **Katito-Kendu Bay road**, at **Katito Town** in **Kisumu County** intends to change use from **Agricultural to Residential-cum-Commercial Use (shops)**, subject to approval by the County Government of **Kisumu**. Any individual(s), institutions, organizations, etc., with objections to the proposal are hereby advised to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: **County Executive Committee Member Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development** County Government of Kisumu P.O. Box 2739-40100, Kisumu. E-mail: kisumucounty@kenya.go.ke Name of the Registered Physical Planner: **Dr. Moses Kola** Reg. No. 0099

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, we shall sell the undermentioned household goods by public Auction.

ON WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00AM AT LEAKEY'S YARD LUNGA LUNGA ROAD - NAIROBI.

1: IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT CAP 293 LANDLORD -VERSUS- BEATRICE GETRUDE MUSUNGU

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CONDITIONS OF SALE

1: Viewing can be done with prior arrangements at Leakey's Yard Lunga Lunga Road Industrial area.
2: Strictly Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
NO:13 [2019]
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **Dagoretti/Thogoto/T.52**, situated in the Thogoto area in Kikuyu Subcounty, intends to change its current land use from **agricultural to residential multi-dwelling use (flats)**. This proposal is subject to approval by the 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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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal, the Financier, we shall sell by Public Auction the vehicles mentioned below on **Saturday, 25th October, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Startruck Storage Yard, off Kiambu road**

REG NO.	MAKE	COLOUR	STORAGE/ YARD
KDM 560R	NISSAN NOTE	BROWN	STARTRUCK YARD OFF KIAMBUR RD
KDD 035E	VOLKSWAGEN UP	BLUE	STARTRUCK YARD OFF KIAMBUR RD

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Sale subject to reserve price.
- All interested purchasers are requesting to view prior arrangements.
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1. Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER, 2025 at STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS and FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER 2025 at FORTUNE STORAGE KISII at 10:30 a.m. Respectively.**

No.	REG. No.	MODEL	VENUE
1.	KCZ 422F	TOYOTA CROWN	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
2.	KDJ 879T	TOYOTA VITZ	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
3.	KCY 234E	TOYOTA SUCCEED	FORTUNE STORAGE KISII

Conditions of Sale
 Cash 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 through public auction on **27th October, 2025 starting at 11.00 AM.**

REG NO	MODEL	YARD
KCY 365L	TOYOTA LAND CRUISER	STARTRUCK STORAGE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals the Financiers herein, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by public auction: -

ON TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD LTD FOUR WAYS JUNCTION KIAMBU ROAD, OPP TOTAL PETROL STATION STARTING FROM 10.30 A.M.

MAVOKO E178 OF 2023
ERICK OCHIENG OGUTU VS NICHOLAS KENNEDY MUSYA MUTIE & RAMNA INTERNATIONAL MOTORS LIMITED

MOTOR VEHICLE REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	COLOUR
KDH874A	TOYOTA HIACE	SILVER

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal we shall sell the under listed Motor Vehicle by public Auction: - **ON FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 2025, AT 10:30AM OMWOYO AUCTIONEERS YARD STORAGE, IN KISII.**

SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT NAIVASHA
SCC NO. E175 OF 2025.
JOHN NJUGU NJUGUNA-VS- DAVIDSON ONSONGO OBURE

NO.	MV REG NO.	MAKE	TYPE
1.	KBY 022Z	ISUZU	TRUCK

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Viewing can be done with arrangements with the Auctioneer.
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING REPOSSESSED MOTOR VEHICLES ON **MONDAY 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 FROM AT 11:00 AM AT TRANSPORT AND LIFTING (TNL) STORAGE YARD, NORTHERN BYPASS NEAR WINDSOR GOLF COUNTRY CLUB, NAIROBI.**

NO.	REG NOS.	MAKE/MODEL	Y.O.M	STORAGE YARD
1.	KCT 935L	SUBARU FORESTER	2011	TNL WINDSOR, MARURUI
2.	KCQ 008S	SUBARU OUTBACK	2014	TNL WINDSOR, MARURUI

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

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Viewing will be from **16.10.2025 to 24.10.2025 (during normal working hours)** at respective storage yard, as above.
- 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 THEY ARE"**.
- All intending bidders are requested to make a refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs 100,000.00 for each unit.**
- The balance shall be payable **within seven (7) days** thereafter vehicles released upon clearance of the balance of the purchase price. **Please note that failure to pay the balance within the stipulated seven days will result in forfeiture of all deposits paid.**
- Unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded their deposits 48 hours after the auction. Sale will be subject to reasonable reserve prices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles on **Friday 24th October 2025 at Startruck yard kiambu road from 10:30AM**

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEWED AT
1	KCS 189J	TOYOTA HIACE	STARTRUCK YARD MOMBASA
2	KAZ 785U	TOYOTA VITS	STARTRUCK YARD KIAMBU ROAD

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested bidders can view the vehicles at the yard.
- Interested bidders to deposit a refundable amount of Kshs. 30,000 by way Of banker's cheque or cash to obtain a bidding number
- Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices
- Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the undermentioned courts, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by Public Auction.

ON, MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 FROM 12.00 NOON AT TUMBO AUCTION CENTER-ATHI RIVER.

MACHAKOS CMCC NO E 107 OF 2023
BENSON NGEI MUTINDA -VS- SAMUEL MUSYOKA NTHIWA
 One Motor Vehicle Reg.No. KDH 517F (Make: TOYOTA FIELDER)

ON, TEUSDAY 28th OCTOBER 2025 FROM 12.00 NOON AT LEAKEY'S STORAGE LIMITED NAIROBI.

RUIRU SCCC NO E794 OF 2024
EUNICE WACHUKA GICHUKI -VS- PAUL NGATIA MIRAURI
 One Motor Vehicle Reg.No. KDE 447K (Make: SUZUKI ALTO)

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers.
- Cash 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 Vehicles by public auction on **Friday 24th October 2025, Starting from 11.00am.**

M.V REG.NO.	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KCY 035M	BMW	STARTRACK COMFORT
KDM 340F	SUBARU PLEO	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD
KCV 675L	TOYOTA CROWN	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD
KDC 212R	NISSAN MARCH	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD

CONDITIONS

- are being sold on "as is where is basis".
- highest bidder shall be declared purchaser subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- at the fall of the hammer.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, Mararal Magistrates' Court, we shall on **27th October, 2025 starting from 10.30Am** sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle stored at **Cyka Storage Yard** located in **Nakuru.**

MARAL MCCC/E009/2024
RASITA LEKITIMA -VERSUS- ASAPH KINGORI WANGARI
1. M/V REG. NO. KCF 976V- TOYOTA HIACE

CONDITIONS AND TERMS FOR SALE

- Cash at fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to reserve price.
- Interested purchasers are requested to view the vehicle at Cyka Storage yard, Nakuru next to Shiners Girls High School during normal working hours and verify the details themselves.
- The Auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reason
- Sale will be on **"as-is-where-is" basis**
- Contact **Dennis on 0723894678** for any clarification.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the parcels of land mentioned hereunder:
ON THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER 2025 FROM 11:00 AM AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE, NEXT TO NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, ALONG KIAMBU ROAD All that parcels of land known as **TITLE NO.s MAVOKO TOWN BLOCK 3/65257 & 65258** registered in the name of **JAMES MURIMI NJURU**. These are two adjacent plots situated within Ivoonani Area of the larger Lukuya in Machakos County. Access from Koma Market is via Koma-Kenol road for about 6.7 km and branching to the right at Thwake Resort onto unnamed murram surfaced road towards and past Garden of Joy - Optiven for about 3.5 km then turning left for a further 1.2km to the subject properties. They lie about 66km to the east of Nairobi City Centre. The GPS co-ordinates are: 1°21'28.44"S 37°11'18.19"E for Title No. 65257 and 1°21'28.70"S 37°11'18.78"E for Title No. 65258. The plots each measure 0.036 of a Hectare (**0.0890 Acres**). The properties are both held vide a Freehold interest registered under the Land Registration Act No. 3 of 2012 of the Laws of Kenya. Both plots are vacant. Mains electricity and water is available in the neighborhood. Foul drainage to septic tank.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are advised to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or the charges.
- Interested Bidders must pay a refundable deposit of **Ksh.100, 000** in order to obtain a bidding number.
- The highest bidder must pay a deposit of 25% of the purchase prices immediately to the auctioneer at the fall of the hammer either in **CASH, BANKER'S CHEQUE** or **E.F.T** and the balance within thirty (30) days from the date of the auction to the charge.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and all land control board consent where applicable.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the parcel of land mentioned hereunder:
ON FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER, 2025 FROM 11:00 AM AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE, NEXT TO NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, ALONG KIAMBU ROAD All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. KARAI/KARAI/8209** registered in the name of **MACHARIA MAGUTA**. The property is situated about 380 metres off Ngurubi Link Road, about 1.1 Kilometres due North West of Kamangu Shopping Centre and approximately 10 Kilometres due West of Kikuyu Town within Kamangu residential area in Kikuyu Sub-County, Kiambu County. The GPS co-ordinates are: 1°13'48.0"S 36°35'48.4"E. The property measures **0.0855 Ha** or thereabout (Approximately 0.21 Acres) whose interest is Freehold. This is a residential (single dwelling house) plot with no structural improvements on the subject property.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

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NO	REG NO.	CAR AND MAKE	YARD
1.	KAE 969D	ISUZU TRUCK	FORESIGHT MOTORS STORAGE YARD

1. All interested buyers are requested to view from **16th OCTOBER, 2025 BETWEEN 8.30am to 4.30p.m.** And verify all the details of the Motor vehicle as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer.

2. The motor vehicle will be sold on 'As Is Where Is' basis.

3. The successful bidder **MUST** make arrangements to pay the balance of purchase price within 24hours failure to which storage charges shall be leveled and deposit paid **FORFEITED**.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the **FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Saturday, 25th October 2025 at 11.30am.**

REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	COLOUR	STORAGE YARD
KCK 537L	TOYOTA VANGUARD	BLACK	PURPLE ROYAL STORAGE YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

1. The sale is strictly **CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER**.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principles, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles by public auction.

ON THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2025, 10.00AM AT STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, MOMBASA, STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, THIKA, AND STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, KIAMBU ROAD.

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEWED AT
1.	KDJ 738H	SUZUKI HUSTLER	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, KIAMBU ROAD.
2.	KCW 623M	MERCEDES BENZ	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, THIKA.
3.	KBV 780Z	VOLVO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD, MOMBASA.
4.	KBT 441T	MITSUBISHI PAJERO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENT YARD, KIAMBU ROAD.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1) Interested bidders can view the vehicles at Startruck Auctioneers Investments Yard, Mombasa, Startruck Auctioneers Investments Yard, Thika and Startruck Auctioneers Investments Yard, Kiambu Road.

2) Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices.

3) Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the chargee we shall sell the following properties.

1. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MWIRERI AREA, JUJA FARM KALIMONI WARD JUJA CONSTITUENCY KIAMBU. ON 5th NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 10.30AM AT OUR OFFICES F & F HOUSE FORMERLY NCM HOUSE 1st FLOOR, TOM MBOYA STREET. All that piece and parcel known as TITLE NO. RUIRU EAST/JUJA EAST BLOCK 2/38480 MWIRERI AREA JUJA FARM, KALIMONI WARD JUJA CONSTITUENCY, KIAMBU COUNTY measuring 0.0311 HA or 0.0768 Acres or thereabout. The property locally is located within Mwireri Area, Juja Farm Kalimoni Ward, Juja Constituency in Kiambu County. The subject property is in the immediate neighborhood of Mwireri Primary School within coordinates 1°8'35.48" S 37° 74.62" E. It is registered in the name of **ANN WANGECHI WANG'OMBE**. The property is developed with a two (2 No) Bedroom Bungalow, a Single Roomed Block and a pit latrine/bathroom block.

2. A VACANT AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN SATELLITE AREA MAGUMU, NYANDARUA COUNTY. ON 5th NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 10.30AM AT OUR OFFICES F & F HOUSE FORMERLY NCM HOUSE 1st FLOOR, TOM MBOYA STREET. All that piece and parcel known as TITLE NO. NYANDARUA/SOUTH KINANGOP/9756 SATELLITE AREA, MAGUMU NYANDARUA COUNTY measuring 0.142 HA i.e. 0.3509 Acres or thereabout. The property locally is situated approx. 2Kms off Thika Gatura Road in Satellite Area, Magumu Nyandarua County, the turn off being due right at Magumu Market, within coordinates 0° 51'52.4" S 36°33'21.1" E. It is registered in the name of **BENSON WAWERU NGURU**.

3. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN KERARAPON NGONG, KAJIADO COUNTY. ON 8th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10.30AM AT OUR OFFICES F & F HOUSE FORMERLY NCM HOUSE 1st FLOOR, TOM MBOYA STREET. All that piece and parcel known as LR NO. NGONG/NGONG/52995 KERARAPON IN NGONG KAJIADO COUNTY measuring 0.05 HA or thereabout. The property is situated in the upmarket Kerarapon Estate. It fronts Kerarapon 14th Drive Fourth Close and adjoins Kerarapon Primary School fields to the back, within coordinates 1°19'17.7" S 36°39'38.9" E. It is registered in the name of **BERNARD VERDENEDO BABU**. The property is developed with an Incomplete Double Storey Residential House.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details as the financiers or the Auctioneer do not warrant these. A deposit of 25% must be paid in RTGS or Bankers Cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 90 days. The properties can be viewed daily and conditions of sale to be obtained from our offices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **27th October 2025** at Valuers Yard Thika Road from **11:00 Am.**

REG No.	MODEL	YOM	VIEWING PLACE
KDQ 211P	TOYOTA LAND CRUISER	2010	VALUERS YARD
KBA 194H	RAV 4	2001	ELDORET SUPERMAX STORE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested buyers are requested to verify the details for themselves.

2. The auctioneer has the right to reject the bid without giving any reason.

3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.

4. Sale is subject to reserve price.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned Repossessed Motor Vehicles by Public Auction.

ON FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER 2025, At 11.00 AM STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD.

MV REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	Y.O.M	LOCATION
1.KDL 745U	HONDA FIT	2016	BLACKBIRD STORAGE & AUCTION YARD MOMBASA
2. KDB 498C	AUDI A4	2013	STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD.
3. KDE 480S	NV 200	2014	STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are required to view the unit and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or the principals.

2. Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.

4. Viewing can be done on prior arrangement with our office during working hours.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals and the financier, we shall sell the under-mentioned Motor vehicles by public auction on **22nd October, 2025** Starting at **11.00 am.**

M.V REG. NO.	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KDJ 643V	NISSAN NOTE	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
KCY 147G	MAZDA DEMIO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
KBY 787A	TOYOTA PREMIO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
KCQ 478D	TOYOTA HIACE	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
KCS 854M	NISSAN TEANA	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS
KDB 984H	TOYOTA VITZ	RIGID MOTORS MARURUI
KDN 488M	BMW X1	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The vehicle is being sold on an "as is where is basis".

2. Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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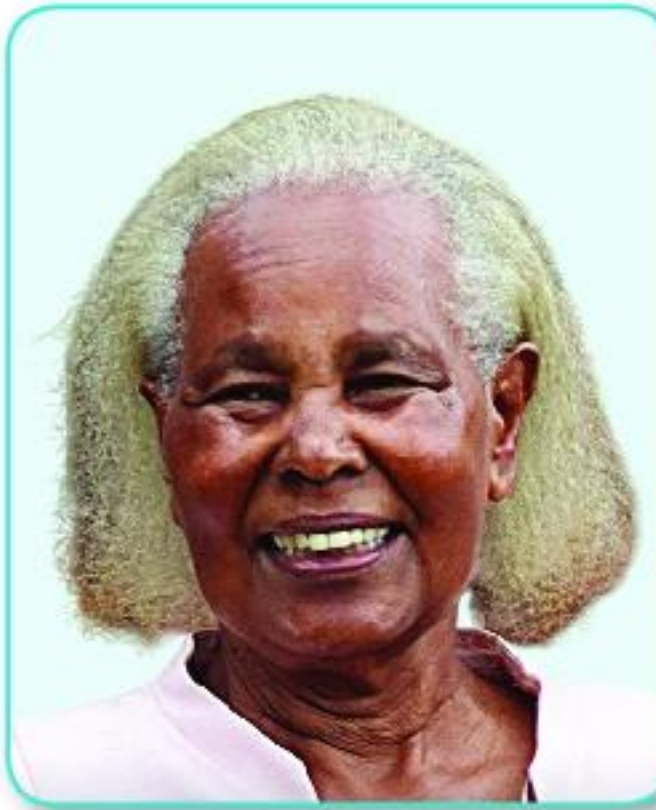
PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned goods on **Monday 27th October 2025** at Braifus Auction & Storage Yard - Thika at **10:30 AM.**

NO.	CASE NO./COURT	PARTIES	M/VEHICLE/GOODS	MODEL
1.	Civil suit No. 103 of 2021 Kandara Court	John Karanja Mburu -VS- Oviias Muigai Nganga	KCF 799E	TOYOTA HIACE
2.	Small Claims Court No. E187 of 2025 Thika Court	Eddie Owiti Omondi -VS- Elisphan Mwangi Maina	KBS 018U	Toyota Probox
3.	Small Claims Court No. E1526 of 2025 Millmani Court	Cyrus Nyaga -VS- Erastus Muiruri Kiriro	KCG 954C	Isuzu NKR Bus
4.	In The Matter of Distress for Rent	Landlord -VS- James Githungo Muthee	32" Von TV, 2 door Ramtons Fridge, 4burner cooker, water dispenser, 3mekos, 13kg Gas cylinder	

CONDITION OF SALE
Cash at the fall of hammer

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



ELDER CHARITY KIRIGO GITHINJI

With hearts full of love and deep sadness, we share the news of the passing of Elder Charity Kirigo Githinji – a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, auntie, and a true pillar of her community. She was promoted to glory on the 9th of October, 2025 after a long illness. She was a daughter to the late JeGerson Gatheca and the late Nyachomba Kirichwa and Ella Muthoni Gatheca.

Charity was a sister to Margaret Gakenia, Joseph Mwangi, Anne Nyaguthii, David Matheri, Elizabeth Karungari, Elder Wamuyu, Florence Wangu, Samuel Munyiri and the late James Njagi.


She was a wife to Zacharia Githinji Wahome. Their Union was blessed with Anthony Wahome, Nelson Murimi, Mercy Wanjiku and twins Mwai Githinji and Dashon Githinji.

Mother in law to Susan Murimi, Jimmy Nyerere, Beth Mwai, Rachel King'uru.

Grandmother to Sharon & Jeremiah Wahome, Tiana & Natasha Murimi, Keisha & Ashley Nyerere, Githinji & Kagema Mwai, Nuru, Joy & Zoe King'uru. Great grandmother to Dior Myla Kawira.

The cortege leaves Lee Funeral Home at 6:30 AM on Thursday, 16th of October, 2025 for the funeral at PCEA Ngaini, Mathira West.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



EDITH KHISA MUGONYI
DATE OF BIRTH - 05/05/1938 - DATE OF DEATH - 27/08/2025

We regret to announce the death of Mama Edith Khisa Mugonyi. She was the daughter of the late Jackson Namutare and the late Perita Namikoye. She was the wife to Mzee Samson Amboso Mugonyi, and loving mother to the late Aggrey Mugonyi, the late Joy Nabakwe, the late Winston Mugonyi, Fred Mugonyi, Emily Mugonyi and Lilian Mugonyi-Nasser. She was the mother-in-law of the late Daniel Nabakwe, Joyce Andari, and Nasser Othoro. She was blessed with several grandchildren: Hilda, Jeffis, Lois, Brian, Ivy, Hilary, Jack, Perita, Joy, Precious, Bill, Sandra, Joel, Latvia and Adam, and great grandchildren: Natasha, Milkaela, Tatiana, Andrew, Vanessa, Kimberly, Aggrey and Azariah.

The late mama Edith was the sister to the late George Luswet, Grace Nafula, Fanuel Murere, the late Johnston Namwetako, Lena Mutenyo and Ben Ndinyo. She was a sister in-law to Jeremiah Mukakula, the late Anna and Pauline Luswet, Josephine Tolo, the late Jafred Wechull, Margaret Namwetako, Margaret Murere, Catherine Ndinyo, Prof. Patrick Kafu, the late Musundi Amboso, the late Charles Meja, the late Tesina Imbukwa, the late Regina Lukushi, Lois Khamete, Elemna Musinzi, the late Margaret Amunavi, Leonida Odhiambo, the late Sulumena Witukha, Beatrice Shikhwahwa, Queen Amboso and the late Henry Mmballa. She was a cousin to Grace Kafu, the late Ben Wegesa, Elijah Wanjala, Simon Tolo, David Murunga, John Miki, Mary Nasambu among others. She was a maternal niece to the late Miki Ndinyo, Resa Nallaka, the late Johnstone Wafula Ndinyo and the late Mwa Namukuru. She was an aunt to Adrian Meja, Gabriel Imbukwa, the late Musa Ligare, Hon. Joash Wamang'oli, Andrew Namutare, Evelyn Kathuri, Arnold Kisaka, Sammy Murere, Daniel Sapiri, Evelyn Barasa, Victor Amboso, Cubaton Amunavi, Charles Odhiambo (Achala), Irene Khamuye, among others.

The body leaves Kakamega Funeral Parlour on October 17, 2025 for an overnight vigil and will be laid to rest on October 18, 2025 at her home in Shiamloli Village, Murhanda sub location, Shinyalu Constituency, Kakamega County. Presiding church- Friends Quakers.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 149:6

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Kenya's Gichuhi eager to smash records at Deaflympic Games

► He says he is inspired by America's swimming legend Michael Phelps.

► Kenya will debut in the swimming at the Deaflympics with eight athletes competing in Japan.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Kenya deaf swimming team captain Francis Gichuhi is raring to go ahead of the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics set for Japan next month.

The skipper believes he has done his assignments well before he splashes into the waters in Japan from November 15-26.

Gichuhi is set to represent Kenya in men's 50m backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and the relays.

Other seven swimmers who will also ply trade for the country in Tokyo include Lilian Njeri, Faith Wayua, Jimale Suheib, Salim Mbaraka, Hamadi Ali Juma, Hassan Hamisi, and Yusuf Saddam.

"The aim is to make the country proud by returning with gold from Tokyo," the 24-year-old Kenya Airways system administrator told *Standard Sports*.

The Machakos School for the Deaf alumnus punched his ticket to Tokyo at the national deaf championship cum trials, held at the United States International University- Africa (USIU-A) on August 26, where he also bagged two silver and a gold medal in his contests.

"I feel honoured to qualify for the Deaflympics, it will be the first time to represent the country abroad and I can't wait. Right now, I'm working to improve on my personal best, endurance and mental toughness," said Gichuhi who trains at USIU-A along Thika Road.

"I am really proud to be selected to represent the country in the Summer Games and to be named the team captain. It is something I have been dreaming of since 2019 when I joined high school.

"I am very eager for the forthcoming competition," Gichuhi said after a training session with the national deaf team held at the Kasarani Aquatics Stadium in Nairobi at the weekend.

With Kenya aiming for a strong showing in Tokyo, the captain stressed on the importance of maintaining a rigorous training routine with more focus on speed and endurance.

"The team spirit is very strong and I believe we can achieve the best in the coming showdown in Tokyo," he said.

Apart from good connections and making friends, swimming has made Gichuhi to embrace fitness and develop mental strength.

"I would like to be a swimming instructor when I'm done with the competition," said Gichuhi who also trains alongside hearing people



Francis Gichuhi training at Kasarani Aquatics Stadium. [Courtesy]

to better his timings in the sport.

"My role model is swimming legend Michael Phelps, I would love to try and emulate what he did in his career," Gichuhi said.

When asked for his advice to those who want to embrace swimming as a sport, Gichuhi said: "Believe disability is not inability, you can shine in everything you put your heart into."

As a swimmer, communication has been one of the major drawbacks for Gichuhi and other deaf swimmers in the discipline.

Gichuhi became deaf at the age of four after being diagnosed with meningitis. Although he played several sports including football and basketball, he says he took swimming more

seriously because of his passion for the game. The sport, he says, has been of great help and benefit to him.

Kenya's deaf swimming coach Irene Kerubo said the team will focus on improving endurance and speed during the residential training camp that is expected to start on Sunday.

She expressed confidence that the team will bag medals in the middle distances categories.

"Kenyan deaf swimmers are not so exposed in the sport but since we started training, there have been improvements. For the middle distances which are 100m and 200m, I think we are going to get medals," said the veteran swimming coach.

All the eight swimmers will compete in more than one category.

Kenya Deaf Swimming Federation Secretary General Charles Odira expressed his delight that swimmers will be part of the country's contingent to the Games.

"I am very happy because this time we are going to Tokyo to represent Kenya and show that we are also capable of shining on the global stage. We promise to bring a medal from the games in Japan," Odira said.

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TENNIS

Osaka battles injury to reach Japan quarters

Naomi Osaka battled through injury to reach the quarter-finals of the Japan Open yesterday, choking back tears after hitting the winning shot against defending champion Suzan Lamens.

Top seed Osaka, playing a singles tournament in her native Japan for the first time in three years, won 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 6-2 to set up a last-eight match against Romania's Jaqueline Cristian.

The former world number one was leading 5-0 in the final set in the city of Osaka when she needed a medical timeout to receive treatment on her left leg.

She returned with heavy strapping on her thigh and lost the next two games before closing out the match in 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Osaka hit a backhand winner and then bent over and put her hand to her face before walking to the net appearing to fight back tears.

"It was definitely really difficult. I'm kind of sorry about my attitude," Osaka said in an on-court interview that had to be cut short due to her injury.

The 27-year-old is playing in her first tournament since reaching the US Open semi-finals, where she lost to Amanda Anisimova of the United States.

Osaka had not progressed to the second week of a major since winning the Australian Open for a second time in 2021.

Osaka, now ranked 16 in the world, returned to the courts in early 2024 after giving birth to a daughter.

She failed to get past the second round of any Grand Slam last year and lost in the first round of the French Open in May. [AFP]



Japan's Naomi Osaka after beating Netherlands' Suzan Lamens yesterday. [AFP]

KENYA DEAF SWIMMING TEAM FOR TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS

- Francis Gichuhi - captain
- Lilian Njeri
- Faith Wayua
- Jimale Suheib
- Salim Mbaraka
- Hamadi Ali Juma
- Hassan Hamisi
- Yusuf Saddam



Why Raila was also 'Baba' of the game

► He was Gor Mahia patron and attended most Harambee Stars matches.

► He also supported other local clubs financially and was a passionate Arsenal fan.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO, KISUMU

Kenya is mourning the loss of one of its most passionate sports lovers. Long-serving Gor Mahia patron Raila Amolo Odinga, who passed away yesterday morning, will be remembered not only for his towering political legacy but also for his lifelong love for football.

To many Kenyans, Raila was more than a political figure.

He was 'Baba,' a man who loved the roar of the crowd, the rhythm of the drums, and the excitement that filled the air whenever Gor Mahia faced arch-rivals AFC Leopards in the famous Mashemeji Derby.

It was common to spot him seated among the fans, waving his scarf proudly and cheering on his beloved Gor Mahia.

Win or lose, he would often reward

both teams generously, a reflection of his deep belief in supporting local talent and promoting unity through sports.

Raila's connection to football began long before his days in politics.

As a young man, he laced up his boots for Luo Union FC, one of Kenya's earliest and most respected community clubs in the 1960s.

Later, during his time as Member of Parliament for Lang'ata Constituency, he turned out for Bunge FC — a parliamentary team that brought together legislators who shared his passion for the game.

For many years, Raila served as patron of Gor Mahia, guiding the record Kenyan champions with both heart and generosity. Apart from Gor Mahia, he was also passionate on his support for English Premier League side Arsenal and even watched his favourite Gunners play at the Emirates.

Gor Mahia has mourned him, describing him as a "guiding light" whose support went beyond words.

"Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of our beloved Patron, the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga. He was a guiding light and a tremendous support to our club.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.



Raila Odinga alongside Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya and Senate Majority leader Aaron Cheruiyot cheer on Harambee Stars during the Chan tournament at Kasarani Stadium. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

May he rest in perfect peace," read Gor Mahia's statement.

Just last week, he donated Sh10 million to the team to help with logistical needs for the new season — a gesture that now feels like his final gift to the club he cherished most.

Even in his later years, Raila remained an active supporter of Ken-

yan football. During the recent Chan tournament, he was a familiar face in the stands, passionately cheering Harambee Stars as they fought their way to the quarter-finals.

After the thrilling victory over Zambia, he personally rewarded each player with Sh500,000 for their outstanding performance — proof that

his love for the game remained as strong as ever. His influence stretched far beyond football. Raila believed in the power of sports to unite and uplift communities.

Under his leadership, the Orange Democratic Movement recently marked its 20th anniversary with a special football tournament in Mombasa, bringing together top-flight teams such as Bandari, AFC Leopards, Gor Mahia, and Shabana. Gor Mahia lifted the trophy — a fitting tribute to a man who had given his heart to the sport.

To the end, Raila's love for football reflected the same values that defined his public life — passion, resilience, and an unshakable belief in the power of unity.

Whether in the political arena or the stadium terraces, he stood for hope and togetherness.

Football Kenya Federation also joined the nation in mourning Raila.

"A statesman, visionary leader, and passionate supporter of local football, his legacy will continue to inspire generations.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and all Kenyans during this difficult time," said the FKF statement on Facebook.

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Senegal's Sadio Mane celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during the FIFA World Cup 2026 Africa qualifiers Group B match against Mauritania at the Stade Abdoulaye Wade, in Diamniadio, on Tuesday. [AFP]

South Africa, Ivory Coast, Senegal book slots for 2026 World Cup

► Cameroon, DRC, Gabon and Nigeria set for play-offs.

► Qualification was a huge relief for South Africa, who were docked three points.

AFP, JOHANNESBURG

South Africa, Ivory Coast and Senegal all won convincingly on Tuesday to fill the last three automatic places reserved for Africa at the 2026 World Cup.

Senegal were the most impressive winners, hammering Mauritania 4-0, while Ivory Coast beat Kenya 3-0 and South Africa were also 3-0 winners, against Rwanda.

The trio will join Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia at the global showpiece in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon and Nigeria kept alive hopes of swelling the African representation to 10 nations by finishing as the four best-ranked runners-up.

They will meet in two single-match semi-finals and a final in Morocco during November and the winners advance to inter-continental play-offs in March with two World Cup places up for grabs.

Former Liverpool star Sadio Mane scored just before and after half-time for Group B table-toppers Senegal, with Iliman Ndiaye and Habib Diallo also netting for the Teranga Lions.

Senegal finished with 24 points, two more than DR Congo, who edged Sudan 1-0 in Kinshasa through a Theo Bongonda goal.

Manchester United winger Amad Diallo completed the scoring for the Ivory Coast, who

led from the seventh minute in a convincing triumph over Kenya in Abidjan.

Franck Kessie put the reigning African champions ahead and Yan Diomande added the second goal soon after half-time.

Ivory Coast topped Group F with 26 points, one more than Gabon. Gambia overwhelmed the Seychelles 7-0 to come third.

Thalente Mbatha and Oswin Appollis scored for South Africa in the first half and Evidence Makgopa sealed victory with a goal midway through the second period in Mbombela.

South Africa topped Group C with 18 points, one more than Nigeria, who hammered third-placed Benin 4-0 in Uyo with Victor Osimhen claiming a hat-trick.

It will be the fourth appearance by South Africa at the global showpiece. They qualified for

the 1998 and 2002 tournaments and were automatic participants in 2010 as the host nation.

Belgium-born South Africa coach Hugo Broos was thrilled as he represented his country as a player at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and wanted to coach a team at the tournament before retiring.

"We all knew that we could do it, we believed in ourselves. We are going to the World Cup and it is fantastic," said the 73-year-old.

Winger Appollis was voted player of the match after scoring and creating the other goals as South Africa regained their scoring touch after failing to find the net in a draw with Zimbabwe last Friday.

"What an amazing feeling for the group going to the World Cup. I am so happy for the boys," he told reporters.

Qualification was a huge relief for South Africa, who saw a five-point lead with four rounds remaining turn into a two-point deficit behind Benin entering the final round.

South Africa dropped points in home draws with Nigeria and Zimbabwe and forfeited three points for fielding the ineligible Teboho Mokoena in a victory over Lesotho.

South Africa needed to beat Rwanda and hope Nigeria defeated Benin, and that is what transpired with the home teams making dream starts.

Nigeria were ahead within three minutes through Osimhen while Mbatha scored the first South African goal with just five minutes gone.

A snap shot from Appollis midway through the opening half put South Africa in control and Rwanda spent most of the match on the back foot.

Makgopa, a late call-up in place of the injured Iqraam Rayners, headed into the net off a corner on 72 minutes to complete the scoring. sports@standardmedia.co.ke

UEFA QUALIFIERS

England clinch World Cup qualification

Harry Kane scored twice as England thrashed Latvia 5-0 on Tuesday to secure qualification for the 2026 World Cup, while Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal were forced to wait to clinch their spot at the finals after being held by Hungary.

Elsewhere, pro-Palestinian demonstrations prefaced Italy's vital win over Israel and Spain took another step towards qualification with a big victory against Bulgaria.

Thomas Tuchel's England brushed aside Latvia in Riga to make it six wins from six in Group K and guarantee top spot before their final two fixtures next month — they have 18 points and an unassailable seven-point lead over second-placed Albania.

Anthony Gordon opened the scoring before Kane produced a lethal finish and then netted a penalty to make it 3-0 at half-time — the Bayern Munich striker has 21 goals in 13 games this season for club and country.

Maksims Tonisevs scored an own-goal and Eberechi Eze added the fifth.

All 12 group winners in Europe qualify directly for the World Cup, with the runners-up going on to play-offs. Serbia are a point behind Albania after fighting back to win 3-1 in Andorra.

Portugal were on the brink of punching their ticket as they led Hungary 2-1 in stoppage time in Lisbon, knowing a win would confirm first place in Group F.

Attila Szalai headed Hungary in front only for Ronaldo to turn in Nelson Semedo's driven cross to equalise midway through the first half.

Ronaldo then converted a Nuno Mendes cross to give Portugal the lead in first-half stoppage time, taking the 40-year-old Al Nassr superstar to an all-time international record of 143 goals in 225 appearances for his country.

However, Hungary snatched a draw when Liverpool's Dominik Szoboszlai finished from close range in injury time.

That means Hungary remain five points behind Portugal with two games left and so could still top Group F, while Ireland theoretically could too after Evan Ferguson's header secured a 1-0 victory against Armenia, who had Tigran Barseghyan sent off.

Italy's meeting with Israel in Udine was prefaced by clashes between some pro-Palestinian demonstrators and police as thousands more peacefully marched through the northern Italian city in anger at the hosting of a match they felt should not have been played.

There was a huge security presence around the Bluenergy Stadium hosting the Group I fixture, won 3-0 by Italy. [AFP]



England players Eberechi Eze and Harry Kane celebrate a goal against Latvia during a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday. [AFP]

McCarthy says Kenya has a long way to go after World Cup miss

► Harambee Stars coach believes Kenya has a great future but need time.

► Kenya lost 3-0 to Ivory Coast in Abidjan on Tuesday in a World Cup qualifier.

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Harambee Stars head coach Benni McCarthy believes Kenya must continue building and learning if they are to compete with Africa's top football nations after another poor show in the World Cup qualifiers.

Speaking after Kenya's 3-0 defeat to Ivory Coast in the final Group F match on Tuesday night, McCarthy admitted that Harambee Stars are not in the same level with African champions Ivory Coast.

"You look at the quality of players Ivory Coast have — all internationals playing for top European clubs — while in Kenya, we have a young team that is learning," McCarthy said.

Kenya's loss saw them end the campaign in fourth place with 12 points, behind Gambia (13), Gabon (25), and Group F winners Ivory Coast (26).

Burundi and Seychelles finished fifth and sixth respectively. Only the group winners earned direct tickets to the 2026 World Cup, which will be co-hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

"The objective was to go out there and make it complicated for them because we are a professional national team. We did not come here to lose, but credit to Ivory Coast — they were the better team. It was a fantastic learning experience for us, and I think in two years' time, we will be better prepared to compete at this level," said McCarthy.

The result means Kenya will once again watch the world's biggest football event from the sidelines.

The country's World Cup dream remains elusive, continuing a long history of near misses and heartbreaks.

Kenya's campaign began under Turkish coach Engin Firat in November 2023 with a 2-1 away loss to Gabon. They bounced back with a convincing 5-0 win over Seychelles but soon stumbled, drawing 1-1 with Burundi and 0-0 with Ivory Coast in June 2024. The results left Stars in a difficult position as qualification hopes began to fade.

In March this year, Benni McCarthy took charge, bringing renewed optimism and fresh energy. His debut ended in a thrilling 3-3 draw



Ivory Coast winger Nicolas Pepe tries to round off Harambee Stars goalkeeper Byrne Omondi during a World Cup qualifier in Abidjan on Tuesday. Ivory Coast won 3-0. [Ivory Coast FA]

away to Gambia, showing glimpses of the attacking potential within the squad.

But consistency proved elusive. Kenya lost 2-1 to Gabon at Nyayo Stadium and later fell 3-1 to Gambia, results that all but ended their qualification dream.

Late wins over Burundi (1-0) and Seychelles (5-0) gave fans something to cheer about, but



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by then, the damage was done. The final defeat to Ivory Coast only confirmed the gulf between Kenya and Africa's elite football nations.

For McCarthy, the mission now is clear — to rebuild for the future.

"This team has spirit and potential," he said. "The focus now is to prepare a competitive side for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations. Kenya has the talent, and if we keep improving, we will get there."

Kenya's struggles in the qualifiers were not unique. In the 2022 campaign, they finished third in their group behind Mali and Uganda with only one win.

The latest outcome, though disappointing, offered some bright spots — especially the emergence of young players who could form the core of the future Harambee Stars squad.

As Africa's nine representatives — Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, and Tunisia — celebrate their qualification, Kenya once again goes back to the drawing board.

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GOLF

Lejirma swings to victory at Royal

Kenya's top amateur golfer John Lejirma of Royal Nairobi Golf Club produced a composed performance under pressure to claim victory at the Johnnie Walker Classic, the sixth leg of the Sunshine Development Tour – East Africa Swing, following a dramatic playoff at his home course yesterday.

Lejirma, who began the final round with a commanding four-shot lead over his closest challenger Njoroge Kibugu, saw his advantage wiped out as Kibugu mounted a spirited comeback.

Despite dropping a single shot on the par-4 11th hole, Lejirma held his nerve to force a sudden-death playoff after both players tied on 10-under-par after regulation play.

On the playoff hole - the par-4 18th - Lejirma kept his composure to card a par, as Kibugu faltered with a bogey, handing the home favourite a hard-fought and emotional victory.

Lejirma began his final round brightly with a birdie on the opening hole, adding two more on holes 6 and 7 before playing level par the rest of the front.

He went bogey-free through the first nine holes and finished the day with a 2-under-par 70 to close the tournament on an overall score of 10-under-par.

An emotional Lejirma said: "It's been a long journey. The first leg slipped away from me, and in another event, I lost in a playoff by just a whisker, but I didn't give up. I went back to the drawing board, did what needed to be done, and here we are."

"Coming into this week, I knew I had an advantage playing at home. I told myself to stay patient, stay focused, and finish strong." [Standard Sports]



John Lejirma celebrates after winning at Royal Nairobi Golf Club yesterday. [Courtesy]

SWIMMING

Kenyans eye glory as Africa championship begins at Kasarani



Julie Wangombe in action during a competition at Kiota School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Kenyan swimmers will be hoping for a good start as the 2025 Africa Aquatics Zone III Swimming Championship begins today at the Kasarani Aquatic Stadium.

The contest will bring together swimmers from nine countries who will be battling for top honours in junior, seniors and masters categories.

Kenya who finished third in Burundi last year are determined to improve and emerge overall winners. The Kenyans will be up against swimmers from Uganda, Tanzania, Benin, Somalia, Eritrea, Rwanda, Burundi and Nigeria.

Neighbours Uganda who ranked first in 2024 will be in the country to exert dominance over their peers. Uganda and Tanzania who were second pose a bigger threat to Kenya's ambitions in the annual event.

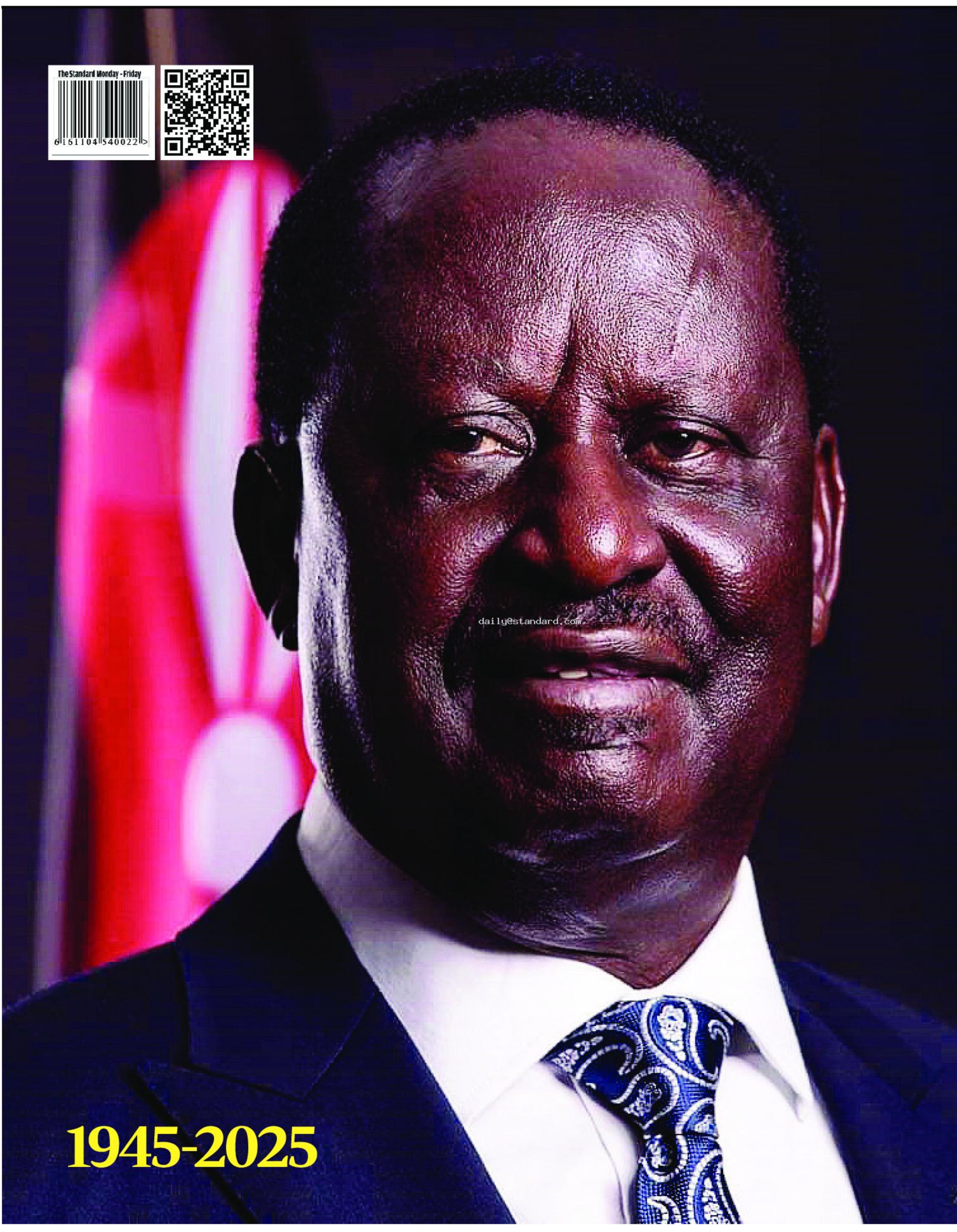
Divided in Team A and B, the Kenyans will be out to rule home waters. Team A is under coach Abdulmalik Abdulmalik of Mombasa Aquatics while Team B is coached by Monica Githinji.

Swimmers as young as 10 years will compete in the junior category while the seniors are aged 17 and above. Abdulmalik said that they expect stiff competition from the neighbours Uganda

and Tanzania but they are ready for the challenge.

"We expect a very competitive championship because teams from other countries have prepared well. Our swimmers are ready and geared up for the challenge."

Kenya will also bank on the experience of foreign based swimmers. UK-based Aariana Barchha is among swimmers that are expected to shine. Neo Olenko and Marion Alala who are both based in South Africa will be among foreign-based swimmers to watch, who will be flying the Kenyan flag high. [Elizabeth Mburugu]



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