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## Absentee governors



Jeremiah Lomorukai, Turkana County Governor



Issa Timamy, Lamu County Governor



Ahmed Abdullahi, Wajir County Governor



Benjamin Cheboi, Baringo County Governor

**LEADERS GO AWOL** More than Sh500 billion has flowed into marginalised counties since devolution – yet residents say they are still trapped in penury. While Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Isiolo and Marsabit rank among the country's top spenders on development, critics argue the money has built offices, residences and prestige projects rather than roads, water systems and hospitals. Part of the problem is governors leading from Nairobi instead of the ground where they can prioritise what affects majority of the residents. As billions are accounted for on paper, citizens are demanding to know: Where is the change on the ground? **PAGE 4, 5 & 6**



Abdi Guyo, Isiolo County Governor



Mohamud M. Ali, Marsabit County Governor



Nathif Jama, Garissa County Governor



Mohamed Adan, Mandera County Governor



### Tule Nebo Tegisto





# Beyond fasting: What all faithful should aspire for this holy month

► The holy month is a time for spiritual renewal and strengthening faith in Allah.

► Muslims are expected to foster communal worship and show generosity.

ISHAQ JUMBE, MOMBASA

Ramadhan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, stands as a beacon of spiritual renewal, discipline, and reflection for Muslims worldwide. It is more than just fasting from dawn to sunset, it is a holistic journey designed to cultivate virtues, strengthen faith, and foster community bonds.

As Sheikh Rishad Rajab of Masjid Jibrán in Mombasa reminds us; “Ramadhan is a time when Allah opens the doors of mercy and answers the supplications of His servants.” This sacred month is structured around ten core objectives that help believers transform their fasting into a path of self-purification and spiritual elevation.

The first objective is practicing self-control. “Fasting is a training ground for the spirit, it teaches us to discipline our desires and urges,” says Sheikh Muhdhar Khitami, a scholar.

When Muslims abstain from food, drink, and other permissible pleasures, they develop resilience against temptation. The Quran underscores this, stating: “O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may

become righteous”

“Self-control is the foundation of piety. When we master our desires during Ramadhan, we are better equipped to resist sin outside of it,” adds Sheikh Rishad.

Controlling anger and perfecting manners forms another vital aspect. Sheikh Rishad reminds us; “Ramadhan is a month of patience and humility. When provoked, respond with calmness and remind yourself, ‘I am fasting.’”

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said; “Fasting is a shield, it shields you from the Fire and from sins.” According to Sheikh Rishad, this teaches believers to respond with patience, cultivating humility and kindness.

Generosity is also central. The Quran enjoins believers: “The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed producing seven spikes.” This holy month encourages Muslims to support their families, assist community projects, and extend aid to those in need, embodying the prophetic tradition of giving.

## Purifying wealth

Sheikh Muhdhar states: “The Prophet Muhammad was the most generous of people, especially during Ramadhan. Giving is a means of purifying our wealth and souls.”

Perhaps the most important objective is connecting with the Quran. Sheikh Rishad highlights the importance of the Quran saying; “Ramadhan is the month of the Quran. Engage with its recitation, reflection, and



Food Vendors selling snacks along Mombasa streets yesterday afternoon. [Maarufu Mohamed, Standard]



Ramadhan is not just about abstaining from food; it is about nourishing the soul, strengthening faith, and fostering a society rooted in compassion and righteousness.”

Sheikh Rishad Rajab, Masjid Jibrán, Mombasa.

understanding.” The Quran itself declares: “Indeed, this Quran guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.”

Sheikh Muhdhar also makes note of the importance of supplication. “Make dua abundantly, especially before Iftar. It is a time when Allah’s mercy is near, and your supplications are accepted.” The Prophet said: “The supplication of a fasting person is not rejected.”

The night prayers, commonly referred to as Qiyam, including Taraweeh and Tahajjud, are essential components. “Night prayers elevate the soul and bring us closer to Allah. They are a means of seeking forgiveness and spiritual elevation,” states Sheikh Rishad. The Prophet Muhammad said: “Whoever prays Qiyam during Ramadhan out of faith and seeking reward will have his past sins forgiven.”

Communal worship and shared

Iftar strengthen the bond of brotherhood. Sheikh Muhdhar emphasizes: “The bonds of brotherhood are strengthened when we pray together and break our fast as one community. This unity reflects the true spirit of Islam.” Indeed, the Prophet said: “The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body; when one part aches, the whole body responds with sleeplessness and fever.”

Attaching the heart to the mosque is another vital goal. Scholars encourage increased attendance at Isha and Fajr prayers. “The mosque should be the heart of our Ramadan experience, a place of worship and reflection.”

Attaining Taqwa or God-consciousness, should be the main objective of fasting. The Quran describes Taqwa as a shield, protecting believers from sin. Ramadhan’s discipline aims to elevate this consciousness, transforming daily life into acts of worship.

## Seeking forgiveness

This is also a month of mercy and forgiveness. We should seek Allah’s pardon sincerely and strive to be among those admitted into Jannah. The Prophet said: “Whoever fasts during Ramadhan out of faith and seeking reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. The month provides the perfect opportunity for sincere repentance, moral renewal, and spiritual elevation.”

Scholars are in consensus that Ramadhan is a spiritual journey rooted in divine guidance. Its objectives ranging from self-control and moral refinement to community building and divine consciousness, are all designed to help Muslims transform their lives.

“Ramadhan is not just about abstaining from food; it is about nourishing the soul, strengthening faith, and fostering a society rooted in compassion and righteousness,” says Sheikh Rishad. Muslims should aspire to attain inspiration from the holy month and emerge spiritually purified, morally upright, and closer to Allah.

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## THRIVING IN FAITH

# Fasting upcountry needs devotion through resilience and self-control

The beginning of Ramadhan in Mt Kenya region is a profound testament to faith, resilience, and community spirit. This unique social setting shapes how the sacred month unfolds, emphasizing deep devotion, moral strength, and organised charity in the midst of a largely non-Muslim population.

In towns like Nyeri, Murang’a, Kirinyaga, Meru, Embu and Nyandarua, as is the case in other towns and cities like Nakuru, Kisumu, Eldoret, Kakamega and Bungoma, the sighting of the crescent moon signals a spiritual awakening. Mosques fill for Taraweeh prayers, and families adjust their routines to observe fasting, prayer, and reflection.

Despite modest congregations compared to regions with larger Muslim populations, the sincerity and devotion are palpable, reinforcing

ing a sense of community and spiritual renewal.

Muslims upcountry face the challenge of fasting while working in environments where most colleagues are not fasting. This situation fosters resilience, patience, and exemplary conduct, turning everyday interactions into silent demonstrations of faith and morality. Neighbours and co-workers often respond with understanding and respect, fostering peaceful coexistence and mutual appreciation.

Charitable initiatives are central to Ramadhan in this region. Organisations like the Islamic Da’wah Group coordinate food distribution programmes, providing staples such as maize flour, rice, beans, cooking oil, sugar, and dates.

These efforts ensure that vulnerable fami-

lies can observe the fast with dignity. Similarly, Direct Aid (formerly the African Muslim Agency), focuses on supporting widows, orphans, and low-income households through food baskets and welfare programmes, extending aid beyond immediate relief to long-term empowerment.

The Star of Hope partners with local leaders to reach struggling families, while Helping Hand combines food distribution with vocational training at centres like Al-Falah Mosque in Nyeri and others that take in reverts and orphans. This approach not only addresses immediate needs but also promotes sustainable community development, empowering youth and women with skills for the future.

Distribution days usually exemplify community unity, where volunteers deliver aid across

neighborhoods, even assisting non-Muslim families facing hardships. These acts of kindness transcend religious boundaries, embodying shared human values of compassion, generosity, and service.

In the evenings, families gather to break their fast with dates and water, offering prayers of gratitude as the Maghrib Adhan echoes. Across the region, Ramadhan unfolds quietly yet meaningfully, strengthened by sincerity, service, and a collective commitment to uplift both the faithful and the broader society.

Despite being a minority, the spirit of Ramadhan in Kenya’s central highlands, the Eastern, Nyanza and Western regions is vibrant and resilient, illuminating the power of faith and community in fostering peace and solidarity.

[Yahya Mahinda]

# Nakuru woman who lives for the downtrodden

► At 14, Mwinyi Maimuna rejected an arranged marriage to a wealthy suitor.

► Years earlier, she had lobbied her parents to rescue a destitute cousin from the streets.

YVONNE CHEPKWONY, NAKURU

**D**ressed in elegant black buibui, Mwinyi Maimuna steps into court, her calm demeanor concealing the burning flame inside her.

Her smile buries the struggles, emotions, and untold stories she goes through, selflessly seeking justice. She was called names due to her advocacy and vocal stand in condemning wrongs in society.

Maimuna has seen it all, from forced marriage at a younger age to being accused of being a rebel by religious leaders, fellow youth, and family. But she stood tall.

Justice and equality are her language. She fights for the less fortunate, advocating for justice and fighting against oppression.

Even her religion, she says, couldn't stop her from defending human rights, a voice that can't be silenced, a job she does with pride.

"I am a human rights defender. My mission is to be the voice of the voice-

less, seeking justice, and following a case to the end is what I do. Each time I am in court, I am keen not to miss a detail," she said.

During a recent interview with *The Standard*, Maimuna was observant and cautious throughout. She says she has to do that because her job comes with dangers and being branded an enemy of the State.

She puts on many hats: a mother, human rights defender, and advocate for the rights of children and women.

To her, activism is a calling which she does wholeheartedly and vows that nothing would stop her from doing the Lord's work.

"There are some instances I felt like abandoning the work. But my soul won't be at peace knowing I would help someone. One day, I was tired and wanted a break, but I received a call from a police officer about a child found abandoned. I just picked up myself and stopped whining," Maimuna says.

She says whenever she defends and helps someone get justice, it drives her to wake up every other morning.

Her activism, she says, started way back when she was a teen, after she witnessed injustice meted out against her cousin sister.

"Being a female defender isn't easy. My journey started in December 2004 when I was 18 years old, and I joined the civil society world as a volunteer at the Red Cross Kenya, which acti-



Nakuru based human rights defender Mwinyi Maimuna. [Yvonne Chepkwony, Standard]



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vated my passion for humanity," she added.

Maimuna is the co-founder of the Youth Bila Noma organization, advocating against violence and extremism among youth.

Seeing youth rehabilitated and their growth in contributing to building a just society is what she takes

pride in.

She says that, since 2010, she has walked a journey with youth who were involved in crime and drug addiction, who have transformed their lives, becoming useful to society.

"I have been able to empower many youths in Nakuru County, through programmes and rehabilitation, with some going back to school and others engaged in beadwork and earning an honest living through it," Maimuna said.

Lobbying for Identification Cards (IDs) for youth is something she has invested in after learning that youth from slum areas aged 24 years didn't have IDs.

She later learned that the system wasn't favourable as the youth ended up failing to procure the required document.

"My heart's biggest desire is defending human rights, championing, advocating, and defending the rights

of people under violation," she added.

Her childhood, she says, was rocky, but bittersweet. While in Standard Seven, she lost an uncle who was the pillar of the family, leading to wrangles and being ejected from their land.

There, she learned that the uncle was the unifying factor and his demise opened space for greedy family members.

"We slept on cold streets in Nakuru. I couldn't understand how the people we had lived with turned on us. We separated from my cousin sister, my parents did their best, and within a month we got a place," she explained.

Her cousin sister lived in a dilapidated state; she stopped schooling, and getting food was a privilege. Her plight made Maimuna beg her parents to allow her to live with them.

Eventually, she reunited with her cousin and her parents supported her education.

The incident, she recalls, was part of her activism, advocating for justice and equality, even in her teens.

As if fate were playing a trick on her, a rich man approached his parents seeking her hand in marriage while she was in Form Two.

"The man was from a wealthy family and wanted a wife as a way of relocating to a foreign country. I was young, and society decided without my consultation. I resisted, which created a rift within my family," she said.

She was branded the black sheep for failing to rescue the family from poverty, and her peers went ahead with the marriage proposals as they didn't dare to refuse, believing their fate was sealed.

"Activism for me started a long time ago. I never knew what it was; resisting early marriage three times was part of it," she says.

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NAIROBI

## Ruth Odinga challenges Salah's claims about close ties to Raila

Businessman Oketch Salah has responded to Kisumu Woman Representative Ruth Odinga following her KTN interview on Wednesday evening.

The exchange arose after Ruth dismissed Salah's claims about his closeness to the late former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and his involvement during Odinga's final days abroad. "I really don't know him that well. In my whole life, I have met Oketch Salah about three times. I don't know him and would not like to engage in talking about him," Ruth said.

She challenged Salah to disclose what he claims the former premier confided in him, saying he should provide evidence if he truly knew her brother.

In response Salah yesterday described her remarks as inac-

curate. "Let me be clear: If you don't wish to be associated with me, that is your choice. I have never forced myself into your life, nor sought your attention," he said, insisting that his relationship was solely with Raila Odinga.

Salah further claimed he facilitated Ruth's travel to India to visit Raila, arranging her business-class ticket on Emirates.

The dispute has widened to include Winnie Odinga, who reportedly criticised what allies describe as attempts to "privatise" the party's legacy. Ruth echoed similar concerns, urging Salah to keep off family and party matters. "ODM has official structures to communicate on its behalf. He should not be talking on behalf of the party because he is not a member," she said. [Mike Kihaki]



REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISIOLO



### TENDER NOTICE

The county Government of Isiolo hereby invites bids from eligible and potential contractors for various maintenance, construction and civil works within Isiolo County. Interested Bidders are encouraged to attend pretender site visit/pre-bid conference before submission of their bids as per the tender notice.

The detailed tender notice and bid documents is available at the County Government website [www.isiolo.go.ke](http://www.isiolo.go.ke). Clarifications and questions may be sent to the head of Supply Chain Management during normal working hours.

All Interested bidders or their representative who may choose to attend bids opening are encouraged to do so.

Head, Supply Chain Management  
County Government of Isiolo



### TRANSPORTATION TENDER NOTICE

Pwani Oil Products Limited, a manufacturing company based in Kikambala, Kilifi County (Mombasa-Kilifi Highway), invites qualified transport companies to express interest in providing transportation services for our fast-moving consumer goods distributed nationwide.

We are seeking transporters with a sizeable fleet of:

- 28 Ton trucks
- 15 Ton trucks
- 10 Ton trucks

All trucks must be in good mechanical condition, closed body, and fitted with door sealing provisions. Interested companies should email [logistics@pwani.net](mailto:logistics@pwani.net) by **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** stating:

- Number and capacity of trucks available
- A brief company profile

Transporters meeting the requirements will receive a detailed tender document for formal submission.

**Pwani Oil Products Limited looks forward to mutually beneficial partnerships.**



# Irony of governors who spend most on development with little to show

► Whereas the counties rate tops in development expenditure experts say its on buildings.

► Locals cannot feel the investment since its a house or office for the governor or speaker.

MACHARIA KAMAU, NAIROBI

Since 2013, the five counties of Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Isiolo and Marsabit have had Sh456 billion budgeted but have accessed Sh443 billion on their recurrent and development budgets.

The counties, which are part of the Frontier Counties Economic Bloc, have been among the leading spenders on development projects.

Of the Sh443 billion spent over the more than 10 years since the first governors took office, data shows that 35.9 per cent — or Sh158.86 billion — went to development projects. This compares with Sh284.3 billion, or 64.1 per cent, spent on recurrent expenditure.

Data from the Controller of Budget (COB) shows that some of the counties spent more than half of their budgets on development in the early years of devolution and consistently outperformed major economic hubs such as Nairobi and Kisumu in development spending. Despite the billions spent, however, residents of northern Kenya continue to grapple with penury.

Analysts cite a mix of misplaced priorities and poor leadership by governors, as well as failure by county assemblies and the Senate to hold county leaders to account.

They also note that the national government has viewed the region through a political lens, relegating development concerns — a factor they say has contributed to the continued underdevelopment of the north.

Thus, despite vast potential in livestock production, renewable energy, tourism, and oil and gas, the northern Kenya region — stretching from the Indian Ocean to the borders of Ethiopia and Uganda — remains a significantly untapped economic bloc.

Kevin Osido, Executive Director of County Governance Watch (CGW), said that while governors have spent heavily on development, they have directed funds to projects that do not impact people's lives.

"One of the biggest challenges is misplaced priorities and lack of effective engagement with citizens. The money that is invested in development projects is not felt by the citizens because of the poor choice of projects," he said.

"There has been a focus on infrastructure, but it is not in roads or other impactful infrastructure. The infrastructure we are talking about is buildings — largely the office of the governor, the county assembly and the office of the speaker. Those kinds



A girl looks for water in Wajir County. North Eastern governors have been accused of being absent. [Mercy Kahenda, Standard]

of projects do not relate to the realities of the lives of citizens."

Among the counties that have consistently spent more on development is Mandera, which nationally ranks second only to Kilifi County.

According to COB reports, Mandera has since 2013 spent Sh51.86 billion on development projects. This translates to 41.5 per cent of the county's total spending between the 2013/14 and 2024/25 financial years.

Over the period, Mandera spent a total of Sh124.94 billion, of which Sh73.02 billion went to recurrent expenditure, including salaries, maintenance and operations.

Development spending was higher in the initial years of devolution. For instance, in the 2016/17 financial year, the county spent Sh5.83 billion — or 57 per cent of the Sh10.2 billion spent that year — on development.

The trend has, however, shifted. In recent years recurrent expenditure has outweighed development spending.

In the year to June 2025, Mandera spent 32 per cent of its budget on development projects, still above the 30 per cent minimum required under the Public Finance Management Act.

A similar trend is seen in several counties that form the Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) regional economic bloc.

Wajir County has, since the 2013/14 financial year, spent Sh104.66 billion in total, of which 36 per cent — or Sh37.6 billion — went to development. In the 2013/14 financial year, 59 per cent of its budget was spent on development projects.

In later years, this reversed, and in the 2024/25 financial year development spending stood at 31.7 per cent of total expenditure.

Marsabit has also used Sh32 billion — 41 per cent of its Sh78 billion total

## CUMULATIVE SPENDING SINCE 2013/14 (SH/BILLION)

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<b>Mandera</b>	county expenditure	<b>124.9</b>
	Recurrent	<b>73.02</b>
	Development	<b>51.86</b>
<b>Wajir</b>	county expenditure	<b>104.7</b>
	Recurrent	<b>67.21</b>
	Development	<b>37.6</b>
<b>Garissa</b>	county expenditure	<b>87.42</b>
	Recurrent	<b>64.2</b>
	Development	<b>23.28</b>
<b>Isiolo</b>	county expenditure	<b>47.68</b>
	Recurrent	<b>33.71</b>
	Development	<b>13.97</b>
<b>Turkana</b>	county expenditure	<b>129.16</b>
	Recurrent	<b>85.72</b>
	Development	<b>43.74</b>
<b>Marsabit</b>	county expenditure	<b>78.38</b>
	Recurrent	<b>46.16</b>
	Development	<b>32.15</b>
<b>Lamu</b>	county expenditure	<b>32.63</b>
	Recurrent	<b>24.18</b>
	Development	<b>8.46</b>
<b>Baringo</b>	county expenditure	<b>68.2</b>
	Recurrent	<b>51.02</b>
	Development	<b>17.19</b>

Source -- Controller of Budget

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AMOUNT Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Isiolo and Marsabit have spent on their recurrent and development budgets.

expenditure — on development over the period.

Turkana County followed a similar pattern, spending more on development in the initial years. In the 2014/15 financial year, the county spent Sh5.78 billion on development, significantly higher than the Sh3.23 billion spent on recurrent expenditure.

Baringo County has not fared well in development spending despite being classified as marginalised. Led by Governor Chesire Cheboi, the county is currently ranked among the lower-performing counties in Kenya in terms of development expenditure.

Recent reports indicate extremely low budget absorption in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years. The Controller of Budget has highlighted the county for recording minimal or zero development spending in some reporting periods, placing it alongside counties such as Lamu and Kajiado in terms of slow or stagnant development.

Baringo is generally considered one of the less developed semi-arid counties, with a significant proportion of its population — 56.6 per cent — living in poverty.

Across the region, development spending has in recent years averaged around 31 to 32 per cent of total budgets. High spending on development has not, however, translated into improved living standards for residents.

"Based on my own observation as a resident of the region, despite the billions pumped into development projects, nothing appears to have changed for residents," said Abdirashid Mohamed, a lawyer and Mandera North MP aspirant.

"Health facilities remain under-

equipped, forcing patients to buy medicine out of pocket. Water supply remains unreliable despite yearly multi-million-shilling investments in water projects.

"Schools are underfunded and we risk bequeathing to future generations the low literacy levels seen in the region — as low as 20 per cent in some counties compared to the national average of 83 per cent."

He also raised concerns about the declining share of development budgets, with counties now devoting more resources to recurrent spending.

"The rising share of recurrent spending could be due to a growing workforce, increased administrative costs or, worse, devolved corruption. Whatever the case, these counties must prioritise development spending but also spend on projects that change the lives of residents," Mohamed said.

The frontier counties have focused heavily on disaster management rather than long-term structural solutions. Osido noted that in drawing up budgets, counties "overconcentrate" on disaster response and management instead of sustainable interventions.

"There is little funding to sustainably address these challenges. In forums on ASAL development, we have recommended that counties invest in sustainable projects such as dams that would transform lives, but these are rarely considered," he said.

Osido, whose organisation works in some frontier counties, noted that governors are often detached from the realities of their people, stemming from spending limited time in their counties and governing largely from Nairobi.

The result, he said, is long queues at county offices that are rarely attended to, as well as investor and donor queries that go unanswered.

He acknowledged structural challenges, including the vast size and sparse population of the region. The 10 counties that make up the Frontier Counties Economic Bloc occupy 63 per cent of Kenya's land mass but account for only 11 per cent of the population, meaning higher costs in delivering services.

North Eastern leaders have decried what they describe as historical neglect stemming from policies adopted at independence and pursued by successive administrations.

Dr Ali Maalim, Deputy Governor of Mandera County, said in a local television interview this week that policies such as Sessional Paper No. 10 on African Socialism and its Application to Planning in Kenya prioritised investment in high-potential areas.

The paper stated that "development money should be invested where it will yield the largest increase in net output" — areas with abundant natural resources, good land and rainfall, transport and power facilities, and people receptive to development.

This, Maalim said, "has systematically marginalised northern Kenya".



# Devolution or desertion? North Eastern leaders face locals' wrath

► Former deputy president kicked off a storm by claiming North Eastern governor are ineffective

► Residents agree saying they are never in their offices or homes, some have moved out to Nairobi

ABDULMALIK HAJIR AND NDUNG'U GACHANE

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has ignited public discourse on the underdevelopment of the North Eastern region, dividing the political class as residents, professionals and intellectuals from the region weighed in.

"Beyond domestic financing, trillions more have flowed into the region through multilateral development finance institutions, bilateral development partners, United Nations agencies, international NGOs, and other international development partners. Yet, despite this massive inflow of resources, there is no tangible progress to show on the ground," Gachagua said.

Gachagua has attributed the underdevelopment to a failure of leadership and accountability, claiming leaders of North Eastern devolved units have treated public office as a private investment vehicle.

"They spend most of their time in Nairobi, building apartments in every corner of the city, instead of translating public resources into water, roads, schools and health facilities for their people back at home," he said in a recent interview.

Reactions from targeted governors have been fast and furious. Council of Governors Chair Ahmed Abdullahi dismissed Gachagua's remarks, accusing him of spreading falsehoods, using divisive rhetoric and harbouring bitterness.

"Calling us all manner of names and saying our territory is underdeveloped as a result of our inability to manage. If you are fired as a government officer selling relief maize, you don't have the moral authority to lecture me about corruption," Wajir Governor Abdullahi said.

Abdullahi maintained that counties from the region had achieved more with devolved funds than the average county in the country.

"How many counties in Kenya have built over 50 kilometres of standard tarmac roads using equitable share? How many have established medical training colleges?" he posed.

However, residents who spoke to The

Standard expressed despair. The majority in these counties believe their leadership has long abandoned them.

"It has become common for us to vote for people who retreat to the city and leave us facing hardship that they are supposed to find a solution for," Mr Hassan Rogow, a resident of Mandera, told The Standard.

He said it is a shame that these leaders get into office without known homes and, after being elected, continue with their city lifestyle, forgetting the electorate.

"We elected Ali Roba in 2013 after elders convinced us that he was the man to bring change in Mandera. He never had a known home and spent about two years residing at a national government facility," said Rogow.

He went ahead and initiated a project to put up a governor's residence that cost more than Sh200 million.

Although completed, the official governor's residence in Mandera has never been utilised.

Ms Halima Dekkow, another Mandera resident, said, "Nobody stays in that magnificent house we call the Mandera governor's residence. This was a project that used county government funds without a benefit."

Roba, now Senator for Mandera, while serving as governor constructed two homes in Mandera town and others in Elwak and Banisa. Immediately Mohamed Adan Khalif was elected in 2022 as governor, he moved out of the county speaker's residence and rented one of Senator Ali Roba's homes.

For a year, the governor paid rent to the senator in Mandera.

"These people have built homes with devolution but still they don't stay with us. The longest our governor stays around is a week in a month," Alio Shukri said.

North Eastern governors have opened offices in Nairobi where they spend a good part of their time instead of operating from their county headquarters.

In the three counties, governors and county executive members hold executive meetings in Nairobi instead of at the county headquarters.

The situation is worse in Garissa, where some executives reside abroad.

"Our situation is totally difficult and nobody can understand how our county government operates. We have senior executive members living abroad. Someone works for the Garissa County government but lives in the United Kingdom," Ahmed Shakow, a resident of Garissa, said.

Shakow argued that if governors from the region can maintain an opulent lifestyle in Nairobi, what would stop



Eldas MP Adan Keynan and his Mandera North counterpart Bashir Abdullahi address the press in Nairobi over claims by former deputy president Rigathi Gachagua that they live in Nairobi and not in the regions they represent in Wajir, Mandera and Garissa. [File, Standard]

county staff from operating from Nairobi too?

Governor Nathif Jama has two homes in Garissa town that he rarely uses.

"The governor is a man willing to get to Nairobi by road just to run away from dry and dusty Garissa. His two homes are in the hands of workers," Shakow said.

Just like in Mandera, Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi is also described as an absentee captain.

"When you see our governor around, know he is here to engage clan elders. We know he has a home in Kilifi and another in Nairobi where he prefers to stay to run away from the baking sun of Wajir, where electricity is a mirage," Hassan Adeno, a resident of Wajir, said.

## Personal profit

Another Wajir resident, Dakane Hussein, said the three governors have turned devolution into vehicles for personal profit. "Our governors are never interested in their counties. They seek out clan elders so that anyone disagreeing with whatever they are doing is silenced," he said.

He added, "They all have built homes in their respective counties but they never stay there. How do you purport to be serving people you don't interact with on a daily basis?"

The three counties receive the lion's share of equitable revenue, but



*Our governors are never interested in their counties. They seek out clan elders so that anyone disagreeing with whatever they are doing is silenced."*

Dakane Hussein, Wajir resident

they remain underdeveloped, isolated and lacking basic infrastructure.

Locals attribute the lack of progress in the last ten years to poor governance and misappropriation of public resources by elected leaders — most of the region's elites, they say, play political games.

After hosting President William Ruto recently, Khalif worked with local leaders to charter a plane that arrived in Mandera empty on Friday to take them "home".

"That plane arrived in Mandera with no passenger aboard. Why could the governor and his team not allow this plane to carry residents who are in Nairobi and struggling to come to Mandera?" Ali Abdi, a resident, wondered.

Khalif had been in Mandera for three days before flying out.

In Garissa, residents who spoke to The Standard said Governor Nathif Jama often visits his office only when funds have been released by the national government or when high-profile delegations from outside the county are in town.

Sources within the county administration said the governor's presence makes things move, unlike most times when the place looks deserted.

During such events, when Jama is at the county headquarters, there are streams of high-end vehicles into the compound, security is heightened and senior officials make appearances. On normal occasions, there is minimal movement in most departments.

With the absence of officials most of the time, operations at the offices are slow, with only armed police officers manning the gate and a few offices staffed by secretaries.

On Friday last week, for instance, in Garissa only two offices were open, with an official saying staff, including County Executive Committee (CEC) members, only come to the offices during high-profile visits accompanying the governor.

The official also told The Standard that the governor was at the office on Thursday meeting delegations from

the Somali Regional State of Ethiopia led by their Vice President Ibrahim Farah.

This was corroborated by the county government's social media account, which stated that the visit marked Governor Jama's efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the two administrations.

"Governor Jama showcased the progress made in Garissa, highlighting achievements in healthcare, water and road infrastructure. The talks aimed at exploring opportunities for mutual benefit and collaboration," read the statement.

The Standard has established that the governor lives in Nairobi with his family and that at his Garissa home only orderlies — including two cleaners and a cook — remain to keep the residence functional for his next visit.

"There are also boardrooms where he hosts visitors at his house. Most of the time, the governor does his Cabinet meetings at his residence," said a source within the county administration who declined to be identified for fear of victimisation.

The official said that when the governor is around, most residents who want to see him gather in large numbers, making him avoid his office and hold Cabinet meetings at his residence. Locals understandably come to the office in large numbers to be served because they do not see him often.

"We don't usually go to the office every day. We only come when the governor is around or there is an event. That is why we are not in the office today," the official told The Standard by phone.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale defended leaders from the North Eastern region and accused Gachagua of trying to mislead the electorate for cheap political gain.

"We are not your cousins, and we will never be. We will stand with President Ruto because he has brought dignity to our people," Duale said.

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# Governors run counties remotely as residents thirst for services

▶ Turkana governor is said to only showing up when hosting visitors from Nairobi.

▶ Nandi's Stephen Sang lives in Eldoret and occasionally holds meetings at his home.

**JULIUS CHEPKWONY ANDEDWARD**  
KOSUT

**R**esidents of Turkana and Nandi counties are finding it difficult to get services as their governors and some senior county officials are rarely in their offices.

The residents claim the officials have chosen to work from hotels and private residences instead. They describe the county headquarters as ghost offices, saying routine services such as bursary approvals, procurement decisions and field reports are delayed because senior officers are often unavailable.

Eliud Emeri, a civil society leader in Turkana, says the trend reflects weak leadership.

"It is incompetence to be absent from the office when you are the head of the county. We elected the governor to work from the office, not from hotels," Emeri said. He also questioned whether oversight bodies are doing their job.

"People are asking whether the Turkana County Public Service Board even knows that some staff are absent. Monitoring attendance is part of their mandate," Emeri added.

According to residents, Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai only shows up at the county headquarters when hosting senior national government officials, Cabinet Secretaries from Nairobi, or delegations from NGOs and international organisations.

Even meetings with security teams, they say, are sometimes held in private venues rather than official offices.

For ordinary residents, the situ-



The Sh150 million Nandi County Government offices in Kapsabet. The construction has stalled for over seven years now. [Kevine Tunoi, Standard]

ation has become both costly and discouraging.

"There was a time I went to look for the governor at the office and I was directed to Stegra Hotel," said James Lokor. "I wondered why a public officer should be located in a hotel instead of the office."

Maria Akeno shared a similar experience: "We spend money on transport to come to town hoping to get help. But you are told the governor is not in. Ordinary people are the ones who suffer."

Peter Ewoo, a boda boda rider, said the absence of leaders sends the wrong message.

"When leaders are not in the office, wananchi feel ignored. People start to lose confidence in the county government," he said.

Some county staff blame the problem on delayed salaries and unpaid allowances. One employee, who asked not to be named, said many workers now stay away from the office to cut costs.

"The reason some of us are absent is salary delays. We have to survive. Sometimes you go to the field and file

reports but you are not paid your allowances. If you come to the county headquarters, you will find only a few people. Many are working from home," the staff member said.

Emeri warned that prolonged absence by senior leaders weakens accountability and hurts service delivery.

"When the governor is always away, even chief officers take advantage. The ordinary mwananchi suffers and accountability is lost," he said.

The concern is sharper in a county struggling with water shortages, livestock losses and limited access to health and education services, where consistent leadership is needed most.

Efforts to reach Governor Lomorukai for comment were unsuccessful.

Nandi governor Stephen Sang is still using the county commissioner's office where he occasionally transacts his official business, including Cabinet meetings and consultations with the envoys in their official visit.

The county has no official residence for the governor and reports indicate that Sang lives in Eldoret. He occasionally holds political meetings at his home in Chepket-emon village in Aldai Constituency.

For close to ten years, the Governor's Block is yet to be completed owing to political clashes and architectural issues that were raised by local leaders from 2018.

Currently, the building, which has consumed over Sh250 million, is standing tall along Kapsabet - Eldoret highway, painted white but interior designs and furniture installation is yet to be done.

The departmental offices are located in various locations within Kapsabet town since the building hosting the governor's office is not big enough to accommodate the county executives.

Most of the CECs, including Health and Sanitation, Sports, Agriculture, Trade, Education, Environment and Roads, are operating in the facilities of the defunct municipality.

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## SERVICE

### Some county bosses elect to work from within their bases

Unlike some governors who operate away from their counties, the governors of Narok, Laikipia and Nyandarua have chosen to base themselves at home, saying physical presence helps them serve residents better.

Narok governor Patrick Ole Ntutu has distinguished himself not only through development rankings but also through a leadership style rooted in physical presence, accessibility and constant engagement with residents.

Unlike leaders who operate from afar, governor Ntutu resides in Olopirik village in Narok West, about 40-minute drive from the county headquarters in Narok town. He also maintains a residence in Narok town, just five minutes from his office, enabling him to remain closely connected to county operations.

"Every morning when I wake up here in Olopirik, my biggest task is to determine the next move for Narok," he says.

In Laikipia County, Governor Joshua Irungu resides at his home in Kinamba, Laikipia West. When working in Nanyuki, he stays at the house that previously belonged to the former mayor of the town.

Laikipia County currently operates from three main administrative centres: Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti towns.

Irungu says his decision is guided by accessibility.

"That is why I reside at my home in Kinamba from where I go to Nyahururu and Rumuruti," he said.

He added that building an official governor's residence is not a priority at the moment.

"We need to focus on water provision, agriculture and security, among other pressing needs. We cannot spend money on a governor's residence while our people are suffering," he said.

In Nyandarua County, Governor Kiarie Badilisha lives at his Munyeki home in Ol Kalou, which allows him easy access to his office in the town.

"I saw no need to live elsewhere. I cannot change my lifestyle because I have lived with my electorate since I was born," he said. [James Munyeki and George Sayagle]

## SCIENCE

### 'Witchcraft' keeps Tana River governor away from his office

A partially opened gate and a deserted car park at Tana River County Government offices in Hola tell a tale of an abandoned public office.

The offices at Trade Building, including that of Governor Dhadho Godhana and several departments, remain empty, with the majority of workers away from their working stations.

The Standard established that, over the last eight years, Governor Godhana has hardly operated from the building amid claims that witchcraft or juju was left behind by the former administration.

Godhana was reportedly advised by elders to abandon the office. Most of his meetings are held

at his residence at Makutano, about eight kilometres on the outskirts of Hola County headquarters.

All visitors, including during the tours of the late former Prime Minister and ODM leader Raila Odinga, are hosted at the residence. No official visits have ever been held at the county offices.

A county executive who spoke on condition of anonymity said that some meetings are also held in Nyali in Mombasa, where a satellite office has been opened for crucial deliberation.

On Thursday, the County Executive in charge of Public Service Management Ali Mluwa dis-

missed claims of witchcraft as politics but confirmed that the governor prefers to work from his official residence and not the county government headquarters.

He said Godhana does not operate from his private home.

"Yes, the governor prefers his official residence because it has a big boardroom and other facilities. He also holds meetings in the office. The other rumours are just politics," Mluwa told The Standard on phone.

"Yes, when he won the seat eight years ago, we advised him not to operate from that office because we believed there was witchcraft." We

have talked to him from the word go not to occupy or sit on the chair left there," said Mzee Akare Dida, a member of the local council of elders.

Residents said that due to the absence of the governor, junior officers have absconded from duties, with respective offices remaining closed for years hence gravely affecting service delivery.

"These offices are always closed or empty. We cannot be going to the governor's residence to demand our payment or services," said Fatuma Ali, a resident of Garsen.

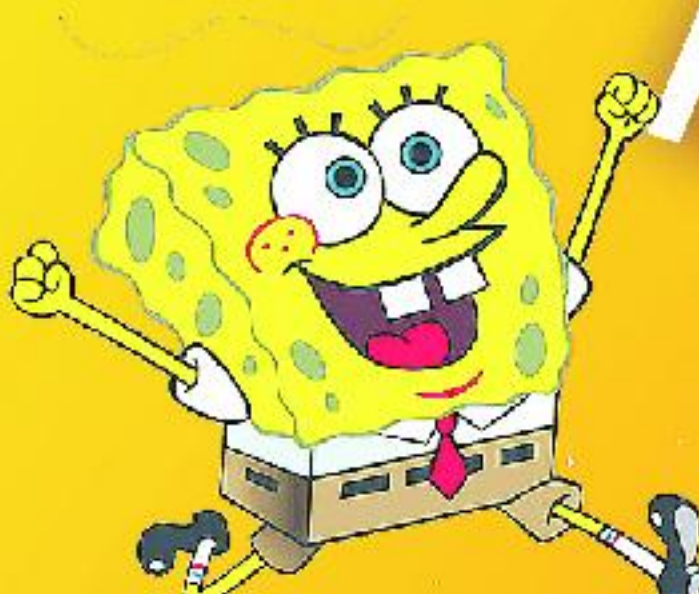
Ms Ali said that most senior county employees do not go to the offices because of pending bills. [Hassan Barisa]



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# Kanjama elected lawyers' lobby boss, to succeed Faith Odhiambo

► Kabata, Kanjama and Wanyama were vying to succeed Odhiambo as president.

► Members urge new team to continue with Odhiambo's legacy of fighting for the people.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

Senior Counsel Charles Kanjama is the 52<sup>nd</sup> Law Society of Kenya President.

Kanjama beat lawyer Peter Wanyama and outgoing Vice President Mwaura Kabata by more than 1,000 votes margin to clinch the top seat.

Kanjama garnered at least 3,734 votes with Nairobi, Central and Mombasa being his strongholds while

Wanyama came in second, dominating Western block with 2,634. In the meantime, Kabata came in third with at least 2,118 votes with his constituents being majorly young advocates.

From the numbers, at least 8,000 advocates cast their votes yesterday. Earlier, contestants were seen whipping members to the last minute, including offering transport to anyone who did not have the means to the polling stations.

In their race to succeed Faith Odhiambo, Kabata and Kanjama voted in the morning while Wanyama cast his ballot at about noon.

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Chairman, Ethekon Edung and commissioner Moses Mukhwana, ODM Secretary General Edwin Sifuna, and Wiper Party Leader Kalonzo Musyoka were



An advocate cast her vote on February 19, 2026 at Supreme court, Nairobi. Advocate Edwin Sifuna, who is also Nairobi senator casts his vote in Nairobi yesterday. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]



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## REPUBLIC OF KENYA



### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FIFTH SESSION (2026) THE SENATE

#### INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA AND PUBLIC HEARING THE BASIC EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 59 OF 2023)

The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bills No. 59 of 2023) was read a First Time in the Senate on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Education for consideration. The Committee is required, understanding order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to amend the Basic Education Act, 2023 by deleting the provision that mandates the County Education Board to appoint a Sub-county Education Board and, in its place, establish the Sub-County Education Board. The Bill further proposes that the Sub-county Education Board shall consult the County Education Board in the performance of its functions.

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

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to [clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke](mailto:clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke) and copied to [educationcommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke](mailto:educationcommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke) to be received on or before **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 5.00 p.m.**

In addition, the Committee will hold a public hearing on the Bill on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026** at the **Mini Chamber, First Floor, County Hall Building, Nairobi at 10.00 a.m.** Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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

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

among notable persons who cast their votes at the Supreme Court polling station.

People's Liberation Party Leader Martha Karua, Embakasi East MP Babu Owino, his Rarieda counterpart Otiende Amollo, and Machakos and Siaya governors, Mutula Kilonzo Junior and James Orengo, also voted.

Babu cast his vote at Milimani, marking his first time participating in the Bar's electoral process after his recent admission as an advocate.

He encouraged lawyers to exercise their democratic right, expressing hope that at least 15,000 out of the country's 18,000 active advocates would participate in choosing their next leaders.

Others who voted were former Attorney General Githu Muigai, the eldest senior advocate in the country at 88 Rapinder Singh Sehmi, senior lawyers Waweru Gatonye, Fred Ngatia, Mohammed Nyaoga, Ahmednasir Abdullahi, George Oraro, Paul Muite, Kioko Kilukumi, Paul Nyamodi, and Paul Kurgat.

Kalonzo said although the IEBC was not using the Kenya Election Information Management System (Kiems) kits, members had confidence in the exercise.

The opposition leader and Sifuna said the society should remain the true voice of Kenyans, adding that Odhiambo had shown courage during her tenure as the president.

"I urge my learned colleagues to carry forward the courageous example set by Faith Odhiambo, who chose the people over personal gain and declined appointments to honour the public trust placed in her. That is the standard," said Kalonzo.

The Nairobi Senator added: "The LSK has been one of the most consequential organizations in the fight against impunity and abuse of power in the last two years. I have voted for a new team this morning hoping and praying that they will continue the good work Faith Odhiambo and team have been doing."

Amollo urged the winning team to sustain the good foundation laid by Odhiambo.

In the meantime, it was not all smooth for all. National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula and Andrew Musangi were among those who were turned back as their names were not in the Supreme Court register.

It emerged that Musangi had been registered to vote in Nakuru while Wetang'ula's name could not be traced.

Before the voting day, the contest was not without drama. There were claims that some candidates for various seats had been sponsored by the State and allegations of handouts, while social media battles included anonymized sexual abuse claims.

Kabata was seeking to repeat his boss Odhiambo's feat, who succeeded Peter Theuri after deputising him, while Wanyama, who was last year's runner's up, was banking on a zeal of principled action.

Kanjama, who lost to Nelson Havi in 2020, was hoping to be second time lucky.

The three candidates were crisscrossing the country meeting lawyers in different towns. The battle, just like in the last election cycle, was how to win the support of the junior bar, which had a big say in the election of Odhiambo, and manage the expectations of senior lawyers.

Corruption in the Judiciary and alleged theft of funds at LSK were among the issues in the campaigns.

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# Russia embassy speaks on hiring for Ukraine war

- ▶ Embassy denies involvement in the recruitment of Kenyans to fight in its war with Ukraine.
- ▶ Families of those recruited had planned a peaceful demonstration to the embassy.

**JAMES WANZALA, NAIROBI**

The Russian embassy in Nairobi has, for the first time, spoken about illegal recruitment of Kenyan citizens into Russia's war against Ukraine.

The embassy spoke at a time Russia's image in the country has slid into the territory of a serial abuser of human rights. So far, about 35 families whose kin were secretly recruited to fight in the ongoing offshore war have demanded their loved ones be brought back.

The families made the call after submitting a formal petition to Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi,

also Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs. They also submitted another petition to Labour and Social Protection CS Alfred Mutua and their respective principal secretaries, National Assembly of Kenya and the Senate.

The petitions sought urgent parliamentary oversight, comprehensive status reporting, enhanced consular access, and accelerated repatriation efforts.

The families allege their loved ones were enticed by false employment opportunities and trafficked under fraudulent pretences, leaving them in harm's way or detained abroad.

"These networks indeed promised high salaries, bonuses and even Russian citizenship to lure recruits, only for many to be redirected into military training and frontline deployment by force and some at gunpoint," said Peter Kamau, a family member.

In a press statement, the embassy denied involvement in the recruitment of Kenyans into the war. It said Moscow and the Kenya govern-



Relatives of some of the Kenyans allegedly recruited to fight for Russia in its war against Ukraine at Jevanjee Gradens in Nairobi yesterday. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

**“**These networks indeed promised high salaries, bonuses and even Russian citizenship to lure recruits, only for many to be redirected into military training..**”**

Peter Kamau, kin

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ment have been in close contact over the matter but claimed there was a campaign to accuse it and its staff of involvement in rogue schemes of recruiting Kenyans to become combatants in the conflict in Ukraine.

"The Embassy refutes such allegations in the strongest possible terms. Government authorities of Russia have never engaged in illegal recruitment of Kenyan citizens in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation," the statement said.

The families had planned to hold

a peaceful demonstration and march from Jevanjee Gardens to the Russian embassy and present petitions but where denied permission by police which said the notice given was too short.

The families promised to give police a notice in time to hold the demonstrations on Thursday next week.

They also want Parliament and government to intensify diplomatic engagement with foreign authorities, expand active consular support for detainees and the injured and pursue criminal investigations against recruitment syndicates and complicit officials.

Russia's mission in Nairobi, on its part, said at "no time throughout the ongoing crisis in Ukraine did it ever issue visas to Kenyan citizens who sought to travel to Russia with the stated purpose of participating in the Special Military Operation(SMO) in Ukraine."

The Standard has, however, since told the story of how Kenyans, duped into fighting on Russia's war frontlines in Ukraine, had been issued with tourist visas from the embassy and found themselves in the army once they reached Moscow.

In its statement, the embassy seemed to inadvertently admit that Moscow laws allow foreign citizens to be recruited into its army.

"It must be understood that the Russian Federation does not preclude citizens of foreign countries from voluntarily enlisting," it said.

## THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KILIFI



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

#### IN THE MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI –THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS, SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The County Assembly of Kilifi wishes to notify the entire public that the Office of the Clerk received communication from the Office of the County Secretary nominee for the position of County Executive Committee Member for Transport, Public Works, Special programs and Disaster Management.

Pursuant to section 7 (1) of the Kilifi County Vetting and Appointment of Public Officers (County Assembly Approval) Act 2016. The said name of nominee was committed during the plenary sitting on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026** to the Committee on Appointments for vetting.

Pursuant to Section 8(1) (a) of the County Government Act, 2012; section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, Kilifi County investment and developments corporation Act, 2019 and Standing Order 43 of the County Assembly of Kilifi Standing Orders, the nominee **Miss Marjisanah Yahya** – is hereby invited to appear before the committee for vetting at the **County Assembly Committee Room on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026** starting at 10.00 a.m.

The nominee is required to carry with him the Original and certified copies of the following documents.

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4. Clearance certificate from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
5. Clearance certificate from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
6. Certificate of good conduct from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
7. Clearance certificate from Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
8. Accreditation from the Commission of University Education for foreign degree (if applicable)

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Duly filled and completed tender documents must be submitted through the IFMIS supplier portal so as to be received not later than **06<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 10:00am.**

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Clerk of Assembly/ Secretary, County Assembly Service Board  
**County Assembly of Kilifi**



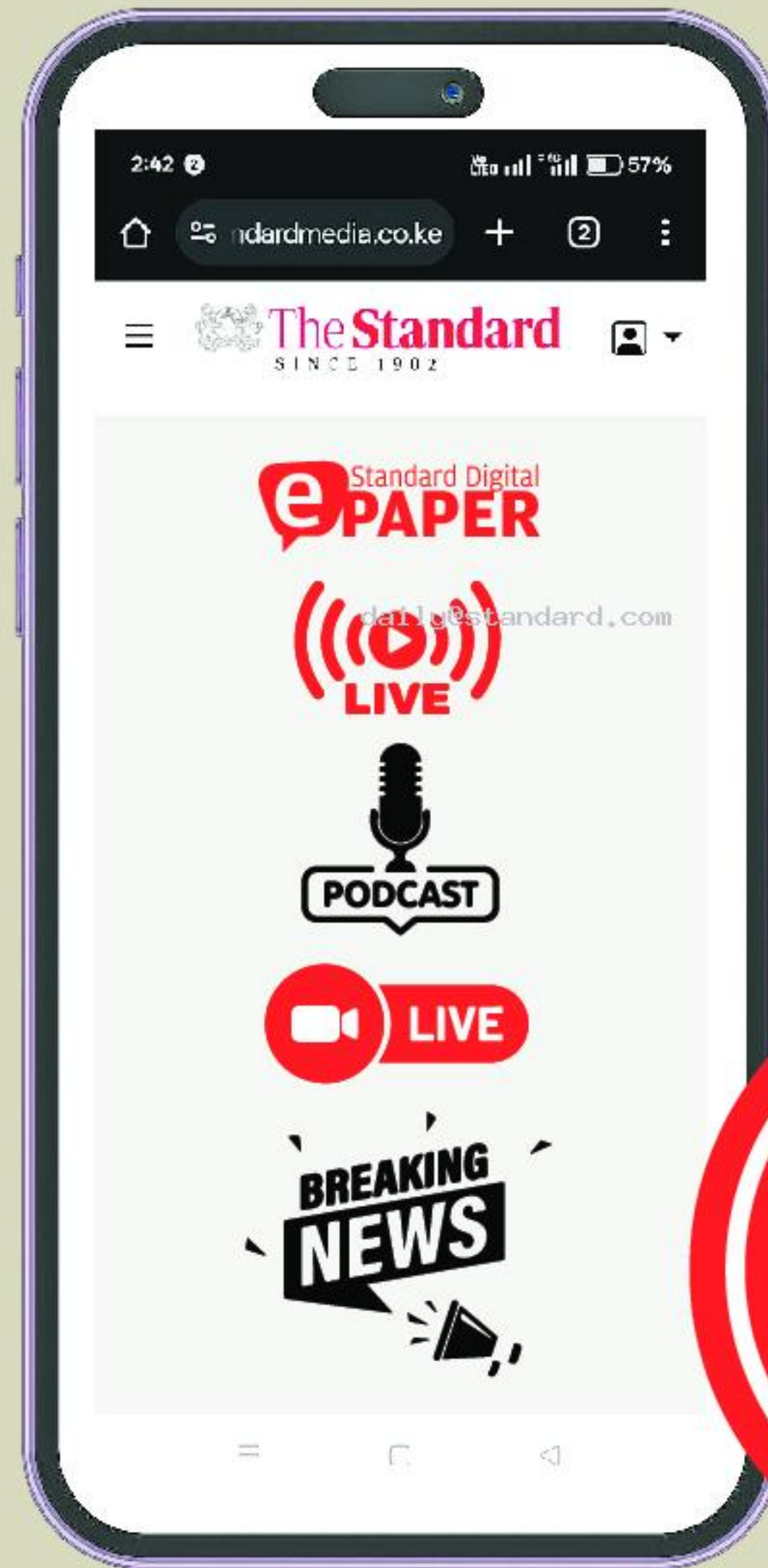
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## Briefing

**NAIROBI STUDENT SET FREE OVER RUTO POST**

David Oaga Mokaya, a 24-year-old Moi University student, was acquitted yesterday of charges over a controversial social media post depicting President William Ruto at a funeral procession. Millmani Principal Magistrate Carolyne Nyaguthii Mugo cleared Mokaya, ruling the prosecution had failed to establish a prima facie case and relied on evidence obtained in violation of his constitutional rights. The court noted his electronic gadgets were seized and examined without a court order. Nyaguthii emphasised that even content involving the President does not override constitutional safeguards and liability attaches only to the actual publisher. Mokaya was found not guilty. **[Nancy Gitonga]**

**NAIROBI. LOSSES AS KENHA FLATTENS STALLS**

More than 1,000 traders at Githurai Market suffered heavy losses after their stalls were demolished at dawn Thursday to make way for a new bus park. The Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) carried out the operation a day after traders protested the planned demolition. Many traders said the move has crippled their livelihoods. Jane Wairimu, counting Sh30,000 in lost goods, lamented the lack of alternative trading space despite a prior vacation notice. Jane Mwangi, who ran a food stall for 15 years, accused authorities of pushing traders deeper into poverty. Heavy police deployment followed after protesters blocked Thika Superhighway, causing massive traffic snarl-ups. **[Gitau Wanyoike]**

# MPs back Sh80b cooperation deal, reject ouster plot

► Nairobi lawmakers say pact strengthens devolution, unlike previous NMS arrangement.

► MCAs dismiss rumours of Governor Sakaja's impeachment over the pact.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

**N**airobi MPs allied to the broad-based government arrangement have thrown their weight behind the Sh80 billion cooperation agreement between President William Ruto and Governor Johnson Sakaja, even as MCAs dismissed a fresh plot to impeach the city boss.

Speaking days after the State House deal, the leaders moved to address concerns over oversight of the funds and claims that the pact amounted to a power grab by the National Government.

MPs Peter Orero (Kibra), Felix Odiwuor alias Jalang'o (Langata), Anthony Oluoch (Mathare), TJ Kajwang (Ruaraka) and Senators Karen Nyamu, Hamida Kibwana, Tabitha Mutinda and Nairobi Woman Rep Esther Passaris spoke a day after Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna and Embakasi East MP Babu Owino de-

manded the deal be stopped.

Led by Kajwang, the lawmakers underscored that all financing under the framework remains subject to the Public Finance Management Act, parliamentary oversight, audit by the Auditor-General and public participation requirements.

"Transparency and accountability are not optional; they are mandatory. As Members of Parliament, we will support what works, question what must be clarified and ensure that implementation delivers measurable outcomes," said Kajwang.

Dismissing comparisons to the previous deal between retired President Uhuru Kenyatta and Governor Mike Sonko, which created the Nairobi Metropolitan Services and ceded key functions, Kajwang said this pact is better structured to strengthen devolution.

"Somebody out there is lying to Kenyans that this is a takeover of functions and that Governor Sakaja should now go home. Far from it. This is a more robust deal that will ensure the growth of the city through adequate funding," he reiterated.

Oluoch added that the law provides for mutual cooperation between the two levels of government and public participation had already been conducted under Article 189



Embakasi East MP Babu Owino addresses the media on the cooperation agreement between the National Government and Nairobi County. He termed the agreement a hostile takeover and a graveyard for corruption. **[Elvis Ogina, Standard]**

and Section 6 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act.

"Development of the capital city should not be stalled by partisan posturing or constitutional mischaracterisation. Nairobi must not be denied the opportunity to modernise, compete globally and provide dignified services to its residents," stated Oluoch.

At the same time, Nairobi MCAs dismissed a fresh ploy to impeach Governor Sakaja over the multi-billion deal. Speaker Ken Ng'ondi said, "As the Speaker of the County, there has not been a single day when I received a motion to impeach Governor Sakaja. Whatever you see is

hearsay sponsored by politicians to destabilise the administration."

Minority Leader Anthony Kiragu added: "We welcome and fully embrace this partnership. It is people-centred, accelerates development projects and improves service delivery across the city."

MCAs also highlighted Nairobi's Sh40 billion budget serving over seven million residents, contrasting it with larger capitals like Paris and New York City and assuring that the Implementation Committee chaired by the Governor will ensure accountability and transparency.

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## BRUTALITY

### Post-mortem confirms Vincent Ayom was shot at close range

Fresh grief and anger engulfed the family of Vincent Ayomo after a post-mortem confirmed that the 28-year-old was killed by a single gunshot fired at close range, reinforcing their belief that his death was deliberate and unjust.

The autopsy was conducted yesterday by a government pathologist at Nairobi Funeral Home, in the presence of the family and their lawyers, ending days of anxious waiting marked by confusion, delays, and emotional exhaustion.

Advocate Janja Maina, representing the family, said the findings painted a grim picture of police brutality. "Vincent was shot in Kitengela for reasons unknown. The post-mortem confirms a single gunshot entered his left eye, causing extensive damage to the brain, spinal cord, scalp,

and neck," she said. The severity and trajectory of the injuries indicate the shooter was at close range.

The confirmation reopened raw wounds for the family. "We want justice for my husband now that it is clear he was killed by the police," said Ayomo's wife, breaking down. Ayomo was the family's breadwinner, leaving his wife, one-and-a-half-year-old child, and aging mother struggling.

His elder brother, Adonijah Ayomo, lamented the lack of government response and questioned why leaders, including Nairobi Senator Sifuna and Babu Owino, had not supported the family. "No one is speaking as we continue to suffer," he said.

The killing has reignited concerns over police use of live ammunition in crowd control. **[Juliet Omelo]**

## SECURITY

### Police foil terror attack, seize firearms ahead of Ramadan

Security agencies have foiled what could have been a major terrorist attack in Nairobi, targeting social facilities at the start of the holy month of Ramadan.

A raid on Tuesday night uncovered a cache of weapons, ammunition, medical supplies and provisions.

The operation, carried out by the National Intelligence Service (NIS) and Special Operations Group officers, followed weeks of surveillance.

While officials declined to confirm the exact number of firearms seized, sources told The Standard the haul included five AK-47 rifles, assorted automatic weapons, six hand grenades, anti-personnel explosives and a loaded Makarov pistol with 24 rounds. Twenty magazines containing 600 rounds were also recovered.

Medical supplies found at the hideout were reportedly meant to treat potential injuries, while two cartons of dates, a high-energy food traditionally eaten to break the Ramadan fast, were also discovered. "Yes, it's true a massive terrorist attack targeting Ramadan activities was foiled," said a senior police officer who declined to provide further details.

Several suspects are in custody as security agencies continue to pursue others linked to a network believed to have roots in Somalia. Intercepted communications revealed plans for assaults and kidnappings during the holy month.

The operation follows the dismantling of an Al Shabaab IED base in Lagta Hola Wajeer, Badhaadhe district, by Jubaland forces a day earlier. **[Hudson Gumbi]**



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**If Govt and opposition blame one person for the same crime, neither knows what they're talking about**

# Don't tell me 'retired but not tired' Prezzo UK is calling shots, years on...

Folks, I heard it on the grapevine that there was a big bust-up between "retired but not tired" Prezzo Uhuru Kenyatta aka UK and his successor Prezzo Bill Ruto. The falling out, I hear, took place in the Ethiopian capital of Addis, where African leaders were making their annual retreat to meet and admire the latest Savile Row suits.

One of the sticking points, I understand, was the slow pace of mediation efforts in central Africa, where Prezzo UK has had to hitch rides on craft from other leaders, as though he's a *manamba*, because his successor doesn't facilitate his work.

Well, UDA folks have to get a life; even former Deputy Prezzo Rigathi Gachagua aka Riggy G has since changed tune, after making a career bashing his former boss, whom he accused of emptying the national coffers before his successor arrived.

I don't think Prezzo UK could have pocketed so much money, given the tight pockets of his pants, as to last him years, even when he's been out of a job and his pension still being withheld; my suspicions are that since our money bears his father's image, he possibly prints his own cash at home when he needs it.

We have it on the authority of Prezzo Bill Ruto's aide Farouk Kibet that Prezzo UK has been bankrolling Edwin Sifuna, the embattled ODM Secretary General who is causing political jitters, even though it's not clear why Kibet would be worried about ODM's turmoil since he belongs to UDA.

It's not the first time that Prezzo UK is being blamed when things go wrong; he was purportedly behind the "sufuria" riots of 2023 and the Gen-Z protest of 2024. Incidentally, even the indefatigable acting ODM Party Leader Oburu Oginga is blaming Prezzo UK for not using "the system" to install the departed ODM leader Raila Odinga to power in 2022.

If both the government and the opposi-

tion blame one person for two different crimes allegedly committed at the same time, neither knows what they're talking about.

Yet, Prezzo UK didn't do any of that. Instead, he installed Wiperman Kalonzo Musyoka to that role, but even that's being read as undermining the government.

We know we're in the fog of the season's end, to borrow from Alex La Guma's book by the same title, which is to say the political chickens are coming home to roost. And a restive electorate can't wait to kick someone where it hurts for the years of lies and unmet election pledges. And the politicians need a scapegoat.

I am persuaded that if the flooding continues to ravage our land, while some parts are wracked by drought, Prezzo UK surely would have something to do with it. It's his way of way of undermining his successor, especially after so many bags of fertiliser are reported in the high seas.

Even the thousands of youngsters who reportedly are yet to enter junior high school, it should be remembered, aren't missing slots in schools. It's sheer delinquency from Prezzo UK's incitement just to embarrass Prezzo Ruto, so he may cynically deploy the youngsters to the street to protest.

This does make sense, actually, and since Kibek & Co have the intel about these nefarious actions, I wonder they are out there *payukaring* out there instead of deploying police to do what they do best: foiling a crime before it occurs.

Finally, I have no idea what they want us to do with that information, especially since all we've seen is Prezzo UK surfacing in Mombasa's Nyali neighbourhood during the Ash Wednesday that's marked by the Catholic faithful.

In his crumpled dashiki, Prezzo UK looked every inch the retiring that he is, even a little tired than the last time he promised he still had some irons in the fire.

## Why Sudi has only opened his mouth in Parliament to yawn or drink water

We have a good laugh whenever we have the occasional reunion with my high school buddies, wondering if we should add Oscar Sudi to the old Highie boys' WhatsApp group. The Kapseret MP and a confidante of Prezzo Bill Ruto purports he attended Highway High School, so we laugh at his unique configuration of the school's name.

Now the MP has added another distinction that's not a laughing matter: Sudi is yet to open his mouth to speak in Parliament, three years on. I'm not sure what could be the source of Sudi's insecurities—he long overcame his certificate *manenos* when secured an honorary doctorate from some obscure "university."

In any case, Sudi is a vibrant speaker outside Parliament, recording and publishing searing commentaries on social media, almost always

ending with an epithet that's mangled into a phlegmic spat.

This contemptuous leitmotif is an expression of Sudi's rejection of strictures of power structures that limit the way he can express himself. A particular glow that leaps to his eyes when he delivers the epithet, incorrigible and unparliamentary as it is.

I suppose through these online sketches, the good people Kapseret get their pressing issues canvassed; after all, Sudi is as close to power as it can get, even without ever opening his mouth to speak in Parliament save for when he's yawning, breathing, or drinking water.

That, truly, is the unique way through which he exercises his power, and he's been effective enough to secure re-election multiple times, and he's bound for more. *Bure kabisa*.

## PANDEMONIUM



The story so far is that police in Isiolo had managed to recover cattle that had been stolen from pastoralists, only for other folks to try driving them away from the police lines. Shots were fired in the air, necessitating everyone to duck for cover. [Bruno Mutunga, Standard]

## A very eventful Sunday when Sifuna came calling, and put Kitengela back in news saddle

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has a wicked sense of humour, even though he seldom smiles. He says police had not been notified early enough that the Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna and his cronies were going to make a "wave" in the Kitengela township last Sunday.

In the same breath, the police who hadn't received notification about the Sifuna-led brigade were able to promptly conduct a census to deter-

mine that the said rally was dominated by hired crowds from the nearby counties of Machakos and Nairobi.

Consequently, Murkomen posed, wagging a finger and veins jutting from his forehead—the man really needs to relax—why anyone would bother ferrying goons instead of addressing them wherever they live. I don't know what would be the basis of such twisted logic.

After all, the economy thrives

when people travel, which is what I was doing when I experienced the "Sifuna wave," after making the ominous error of getting on the road at the same time as the Nairobi senator's scheduled rally in Kitengela town.

That was before police lobbed tear gas canisters on largely peaceful crowds, perhaps to disperse them early enough to ensure the hired crowds safely retreat to their home counties. Consequently, I had to navigate

through the backroads of Kitengela, wading through narrow thoroughfares until I was well past the assembly point.

Cutting through the counties of Machakos and Nairobi, destined for Kiambu county, a reckless truck rammied into the rib of my car and the driver attempted to flee. It turned out he was dodging from another lane where he had rammied the rear of another car.

It took a while before police officers

on patrol arrived to record the details, which included a detour to Ruai Police Station, where Police Constable Irungu provided prompt assistance, as the reckless young truck driver wailed his penitence.

A new day had dawned by the time I drove through the Kitengela township, the debris on the road being the outward sign that police had come to town, leaving the "Sifuna wave," invisible but ominous, floating through the air.



"When you (Governor Johnson Sakaja) have an assignment or responsibility and fail to deliver, the decent thing to do is to resign. Don't wait to be fired; fire yourself"

Phillip Kisia, Azimio executive director



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## EDITORIAL

### Urgently solve severe shortage of condoms

The arrival of anti-HIV drug Lenacapavir portends good news in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Lenacapavir is a long acting pre-exposure medication that protects people who have not been exposed to the HIV virus from contracting it. It is not a cure, and therefore is not meant for those already infected with the virus.

However, this comes at a time Kenya has been hit by a serious shortage of condoms, which threatens to claw back gains made in the war against HIV/AIDS over the decades.

Reports from Voluntary Counselling and Testing centres across the country paint a worrying picture. Commercial sex workers and other vulnerable groups that have, for long, depended on free supplies of condoms, are now forced to buy them at inflated prices or, worse, risk unprotected sex, which is a public health concern.

Periodic condom shortages in Kenya are not new. They have repeatedly surfaced over the years, often explained as procurement delays or donor transitions. Each time this happened, the government promised better planning and stronger supply chains, but this is yet to be seen and felt.

The recurrence of the same crisis suggests that those in charge of the health docket have not learned their lessons. Planning for essential commodities in the HIV response should not be reactive. The government has precise data that should guide its planning and purchases.

The National Syndemic Disease Control Council has repeatedly emphasised that consistent condom use offers up to 95 per cent protection against HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Lack of this protection doubles the risk. HIV infections spiked in 2024. This could be worsened by the shortage of condoms.

Reduced support from partners such as the Global Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, and the USAID have occasioned funding gaps. This raises the question: Why has the government not stepped in to address the funding gap?

Overreliance on external financing leaves Kenya exposed. A country that requires about 450 million condoms annually cannot afford to treat such a basic preventive item as a donor-dependent luxury.

Failure to act decisively is a reflection of poor planning and weak prioritisation. The warning signs were visible months ago in the Ministry of Health commodity reports. As clinicians such as Prof Koigi Kamau of the University of Nairobi warn, condom shortages do not only risk HIV transmission; they open the door to a surge in chlamydia, gonorrhoea and syphilis, which carry lifelong reproductive consequences.

Government priorities appear to be poorly aligned. Hospitals continue to report drug and staff shortages that fuel recurring health workers' strikes. Yet weekly delegations to the State House consume millions of shillings with remarkable ease.

Public health cannot run on hope and mere projections. If the country is serious about ending HIV transmission, it must get the basics right. As it stands today, the government's priorities are mixed up.



## ELECTION

# 2027 presidential poll will be a rematch between Ruto, Uhuru



MUCHIRI KARANJA

With Kenya's 2027 presidential election roughly 18 months away, political betting has already begun.

And one wager has quietly gained consensus among seasoned political gamblers: The next presidential contest will pit the incumbent, Dr William Samoei Ruto, against a man whose name shall not appear on the ballot paper—Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta.

In the 2022 election, the outgoing president, Uhuru Kenyatta, openly threw his weight behind his former nemesis-turned ally Raila Odinga. The State machinery followed suit. Yet Raila lost—narrowly but decisively—after Ruto garnered 7,176,141 votes against Raila's 6,942,930.

Ruto's victory stunned many observers, including the victor himself. But it was not accidental. It was largely powered by the Mount Kenya vote, a region that openly defied its most prominent son's political advice: Despite Uhuru's endorsement of Raila, voters in Mount Kenya turned out in large numbers to back Ruto, delivering him about 2,364,796 million votes of his total votes.

To Uhuru's consternation, his own political backyard, Kiambu openly defied him and gave Ruto more than half-a-million votes!

In practical terms, the 2022 election was not simply Ruto versus Raila; it was Ruto versus Uhuru. And despite pouring vast financial resources into the campaign and deploying the full weight of the State, Uhuru lost, especially in Mount Kenya region where voters mutinied against one of their own.

Five years is a short time in politics, but it is long enough for grudges to ferment and rivalries to mature. A new duel is already taking shape. The names on the ballot may differ in 2027, but make no mistake: The next presidential contest will again be a struggle between Ruto and Uhuru.

The rules, however, have changed. Ruto now controls the very State machinery that was once deployed against him. He also commands vast resources with which to mount a formidable defence of his presidency. Yet power has a way of creating its own vulnerabilities. As the saying goes, a pig fries in its own fat—you do not add cooking oil to pork.

Ruto's fallout with his deputy Rigathi Gachagua, has cost him dearly in Mount Kenya. Crucially, those votes have not migrated to Gachagua; they have drifted back to Uhuru. In a moment of political restraint—some would say genius—Uhuru chose silence, allowing Ruto to unravel on his own.

Gachagua's ouster only cemented this shift. For voters in Mount Kenya who deeply mistrust Ruto, Gachagua's protests inspire little confidence. Mistrust, after all, was the central reason Raila failed to crack Mount Kenya in 2022—decades of anti-Luo political

narratives compounded by confusion over Uhuru's sudden change of heart.

That same mistrust now dogs Ruto. And if history is any guide, trust in Mount Kenya politics is like virginity: Once lost, it rarely returns. If Uhuru could not persuade the region to trust Raila, it will take several Uhurus to convince it to trust Ruto again.

By orchestrating Gachagua's removal, Ruto deepened the wound. Gachagua may have been a political liability, but he has proven a loud and costly one. His public protests resemble those of a spoilt child wailing after a deserved whipping—drawing the attention and anger of other parents. Kenyan politics, it turns out, still believes in the old adage: Spare the rod, spoil the child.

As 2027 approaches, Raila—now politically absent—no longer features as Ruto's nemesis. Yet Ruto appears to have inherited the mistrust that once defined Raila's relationship with Mount Kenya. That mistrust was sealed by Gachagua's ouster.

The chickens are coming home to roost in Central Kenya. Ruto must now confront Uhuru directly—or risk losing millions of votes that once secured his victory.

Uhuru's name may not appear on the ballot, but his shadow will loom over every polling station in Mount Kenya—and far beyond. Like Hamlet's ghost, it haunts political conversations from Nyanza to the Coast.

Unless something dramatic happens before August 2027, the race will not truly be Ruto versus an opposition candidate: It will be Ruto versus Uhuru. And unless Ruto pulls off a victory reminiscent of Mwai Kibaki's controversial 2007 triumph, the odds—at least for now—appear stacked against him.

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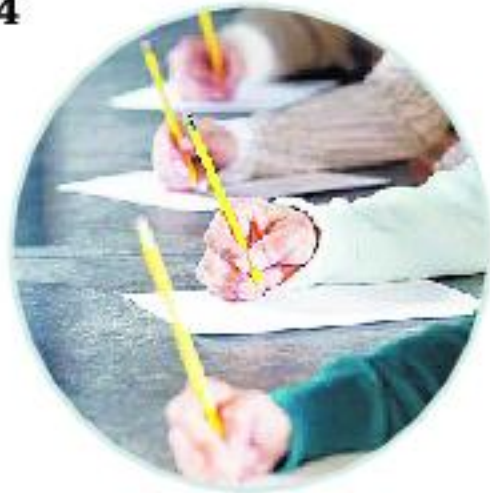
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It's unfortunate, says Brian Keraa Nyachae [nyachaebrian3664@gmail.com], that the last students under the 8-4-4 system will be able to re-sit the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination. "Students who miss the cluster points to enrol in university should choose Technical Vocational Colleges. The government must ensure proper development of these institutions through adequate funding and more learning space. This is the only way to ensure that the lapse of the 8-4-4 system includes all affected learners without leaving anyone behind."



Although Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com] could not hear the words Information and Communication Technology (ICT) CS William Kabogo uttered against retired President Uhuru Kenyatta, he guesses Kabogo's fear was that Uhuru would lead Kikuyus astray despite being president for 10 years. "If nothing obstructs Uhuru from trying his luck in his objective, Kabogo will have to live with that. Additionally, if Kabogo thinks he has any clout, he should fight Uhuru politically the way he has started and see how it goes."

The beginning of Ramadan is a special time for Muslims, and it's important that we show them respect and support during this holy month, according to Pamilla Mugure Mbotella [pamilamugure@gmail.com]. "As we celebrate together, we must remember that trying to judge which religion is more genuine is not our business. We all serve one God, and He alone knows us better. Let us pray for one another, celebrate our differences, and encourage peace and harmony among all faiths".



Residents of Turkana County face a serious problem as snakebites increase during the ongoing drought, says Vallary Okello [okellovallary695@gmail.com]. "Due to lack of water and pasture, people and animals move far from their homes in search of food and water. As they walk through bushes and dry riverbeds, they encounter snakes. Many families now fear going out early in the morning or late in the evening when snakes are most active. Health centres report more cases of snakebites, yet some villages are far from medical facilities".

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# Are tax cuts for low income earners in good faith?



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## Ruto's helping struggling Kenyans

I believe President William Ruto's plan to exempt Kenyans earning Sh30,000 and below is an act in good faith aimed at cushioning a huge number of citizens who are struggling to make ends meet. These Kenyans spend almost all their entire earnings on the basic needs, leaving them with literally nothing for other obligations. I reject the argument that Ruto is out to gain political mileage because elections

are more than a year from now. Secondly, the move will bring about equity in the sense that the highest earners will be the ones to shoulder the heavier burden of raising revenue for the country. That will promote fairness. Thirdly, by saving low income earners from the taxman, more money will circulate in the local economy, considering that poor earners spend more and save less. It is one sure way of suppressing poverty since more money will be available for use to the majority. The move to scrap income tax for the low income earners should not be misconstrued as a political bait.

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## It's a clever way to win over voters

The recent announcement by the government that Kenyans earning less than Sh30,000 will be exempted from income tax was not in good faith. When you look at the timing of the announcement, anyone can guess that the government is desperately looking for a clever way to earn the approval of the low income earners who constitute the majority of Kenyans. There

are very high chances that the move is aimed at softening the hearts of the salaried Kenyans who have vowed to vote out the current crop of leaders. I think the government is desperately striving to endear itself to the citizens, who in the last general election, were identified as hustlers. On the flip-side, the government is likely to suffer reduced revenues considering a huge chunk of taxpayers lie along that bracket. The unseen problem is that the government might still decide to shift that tax elsewhere such that prices of essential commodities such as fuel, bread or even cooking oil will rise.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

## WORKPLACE

# Career secrecy is bad for employees, employers, and the future of work

About 20 or 30 years ago, career progression was more of a communal affair. At work, colleagues knew that you were applying for a new role. Some of them could even help review your CV, and others could even help you with mock interviews. When the offer came through, the office celebrated, even if it meant losing you. Your win was everyone's win.

Unfortunately, that doesn't happen today. Like in many other affairs, change has not spared career growth. Job applications are now done in silence. Interviews happen in secret, and offers are accepted discreetly. A colleague leaves, and no one knows where they are going or why they are going. It is complicated.

But there has to be a source of every experience, and in a world that is changing so fast, these new experiences are fading the old ones. Emilia Wietrak and others, in their research 'Trust and psychological safety: An evidence review', note that trust is an essential ingredient for healthy and sustainable organisations. Psychological safety, on the other hand, refers to how people perceive potential threats or even rewards when they take interpersonal risks at work. In a psychologically safe work environment, as Wietrak's research found, people tend to be less defensive and focus more on accomplishing team goals and preventing problems, instead of just protecting themselves.

The true goal of work should be growing and winning together. But many workplaces today do not cultivate psychological safety. Employees operate in environments marked by intense competition, fragile trust, and unspoken fear. In such spaces, information feels like power and, as we all know, power is not shared lightly.

R Patil's research 'The power of psychological



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safety: Investigating its impact on team learning, team efficacy, and team productivity', published in The Open Psychology Journal, show that low psychological safety environments can lead to silence, disengagement, and reduced collaboration. Yet we expect the same workplaces to be innovative and team-friendly.

Colleagues are no longer just teammates; they are potential competitors. They use silence as a survival strategy. A disclosed job application may be interpreted as disloyalty. A career conversation may be weaponised. Instead of support, employees anticipate sabotage, gossip, or subtle exclusion.

However, sometimes secrecy is not selfishness. Often, it is learned behaviour. Some employees have been punished for being open; passed over for opportunities after expressing ambition, labelled "not committed" for exploring options, or quietly sidelined after announcing plans to grow. Over time, people internalise one rule: Self-preservation. Career silence becomes a form of self-preservation in psychologically unsafe workplaces.

Could this be a result of the data protection laws which are increasingly safeguarding employee privacy and dignity? Organisations are also increasingly cautious about what they ask, record, or disclose. But even so, should career growth be limited by these laws? In my opinion, as a HR practitioner, I say no and this is why.

In most cases, career secrecy comes at a cost to the individual, the employer, and the future of work as a whole. At an individual level, employees lose informal mentorship and peer support. They have to navigate career transitions alone, without feedback or encouragement. Wins feel muted, sometimes lonely.

Work becomes transactional rather than relational. Professional identities are guarded, not grown collectively. Over time, this can breed disengagement, cynicism, and emotional withdrawal. A silent workforce may be compliant, but it is rarely inspired.

For organisations, the implications are even far more serious. When people stop talking, leaders lose early signals of disengagement or flight risk. Succession planning weakens. Organisational learning stalls. Culture becomes performative rather than lived. A workplace where employees leave quietly is not a stable one - it is a disconnected one. High retention without trust is not loyalty; it is inertia.

If this trend continues unchecked, the future of work risks becoming efficient but emotionally thin. We may gain systems, policies, and productivity, but lose humanity. The workplace was never meant to be merely a contract. It has always been a social institution: A place of growth, identity, belonging, and shared journeys. When career progression becomes taboo, we erode that social fabric.



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# How to address young lawyers' sexual harassment allegations

The recent Judicial Tribunal report in South Africa concerning Judge President Mbenenge offers Kenya an opportunity to reflect carefully on how sexual harassment complaints are handled within the legal profession. The Tribunal found that the Judge President engaged in misconduct by participating in flirtatious conversations during working hours. However, it declined to classify the conduct as sexual harassment that amounts to misconduct warranting removal under Section 177 of the South African Constitution because the evidence showed that the exchanges were welcomed and consensual.

That distinction is central to sexual harassment law across many jurisdictions and should guide Kenyan institutions as well. Kenya has recently seen several complaints of sexual misconduct raised against advocates. At the same time, there have been suggestions in the past by the Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal, through its decisions, that it lacks jurisdiction over sexual harassment claims. That position is unsustainable. Sexual harassment, where proved, is a form of professional misconduct. It occurs within the professional environment, often between colleagues, seniors and juniors, or advocates and clients. It directly implicates the dignity, integrity and ethical standards required of officers of the court.

Scholars who have examined misconduct within the legal profession, including writers such as Slocum and Schulz, have demonstrated that regulatory bodies across common law jurisdictions treat sexual harassment as falling squarely within professional discipline. It is not a separate moral issue detached from practice; it is conduct that affects public confidence in the profession. If an advocate uses their office, status or professional platform to pursue unwelcome sexual advances, that is a breach of professional duty. The Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal therefore has both the authority and the obligation to entertain such complaints.

The South African tribunal also clarified something that is frequently misunderstood in public debate. The most critical component of sexual harassment is that the conduct must be unwelcome. This principle has long been emphasised by experts in this area as Vicki Schultz, who explains that harassment law turns on proof that the complainant did not welcome the sexual conduct in question. It is not enough that conversations were sexual. It is not enough that messages were exchanged. The decisive question is whether the conduct was unwanted.

In the Mbenenge matter, the Tribunal scrutinised the full record of communication. It found that Ms Mengo participated in and entertained the exchanges. Evidence showed that certain messages in which she appeared to initiate or reciprocate flirtation had been omitted. On the totality of the evidence, the tribunal concluded that the interaction was consensual. It nevertheless found misconduct because engaging in flirtatious conversations during work hours and within a professional setting fell below the stand-



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ard expected of a senior judicial officer.

That careful distinction was important. Kenyan institutions must draw that line with clarity. Sexual harassment requires proof of two key elements. First, the conduct must be sexual in nature and sufficiently serious or persistent. Second, and most importantly, it must be unwelcome. Unwelcome conduct is the anchor of harassment law in democracies that value both equality and fairness. If the conduct is welcomed, either expressly or by consistent and voluntary participation, it does not meet the legal threshold of harassment.

The law does not criminalise consensual adult interaction, even where that interaction may be ill-advised or violate some morality. This brings us to another hard but necessary point. Claims that are based on distortion, concealment of material facts, or outright falsehood are deeply damaging. They are counterproductive to the struggle against genuine sexual harassment. When complaints are later shown to be exaggerated or misleading, the credibility of real victims suffers. Institutions may become overly cautious.

The seriousness of the offence risks being diluted. Gender advocacy, which has fought long and hard for recognition of workplace abuse, is undermined when the legal process



*If the conduct is welcomed, either expressly or by consistent and voluntary participation, it does not meet the legal threshold of harassment.*

is misused. Every complaint must still be tested on evidence. Fairness to complainants and fairness to the accused are not opposing values in this discourse. When tribunals apply the law carefully, as the South African Tribunal did, they strengthen the fight against harassment.

The question of power imbalance also deserves careful attention. It is true that many harassment cases arise in contexts where one party holds authority over another. Senior advocates influence the careers of juniors. Judges command respect and institutional power. In such environments, silence or compliance may sometimes be driven by fear. Lundgren and Wieslander have extensively written about how abuse of power can transform sexual conduct into coercion. But the existence of hierarchy does not automatically prove that power was exercised improperly in every case.

The tribunal in South Africa emphasised that power must be shown to have been real and operative in shaping the complainant's response. Rank alone is not evidence of coercion. In the Mbenenge matter, the tribunal concluded that the interaction displayed mutuality and autonomy rather than compulsion itself. Kenya must adopt a similarly disciplined approach. Power imbalance should be examined, not presumed. The evidence must demonstrate that the alleged victim's ability to refuse was genuinely constrained.

Our legal profession stands at a defining moment. Kenya has strong constitutional commitments to dignity, equality and integrity in public life. The Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal should affirm clearly that sexual harassment, where proved, is professional misconduct within its jurisdiction. At the same time, it must insist on clear proof that the conduct was sexual, persistent or serious, and above all unwelcome.

## Politics

## Stop this smear campaign against Matiang'i



BEAUTTAH OMANGA

There appears to be a smear campaign aimed at diminishing Jubilee Deputy party leader Fred Matiang'i's chances of carrying the outfit's presidential flag in 2027.

First it was lawyer Ndegwa Njiru who accused Dr Matiang'i of allegedly being a government mole in the United Opposition. However, after attracting a lot of reactions, Mr Ndegwa withdrew his allegations and apologised.

Ndegwa, a respected advocate, is a close confidant of former deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and when he made the allegations, Matiang'i's camp felt assaulted and wondered if the attack was coming from other senior members of the Opposition.

Last weekend, reports emerged that Kitui Senator Enock Wambua has also accused Matiang'i of the same.

Without adducing evidence to support their politically-damaging allegations, the two members of the United Opposition have once again left Matiang'i and his supporters wondering whether this a calculated narrative to paint the former CS negatively and eventually declare him unfit to be the Opposition's flag-bearer.

According to Wambua, Matiang'i seems uncomfortable with an agreed strategy to pick a compromise Opposition flag bearer.

Matiang'i had merely suggested that a method be devised which would involve opposition supporters in determining who among his equals would be the most ideal flag-bearer.

According to Matiang'i, a scientific method in arriving at a flag-bearer for the Opposition would be ideal. Besides Matiang'i, those who have declared interest in dethroning President William Ruto are Rigathi Gachagua, Kalonzo, Eugene Wamalwa, Martha Karua and David Maraga.

While many expected a response to Matiang'i, if any, to be friendly, Wambua came out guns blazing. Wambua urged the Matiang'i to consider taking a walk if he was unhappy with the closed-door negotiations that would lead to settling on a compromise candidate.

Wambua openly showed his bias already by saying that Matiang'i's suggestion for a scientific method was geared at denying Kalonzo the chance of being picked.

By saying that Matiang'i was likely a government mole in opposition ranks, Wambua implying that it's a foregone conclusion that through boardroom negotiations, Kalonzo, the Wiper Patriotic Front leader would be the flag-bearer.

This kind of hardline stance will end up costing the Opposition the goodwill that they seem to be enjoying among Kenyans who are yearning for change. If by suggesting that an open method be used to pick a joint opposition flag-bearer is what made Wambua to brand Matiang'i a mole, then the former Interior CS is a people's mole.

If Kalonzo or any other opposition aspirant is strong enough and with high ratings among Kenyans, they should not fear an open competition.

When politicians are afraid of competition and resort to shortcuts, repercussions are dre in elections.

Somebody should inform Wambua that even if Kalonzo, his preferred presidential aspirant is chosen to be the flag-bearer, he will still need votes outside his Ukambani backyard, hence the need to get approval at nomination level from all parts of the country.

The use of modern methods of picking candidates is the way to go more so where there are many interested aspirants. The will of the people cannot be replaced by political convenience. A courageous and a leader with national appeal will be the only person to pose a meaningful threat to the incumbent President.

*Mr Omanga is a media practitioner*



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### HOT ON TWITTER

#### Sifuna is now fit for the presidency

**@BravinYuri:** Senator Edwin Sifuna has been elevated to presidential material. He has bypassed the governorship and positioned himself as a national figure and candidate. He enjoys support from across the board. Do you notice how nobody is focused on his ethnicity? That's a jackpot right there.



**@Dexter25461:** It is only you who has elevated him. On the ground, most people do not even know who Sifuna is.

**@KijanayaKabras:** He's a Gen Z president and we're going to stand with him to the very end!

**@Araap\_Ru\_KipkendaCian:** The same people who praised Senator Okliya Omtatah are now telling Sifuna he has been elevated to presidential material. Nowadays I hardly hear anyone mentioning Omtatah as a presidential candidate.



### FROM THE WEB

#### KNHR opposes shoot order in Mombasa

**Standard Digital:** The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights has condemned a controversial directive by Coast Regional Police Commander Ali Nuno authorising officers to shoot suspected gang members, terming it unconstitutional and a threat to the rule of law.

**Geoffrey Ndoli:** I disagree with you on this one. Those boys know nothing about human rights, kindly sit in your office comfortably and enjoy your money.

**Liyosi Aingana:** According to you, carrying machetes is constitutional.

**Angel Wings:** And what is the purpose of firearms therefore? The person saying this has a bodyguard and a personal pistol.

**Kigen Philemon:** Are you part of the machete-wielding gang?

**Mumin Idow:** Is killing people using machetes in the Constitution?

**Eliud Kering:** Panga boys + KNHCR = one. DCI should investigate KNHCR.

**Tabitha Tabby:** Which side are KNHCR supporting?

### DROUGHTS

#### Growing traditional crops can help communities achieve food security as climate crises worsens

The ongoing drought calls for a strategic shift in how we approach crop production and livestock keeping. Climate change has intensified droughts and famine, making it necessary to promote crops that can withstand harsh conditions.

There is an urgent need to encourage the cultivation of traditional crops such as sorghum, millet, and green grams. Sorghum is widely consumed as a cereal grain across Africa, and its seeds and leaves are also used in medicinal products.

For generations, it has been associated with managing digestive disorders, obesity, diabetes, and other health conditions. Agronomically, sorghum is highly valued for its drought resistance, short growing season, and low production costs. It is the fifth most-grown cereal globally, with about 90 per cent of its production concentrated in Africa and other developing regions.

Global demand for sorghum is projected to rise significantly by 2030. Millet is another highly nutritious and climate-resilient crop. It is rich in protein, fibre, essential vitamins, and minerals. Its health benefits include supporting cardiovascular health, helping regulate blood sugar, aiding weight management, and promoting gut health.

Being naturally gluten-free, millet is ideal for people living with celiac disease and for health-conscious consumers. Globally, millet ranks among the major staple crops after rice, wheat, and maize. In 2021, the world produced 30.1 million tonnes of millet, with India accounting for 44 per cent of total production. The global millet market was valued at approximately US\$11.53 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach US\$14.43 billion by 2029, growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 4.6 per cent.

Green grams (mung beans) are equally important. As legumes, they fix nitrogen in the soil, improving fertility and contributing up to 30–40 kg of nitrogen per hectare after harvest. They are rich



in carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins, and minerals, making them a valuable dietary component.

Investors should add value to these crops by establishing processing industries to produce diverse consumer products. Expanding agro-processing can support Kenya's industrial agenda under Kenya Vision 2030, which targets manufacturing to contribute 20 per cent of GDP. Globally, the food processing market was valued at \$60.63 billion in 2023 and is projected to reach \$82.13 billion in the coming years, growing at a CAGR of 5.2 per cent.

Promoting traditional crops is not only a response to climate change but also a pathway to food security, improved nutrition, and sustainable economic growth. **Mutegi Giti, Nairobi**

### UGALI

#### Threat by nutritionists misplaced

The Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI) recently threatened media houses with legal action for hosting individuals not registered with the institute to discuss nutrition. This followed viral remarks by a non-registered commentator who described ugali as "the most useless food out there." Surprisingly, KNDI focused on credentialing rather than directly rebutting the substance of the claim. Its advisory implied that nutrition is a settled science with definitive answers held exclusively by KNDI-registered professionals.

Yet nutrition science is far from absolute. Peer-reviewed research often supports competing dietary approaches, and scientific consensus has shifted repeatedly on fat, cholesterol, carbohydrates, and salt. History shows that even credentialed experts can be wrong. For decades, the public was advised to reduce fat and increase carbohydrate intake—guidance later linked to rising obesity and diabetes rates. Credentials did not guarantee accuracy. This is not an argument for unqualified opinions to dominate public discourse. Rather, expertise in nutrition also comes from broader academic research and interdisciplinary scholarship. Restricting discussion risks creating an echo chamber. **Waithera Muangi, Nairobi**

### POLITICS

#### Orange party needs to urgently reinvent itself

ODM has been the heartbeat of opposition politics for long. Today, it is a shadow of its former self—alive in name but absent in spirit. For years, the party's strength came from Raila Odinga. His voice gave ODM direction. As that voice grows quieter in everyday partisan battles, a dangerous vacuum has emerged, and no one has convincingly filled it. The political scene in Kenya is changing fast. Voters, especially the youth, no longer follow party banners blindly but follow bold personalities. That is why many are shifting

toward figures like Babu Owino and Edwin Sifuna—young, outspoken, and unapologetic.

As people run toward these voices, they are quietly running away from ODM. Inside the party, confusion reigns. Leadership appears stuck in old ways, symbolised by figures such as Oburu Odinga, seen by critics as representing continuity without innovation.

Parties that refuse to adapt do not collapse loudly—they fade. Unless ODM reinvents itself, it will not be defeated by rivals. **Arum Martin, Laikipia**



### BRUTALITY

#### Police officers must stop killing innocent civilians

Vincent Ayomo Otieno, 28, was shot dead in Kitengela while walking home from work amidst chaos during Senator Sifuna's Linda Mwananchi rally. This incident comes barely a week after a young girl lost her life in similar circumstances in Huruma Estate.

These repeated incidents have left communities shaken. The police have been accused of using excessive force on unarmed citizens conducting peaceful demonstrations. From the 2024 Finance Bill protests to the Linda Mwananchi rally, Kenyans grieve loved ones while others nurse wounds inflicted during demonstra-

tions. Police intentionally disrupt these rallies using teargas and live ammunition to disperse crowds, on orders from above. Although peaceful demonstrations are constitutional, police often interfere, raising concerns about their duties. Their role is to promote peace, not escalate chaos. They allow themselves to be used to settle political scores.

Despite involvement in extrajudicial killings, these officers are not punished, instead they are transferred to other locations. These individuals are not brought to justice but protected by the law enforcement system. **Mercy Mutheu, Migori**



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**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE TRANS NZOIA COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2026 AND MEDIUM-TERM BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2026-27**

In accordance with Article 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 87 of the County Government Act 2012 regarding 'Citizen Engagement,' and Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the County Government of Trans Nzoia is preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2026 along with the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework Budget for the fiscal year 2026-27.

The County Government, through the Department of Finance and Economic Planning, invites public participation from civil society organizations, faith-based and community groups, private sector representatives, women's organizations, councils of elders, individuals with disabilities, business community members, the chamber of commerce, informal traders, boda boda representatives, youth groups, marginalized groups, professionals, and all other interested stakeholders.

Public Consultative Forums will be held on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February**, starting at **10:00 AM - 1.00 PM** at the **Museum Hall in Kitale Town**.

Written memoranda can be submitted to the undersigned by **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, and in soft copy through [budget@transnzoia.go.ke](mailto:budget@transnzoia.go.ke)

**County Executive Committee Member  
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Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the **Procurement Office on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor room 102, County Assembly building - Mombasa.**

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**Model:** Ila Nia  
**Career:** Kenyan recording artiste  
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# Tick TOCK!



TIME RUNS OUT FOR HARMFUL CONTENT AS TIKTOK REMOVES HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VIDEOS AND FAKE ACCOUNTS IN KENYA, JOAN OYIELA WRITES

**T**ikTok intensified content moderation in Kenya, removing over 580,000 videos in the third quarter of 2025 for violating its community guidelines.

According to TikTok's Community Guidelines Enforcement Report, 99.7 per cent of flagged content in Kenya was detected by automated systems before it could reach large audiences.

Nearly 95 per cent of these videos were removed within 24 hours. In addition, the platform terminated almost 90,000 live streams in real time for rule-breaking behaviour.

Globally, the company removed more than 204 million videos during the same period, with 91 per cent of violations detected by artificial intelligence and the remainder handled by human moderators.

Despite the vast numbers of removed videos, they accounted for just 0.7 per cent of total uploads, showing the platform aims to target harmful content without disrupting legitimate creators.

TikTok said its approach combines advanced automated tools with thousands of "trust and safety" experts, ensuring that harmful content, including misinformation, hate speech, and other violations, is addressed swiftly and consistently.

A growing area of concern is AI-generated misinformation.

TikTok now requires all synthetic or altered media to be clearly labelled, bans undisclosed deepfakes of private individuals, and restricts content involving public figures, particularly in sensitive contexts such as endorsements or harassment.

The platform also removed over 118 million fake profiles and more than 22 million suspected underage accounts. These steps are part of a broader effort to foster a "safer digital environment" by curbing spam, hate speech, and other harmful content while responding to intensifying global scrutiny.

Brian Omwenga, from Tech Innovators Network THiNK, emphasised the need for TikTok to demonstrate responsible AI management, not just through policy but in practice.

He pointed to the importance of robust user verification, saying that knowing who is behind each account would make it easier to trace violations and hold individuals accountable.

In Kenya, TikTok's popularity has skyrocketed, particularly among Gen Z and Millennials. Users turn to the platform for entertainment, education, activism, and income generation.



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Data from the Communications Authority of Kenya shows TikTok as the country's third most-used social media platform, with over 15 million adult users by early 2025, up from negligible numbers just a few years ago.

This growth has fuelled a thriving creator economy. Local influencers reportedly earned about Sh47 million (roughly \$365,000) last year through brand deals, affiliate marketing, and partnerships with Kenyan businesses in telecoms, fintech, and other sectors.

Yet rapid expansion has brought challenges. Kenya's TikTok community, known for viral dances, comedy sketches, and social commentary, has sometimes hosted explicit content, cyberbullying, and material unsafe for minors.

In response, the Communications Authority issued strict directives earlier in 2025, demanding platforms prioritise child safety, remove explicit content, and comply with local data laws.

The Kenyan National Assembly is also weighing a petition to regulate TikTok. Members of Parliament have supported measures that protect users while maintaining the benefits of social media innovation and digital economic growth.

The Public Petitions Committee, in its report on Petition No. 41 of 2023, ruled out a blanket ban, arguing it would infringe on fundamental rights and stifle the digital economy. Instead, it recommended strong regulation and compliance monitoring for platforms operating in the country.

Roy Kanyi, a popular TikTok influencer, urged fellow creators to produce family-friendly material. "TikTok cannot judge whether content is good or bad," he said. "It is up to creators to ensure their work is engaging, educational, and suitable for all ages. Let us make content that can be watched by your family or even your children and still have a positive impact."

Kanyi also revealed that his account was once wrongly banned, despite following community guidelines, highlighting the challenges creators can face in the moderation process.

Experts predict that Kenya's digital ecosystem will continue to grow, making further regulation and platform responsibility essential. TikTok's third-quarter moderation drive signals a proactive approach, aiming to balance innovation with user safety.

For creators, adherence to guidelines could unlock more monetisation opportunities. For users, these measures reduce exposure to harmful content, making the platform a safer space for learning, entertainment, and social interaction.

The TikTok story in Kenya illustrates a broader trend in the digital world: platforms are increasingly held accountable for the content they host.

Automated systems, AI-driven detection, and human oversight are now central to maintaining safe online spaces.

But as Brian Omwenga notes, technology alone is not enough. Transparent practices, robust verification, and a clear definition of safety are critical to ensuring that online spaces remain inclusive, responsible, and fair.

WASSUP - Geoffrey Korio

**Nyashinski for Magical Kenya Open**

The 2026 edition of the Kenya Open Golf tournament, fashion and showbiz bonanza, which will be played as part of the DP World Tour, takes place throughout this weekend at Karen Country Club. The music lineup features live performances from Nyashinski, alongside deejays Lisney, Daqchild, Mista C, DJ E, Benitez, and emcee Gogo. It's Sh1,000 per day and Sh6,000 season pass.

**Kilele's Back**

East Africa's first and only summit for music, tech and culture returns for 2026 at The Mall, Nairobi, throughout this coming week. Established to platform artists and collectives from the region working in diverse, under-represented styles from the folkloric to the futuristic, Kilele mixes panels, presentations and workshops with installations, showcases and after-parties over six thrilling days. It's Sh750 per day.

**The Demo, feat. Trabolee and Kūribā**

The Demo returns for its second episode, bringing together a select group of Kenyan artists to share unreleased and rarely heard work. It's a space where music is demoeed before it's finished, tested, or public, in front of an audience interested in where sound is heading next. The sessions goes down at Living Rooms tonight. Entry is Sh1,500.

**Millennials Park and Chill**

Another social hangout series for the millennials generations goes down at Cape Dutch, Thika, tomorrow. Park and chill with other like-minded funlovers with deejay Joe Mfalme on the decks. Charges are Sh500.

**Prelude to Lumière**

This is the opening breath of a great musical journey — an intimate classical and operatic experience where sound awakens light that goes down at Kivulini Eco Park this Tuesday. Designed as the first movement in a broader symphony, funlovers will get to be a part of an evening that sets the emotional and artistic tone for what is to come.

**Stand-Up Collective – Roast Battle**

The latest edition of the popular stand-up comedy series will see over 12 comedians taking their gloves off and have three chances to roast each other to ashes all in hopes of reaching the final and winning the grand prize. The battle goes down at Nairobi Laugh Bar tonight. Charges are Sh500.

**A Charlie Brown Valentine**

Once again at Unseen Nairobi throughout this month, experience films on the big screen in a child friendly environment, with soft lighting and lowered film volume throughout this month of love as you enjoy a Charlie Brown special. It's Sh650 for kids, free for accompanying adults.

**The Jazztified**

The eclectic East Africa's premier jazz fusion band, the Jazztified, host its trademark live music performance this and every Friday at Geco Café, Nairobi. There is no cover charge.

## SPOT LIGHT

# DIGITAL Historian

CULTURAL CONTENT CREATOR VALERIE KETER DID NOT BEGIN HER ONLINE WORK WITH AN AMBITION FOR GLOBAL RECOGNITION, SHE SIMPLY WANTED TO TELL STORIES SHE FELT WERE MISSING, **TANIA OMUSALE** WRITES

**V**alerie is a Kenyan TikTok content creator whose work centres on celebrating Kenyan culture, heritage, and everyday stories for both local and global audience.

Through short-form video, she has built a strong digital voice that blends authentic storytelling with cultural pride, positioning her as part of a new generation of creators shaping how Kenya is seen on the world stage.

The first time she pressed record on a cultural history video, she wasn't thinking about global stages, policy round tables or rooms filled with world leaders.

She was thinking about stories the ones she grew up loving, the ones she felt were missing from mainstream conversations, and the ones she believed could reconnect people to who they truly are.

Today, that same instinct has carried her from short-form storytelling online to global platforms like the World Economic Forum, placing her among a new generation of African creators reshaping how the continent is seen, understood, and remembered.

Her rise reflects not only personal determination, but also a wider shift in who gets to tell Africa's story in the digital age.

She recalls how one of her earliest viral moments came after she shared thoughts about a historical series she had watched on TV.

That moment would quietly reshape her creative direction and introduce her to an audience searching for cultural clarity.

"I've always loved history and so naturally that was the type of content I was drawn to," she says.

"One of the first videos I posted on TikTok was about a historical series... When I posted my reaction to the series, the video blew up."

That moment did more than boost her visibility it revealed a hunger. People wanted to learn. People wanted context. People wanted roots.

Soon, her comment sections became living classrooms, filled with questions about African kingdoms, pre-colonial societies, and identity across the continent and diaspora.

Instead of feeling overwhelmed, she felt a sense of responsibility forming.

"Lots of people in the comment section kept asking about other kingdoms in pre-colonial Africa," she says.

"Over time I noticed that there are many people who want to learn about their history and embrace their identity."

That realisation shaped the DNA of her work. While many creators chase trends, she says, she builds narratives.

"I script my videos from research that I have gathered over a period of time," she says. "Education is at the core of my content creation because when we understand our history, we're able to chart the way forward."

She often anchors this philosophy in the words of Marcus Garvey, whose message continues to shape global cultural consciousness and pride.

## GOALS

Her vision is telling stories about African presence across the world including lesser-known histories of African-descendant communities whose stories are rarely told in mainstream history.

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

But Valerie's work is not just about history. It is about correction. For decades, global narratives about Africa have been filtered through lenses of crisis, poverty, or exoticism.

She sees her platform as an opportunity to balance that narrative not by ignoring challenges, but by restoring context, pride, and complexity.

"I think African countries are often misunderstood and there are certain harmful stereotypes about African countries that are still being pushed around today."

She speaks about how pre-colonial Africa was long framed as empty of progress a narrative she actively challenges through storytelling that highlights thriving civilizations, trade networks, knowledge systems, and cultural achievements.

"For a long time, pre-colonial Africa was framed to be this dark age of existence... I would like to show everyone the true realities of our past, how ancient African kingdoms thrived and lived in harmony with nature."

Through TikTok, she found a digital village where knowledge is exchanged in real time, across continents. For Valerie, the comment section helps her refine her storytelling approach continuously.

"TikTok has enabled me to build a cohesive community where we get to exchange knowledge in the comments sections," she says.

What surprised her most wasn't just local engagement it was global resonance. "I am surprised that there is a huge interest in African history, particularly from audiences in the Caribbean and other people of African descent across the world."

As her platform grew, so did her world. Travel became part of her storytelling education showing her not only what stories to tell, but which ones were missing.

Seeing how Africa is discussed abroad sharpened her sense of purpose and responsibility. "Interacting with people from across the world has shown me the gaps in our narrative and the stories we need to focus on," she says.

That exposure eventually led her to Davos, where she stepped into spaces traditionally reserved for policymakers, economists, and corporate leaders.

Through networking sessions at Edelman Trust House and discussions across global policy hubs, she found herself representing something bigger than personal success she was representing cultural storytelling as influence and soft power.

"Being in Davos as part of the TikTok Creators delegation was a great opportunity for me, one that I do not take for granted," she says.

The experience reshaped how she sees creators not just as entertainers, but as translators of global complexity and connectors between policy and people.

"Digital creators are the translators of our time," she says. "We take complex global issues like climate change, emerging technologies, and cultural preservation, and make them human, relatable, and actionable."

In those rooms, she connected with leaders like Deine Keita from the United Nations Population Fund, and spoke with Chido Munyati about Africa's economic future and continental trade integration.

"These opportunities gave me a seat at the table with the decision makers," she says.

Yet, for Valerie, global recognition does not replace local responsibility. She remains deeply conscious of the balance between local storytelling and global relevance something she describes as

Her long-term vision is telling stories about African presence across the world including lesser-known histories of African-descendant communities whose stories are rarely told in mainstream history.



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**ATTITUDE**

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# Heartless

This denim co-ord may have love motifs but it's strictly business.



In this look, the heart symbol is completely reimagined. The cutouts are literally held together by strings.



The pink hues are giving cute girl in love but the athletic proportions strip the outfit of that super soft, cupid core elements.



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The Hello Kitty tee riddled with moth holes captures the post Valentine's mood complemented by the sheer sleeves.

## Actress Marya Okoth opens up on motherhood, fame

**K**enyan actress Marya Okoth says her latest television role comes at a time when her life off screen has changed just as dramatically as the characters she plays.

The 26-year-old, widely recognised for her breakout performance in *A Nurse Toto*, now stars in the dramedy *Adam to Eve*, a project she describes as her most honest chapter so far.

Okoth rose to prominence quickly, balancing acting with influencing, entrepreneurship and motherhood, all while navigating public scrutiny following a highly publicised breakup.

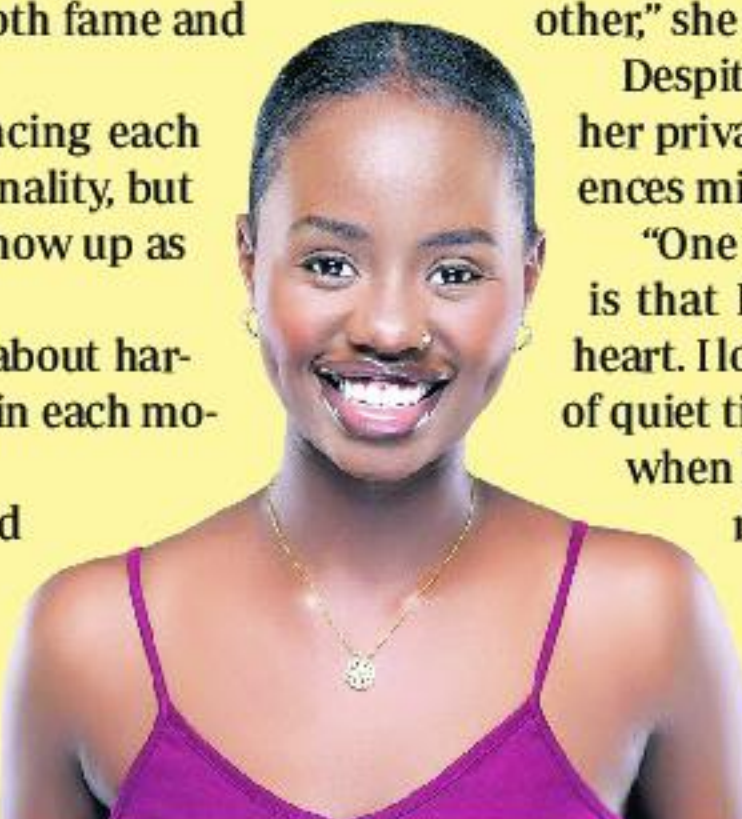
She says learning to live through different identities has reshaped how she approaches both fame and craft.

"Motherhood, acting and influencing each pull from different parts of my personality, but they all come from the same core I show up as myself," she says.

"It's less about balance and more about harmony, knowing what needs me most in each moment."

Before acting, she trained and worked in interior design, a background she says still shapes her performances today.

"Design trains you to be detail-



oriented and emotionally intuitive. I naturally observe how wardrobe, set design and lighting support a character's truth," she says.

"Both design and acting are storytelling, one through space, the other through emotion."

Her earlier role in *A Nurse Toto* helped establish her audience but also pushed her technically.

"That role demanded vulnerability, humour and grit," she says. "It taught me discipline and how powerful it is when a character feels grounded in everyday life."

In *Adam to Eve*, she plays Ciku, a character navigating connection and emotional growth. She credits her on-screen chemistry with co-star Blessing Lung'aho to deliberate preparation rather than improvisation.

"Chemistry is about trust and communication. We talked about our characters' vulnerabilities and allowed the friendship to develop naturally," she says.

Beyond entertainment, she believes the series explores everyday empathy rather than dramatic romance.

"Love and empathy are choices we make every day — small acts of kindness, listening and showing up for each other," she says.

Despite her growing public visibility, Okoth says her private personality remains quieter than audiences might assume.

"One thing people might be surprised to learn is that I'm actually quite shy and introverted at heart. I love people and connections, but I need a lot of quiet time to recharge. My creativity really flows when I have stillness, and I'm happiest when I can retreat, reset, and pour back into myself," she says.

As her career evolves, she insists authenticity, rather than reinvention, has guided her. **[Boniface Mithika]**

### PULSE NEWS

## Fresh boy band Dey Say coming to Nairobi

**O**ne of Africa's most exciting musical exports is coming to Kenya. DEY SAY, South Africa's breakout boyband and TikTok sensation of the hit single *Calling For You (Ringback)* have announced an upcoming Pan-African Tour dubbed KTOF (Kids Take Over the Future) that will launch in Nairobi, Kenya (March 7 - 14).

Chadwell Johnson, Leandre Johnson, Elim Solomons and Joaquin Jardine are the members of DEY SAY, a rising pop group hailing from Johannesburg's township of Eldorado Park.

Aged between 16 and 20, the group is united by brotherhood, rich vocal harmonies and a shared ambition to push African pop music to the forefront of the global stage.

Blending smooth harmonies, rhythmic innovation and global boyband influences with an unmistakable African flavour, DEY SAY have quickly grown from local standouts into a continental phenomenon.

With over 130,000 TikTok followers and more than 10 million collective views, the group continues to capture the attention of a new generation of African pop fans.

During the Nairobi leg, DEY SAY will meet their fans in a meet-and-greet at Village Market on Saturday March 14. Their new single blends African and Latin rhythms with global pop energy, capturing the rush of irresistible attraction as the

boys sing about a love interest they can't get enough of someone they hope will "call back" and as they put it, "see me like pronto."

After Kenya, they will return to South Africa for a national schools program and continue to Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and Ghana. Each stop will feature live performances, media appearances and youth-focused workshops, giving young people the tools, guidance and inspiration to pursue their creative ambitions.

Quaid Dunn, Co-Founder and A&R Lead at Plus Two Seven, says: "DEYSAY is leading a movement that celebrates African talent with global relevance. They are creating a lane no African boyband has explored before. Kenya was intentionally chosen as the starting point for its strong influence on youth culture and its role as a gateway into East Africa's vibrant creative ecosystem. At its core, KTOF carries a simple, powerful message: no matter where you come from, take the first step and follow your dreams."

"DEYSAY embodies the spirit of a new Africa — bold, creative and globally connected. KTOF empowers young African creators to dream bigger and reach further," says Jonathan Jules, Co-Founder and Business Lead at Plus Two Seven.

2026 is a crucial year for DEY SAY as they are now in the studio working on their debut double EP, set for release later in the year.

**[Stevens Muendo]**



## COVER STORY

## WHO OWNS THE



AI IS TRANSFORMING MUSIC CREATION, RAISING COMPLEX QUESTIONS ABOUT OWNERSHIP AND THE IRREPLACEABLE ROLE OF HUMAN CREATIVITY, **BONIFACE MITHIKA** WRITES

“Ever since we arrived at the point where you can just type in a prompt and let machines create images and music for you, I’ve been feeling quite depressed,” says music enthusiast Atlonim.

He pauses, then says what many creatives think; sometimes it feels pointless to make music when technology can do it instantly. To him, the value of music seems to be slipping.

His concern reflects a wider discussion as artificial intelligence shifts from novelty to an everyday tool in the music industry.

From songwriting sessions to performance planning, algorithms are now shaping how music is created, distributed and monetised.

Around the world, producers are generating beats, cleaning vocals and drafting lyrics within seconds. Some artists now create multiple versions of a song in hours, a process that once took weeks.

Research suggests adoption is widespread. A survey by music-technology platform LANDR found that most musicians now use AI at some stage of their workflow from songwriting and instru-

mental generation to artwork and promotion. Many describe AI as filling skill gaps or acting like virtual collaborators, although concerns remain about originality and emotional depth.

The study, which polled over 1,200 creators ranging from beginners to seasoned professionals, found that artists are using AI for everything from songwriting and instrumental generation to mixing, mastering, artwork creation, and promotion.

But the disruption has also exposed new risks. In the United States, a 52-year-old man was charged after allegedly creating hundreds of AI-generated songs, uploading them under fake artiste names and using bots to stream them continuously.

Prosecutors said the scheme generated more than 10 million dollars in royalties, showing how AI can be exploited as easily as it can empower.

“AI has be-

come less of a shiny new tool and more of a silent, essential infrastructure, much like the camera or the internet was for previous generations,” says AI enthusiast and trainer Nyandia Gachango.

In 2023, producer Timbaland sparked debate after using AI to analyse

launching AI-focused projects and exploring what he calls artificial pop.

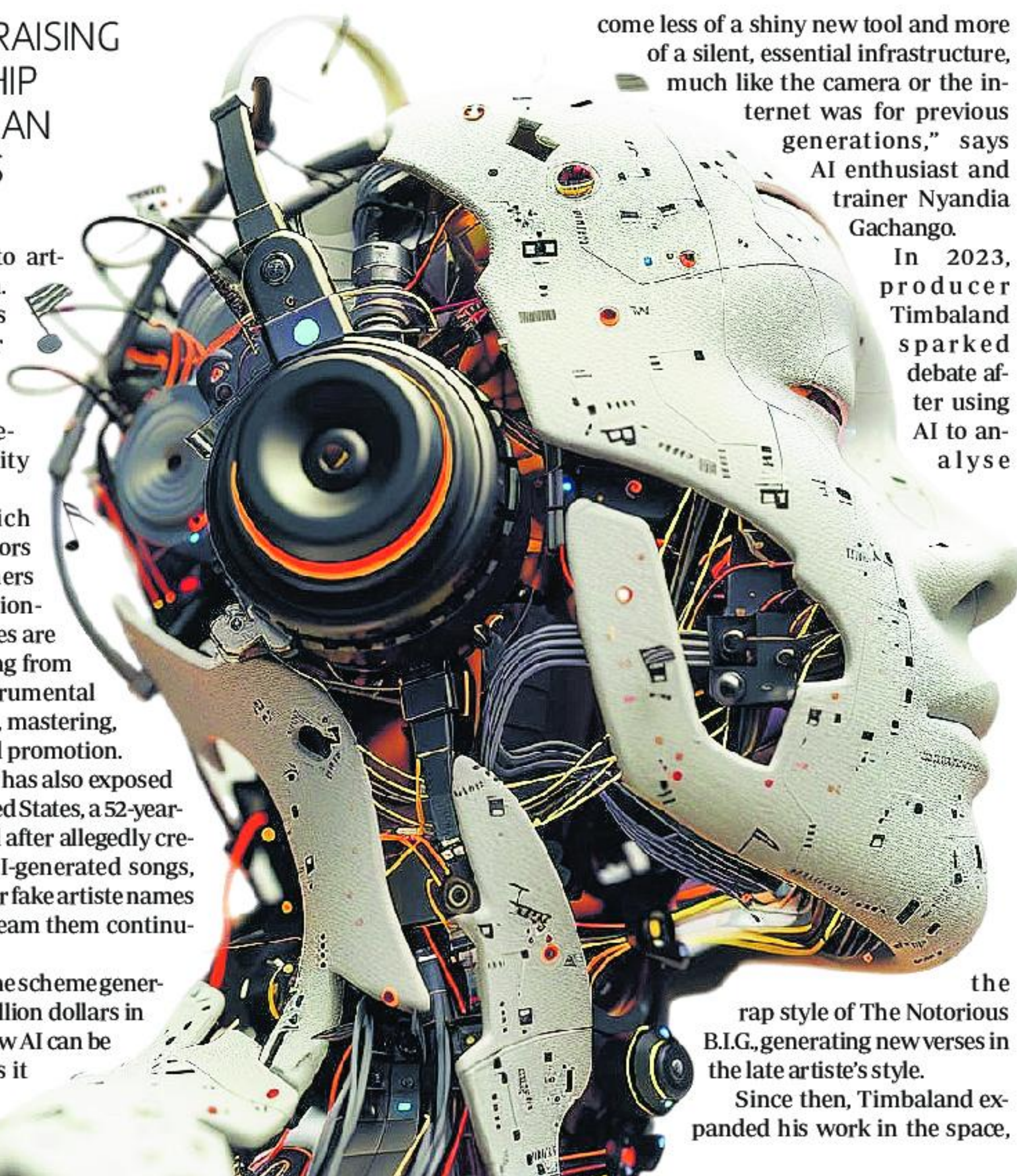
Superstar DJ David Guetta also drew attention by using AI deepfake technology to simulate a feature from Eminem during a live set. He used AI to write lyrics in Eminem’s style and synthesize the vocal delivery. While he did not release it commercially, it set a standard for AI-enhanced performance.

In Kenya, emerging artistes use AI to draft melodies, master tracks affordably and create visual content. For independent musicians, the technology removes barriers that once required expensive studio time.

Producers such as Ianobeats see both opportunity and pressure. AI can automate technical tasks like noise removal and mastering, forcing producers to rethink their role. Increasingly, value lies in taste, direction and storytelling areas where human judgement remains essential.

“I would be for and against use of AI as this affects me as both a singer and a songwriter. AI has made work easier in writing music and jingles and on the other side, producers find it hard since AI is making beats easily. But in terms of creativity, AI will not help you there. If you go the AI way as an entertainer, it will be too hard or you since AI is too perfect,” says Boss M.O.G.

Yet the central question remains: ownership. Copyright law was built around human authorship. AI complicates that idea. When software generates a beat using patterns from thousands of songs,



the rap style of The Notorious B.I.G., generating new verses in the late artiste’s style.

Since then, Timbaland expanded his work in the space,

# MUSIC?

determining originality is difficult. Intellectual property lawyers say that legal frameworks are still catching up. Uncertainty surrounds who owns AI-assisted music, whether prompts count as authorship and how royalties should be shared.

Industry bodies such as the Kenya Copyright Board are increasingly confronted with questions about royalties and attribution.

Supporters argue AI is democratising music. A young artiste with a laptop can produce professional sound without major resources, allowing creatives outside traditional industry networks to participate. Translation and vocal transformation tools may also help African musicians reach global audiences faster.

However, increased access brings saturation. As more music is created quickly, discoverability becomes harder. Advantage now lies in identity, storytelling and audience connection rather than production quality alone.

Record labels are watching closely. AI offers efficiency but raises concerns about brand protection. Synthetic content can dilute artist identity, prompting labels to explore licensing models for authorised AI versions of performers.

The Kenya Copyright Board emphasises a human-centred approach to AI and copyright. Under the current interpretation of the Copyright Act, authorship of AI-generated work is attributed to the person who makes the necessary arrangements rather than the machine itself.

AI cannot be recognised as an author; copyright is reserved for natural or legal persons. Programmers retain rights over source code, while users may own the generated output if it meets originality criteria and is fixed in tangible form.

This reflects the law's emphasis on "sufficient human effort." Purely autonomous outputs may struggle to meet that threshold. Regulators also highlight risks: AI trained on copyrighted material without permission may create liability for developers or users. Ethical concerns include reduced human creativity, fewer youth employment opportunities, and potential loss of cultural diversity.

Policymakers are exploring specialised protection for AI outputs with shorter copyright terms. Such proposals aim to balance innovation with public access while maintaining human oversight.

According to commentary by senior legal counsel Paul Kaindo, as published in Copyright News, a publication of the Kenya Copyright Board, he argues that the programmer owns the AI system itself, while the user who generates content may own the resulting work independently of the software. However, the law does not clearly define who qualifies as the person making the necessary arrangements, leaving room for interpretation.

"There are two ways in which copyright law can deal with ownership in works where human interaction is minimal or non-existent. It can either deny copyright protection for works that have been gen-

erated by a computer. The second option would be attributing authorship to the programmer," he said.

Liz Lenjo, IP and Entertainment Law Specialist and Chairperson of the Copyright Tribunal, explains how this applies in practice.

"In music, we have musical works and sound recordings. For work to be protectable, sufficient effort must be applied to give it original character. Authorship rests with the person who composed the music, wrote the lyrics, or arranged the sound recording. For AI-generated works, human arrangement effort must be demonstrated to claim copyright.

This can include the prompts provided to the software. If originality and effort are proven, copyright can be granted. Registration is voluntary, but a certificate can be challenged if an aggrieved party believes ownership is misrepresented."

She adds: "The Copyright Tribunal is competent to resolve disputes efficiently. We determine who

is entitled to commercialise the work, and ensure that compensation is fairly distributed. Moral rights also rest with the person demonstrating control over the arrangements and effort, even when assisted by AI. While grey areas remain, especially around AI training data and voice cloning, our approach ensures that human creativity remains central."

The tribunal is responsible for determining issues related to copyright ownership. In cases of dispute, the tribunal examines the evidence to establish who the author or rightful owner

of a work is, and consequently, who is entitled to benefit commercially from it.

When a work is used without permission, the tribunal ensures that the rightful owner is compensated fairly. Additionally, if a work has been registered incorrectly or to the exclusion of the true owner, the tribunal has the authority to correct the registration to accurately reflect the legitimate owner.

Disputes are typically resolved within 30 to 160 days, depending on the responsiveness of the parties involved. The tribunal generally strives to conclude matters within four months, except in cases that are particularly complex, which are not strictly time-bound.

Artificial intelligence is unlikely to replace human creativity, but it is redefining authorship. Songs are increasingly shaped by collaboration between human intention and machine assistance, emotion and efficiency.

Kenya's young, digitally driven music industry is already in this transition. Artistes experimenting with AI today are shaping the future of creativity, ownership and identity.

"Our job is no longer to produce the output, but to decide if it deserves to exist. Taste has become the currency. The most successful creatives aren't the fastest typists or the best prompt engineers; they are the ones with the sharpest judgment, the courage to reject the mediocre, and the patience to refine the promising," says Nyandia.

“Copyright can apply to AI- or computer-generated works if a person can show that the work is original, that they contributed sufficient effort in creating it, and that they controlled the arrangements required to produce the work.”

Liz Lenjo, IP and Entertainment Law Specialist and Chairperson of the Copyright Tribunal

## MIC CHECK

### DADDY V'S JOURNEY BACK TO KENYAN MUSIC

Raised in Nairobi's Eastlands at a time when hip-hop and dancehall were beginning to take root locally, Daddy V chose a path few took then, dancehall.

Today, the US-based musician says his ambition has never drifted far from home.

"We started out when we were young and green. It was hard even to come up with a name, but we still jumped on stage for musical contests," he says.

His earliest training ground was the weekly jam sessions where many young performers tested their craft before unforgiving crowds.

Those jam sessions were more than open-mic nights; they were cultural incubators. Young artistes battled nerves, sharpened lyrical reflexes, and learned the unforgiving rhythm of live performance.

"The crowd was basically the judge while the applause was affirmation because it was really tough," he says. He watched, listened, and refined. And in that moment, he developed a commanding presence that would later define his career.

Performing under the name King V before later rebranding to Daddy V, he learned to command audiences in real time long before social media promotion existed.

His breakthrough came with the album *Nare*, whose title track travelled beyond Kenya into clubs across North America, Europe and Australia. It was also featured on the Kenyan film *Malooned*.

The exposure introduced him to diaspora audiences and led to performances across the United States.

Relocating abroad, however, did not make the journey easier.

"Pursuing music full-time in the United States came with a steep cost," he says. "Stu-

dio time, production and promotion all demanded investment and endurance."

He balanced multiple hustles while building a catalogue; blending Caribbean dancehall with African storytelling. Over time he collaborated with Jamaican dancehall acts and American R&B artistes.

"To date I have performed and done collaborations with Jamaican dancehall artistes and several American R&B artistes," he says.

Each project marked an evolution and growth not a departure from his roots, but an expansion of them.

His collaborative spirit bridges generations and geographies.

A recent partnership with Kenyan hip-hop icon CMB Prezzo illustrates this continuity. The two first connected in America over a decade ago, their early discussions about a remix slowly maturing into creative synergy.

During a recent visit to Nairobi, they reunited in studio sessions and recorded a remix to a track titled *Mahooks*, signaling both reunion and renewal.

For Daddy V, the partnership represents a brotherhood forged through shared ambition abroad. "Prezzo, as iconic as he is in the Kenyan music scene, has been more than a friend. He's family and we've always cheered each other on."

He has also worked with younger artistes and producers, noting that modern technology has changed collaboration.

"Unlike back in the day, we now live in a global village. It's easy to connect and tap into new ideas," he adds.

Despite living in the United States, Daddy V closely follows Kenya's music scene and believes local artistes still struggle against perceptions favouring foreign sounds.

"There's a lingering perception that international music carries more prestige," he says. "Kenyan music is unfairly considered ordinary."

To address this, he plans to establish Daddy V Studios in Kenya to mentor emerging artistes and provide recording opportunities.

"I'm immensely invested in giving back home," he says. "I want to create spaces where others can grow the way we did."

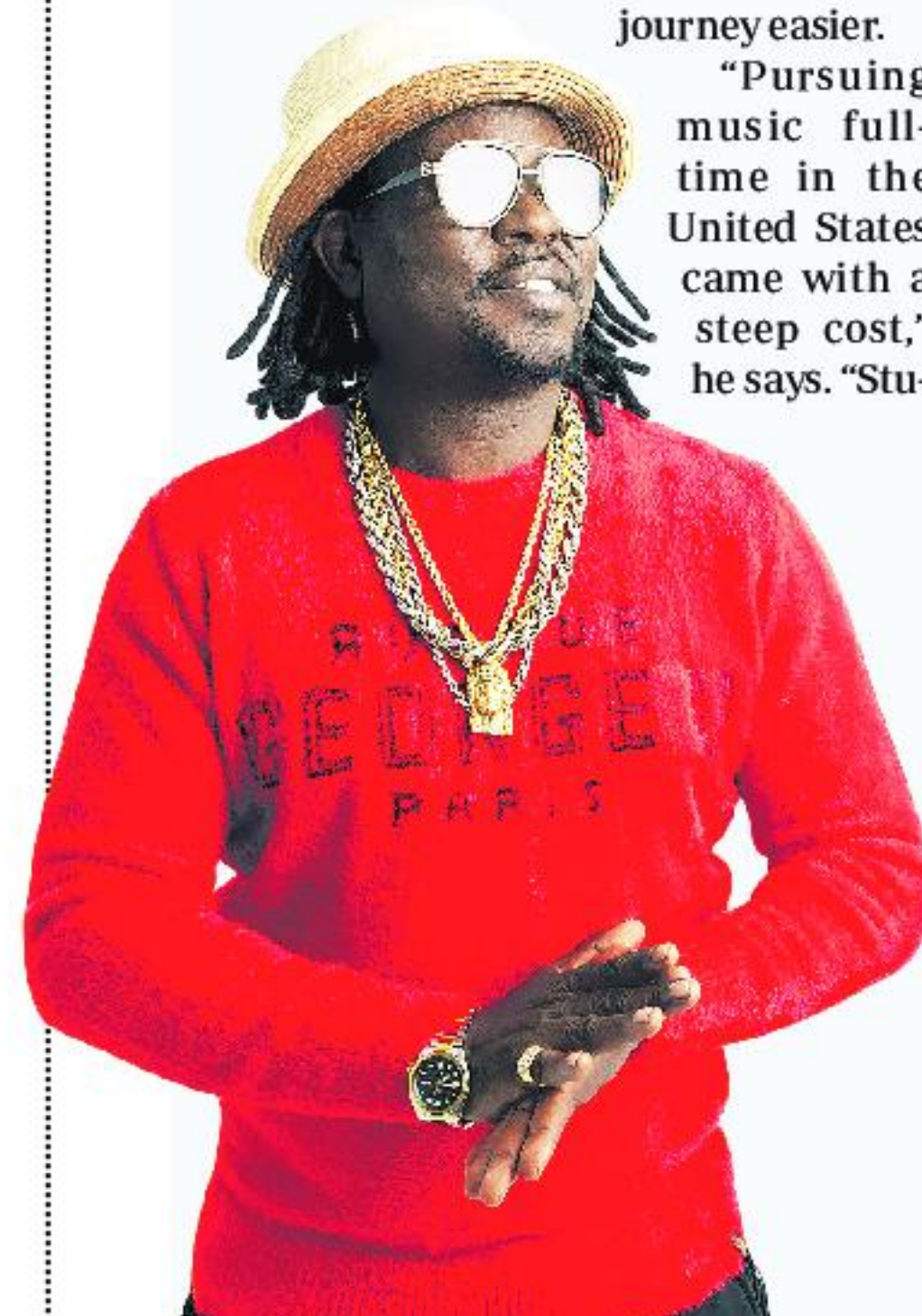
For him, distance does not weaken identity. He intends to keep working between both countries while strengthening his presence in Kenya.

"I release this new jam with Prezzo reminiscing about my journey and desire to come back home with pride."

He continues to pursue milestones in America while planning to balance both worlds. Nairobi still holds him.

And wherever he performs next, he carries that city within his sound, bridging continents one beat at a time.

**[Solomon Koko]**



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## Big win for Ruto as court clears path for sale of key State firms

► Rulings are a significant political and legal vindication for the government.

► Judge says all privatisation proceeds must flow into the Consolidated Fund for accountability and audit.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

President William Ruto's administration yesterday scored a major legal victory after the High Court declared the Privatisation Act 2025 constitutional, clearing the government's bid to proceed with the sale of the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) and other key State corporations.

In separate judgements delivered virtually, Justice Bahati Mwamuye dismissed multiple petitions that had sought to block the government's privatisation agenda.

The ruling now hands the Ruto administration the green light to dispose of major State-owned enterprises, including New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC), Kenya Seed Company, the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) and the strategic KPC.

"The petitioners have failed to discharge the burden of proving a constitutional violation. Therefore, the Privatisation Act 2025 is hereby declared to be constitutional and valid in its entirety," Justice Mwamuye stated, dismissing multiple petitions that had sought to block the government's ambitious privatisation agenda.

The rulings are seen as a significant political and legal victory for a government that had faced sustained pressure from civil society over what critics describe as a rush to sell off the country's crown jewels to private interests.

Ruto's government has already started the privatisation of some parastatals, starting with the partial sale of KPC through an initial public offer that ended yesterday.



Kenya Pipeline Company storage facilities in Nairobi. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

The court emphasised that the Act had been enacted following meaningful public participation by Parliament and that the process provides robust safeguards for public assets. "This court is acutely conscious of the profound public interest that attaches to the privatisation of State-owned enterprises. Such assets constitute the sovereign wealth of the Republic of Kenya, held in trust for the people of Kenya, both current and future generations. Their disposal must be, and must be seen to be, conducted with the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and ac-



*The petitioners have failed to discharge the burden of proving a constitutional violation..."*

Justice Bahati Mwamuye

countability," the judge added. The petitions were filed by civil society groups, including Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! and Transparency International Kenya, which argued that privatisation could lead to undervaluation of public assets, creation of parallel budgetary systems, and the transfer of strategic national assets to unaccountable private actors. "The law paves the way for the dangerous and unconstitutional transfer of sovereign power from the people of Kenya to private, unelected, and profit-driven entities," the petitioners said in their petitions.

The lobby groups added that privatising critical infrastructure, including water, energy, ports, transport, and telecommunications, would hand essential national assets to actors whose primary responsibility is profit, not public welfare.

Justice Mwamuye also disqualified himself from hearing a fresh petition filed by Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah challenging the proposed privatisation of KPC and other strategic State-owned enterprises.

He directed that the matter be mentioned before Justice Lawrence Mugambi on Monday, February 23 at 9am for further directions.

### CHANGE OF GUARD

## PwC now seeks buyers for Koko Networks assets

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has launched a search for buyers to acquire the business or assets of the collapsed clean-energy startup Koko Networks Ltd, as administrators move to recover value for creditors following a regulatory dispute with the government.

Joint administrators Muniu Thoithi and George Weru issued a formal request for expressions of interest (EOI) on Thursday, inviting potential investors to submit bids for the company's nationwide fuel distribution infrastructure, intellectual property, and motor vehicle fleet.

The deadline for submissions is February 26 this year. Koko, which served about 1.3 million low-income households with subsidised bioethanol cooking fuel, was placed under administration on February 1 this year after failing to secure government authorisation to sell carbon credits into lucrative international compliance markets.

The company had invested more than \$300 million (Sh38.7 billion) in building one of Africa's most extensive clean-cooking distribution networks.

The assets now on offer include Koko's network of smart fuel dispensing machines, tanker systems, depot infrastructure, and motor vehicles comprising trucks and motorbikes.

The company's software platforms and intellectual property, essential for managing its operational and customer data, are also available for acquisition. "Significant capital will be required to resolve the insolvency of the company sustainably," the administrators said in the notice.

"The administrators intend to run an investor or transaction process to explore credible options to either implement a going concern acquisition of the business and assets of KOKO or for the acquisition of specific assets".

The collapse followed an eight-month deadlock with environment ministry officials who declined to issue final letters of authorisation required, blocking Koko's ability to sell carbon credits to airlines under the Corsia scheme, where prices average \$20 (Sh2,600) per tonne, roughly 10 times voluntary market rates. The regulatory impasse has exposed Kenyan taxpayers to potential liability of up to Sh23 billion through a political risk guarantee issued by the World Bank, which insures against government breach of contract.

Koko is expected to file a claim under the policy. Interested parties must submit detailed proposals, including company profiles, strategic rationale for investment, and evidence of financial capability. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to conduct due diligence after signing non-disclosure agreements.

The administration marks the end of an 11-year journey for Koko, which had expanded to operate more than 3,000 automated fuel points across Kenya and Rwanda. The shutdown has rendered over 700 employees jobless and disrupted clean-fuel access for households. [Brian Ngugi]

### LISTING

## Kenya Pipeline Company IPO extended by three working days

The Kenya Pipeline Company's (KPC) initial public offering (IPO) has been extended by three days following approval by the Capital Markets Authority. The offer, which was initially scheduled to close yesterday, will now close on Tuesday, February 24.

In a statement, the Privatisation Authority said the extension was informed by recent public participation and stakeholder engagement forums on the State's privatisation programme, where some retail investors asked for additional time to participate in the offer.

"In light of the government's stated objective of expanding domestic share ownership and fostering inclusive participation in the capital markets, a limited extension of the offer period is considered aligned with public policy and supportive of broader retail investor inclusion," said acting Privatisation Authority Managing Director Janerose Omondi.

All other terms of the offer remain unchanged. The government is seeking to raise Sh106 billion from the sale of 11.8 billion KPC shares at Sh9 per share. The announcement of

allocation results will be conducted on March 4, followed by electronic crediting of shares to CDS accounts and processing of refunds by March 6. Listing and trading of the shares at the Nairobi Securities Exchange will commence on March 9.

Local investors will own up to 20 per cent, similar to local institutional investors, foreign investors and East African investors.

Oil marketers will own up to 15 per cent of the shares, while KPC staff will hold five per cent. [Esther Dianah]



Tops & Flops

EAAGADS	30.20	32.95	9.11%
SKL	9.26	10.05	8.53%
UCHUMI	1.60	1.72	7.50%
CIC INSURANCE	6.02	6.46	7.31%
SANLAM	9.34	9.98	6.85%
UNGA	29.85	27.15	-9.05%
EVEREADY	1.60	1.46	-8.75%
BRITAM	12.95	11.95	-7.72%
DIAMOND TRUST	157.00	150.25	-4.30%
KENYA POWER	18.55	17.80	-4.04%



Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
<b>AGRICULTURAL</b>					
35.25	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	32.95	30.20	13,094
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	436.50	416.75	194
424.25	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	248.25	248.25	4,053
550.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME	531.00	531.00	24
33.90	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	29.60	29.40	111,096
350.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	143.75	144.00	18,637
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>					
73.50	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	70.75	71.50	18,500
<b>BANKING</b>					
30.35	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	29.45	29.85	1,800,572
48.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	45.75	46.05	18,381
170.00	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	150.25	157.00	56,043
76.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	74.25	74.75	870,412
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50.75	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	48.05	49.25	637,265
76.50	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	74.75	75.00	1,650,416
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<b>COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES</b>					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	
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5.00	1.37	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.56	1.61	201,237
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	14.50	14.80	4,657
21.50	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	20.65	21.10	30,550
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.28	6.34	1,536
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	17.30	17.15	1,456
1.93	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00, com	1.72	1.60	2,450,876
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.48	2.52	223,583
<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; ALLIED</b>					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00		54.00	
70.75	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	68.50	64.75	3,434
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	
101.00	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	82.50	84.25	119
<b>ENERGY &amp; PETROLEUM</b>					
10.65	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	9.60	9.60	1,520,846
19.00	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	17.80	18.55	881,185
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6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	
47.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	42.70	43.40	97,287
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<b>INSURANCE</b>					
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360.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	353.75	359.00	1,003
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11.00	4.00	Sanlam Allianz Holdings Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	9.98	9.34	40,315
<b>INVESTMENT</b>					
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1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME	1500.00	1,500.00	3
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<b>INVESTMENT SERVICES</b>					
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<b>MANUFACTURING &amp; ALLIED</b>					
144.75	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	138.75	135.75	338
515.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	504.00	495.75	10,844
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351.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	248.75	250.75	160,859
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.97	1.90	180,753
102.50	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00SME	95.75	99.25	2,189
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	27.15	29.85	28,105
10.15	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	10.05	9.26	31,786
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION</b>					
34.10	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	32.15	33.10	2,167,265
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00		20.00	
<b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>					
6800.00	881.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	5985.00	5920.00	198
1050.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	864.00	864.00	79

VALUES

Corruption, integrity key focus at varsity leadership forum

The high cost of graft continues to be a major concern in Kenya, and will be a key talking point at the upcoming leadership forum in Nairobi.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) will host a forum on integrity at Pan African Christian (PAC) University in Nairobi as part of a series on leadership being hosted by the institution next month.

EACC Chairperson David Oginde is expected to headline the Kenya Leadership Integrity Forum, which will focus on whether systemic corruption in Kenya can be tamed or if it is ingrained in today's society.

Policymakers, civil society representatives, students, and the public are expected to attend the forum to support accountability and ethical leadership.

Global and regional thought leaders, joined by hundreds of stakeholders, will gather at PAC University for a sequence of three landmark events on leadership.

The three events will be the 2026 Global Leadership Summit, the Kenya Leadership Integrity Forum, and an open public lecture on value-based political leadership in Africa.

The event series will begin with the Global Leadership Summit, followed by the Kenya Leadership Integrity Forum, and conclude with the Open Public Lecture.

Keynote speakers

PAC University Vice Chancellor Dionysious Kiambi said the event has attracted distinguished keynote speakers, including Global Leadership Summit President and Chief executive Officer David Ashcraft and the Chief Executive of the National Gender and Equality Commission Purity Ngina, among others.

"We are delighted to host this series of major public engagements next month. This is a testament to our commitment to driving positive leadership traction in the region and beyond. These sessions will mainly focus on ethics, integrity, and value-based political leadership," said Prof Kiambi.

"Society transformation and transformative leadership are integral to the world we must build — and as an institution of higher learning, we are not spectators to change; we are its architects. We must play our role in driving meaningful change, and these forums are a bold expression of that conviction."

The series will conclude with an open public lecture focused on re-imagining political leadership in Africa.

[James Wanzala]

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GCIB Fixed Income Fund Ksh	12.61%	13.36%		
GCIB Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund Ksh	6.93%	7.15%		
CIC Money Market Fund	8.18%	8.49%		
CIC Fixed Income Fund	9.61%	10.04%		



**NUMBER OF THE DAY**  
**SH20.9B**  
FIXED INCOME SECURITIES: The bond market transacted bonds worth Sh20.9 billion from Sh25.4 billion recorded in the previous session.

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## Ex-prince Andrew arrested on suspicion of gross misconduct

▶ Disgraced prince linked to damaging Jeffrey Epstein sex files.

▶ Andrew had already been stripped off his royal status over the scandal.

AFP, LONDON

**F**ormer British prince Andrew's inexorable fall from grace has reached an extraordinary new low as he becomes the first member of the UK royal family to be arrested in the modern era.

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, as he is now known, had already been stripped of all his titles last year by his brother King Charles III and ousted from his home on the Windsor estate to a remote corner of rural England. The man who once swanned around the world in private jets, staying at luxury hotels and palaces, was in custody and likely spending his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday Thursday inside a police cell.

Andrew was already deeply unpopular with the British public, with an October YouGov poll finding that 91 percent had a negative opinion of him. Dubbed "Randy Andy" by the British tabloids, he once led a gilded life as the favourite son of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

But shocking revelations about his relationship with US convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and the illegal actions he allegedly participated in have likely sullied his reputation beyond repair.

On Thursday UK police arrested Andrew on suspicion of misconduct at his new home in Sandringham in Norfolk.

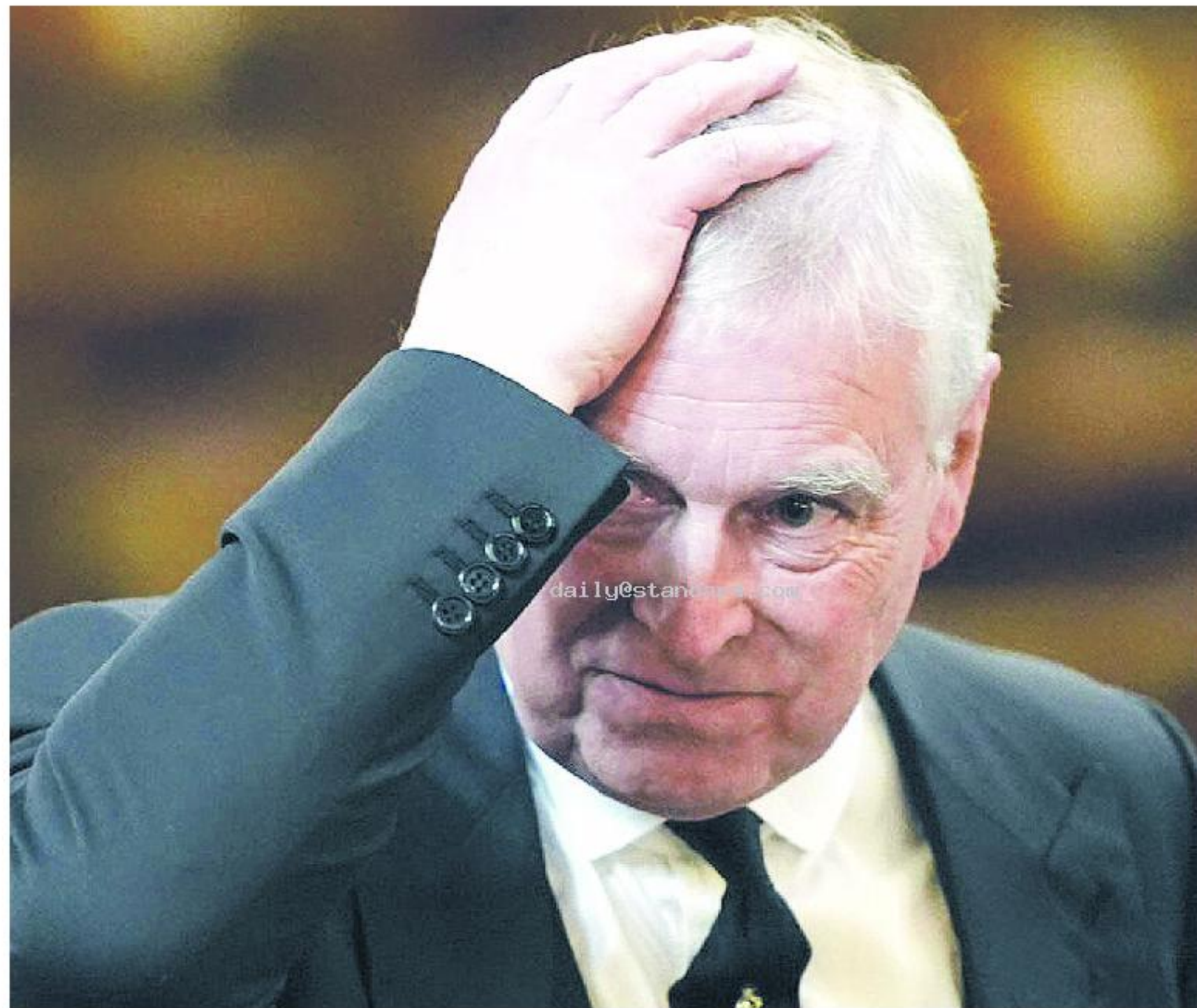
It came after a fresh cache of documents published earlier this month by the US Justice Department appeared to show that Andrew sent Epstein potentially confidential documents during his time as a UK trade envoy. At least nine separate UK police forces have confirmed they were assessing reports which appear to link him to Epstein.

### War hero

Born on February 19, 1960 in Buckingham Palace, in his younger years the British public adored the handsome prince and helicopter pilot who fought in the 1982 Falklands War against Argentina. He was seen as fun and comfortable around people, unlike his more remote and stuffer older brother, Charles.

But as his excesses went unchecked and times and attitudes changed, the public grew tired of his behaviour and then increasingly angry. The re-emergence of allegations that he had had sex with Virginia Giuffre, a trafficking victim of Epstein, on three separate occasions, including twice when she was just 17, reignited public outrage.

The scandal has snowballed since then. The latest release in January of the "Epstein files" included a picture of Andrew leaning over a woman lying on the floor.



Britain's then prince Andrew at the funeral service for the late Katharine, Duchess of Kent at Westminster Cathedral in London on September 16, 2025. [AFP]

In a November 2010 email seen by AFP and sent while he was trade envoy, Andrew appeared to share with Epstein reports on Vietnam, Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Singapore following an official visit to Asia. He also sent the American financier details of the trip -- on which he was accompanied by Epstein's business associates -- along with investment opportunities months later.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has indicated that Andrew should testify to the US Congress about his ties to Epstein.

Andrew has been a persistent source of embarrassment for the monarchy. A devastating 2019 television interview in which he defended his friendship with Epstein, and failed to express any sympathy for his victims, further humiliated the family. He also faced ridicule after countering a claim that he had been "profusely sweating" during an alleged encounter with Giuffre, saying he could not sweat because of a medical condition.

Andrew was stripped of his military and His Royal Highness (HRH) titles in 2022 and shuffled off into retirement after being sued by Giuffre and paying her a multi-million pound settlement, even though he did not admit any fault.

Giuffre, a US and Australian citizen, died by suicide at her farm in Western Australia in April last year. Internationally, Andrew was once best

known for his 1986 wedding to the fun-loving Sarah Ferguson, or Fergie.

Bubbly, friendly Sarah had been considered an ideal match for Andrew, who had a reputation as a "playboy prince".

The couple had two daughters, Beatrice and Eugenie. But by 1992 the pair had split amicably, contributing to what the late queen Elizabeth II called her "annus horribilis". They finalised their divorce in 1996.

### Title of Duchess

Andrew left the Royal Navy in 2001, after 22 years of service as a helicopter pilot, and became a special government trade envoy until 2011, earning a new nickname -- "Air Miles Andy" -- as he jetted around the world at the taxpayers' expense.

Questions also piled up about his judgement after links to various dictators emerged, and he faced repeated criticism of being brash, arrogant and rude.

King Charles finally moved into action in October, stripping his brother of his royal titles and ousting him from his home on the Windsor estate.

Ferguson, whose reputation has also been tarnished by revelations from the Epstein files, was also stripped of her title of duchess and left to seek a new home on her own.

### INDIA SUMMIT

## OpenAI's Altman tells leaders that rules are needed

The world urgently needs to regulate artificial intelligence, OpenAI head Sam Altman said at a summit in New Delhi to address the risks and opportunities posed by the fast-evolving technology.

Altman, CEO of the company behind ChatGPT, has called for global oversight in the past but last year warned that taking too tight an approach could hold the US back in the AI race.

Frenzied demand for generative AI has turbocharged profits for companies while fuelling anxiety about the impact on society and the planet. "Centralisation of this technology in one company or country could lead to ruin," Altman said. "This is not to suggest that we won't need any regulation or safeguards. We obviously do, urgently, like we have for other powerful technologies."

The AI Impact Summit is the fourth annual gathering to discuss how to handle advanced computing power. [AFP]

### MIDDLE EAST

## Iran says no nation can usurp its rights

Iran's atomic energy chief Mohammad Eslami said no country can deprive the Islamic republic of its right to nuclear enrichment, after US President Donald Trump again hinted at military action following talks in Geneva.

"The basis of the nuclear industry is enrichment. Whatever you want to do in the nuclear process, you need nuclear fuel," said Eslami, according to a video published by Etemad daily on Thursday. "Iran's nuclear programme is proceeding according to the rules of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and no country can deprive Iran of the right to peacefully benefit from this technology."

The comments follow the second round of Oman-mediated talks between Tehran and Washington in Geneva. The two foes had held an initial round of discussions on February 6 in Oman, the first since previous talks collapsed during the 12-day Iran-Israel war in June.

The US briefly joined the war alongside Israel, striking Iranian nuclear facilities. On Wednesday, Trump again suggested the US might strike Iran in a post on his Truth Social site.

He also warned Britain against giving up sovereignty over the Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean. [AFP]

**HOROSCOPE**



**Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22**  
Disappointment with intimacy or support now can prompt the motivation or need to rebuild. It can also be a time to pay a debt or to commit to paying more attention to your finances, especially if you've been avoiding these things.



**Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22**  
You're looking for proof, evidence, or practical signs of support and love before you commit, but this is a time for rebuilding a relationship or your relationship goals as you find ways to make your dreams doable and realizable.



**Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21**  
You might enjoy the opportunity to increase stability in your work, health, or routines. This is a time to reevaluate your commitments, previous decisions, and the level of meaningfulness in your daily affairs, job, habits, or wellness routines.



**Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21**  
Someone or a relationship may inspire you to get your life into better shape. You may get the chance to distinguish yourself in a creative field, and you can be ready to put in the work. The goal is to buckle down and enjoy yourself as you do.



**Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19**  
Achieving a balance between rest or relaxation and making your domestic world more functional is within reach. It's a great time for tackling problems or projects that have dragged you down, and you can feel empowered by a very effective solution or method to manage them.



**Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18**  
It's an excellent time for developing skills that will help you now and in the future. Learning, studies, connecting, and communications projects can consume much of your time, but your efforts to discipline yourself can pay off.



**Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20**  
This is a time of maturing, simplifying, and disciplining yourself, but it's also important to attend to your needs for magic, imagination, and faith. You're no longer content to simply play with your intuition and imagination—you're ready to channel it.



**Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19**  
What's made you feel secure and safe in the past, especially inwardly or with your personal image, may now show some cracks or flaws, but it's also a signal to rebuild more authentic, supportive systems. You're taking the lead.



**Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20**  
Good energy is with you for handling long-standing problems. Working anonymously or from behind the scenes can prove beneficial. You're giving more thought to the past, and now, you're making sense of recent musings.



**Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21**  
You could feel stronger as you immerse yourself in a cause or project. Still, these new beginnings can stem from doubts or even disillusionments about a project, ideal, or friend, making it a time to rebuild a vision or cherished dream.



**Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22**  
You can be focusing on stabilizing your work, career, or reputation in the period ahead, while also seeking more meaning and fulfillment. You can have a particularly strong desire (and opportunity) to master a career-related project or skill.

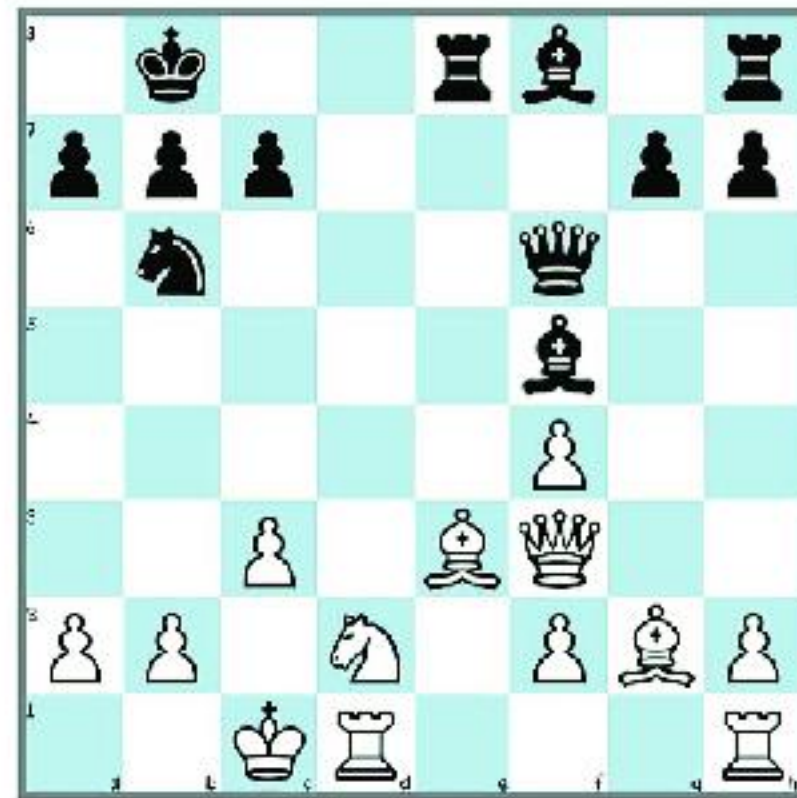


**Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22**  
Strong feelings about your interests, beliefs, or studies are likely now, and restructuring is in order. In the areas where you've been dishonest with yourself in the past, you now feel the need to correct course. [Cafeastrology.com](http://Cafeastrology.com)

**CHESS**

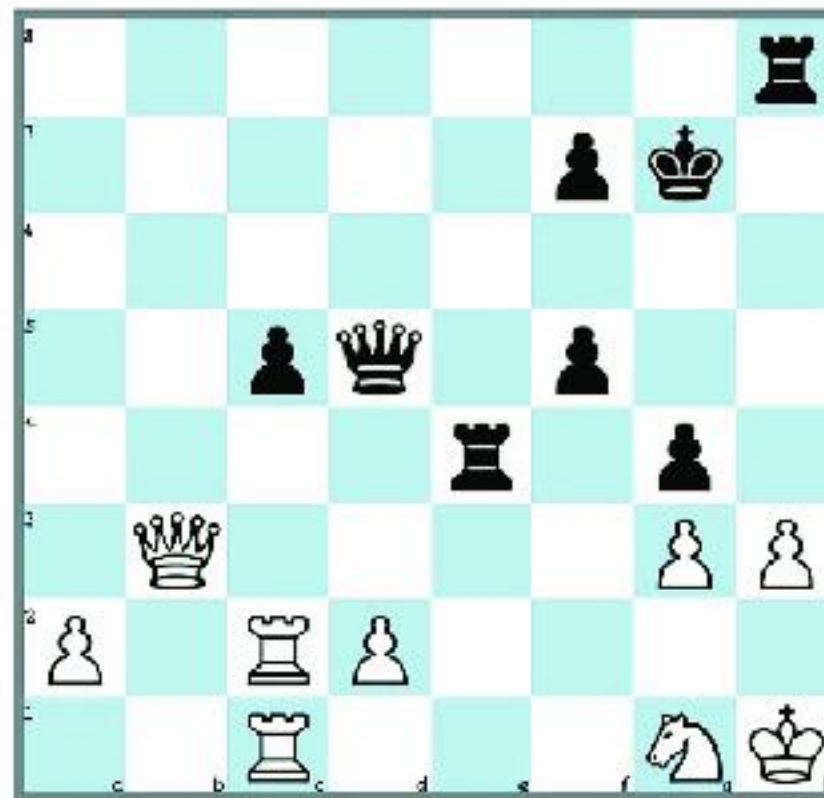
**Easy puzzle**

Black mates in 2 moves.



**Intermediate puzzle**

Black mates in 3 moves.



**Thursday's solution**

Easy:  
1... Qg1+  
2. Nxg1 Nf2#

Intermediate:  
1... Rx3+  
2. g3 Bf1+  
3. Rg2 Rh4#

**SOLVIT**

G	H	B	J	21
A	D	C	E	20
H	F	D	C	13
J	B	G	E	24
22	15	15	26	

**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
8					4			

**Thursday's solution**

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

**CODEWORD**

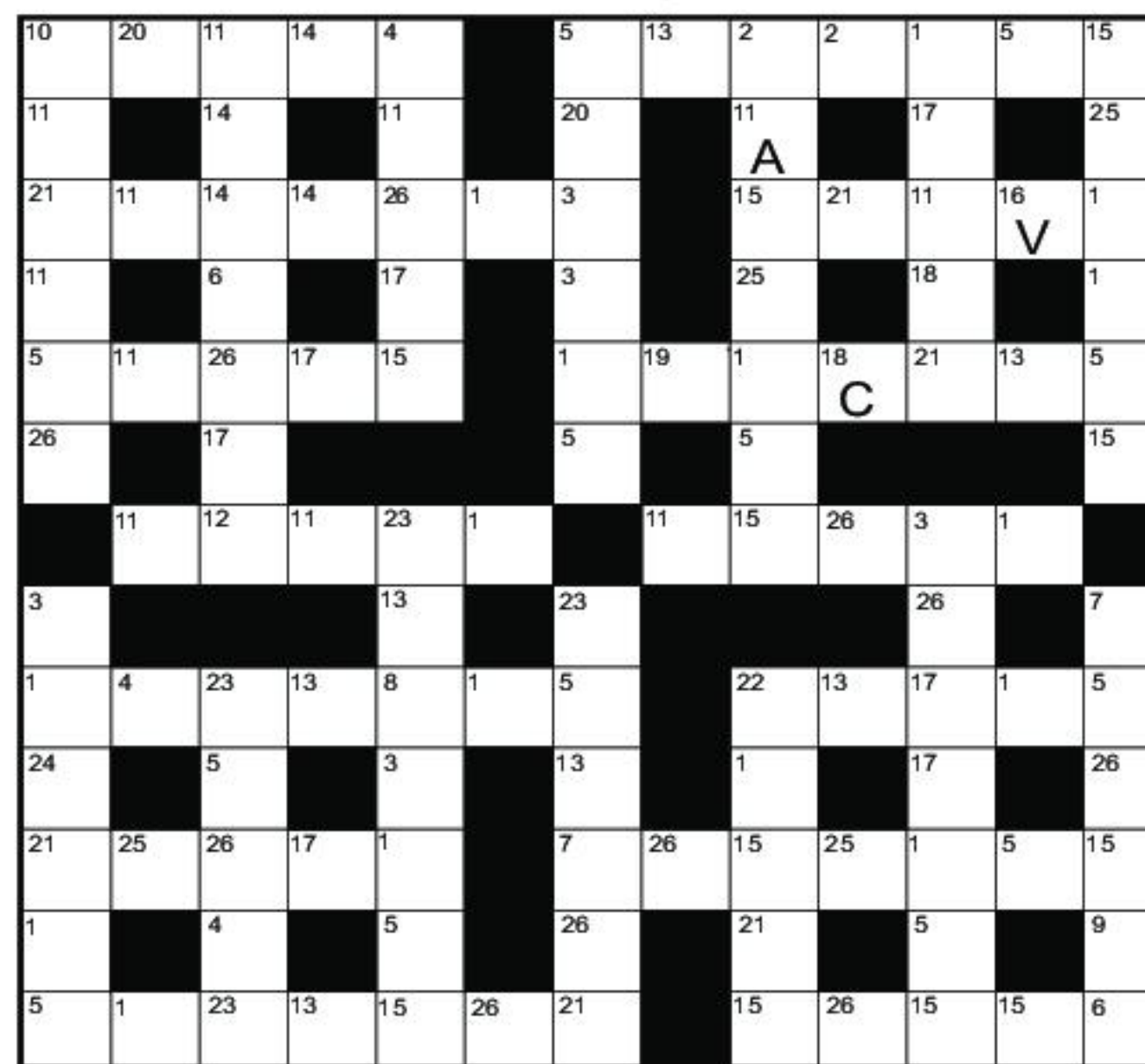
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**CLUE**

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



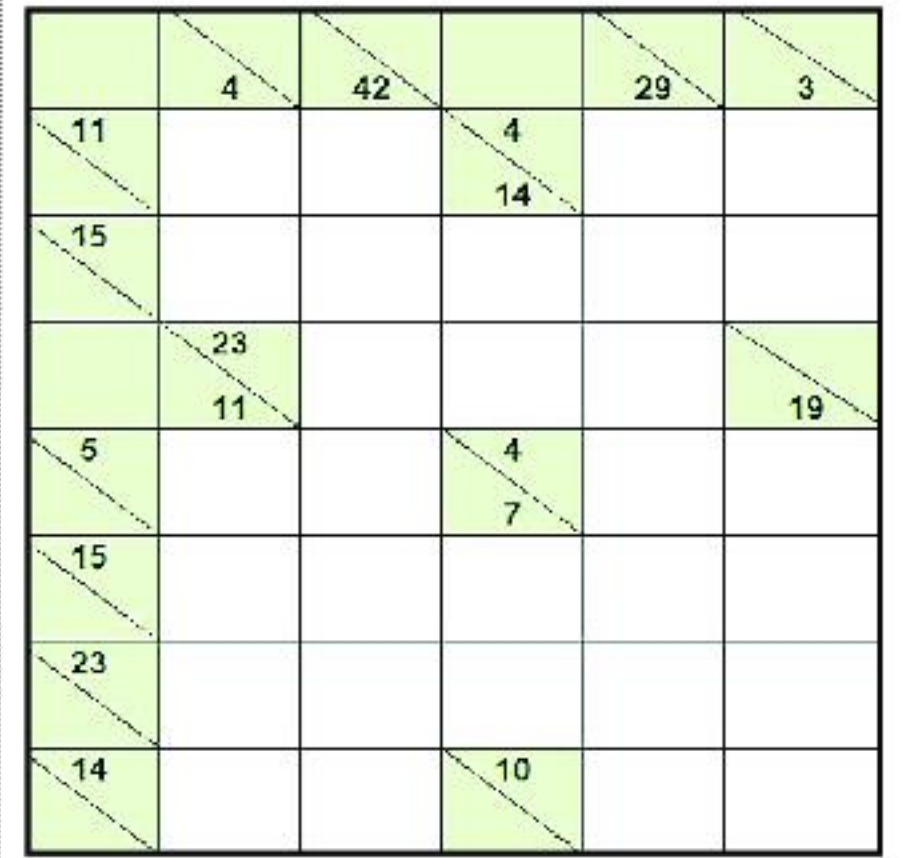
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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

**Thursday's solution**

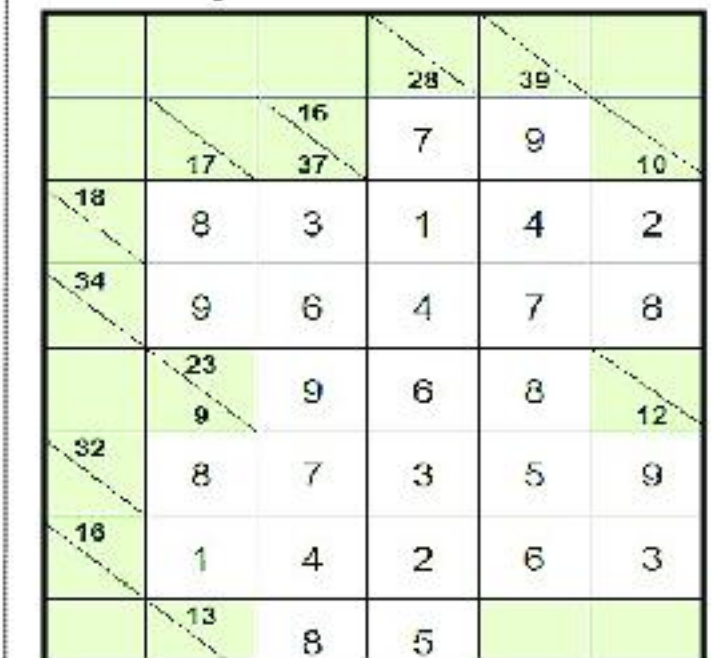
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16	Y	3
17	I	4
18	A	5
19	S	6
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26	P	13
G		

**KAKURO**

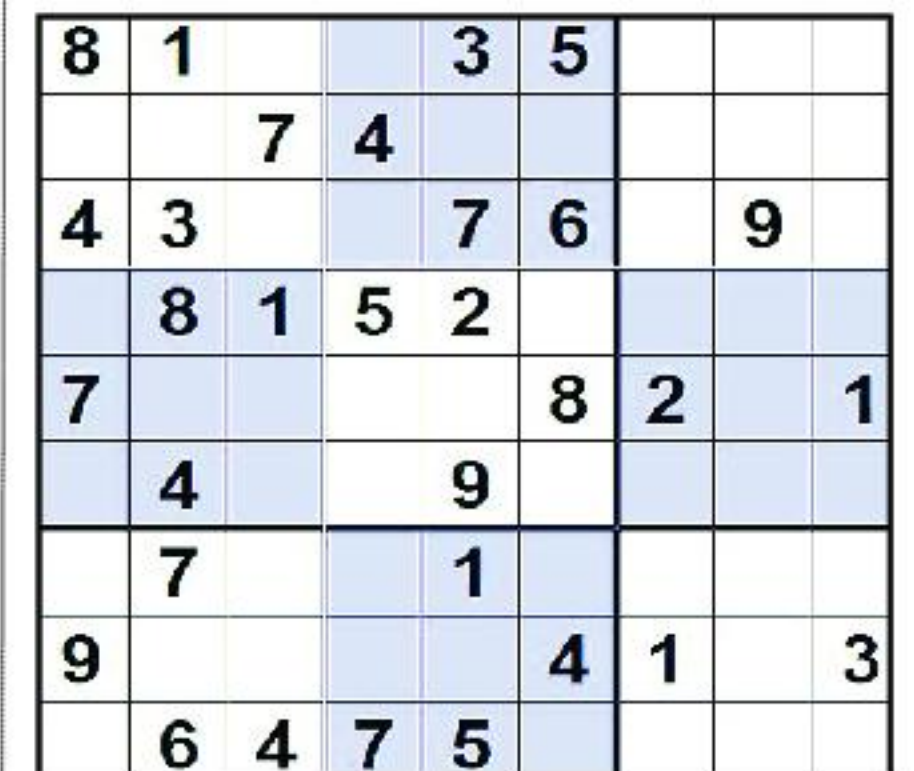


The totals for the rows and columns are given on the left for the rows and above for the columns in the shaded boxes. The single digits which give the totals are used only once e.g. 10 = 1, 2, 3, 4 or 1, 4, 5 or 2, 3, 5 etc but not 2, 2, 6 or 1, 1, 8 or 3, 3, 2

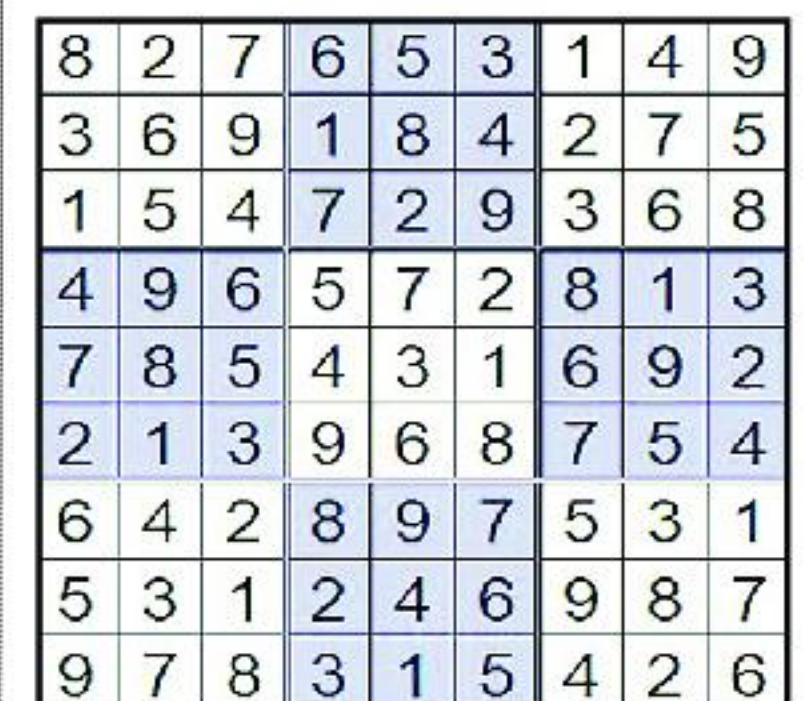
**Thursday's solution**



**SUDOKU**



**Thursday's solution**



**By Kham**



**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**"We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it."**

**Rick Warren**



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**LOST** Title Marama/Shiatsala/1908

**LOST** title: Kericho/Silibwet/1522 Anthony Kibet Cheruiyot

**LOSS** of Tittle-Deed Karai/karai/5882

**LOSS** of title deed Kagaari/Kanja/2577 of Moses Njeru Nthiga

**LOST** Title Deed No. Makueni/Kako / 1187 Robert Mukua Mutisya

**LOST** Title Deed No. Muputi/Kiima Kimwe/ 2197 Peter Ndambuki Kilonzo

**LOST** Title Deed No. Mayoko Town Block 3/31998 Piles Kanini Nderick

**LOST** Greencard Njoro/Ngata Block 1/898: Julia Gathoni Maina

**LOST** title Nyandarua/Ndaragwa Block 1 (Kahutha)/105 for Kahutha Farmers Co-Operative Society Limited.

**LOSS** of Title Deed, KJD/NTASHART/7197

**LOST** Title Nandi Hills/Kapsimotwo Blk. 1/657 James Sigira Langat

**LOSS** of title LR No. 6746/35 of Joseph Kimani Chege (deceased)

**LOST** Title Deed No. Mavoko Town Block 3/116441 Boniface Muli Mutuku

**LOST** Title Nyandarua/ Ol aragwai/ 7167 of Lucy Wairimu Kuria

**LOST** title Kiambaa/Waguthu/3919

**LOST** title deed Mavoko Town Block 50/100

**LOST** title Kjd/Kitengela/36642

**LOSS** of land lease of title No Maisonette No 64 on LR NO 1338/109 (IR No 138613)

**LOST** title Donyo Sabuk/Komarock Block 1/27366

**LOST** title Donyo Sabuk/Komarock Block 1/27367

**LOST** title Nairobi Block 144/1137

**LOST** Title Deed Suna East/Wasweta/8208 for Dishon Likhakasi Mwisukhani

**LOST** title deed L.R. NO. Eldoret Municipality/Block 15/618

**LOST** title Gatarakwa/Gatarakwa /Block 11/3139 of Mary Wambui Mwangi

**LOSS** of Title deed Kyeni/Kigumo/2833.

**LOSS** of Title Deed Pioneer /Ngeria Block 1/[EATEC]13617 Christopher Kiplagat Serem

**LOST** title Nachu /Mikuyuni/568

## A22/NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

#### CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of plot number Ngong/Ngong/86099 wishes to change the use from Agricultural to Church Facility subjects to approval by county government of Kajjajo.

For any objection, comments: write and submit within 14 days of this notice to:

Physical Planning department  
County Government of Kajjajo  
P.O BOX 11-01100, Kajjajo

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner(s) of Land Reference No. Bungoma/ Chwele/ 3891, 6006 & 8007, located in the Chwele Area along Chwele-Kimilli-Kamukuywa Road, intends to apply for a change of user from Agricultural to Light Industrial (Petrol Station and associated facilities), subject to approval by the County Government of Bungoma. Any person, institution, or organization wishing to make representations or raise objections to this proposed development may submit their comments in writing, clearly stating the grounds for objection, within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions should be addressed to: The County Executive Committee Member Land, Physical Planning and Urban Development County Government of Bungoma P.O. Box 437-50200 Bungoma

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Plot No. Nyandarua/Njabini 12621 located near Githoro shopping Centre in Nyakio Ward, Kinangop Subcounty, Nyandarua County, proposes to Change its Use from Agricultural to Residential (Multi Dwelling) units subject to approval by the County Government of Nyandarua. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: The CECM: Lands, Physical Planning & Urban Development County Government of Nyandarua P.O. Box 701-20300, Oikakou Registered Planner: John M. Maina Reg.No. PPO163

### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Parcel No. Naivasha/ Maragushu Block 10/7217 (Kadong) situated within Naivasha Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to Change its use from Agricultural to Residential subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: The CECM: Land, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development County Government of Nakuru. P.O. Box 2870 - 20100 NAKURU.

Registered Physical Planner: Newton G. Karuri REG NO: 0145

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019  
CHANGE OF USER

The Registered owner of Plot No. Kisumu /Wang'aya 1/ 6690 located along Awasi-Chemelli road in Nyando Sub-county within Kisumu County proposes to change the use from Agricultural to Commercial (Shops) subject to approval by the County Government of Kisumu. Any individuals, institutions or organizations with comments to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to: The CECM-Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Kisumu. P.O. Box 2738-40100, Kisumu. Reg. Planner : Dr. Fredrick Owino - Reg. No. 0123

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of plot No. Nyang'ori/Kapsotik/1237 located along Shamakhokho-Serem Road, Serem Centre, wishes to change its use from Agricultural to Commercial Use (Residential Apartments), subject to approval of the county government of Vihiga. Individuals, institutions, e.t.c with objections should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days to:

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Department of Physical Planning, Land, Housing and Urban Development, County Government of Vihiga, P.O. Box 344-50300, MARAGOLI.

### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Reference No(s), Kajjajo/Kap-North/20848, situated in Kisumu area, along Namanga road proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Light Industrial use (Go-Downs), subject to the approval by the County Government of Kajjajo. Any individual, institution(s) or organization(s) wishing to make any representation or objection to the above proposal is requested to forward the same in writing stating grounds of objections within 14 days of the publication of this notice to: County Executive Committee Member in charge of:

Land, Physical Planning & Urban Development County Government of Kajjajo P.O. Box 11 Kajjajo

Name of Registered Planner: Kennedy Kaburu Reg.No 0353.

### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019  
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner (s) of the property L.R. No. NAIROBI BLOCK 128/2155 Located Off Muhuri Road, Dagoretti-Ruthimitu proposes to change the use of the property from Agricultural to Residential - Multi Dwelling (Townhouses) Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organisations, institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM- Urban Planning, Lands and Housing, Nairobi City County P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.

Name of the Registered Planner: Kennedy M. Kaburu Reg. No. PPO353

### FORM PLUPA/DC/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (NO. 13, 2019)  
DENSIFICATION OF USER

The registered owner of Parcel No. NAKURU/ MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 17/1115 situated in Nakuru East Sub County within Nakuru County proposes to densify the user from Residential Single Dwelling to Residential multi-dwelling units (Flats) subject to approval by the Nakuru County Government. Individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

C.E.C.M -Land, Housing, and Physical Planning NAKURU COUNTY P.O. BOX 2870-20100 NAKURU

Planner Paul Musyoki REG NO. 229

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Registered Owner of Plot L.R. Number KAJIADO/ KITENGELA/138924 located in Oloosikon Sholike Ward, Kajjajo East Subcounty, Kajjajo County, off Nairobi-Namanga Road, proposes to change its Use to from Agricultural to Mixed Use development subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjajo. Individuals, organizations and institutions with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Kajjajo, P.O. Box 11-01100, KAJIADO.

NAME OF PLANNER: Marvin Mugambi REGISTRATION NUMBER: 0323

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Registered Owner of Plot L.R. Number KAJIADO/ KITENGELA/2959 located in Oloosikon Sholike Ward, Kajjajo East Subcounty, Kajjajo County, off Nairobi-Namanga Road, proposes to change its Use to from Agricultural to Mixed Use development subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjajo. Individuals, organizations and institutions with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Kajjajo, P.O. Box 11-01100, KAJIADO.

NAME OF PLANNER: Marvin Mugambi REGISTRATION NUMBER: 0323

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered Owner(s) of Plot No.: Nairobi Block 43/367 located within Karen Area, Off Windy Ridge Road, Lang'ata Sub-County, proposes to change its Use from Residential Single Dwelling to Residential Multi dwelling (Townhouses) subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government.

Any individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

THE CECM Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.

Registered Physical Planner: 0200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered Owner(s) of Plot L.R. No.: 25372/23 located within Karen Area, Off Lang'ata Road Along Hillcrest Road Nairobi City County, proposes to renew its Change of Use from Residential to Recreational (Spa) and Restaurant subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government.

Any individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

THE CECM Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.

Reg. Physical Planner: D. W. Zinyu, Reg. No. 0200

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019  
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel No. KAJIADO/KAPITIEI-NORTH/13800 located in Kitengela off Nairobi-Namanga Highway is proposing to change the use of the property from Agricultural to Residential (Multi-dwelling), subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjajo. Individuals, institutions and organizations with any objection/comments are required to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:

CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO P.O BOX 11-01100, KAJIADO

## FORM PLUPA/DC/3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Parcel No. L.R. NO. 4730/224 situated in Nakuru Municipality within Nakuru East Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to: Densify its use from Residential (Single dwelling) to Residential (multi dwelling units) subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru.

Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The CECM: Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development County Government of Nakuru. P.O. Box 2870 - 20100 NAKURU.

Registered Physical Planner: Newton G. Karuri REG NO: 0145

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019  
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel No. KAJIADO/MAILUA/20141 located in Namanga, off Namanga-Nairobi Highway is proposing to change the use of the property from Agricultural to Commercial (Retail), subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjajo. Individuals, institutions and organizations with any objection/comments are required to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:

CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO P.O BOX 11-01100, KAJIADO.

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT OF KENYA

AT NAKURU

ELC OS NO. E022 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF TITLE NO. NAKURU/ MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 15/828

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 37 & 38 OF LIMITATION OF ACTIONS ACT CAT. 22 L.O.K

-BETWEEN-

DAVID NJONGE IKUA.....PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

-VS-

FATUMA ABDULLA OSMAN.....

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

[Pursuant to Orders of court granted on 12/02/26]

FATUMA ABDULLA OSMAN

NAKURU

TAKE NOTICE that Originating Summons have been filed in the ELC Court, Nakuru in which you are named as the Respondent. A copy of the summons may be obtained from the Environment and Land Registry, Nakuru. Service on you was ordered to be done by this advertisement.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless you enter Appearance within 15 days of this advertisement, the case will be heard in your absence.

DATED at NAKURU this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

N. IKUA & COMPANY

ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

DRAWN & FILED BY:

N. IKUA & COMPANY

ADVOCATES

SHIV PLAZA, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLR P O BOX 15314, NAKURU

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT (ACT**  
**NO.18 OF 2015)**  
**AND**  
**IN INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. HCCOMM / E171**  
**/ 2025**  
**RE: IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTION AFRICA**  
**LIMITED**  
*(the Company)*  
**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

TAKE NOTICE that Phillip Ibrahim Onyango, of P.O. Box 773 – 00606 Nairobi, was duly appointed as the Supervisor of the Company Voluntary Arrangement approved by the Company's creditors on 8th December 2025 (which arrangement took effect on 31st December 2025) in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of the Insolvency Act, 2015.

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

PHILLIP IBRAHIM ONYANGO  
 (OR/1P/033)  
 c/o P.I. Onyango & Co., The Westwood, 4th Floor,  
 Ring Road Westlands  
 P.O. Box 773-00606  
 Nairobi  
 Telephone: +254 113 804 990  
 Email: caladministrator@pio.ke

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT (ACT**  
**NO.18 OF 2015)**  
**AND**  
**IN INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. HCCOMM / E171**  
**/ 2025**  
**RE: IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTION AFRICA**  
**LIMITED**  
*(Under Administration)*  
**NOTICE BY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**UNDER SECTION 596(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY**  
**ACT**  
**AND RULE 129 OF THE INSOLVENCY**  
**REGULATIONS 2016**

The Administrator of Collection Africa Limited (Under Administration) (the Company) having been duly appointed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025, to manage the affairs of the Company believes that the purpose of administration has been sufficiently achieved. Accordingly, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 596 of the Insolvency Act, the Administrator lodged and filed a Notice of Termination of Administration with the Court on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The Administrator shall provide a copy of the Notice of Termination of Administration to any creditor of the Company who applies for the same in writing to the Administrator at the address specified below (including by email).

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

PHILLIP IBRAHIM ONYANGO  
 (OR/1P/033)  
 c/o P.I. Onyango & Co., The Westwood, 4th Floor,  
 Ring Road Westlands  
 P.O. Box 773-00606  
 Nairobi  
 Telephone: +254113 804 990  
 Email: caladministrator@pio.ke

**CAVEAT EMPTOR**  
**"BUYER BEWARE"**

**L.R. NO. 1055/23 KAREN**

TAKE NOTICE THAT L.R. No. 1055/23 situated in Miotoni, Karen is part of the Estate of Ute Hannelore Smith & Alywn Smith (deceased) and is subject of Nairobi High Court (Family Division) Succession Cause No. E2508 of 2021.

The executors have discovered that fraudsters are attempting to claim interest in the property using forged wills with fictitious witnesses and signatures of deceased advocates.

Most recently, the estate discovered that the said criminal enterprise had filed parallel probate proceedings in Nairobi High Court (Family Division) Succession Cause No. E637 of 2024 using a fabricated will purportedly signed by the deceased, attested by fictitious witnesses whose signatures are purportedly witnessed by a deceased senior counsel.

On the executor's application for revocation of the said fraudulent grant in Nairobi High Court (Family Division) Succession Cause No. E637 of 2024, the court issued interim injunctive orders restraining JOHN NJOROGE CHEGE, KITHINJI MARK and STEPHEN KIGO from trespassing and/or interfering with the estate and more specifically L.R. No. 1055/23. The Nairobi Land Registrar was also ordered to forbid registration of any dealings whatsoever relating to the said parcel of land pending further orders of the court.

The matter has been reported to the DCI and other relevant bodies for investigation to ensure that the people responsible for such illegal and fraudulent activities are promptly brought to justice.

Members of the Public are therefore advised not to transact and/or make any payments to or engage with any such individuals, their agents or proxies purporting to own the said parcel of land.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person purporting to sell or otherwise purchase the said parcel of land is doing so at his or her own risk as the executors of the estate shall not honour agreements, contracts or arrangements entered into with person(s) purporting to have authority to dispose, alienate or grant any interest in the property.

Any person(s) interfering as aforesaid with the property risk both criminal and civil action for contempt of court orders. Any queries should be directed to A.F. Gross Advocate LLP

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT KISUMU**  
**COMMERCIAL DIVISION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF INSOLVENCY ACT NO. 18 OF**  
**2015**  
**INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. E001 OF 2025**  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF DAHESH AMBALAL PATEL**  
**& TRUSHAKUMAR PRAKASHKUMAR PATEL**  
**(DEBTORS)**  
**DAHESH AMBALAL PATEL & TRUSHAKUMAR**  
**PRAKASHKUMAR PATEL ..... PETITIONERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**NILAM ENTERPRISES LIMITED..... RESPONDENT**

**DEBTORS' PETITION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Debtors' Petition for a Bankruptcy Order against DAHESH AMBALAL PATEL and TRUSHAKUMAR PRAKASHKUMAR PATEL by the High Court was on 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2025 presented to the court by the Debtors.

That the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court sitting in Kisumu on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8.30 am or soon thereafter and any other Creditor or Contributory of the said Petitioners desirous to support or oppose the making or an order of the said Petition may appear at the time in Court either in person or by his advocate for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Debtors requiring such a copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

**MBEKA & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES**  
 Advocates for the Petitioners

**DRAWN & FILED BY:**  
 MBEKA & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES,  
 TUMAINI MALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, SUITE 105,  
 P.O. BOX 499-40100,  
 KISUMU  
 Email: info@mbekaadvocates.com  
 Tel: 0719649198

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT AT**  
**NYAMURURU**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS**  
**CAUSE NUMBER E003 OF 2025**

JOHN CHEROTWO ..... CLAIMANT.  
 -VERSUS-  
 KLEEN HOMES SECURITY LIMITED ..... RESPONDENT.

**MENTION NOTICE**

TO:-  
 KLEEN HOMES SECURITY LIMITED  
 NAIROBI,  
 +254722736175  
 EMAIL: info@khs.co.ke.

TAKE NOTICE that the matter has been fixed for MENTION on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March 2026 at 9.00 a.m. or soon thereafter for purposes of filing submissions.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the event of your failure to attend by yourself or through someone duly authorized by law to act for you the matter shall be mentioned and directions given.

DATED at NAKURU this.....18<sup>th</sup> .....Day  
 of.....FEBRUARY.....2026

**MARAGIA OGARO AND COMPANY**  
**ADVOCATES FOR THE CLAIMANT**

**DRAWN & FILED BY**  
 MARAGIA OGARO & CO. ADVOCATES  
 GATEHOUSE BLDG  
 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR ROOM 418  
 P.O. BOX 15142,  
 NAKURU.  
 EMAIL: elijahmaragia@gmail.com.

**RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS**  
**PROPERTIES**

**L9/PLOTS/LAND**  
**FOR SALE**

**NANYUKI Municipality 1 acre call**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The registered owner of Plot No. Nairobi/Block 13/221, located along Mugumo Road in Lavington area, proposes to **Change its Use** from **Single Dwelling Unit to Multiple Dwelling Units (Townhouses)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government.

Individuals, institutions or members of the public, etc., with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

**The County Executive Committee Member,**  
**Built Environment and Urban Planning,**  
**Nairobi City County,**  
**P.O. Box 30075-00100,**  
**Nairobi.**

Name of the Registered Planner: Solomon Kyeni  
 Reg. No.: PP0188

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The owner Plot No. Ruiru East Block 1/7871 located at Kamakis Ruiru Sub County proposes to Change the User from **Agricultural to Residential Multi Dwelling Flats** subject to Approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections/ comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

**The CECM Lands, Housing & Physical Planning**  
**County Government of Kiambu**  
**P.O. Box 2311-00900**  
**KIAMBU**  
**RPP Edwin Mukeni- 0415**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE**  
**PLANNING ACT NO.13 OF 2019**  
**CHANGE OF USE**

The owner(s) of land Reference no. **Ruiru/Ruiru East Block 2/18322** located in Juja Sub-county would wish to **Change its use** from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling (Flats)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections or comments concerning the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**County Executive Committee Member,**  
**Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development,**  
**Kiambu County,**  
**P.O. BOX 2344-00900**  
**KIAMBU.**

Plan. KELVIN RITHO RPP NO. 0270

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Notice is hereby given that the owner of Plot No. Thika Municipality Block 18/850 located in Kyanjau, Thika Subcounty has applied for permission to change the user of the land from **residential (single dwelling) to multi-dwelling residential (flats)** subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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

**PHYSICAL PLANNER: Marvin Mugambi, PPRB No. 0323**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (CAP 303)**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot No. **Kabete/Karura/4232** located off the Western Bypass within Wangige area, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Multi-Dwelling Residential Use (Apartments)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**THE CECM - LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN**  
**DEVELOPMENT**  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU**  
**P.O. BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU**  
**Name of the Registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri Mugambi**  
**Reg. No.: 0323**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The owner(s) of plot no. **RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 2/17472** located in KIMBO MATANGI in JUJA Sub-County – KIAMBU COUNTY, proposes to undertake **Change of Use** from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling (FLATS)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Any individuals or institutions with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**CECM-BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,**  
**KIAMBU COUNTY.**  
**P. O. Box 2344-00900, KIAMBU.**  
**Registered Planner: John Mbau -0284**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE**  
**PLANNING ACT (CAP 303)**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot No. **Ngurubi/Ndiuni/4822** located off Limuru –Mai Mahiu-Naivasha Road (A8 South) within Ndiuni area, proposes to **change Its use** from **Agricultural to Recreational Use (Eco-lodge)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**THE CECM - LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN**  
**DEVELOPMENT**  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU**  
**P.O. BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU**  
**Name of the Registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri Mugambi**  
**Reg. No.: 0323**

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The registered owner of Land Title No's. **Karai/Karai/10209** Located in Kikuyu Subcounty proposes to Change its Use from **Agricultural Use to Residential Multi Dwelling (Flats)**, subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**CECM, LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING**  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,**  
**P.O BOX 2344-00900,**  
**KIAMBU**  
**Physical Planner: Marvin Mugambi Reg No: 0323**

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The registered owner(s) of Title No.s **Kajiado/Kaputiei North/14024 & Kajiado/Kaputiei North/14025**, situated in Kitengela Town, off Nairobi-Namanga highway, Kitengela Municipality, Kajiado County, proposes to **Change its use** from **Agricultural to Commercial use**, subject to approval by **County Government of Kajiado**.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The CECM, Lands, Physical Planning, Urban Development, Housing & Municipalities**  
**County Government of Kajiado**  
**P.O Box 11**  
**Kajiado**  
**Registered Planner: Victor Logedi Lusala Reg. No. 0297**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

The owner Plot No. **Ngenda/Kahuguini/915** located at Kahuguini Gatundu South Sub County proposes to **Change the User** from **Agricultural to Light Industrial - Plastic Recycling Plant** subject to Approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections/comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

**The CECM Lands, Housing & Physical Planning**  
**County Government of Kiambu**  
**P.O. Box 2311-00900**  
**KIAMBU**  
**RPP John Mbau- 0284**

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))

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

The registered owner(s) of **Title No. Kajjido/Kaputiei North/14022**, situated in Kitembela Town, off Nairobi-Namanga highway, Kitembela Municipality, Kajjido County, proposes to **Change its use from Agricultural to Commercial use**, subject to approval by **County Government of Kajjido**. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The CECM, Lands, Physical Planning, Urban Development, Housing & Municipalities  
County Government of Kajjido  
P.O Box 11, Kajjido  
Registered Planner: Victor Logedi Lusala Reg. No. 0297**

FORM PLUPA/DC/4

**PUBLIC NOTICE****THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO.13 OF 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF USE**

The registered owner (s) of **NAIROBI/BLOCK 192/1420, along Ndovu Road, Karen area, Langata Sub-County, within Nairobi city county** intends to **Extend its use from Single Dwelling Residential To include Mixed Use (Cottages and Auxiliary services)**. Subject to approval by the Nairobi city county government. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**THE CECM, BUILT ENVIRONMENT, LANDS AND URBAN PLANNING  
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT,  
P.O Box 30075-00100,  
NAIROBI, KENYA  
Name of Registered Planner: Plan. Onesimus Musyoki 0229.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE****THE PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT NO. 13 OF 2019  
CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of **Plot LR No: NGENDA/GITHUNGUCHU/T.427** located at Gatundu South Sub-County, is proposing Change of Use of this property from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Petrol Station)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions and any other interested parties with any material objections to the proposed development are requested to forward them in writing within **Fourteen (14) days** from the date of this notice to:-

**County Executive Committee Member (CECM),  
Land Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development  
County Government of Kiambu,  
P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.**

**RPP: Kelvin Ritho Gitonga; Reg. 0270.**

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

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **Karai/Karai/13271**, situated in the Kamangu 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 writi within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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

PHYSICAL PLANNER: MARVIN MUTWIRI RPP NO:0323

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 R.3(3)(XI)

**PUBLIC NOTICE****THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)  
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**

THE REGISTERED OWNER OF LAND PARCEL NO. **RUIRU KIU BLOCK 22 (LANGATA) 641**, LOCATED IN MWIHOKO, GITHURAI MUNICIPALITY PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE USE FROM **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-DWELLING (FLATS)** UNITS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU.

INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ETC. WITH COMMENTS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THEM IN WRITING WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE TO:

**THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEMBER (CECM),  
LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT,  
P.O BOX 2344-00900,  
KIAMBU.**

**REGISTERED PHYSICAL PLANNER: ...REG. NO. 0396**

**PUBLIC NOTICE****THE PHYSICAL PLANNING LAND USE PLANNING ACT No.13, 2019  
AMALGAMATION CUM CHANGE OF USER**

The owner(s) of **L.R NOS. 11216/5 (Original No. 11216/2), 11216/6 (Original No. 11216/3), 11216/7 (Original No. 11216/4)** located Along Limuru-Ruaka Road, Kiambu County proposes to amalgamate and change the use of their land from **Agricultural to Religious Use** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

**The CECM-Land, Housing & Physical Planning,  
County Government of Kiambu  
P.O. BOX 2344 - 00900, Kiambu**

**Registered and Practicing Physical Planner-Newton G. Karuri Reg No. 0145**

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**INVITATION OF TENDER**

1. Tender No. **NGC/DFOC/01/2026** for the Construction Services (labor only) for a new kitchen, sports bar, meeting room, washrooms, and indoor games room,
2. Tender No. **NGC/DFOC/02/2026** for the prequalification of suppliers for building materials including sand, ballast, cement, steel, paint etc.,
3. Tender No. **NGC/DFOC/03/2026** for the provision of consultancy services for the supervision of construction projects.

**Important Notes**

- a) A detailed list of tender requirements including drawings and a blank BQ where appropriate is available from our manager through Email: **manager@nakurugolfclub.co.ke** Tel: **0704231641** (ask for Sylvester) upon payment of the tender fee of KSh 2000. **Pay bill No. 590093. Account Number. 1597**
- b) All tender documents to include proof of financial and technical ability, business permits, and appropriate registration by statutory bodies where applicable.
- c) Those applying for NGC/DFOC/01/2026 must be registered at NCA category 7 or lower
- d) Those applying for NGC/DFOC/03/2026 must demonstrate capacity to supervise architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical aspects of construction to the highest standards,
- e) A compulsory site visit is required for firms applying for Tender No. NGC/DFOC/01/2026. The site visit may be undertaken at any time during official working hours within the period prior to the tender closing date, upon prior appointment with the Club Manager.
- f) Completed tender documents to be submitted both in hard and soft copy to Email: **manager@nakurugolfclub.co.ke** on or before **2nd March 2026**,
- g) Evaluation will be based on technical capacity, financial ability, experience, and compliance
- h) Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE****OBJECTION TO PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER  
L.R. NO. 25763 – GARDEN ESTATE, NAIROBI**

Reference is made to the Public Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (erroneously indicated and placed on the property on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026) by Solomon Kyeni, Physical Planner Reg. No. PP0188, seeking to effect a Change of User in respect of L.R. No. 25763, Garden Estate, from: Mixed Use (Shops, Offices and Residential Flats) TO Residential Use (Townhouses).

**TAKE NOTICE** that the subject property and/or the proprietary interests relating thereto are currently the subject of an ongoing dispute before the Court of Appeal at Nairobi:

Civil Appeal No. COACA/E251/2023

Hiram Bere Kinuthia & Elizabeth Wanjiru Ngigi & Another v Edick Omondi Anyanga & Anne Anyanga & 3 Others

There is a pending application before the Court which is yet to be determined. The issues raised therein go to the root of ownership, control, and lawful dealings concerning the suit property.

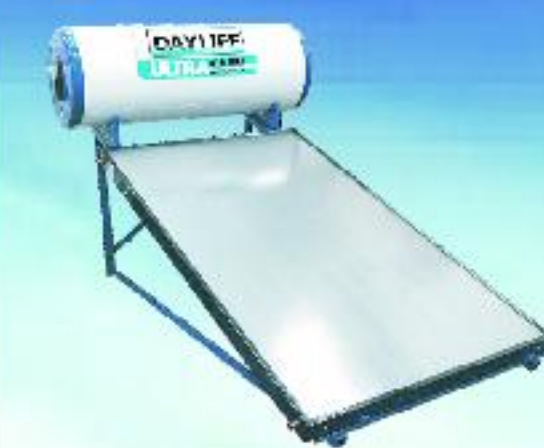
In the circumstances, the proposed Change of User is premature, and any approval at this stage risks prejudicing the outcome of the pending proceedings before the Court of Appeal.

We therefore formally object to the proposed Change of User and urge the Nairobi City County Government to suspend and/or defer consideration and approval of the same until the dispute is conclusively determined.

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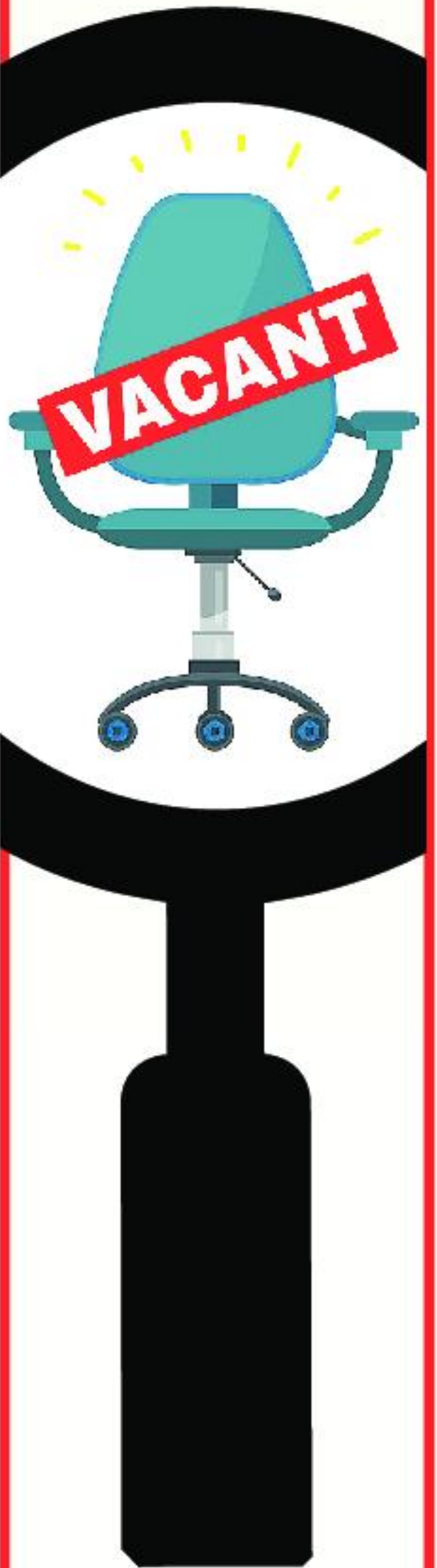
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned goods at New Pangani Auction Centre situated off Kiambu Road behind Runda Mall on **28/2/2026 at 11.00 A.M.**

**IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA THE LANDLORDS -VS- (A). GEORGE NYUTU T/A BELLA SAFARIS LTD (B). WESTKEN LIMITED (C). KAWKAB INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(A). Executive desk, water dispenser, 2 round chairs, 3 office desks, 2 white boards, HP printer, 8 office chairs, microwave, utensils, 8 picture frames, 3 keyboards, 3 wall pictures, advertisement stand. (B). 4 office chairs, HP computer, Dell computer, Ricoh photocopier, Epson printer, 3 office desks, binding machine, coat hanger, kitchen table, red carpet. (C). 4 office chairs, 2 office desks.

**CONDITIONS FOR SALE**

- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Viewing can be done during working hours with prior arrangement with the auctioneer.

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Suraj Plaza Room S13/14, Opposite Jamhuri High School along Limuru Road, P.O. BOX 9714-00100 Nairobi  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals the financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction at our offices the under mentioned motor vehicle(s) as follows:

S/NO.	M/V REG. NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD/PLACE	AUCTION DATE	TIME
1	KCU 811A	Subaru Legacy	Jagwood Auctioneers Yard	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	10.00AM
2	KDA 983D	Nissan Note	Open Road Storage Yard	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	10.00AM
3	KCR 393A	Suzuki Alto	Absolute Storage Yard	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	10.00AM

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Bidders to view and verify asset on normal working hours with prior arrangement.
- Sale subject to reasonable reserve price and ratification by the financier/principal.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned goods on **27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026** at 10.30 am or soon thereafter at **RAJEMA STORAGE YARD, KIAMBU ROAD.**

**1. DISTRESS FOR RENT LANDLORD -VS- IMPRESS INTERIORS**  
2 massage beds, 6 saloon chairs, 2 leather couches, 5 barber chairs, reception desk, 3 nail tables, 8 office chairs, 3 nail stools, sterilizer, 5 shaving machines, 1 stool, plastic chair, 2 carpets, 2 complete sinks, 2 bookshelves, 3 plastic flowers, dyer, plastic bowl stand, grey cabinet, water purifier, foot massage basin, 3 office desks, steamer, 3 mirrors, speaker, LG system, fire extinguisher, dell CPU, Ace desktop, assorted curtains & towels, heater, nail table, bhurm water dispenser, 4 rolling racks.

**2. NAIROBI RRC CASE NO: E2140 OF 2025 ELIAKIM BEAM LMUNYE -VS- JOSEPH MAINA MARY**  
bicycle, carpet, mat, 45" LG TV set, 2 wall clocks, 7-seater sofa-set, wooden cabinet, 30 plastic chairs, water dispenser, 2 puffs, 3 stools, Meko gas cooker, microwave, shoe rack, TV stand, 4-burner gas cooker, wooden drawer, 6 mattresses, carpet, rolling chair, drawer, 2 wooden cabinets, mirror, wooden dressing table, six chairs + tent, 2 Chandallas, wooden coffee table, chaffing dish, shoes, 1 carton tiles, 2 green carpets, jiko, 13 kgs gas cylinder, shoes.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the Chargee, we shall sell by public auction **ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026, at OUR OFFICES IN PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE, RUNDA, NEXT TO NORTH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH AND TRUCE LOUNGE ALONG KIAMBU ROAD DIRECTLY OPPOSITE TSUKU TSUKU AND JUST BEFORE RUNDA MALL AT 11.00 O'CLOCK.**

All that piece of land known as **SAMURU/MWITINGIRI/BLOCK 1/1947** measuring approx. **0.0675 Ha or 0.1667 Acres.** The property is situated off Kandara road, in Samuru, Githingiri area, Mugomoi Ward, Gatanga Constituency. It is approached via Thika Superhighway turning Eastward at Delview for approx. 1.4km then turning Westwards onto Kandara road for 600metres, the property lies about 100 metres off this Road.

The coordinates to the property are **-0.999745, 37.069048.** The property is developed with a cowshed, store house and a double storey staff house only complete on the ground floor. The property is registered in the name of **PRIORITY FARM LIMITED.**

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify all the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Chargee.
- The interested purchasers will be required to pay a refundable deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/- by cash** to Galaxy Auctioneers to obtain a bid number which will also serve as an entry pass to the auction yard.
- The selling price is subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- The successful bidder **must pay 25%** of the purchase price at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within **90 days** failure to which the deposit will be forfeited and the subject property offered for sale again.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instruction from our Principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle as below:-  
**Sale On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 As From 11.00 A.M in Our Offices At 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CPF House Along Haile Selassie Avenue - Nairobi**

**1. REPOSSESSION. FINANCIERS -VS- DANIEL GITARI WANJOHI**

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	YOM	VIEWING YARD
KDA 052J	Mercedes Benz - Actross	2013	Femfa Storage Yard - Kitale

**2. DISPOSAL**

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	YOM	VIEWING YARD
KMEW 730N	Yamaha	2019	Keysian Auctioneers Yard- Kisumu, Kasile

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of **Kshs. 50,000.00** in cash or bankers' cheque to the Auctioneer before being allowed to bid.
- Viewing can be done during normal working hours to verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneers nor their principals.
- Successful bidders must settle the full purchase price at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons for doing so.

**INWARD WAVES AUCTIONEERS**  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the undermentioned motor vehicle on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10:00am.**

REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	YOM	STORAGE YARD
1. KCW 550Q	NISSAN CARAVAN	2013	CAPITAL DIAMOND RUIRU

**CONDITION OF SALE**

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- The motor vehicle is offered for sale "as is where is basis"

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

**1. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI CIVIL CASE NO. E5774 OF 2022 DICKSON NYAMWEYA OTERA -vs- SAMUEL KARIUKI GITHINJI** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2026 at 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBB 773F TOYOTA HIACE**

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- All interested bidders are required to view the property/items and verify details for the auctioneer does not warrant these
- Sale is subject to reserve price. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
- Cash at the fall of the hammer

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Nairobi Office: Jubilee Exchange House 6th Floor Suite 632, Kaunda Street E: Ventureauctioneersnairobi@gmail.com T: 0722613191

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Under the instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned goods on **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Pangani Auction Centre** at 11 a.m. along Kiambu Road.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT.**

**LANDLORD - VS- GEORGE OLUSA OLOO.**  
Assorted Containers of car paints, Assorted Car mixing cans/containers, 1 metal cabinet (side cabinet), 6 silicon plastic container of thinner, 1 Mud Guard, 4 Headlights, 1 Buffing Machine, 1 Hp CPU, 1 HP with Monitors, 1 Digital Weighing scale, 1 UPS, 1 Small Axapta Small Monitors Machine, 2 Plastic chairs, 3 Windscreen Covers, Motor and paint roller machine, scrapes,

**CONDITION OF SALE**

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale subject to a reasonable Reserved Price.

**AL-HILAM AUCTIONEERS**  
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P. O. BOX 46002-00100, NAIROBI MOBILE: 0113091409

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the Financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.** in our offices located at Jeevan Bharati house Harambe avenue Second floor room 209.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION**

REG. NO.	MODEL	PLACE OF VIEW
KDD945N	TOYOTA PASSO	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDS920L	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDD025T	SUZUKI SWIFT	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDA738M	NISSAN NOTE	HAKKI YARD NGONG ROAD
KDT407Y	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDU354E	DAIHATSU MIRA	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDU066M	DAIHATSU TANTO	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDR531D	DAIHATSU MIRA	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDM680H	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDB840T	TOYOTA PASSO	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KD785Y	SUZUKI ALTO	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDP843X	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
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KDS828C	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
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KDS675E	SUZUKI ALTO	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
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KDJ127Y	MAZDA FLAIR	HAKKI YARD NGONG ROAD
KDL834G	DAIHATSU MIRA	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDR780Q	AUDI A6	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDR814S	NISSAN DAYZ	HAKKI YARD NGONG ROAD
KDT718Q	NISSAN DAYZ	ADONAI STORAGE YARD
KDT548Y	NISSAN DAYZ	RIVERLONG STORAGE YARD
KDQ018V	MITSUBISHI EK WAGON	RIVERLONG STORAGE YARD
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

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**ON Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 starting from AT 11:00 AM AT OUR NAIROBI OFFICE NYAMBENE HOUSE ALONG TOM MBOYA STREET.**

All that parcel of Land known as **TITLE NO. KAJIADO/LOODARIAK/30709/ KAJIADO COUNTY REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF MARPH LIMITED OF P.O BOX 70780-00400 NAIROBI.**

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The property is held on Freehold interest.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

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#### CONDITIONS OF SALE

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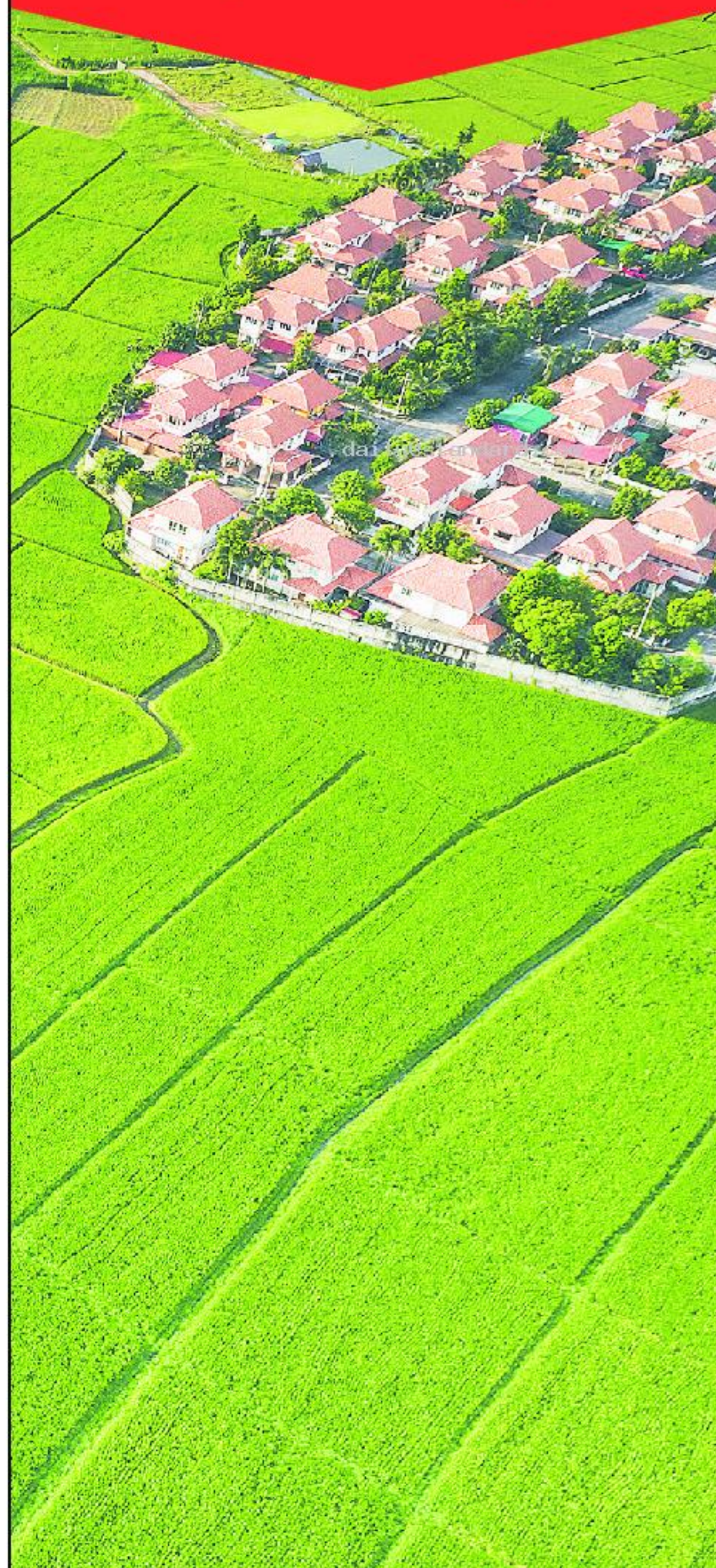
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our clients, chargees we shall sell the under mentioned property by Public Auction

**ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 AT OUR AUCTION MART NEW KIREITA BUILDING, KIRINYAGA ROAD AT 11:00 AM**

**PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN RUNDA MUNWE, KIAMBU COUNTY.**

1. All that parcel of land known as L. R NO. KIAMBU/MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 111/46 RUNDA MUMWE, KIAMBU COUNTY measuring **0.2268 Ha** and registered in the name of THOMAS MUTETHIA T/A TIMES AND SEASONS CHEMICALS OF P.O BOX 10252-00100 NAIROBI. The property lies within **GPS Coordinates 1° 12' 06.3" S, 36° 48' 43.5" E** and is situated along Marcus Drive within the Wider Runda Estate and can easily be identified as House No.46. The estate is situated approximately 14 Kilometers from City Centre. Access is via Limuru Road onto Runda Road branching left onto Eliud Mathu Street turning right at Benin Drive then turning left at Pan African Insurance Avenue a right turn at Havana Road onto Mumwe Drive for approximately 5.13 Kilometers to the property. Access to the estate is via two double leaf grided steel gates, mounted on concrete pillars opening onto cabro driveways/parking yards and provided with a sentry. Street lights and pedestrian walkways are also provided within the estate. The property is planted with well-manicured grass lawns and shrubs. The property is developed with a mansion with staff quarters, generator room and an incomplete sentry.

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**ON MONDAY 02ND MARCH 2026 AT BECA AUTO LIMITED AT 10:30AM**

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9.	KBL 416X	TOYOTA PLATZ SILVER	BECA AUTO LIMITED
10.	KBW 065A	TOYOTA NZE SILVER	BECA AUTO LIMITED
11.	KAW 060T	TOYOTA GAIA WHITE	BECA AUTO LIMITED

#### CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are requested to view the vehicles and verify all the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Principals.
- Bidders to pay refundable deposits of **kshs.50,000/=** in our offices prior to the date of auction so as to obtain bidding numbers and entry to the auction. **NB.** No entry without a bidding number.
- Viewing can be done during normal working days.
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## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



**JONATHAN KIPNYANGO MIZE**

Sunrise: 1964 ~ SUNSET: 2026

We regret to announce the death of Mwalimu Jonathan Kipnyango Mize of Koitabut village, Kabwareng' location, Aldai sub-county, Nandi county. The unfortunate demise occurred after a short illness on 8th February 2026 at Jumula Hospital Kaimosi. He was the son of the late Willis Mize Kesio and Mama Mary Mize. He was loving husband to Monicah Maiyo Mize. Doting father to Hilda, Jackline, Prudence, Willis, Premillah and Saizenah. He was brother to Francis Mize, late Joash Mize, late Ezekiel Mize, Patrice Mize, Lordi Mize, Gerishome Mize and Dr. Mize of Maseno University, Eliseba, Rose, Ruth, Sophia and Mackriner. Son in-law to the late Benjamin Maiyo and late Salome Maiyo. Brother in-law to the late Francis, Trusilah, Julia, Everlyne, Beatrice, Julia, Jennifer, Mary, Lily, and Anita, late Onim, late Jacob, Moses, Festus, Paul and others. Uncle to Job, Edmond, Wickyffe, Sarah, Dan, David, Kipsongol, Jessicah (Australia) Eugene, Racquelle, Phicol, Adrian(USA).

The cortège will leave Jumula funeral home, Kaimosi on Friday 20th February 2026 for an overnight vigil at his home Koitabut village. Funeral service will be held at Koitabut Primary School on Saturday 21st February 2026.

May almighty God rest his soul in eternal peace.

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# Sports

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Mwiki Secondary School celebrate after beating Moi Girls in their Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association, Nairobi region, Term One Games at Highway Secondary School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

### TODAY'S FIXTURES (SELECTED):

#### Nairobi

##### Basketball (Westlands Sub-County)

##### Girls (semi-finals)

- Parklands Arya v Loresho
- Aga Khan v New Dawn

##### Boys (quarter-finals)

- Hospital Hill v Vet-Lab
- Nairobi School v New Dawn
- Kangemi v Loresho
- Aga Khan v Farasi Lane

#### Kimilili Sub-County

##### Handball

##### Boys

- St Luke's Kimilili v Kamusinge Boys
- Chesamisi High v FSK
- Kamusinde Boys v Kibingei
- FSK v Kamasielo
- Kibingei v St Luke's Kimilili
- Kamasielo v Chesamisi High

##### Girls

- MGK v Kamasielo
- St Joseph's v Kibingei
- Kamasielo v Matili
- Kibingei v St Mary's Sosio
- Matili v MGK
- St Mary's v St Joseph's

They will lock horns with Buruburu Girls and Ngara Girls in hunt of victory. Buruburu and Ngara will also have a date with Mt Larvena, while Parklands Arya will take on State House Girls and Makongeni Secondary School.

Boys' champions Hospital Hill will renew rivalry with Nairobi School whom they dethroned last year before taking on Mwiki who had a good start winning all their opening Group A matches.

Nairobi School will later play Dr Ribeiro Parklands who entertain Moi Forces Academy (MFA) in their first encounter of the day.

In Kimilili Sub-County, reigning national and East Africa boys and girls handball champions St Luke's Kimilili and Moi Girls Kamusinga (MGK) will be in action today.

Kimilili will lock horns with Kamuside Boys and Kibingei Friends Secondary School in Group A.

Hosts Friends School Kamusinga (FSK) will battle for a place in the semis against Chesamisi High School and Friends Kamasielo in Group B.

Kimilili coach Fenweck Opicho exuded confidence saying they don't expect stiff competition.

"At this level, we don't feel threatened but we go into the competition determined to do our best and qualify for the county games," Opicho said.

MGK will take on Kamasielo and perennial rivals Matili in Group A, whereas St Joseph's, Kibingei and St Mary's Sosio will clash in Group B.

Former national boys' hockey champions FSK are favourites to lift the boys' trophy.

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## Action galore as Nairobi Region holds Term One championships

► Action-packed weekend in the city as teams battle for tickets to Nairobi Region Term One games.

► National and East Africa handball champions St Luke's Kimilili and MGK put their titles on the line in Bungoma.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

The battle for tickets to this year's Nairobi Region Term One games will gain momentum as teams clash at different venues across the city.

Former regional girls' basketball champions Parklands Arya will today lock horns with Loresho Secondary School in the semi-finals of the Westlands Sub-County contest.

Arya, who have been overshadowed by Buruburu Girls and Olympic High over the years, are seeking to recapture the title they lost in 2017.

They last featured at the national games in 2016 and have continued to struggle in the absence of their former coach Godfrey Mwaloma.

A win in the semis will see them play the winner of the Aga Khan High School and New Dawn in tomorrow's final.

In the boys' quarter-finals, Hospital Hill will take on Kabete Vet-Lab, while Nairobi School will play New



Highway Secondary School's Emmanuel Ndegwa (right) and Emmanuel Asotsi of Dr Ribeiro Parklands School in their Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association, Nairobi Region, Term One championships at Highway Secondary School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Dawn. Kangemi Secondary School will clash with Loresho as Aga Khan tackle Farasi Lane in the last eight encounters. The matches will be played at Hospital Hill and Nairobi School.

In hockey, champions Mwiki Secondary School and Hospital Hill will be out to maintain their streak in their respective pool matches.

Mwiki, who sent an early warning to their opponents with resounding victories on day one of the championship, will tomorrow take on Starehe

Girls Centre and St George's Girls in their third and fourth Group A matches at Highway Secondary School.

Mwiki launched their title defence with an emphatic 8-0 win against Precious Blood Riruta then thumped former champions Moi Girls Nairobi 7-0.

At Lenana School, former national champions Pangani Girls will be hoping to bounce back from a slow start which saw them secure a point from a possible six in their first two Group B matches.

# Kruyswijk and Kibugu inspire local charges as MKO battle hots up

► Absa Bank Kenya supported six batches in the Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday.

► The winner of the global showpiece which ends on Sunday will pocket Sh62 million in prize money.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Hundreds of Kenyan amateur golfers had a priceless opportunity to experience a taste of the 57<sup>th</sup> edition of the Magical Kenya Open (MKO), presented by Absa, through the Pro-Am event, held on Wednesday, that curtailed raised for the main tournament that is ongoing at the Karen Country Club in Nairobi.

The excited players were paired alongside a world beater and a local pro in their respective batches where they stood chances to win exciting prizes.

World beater and MKO defending champion Jacques Kruyswijk of South Africa and local golf sensation Njoroge Kibugu were among some of the top guns who inspired and motivated the expansive local amateur field.

The duo, paired alongside Mohamed Nyaoga (handicap 172), Yusuf Omari (handicap 18.9), Kamau Thugge (handicap 9.0) and Raj Shah indicated to the upcoming players that they have a great potential in the game and that they are the future stars of the sport.

While highlighting how it feels to be paired with Kruyswijk in the Absa Bank Kenya supported batch so as to play and encourage local charges in

the sport, Kibugu indicated: "It felt good to be in the same ecosystem with Kruyswijk. He is the reigning MKO champion so being put next to him was such a privilege. It was an honour. It's a move that I'll forever cherish. Our partnership in the batch offered crucial lessons to the amateurs we played alongside with.

"The contingent had amazing people. They were good golfers who were ready to learn and improve themselves. They picked the best tips from us pros. Our good shots inspired them to unleash the beast in them and this was seen from some incredible hits they netted on the fairways, some of their shots were definitely out of this world," Kibugu narrated.

Kruyswijk said that it was an honour to get an opportunity to offer vital lessons, tips and guide local players on the pitch as a way of giving back to the society.

"I also urge fans to turn up in large numbers to witness the spectacle that is ongoing in Karen. Come in great numbers and with your families, enjoy the tournament and have fun," the defending champion stated.

Nyaoga, who also doubles as Absa Bank Kenya board chairman, referred to the priceless experience on the pitch with Kruyswijk and Kibugu as a dream come true.

"It was absolutely fantastic, we (amateurs) opened our eyes during the occasion to learn a few tricks here and there and some tactics of the game, one of the techniques I mastered is to be an emotionally balanced player on the fairways.

"During the 18-hole journey, I also learnt how to putt perfectly, I learnt how to cultivate patience, I learnt how to stay calm before the storm (unleashing the shot), I learnt how



Kenya's Njoroge Kibugu tees off during 2026 Magical Kenya Open Golf Tournament at Karen Country Club yesterday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]



A fan follows players during yesterday's Magical Kenya Open Golf Tournament at Karen Country Club. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

## SELECTED 2026 MKO DAY 1 LEADERBOARD

- 1. Niklas Lemke (Sweden) -8/62
- 1. Casey Jarvis (South Africa) -8/62
- 3. David Law (Scotland) -7/63
- 3. Kiradech Aphibarnrat (Thailand) -7/63
- 16. Njoroge Kibugu -4/66

to be a consistent player with my shots, I learnt the whole concept of game management skills," Nyaoga explained.

According to Omari, there are no words that can describe being in the presence of a world beater like Kruyswijk and Kibugu, on the pristine Karen fairways while battling for glory in the Pro-Am.

"I will forever appreciate the moments. I kept on wondering how the duo is very skilled, especially with their long shots.

"Kruyswijk is very good with irons, I would love to master that technique, and Kibugu is a young man whose significant progress in golf, compared to last year, is meteoric," Omari highlighted.

His take home from the interaction with the formidable pros, Omari says he learnt that it's not about the distance or how long one hits the ball, but the short game that you display on the course is what makes you a champion.

"Kruyswijk and Kibugu revealed to

us that they spent a significant part of their time perfecting their short game and this is what has made them forces to reckon with in the sport," noted Omari who is also the Absa Bank Kenya Finance Director.

"You know, us amateurs, we head to the range and spend a chunk of our time hitting the drivers and putting the long irons into use. Yes, that's where we spent 80 per cent of our time.

"But for the pros, it's the other way round. They spent 70 per cent of their time in short game- chipping, putting and approaching the greens," stated Omari.

When asked how he felt when he realized he was pitted alongside Kruyswijk and Kibugu in the Pro-Am contest, Omari said: "I was very excited knowing that I had a chance to interact and socialize with last year's MKO winner. Actually, he is honest, humble, cracks jokes here and there, shares tips and also offers advice when our balls go out of bounds. We wish him and Kibugu all the best as they battle in the main category."

Omari is of the opinion that Kruyswijk has the capacity to defend the MKO title come Sunday.

On his prediction on Kibugu, Omari said the poster-boy of Kenya's golf will definitely escape the axe today and has the potential to finish the tournament in top ten.

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## GOLF

# Lemke, Jarvis on one stroke lead as Njoroge shoulders Kenya's hope

Niklas Lemke of Sweden and Casey Jarvis of South Africa fired eight under par 62 to both take a stroke lead on Day 1 of the ongoing 2026 Magical Kenya Open (MKO) golf tournament at the par 70 Karen Country Club in Nairobi.

Lemke, 41, currently ranked 82nd in the Race to Dubai, had an impressive Eagle on par-5 18th including six birdies.

On the other hand, Jarvis, 22, was propelled to the apex with a whooping ten birdies to boot.

Breathing on their neck is David Law of Scotland who closed the day on seven under par 63 after raking eight neat birdies. Law went joint third with Kiradech Aphibarnrat of Thailand.

Commenting on his impressive opening round, the 34-year-old Law, boasting of one DP Tour victory, noted: "If your wedge play is good, you can score. I utilized the chances that presented, I'm happy with the score.

Defending champion Jacques Kruyswijk started the tournament on a rather slow note, ending the day 34th place on three under par 67, but he was optimistic to rise to the occasion today to sail through the dreaded cut.

On the local front, Kenyan golf poster-boy Njoroge Kibugu was the best placed Kenyan player on four under par 66. The 22-year-old Kenyan sensation opened the course with a par at the back

nine before birdying par 4-9th, 11th, 12th, 13th and par 5-18th. He was derailed with a bogey at the par 4-8th.

"So far, I'm happy with today's results. I'm looking forward to carrying on with the good run over the weekend. The greens were soft and the pace (of the ball) was quite good. Honestly, I can't complain about the course," Kibugu told *Standard Sports*.

On his game plan today where the 144 players from 30 nations who are taking part in the global event will be facing the axe Kibugu said: "I just want to create more chances, and give myself more opportunities to putt, roll the ball and get the numbers." [Ochieng Oyugi]



A fan records moments during yesterday's Magical Kenya Open action at Karen Country Club. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

# Thunder plot Equity Bank raid as Premier League tips off

► The bankers will take on ANU Wolfpacks in their second encounter on Sunday.

► Debutants Lady Titans face Th3 Swish and Stanbic Aces test this weekend.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

After months of uncertainty, the 2025-2026 season of the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) Premier League will finally tip off today at Nyayo Gymnasium.

Reigning champions Nairobi City Thunder will launch their title defence against Equity Bank Dumas as they look to exert dominance and make it three titles on the trot.

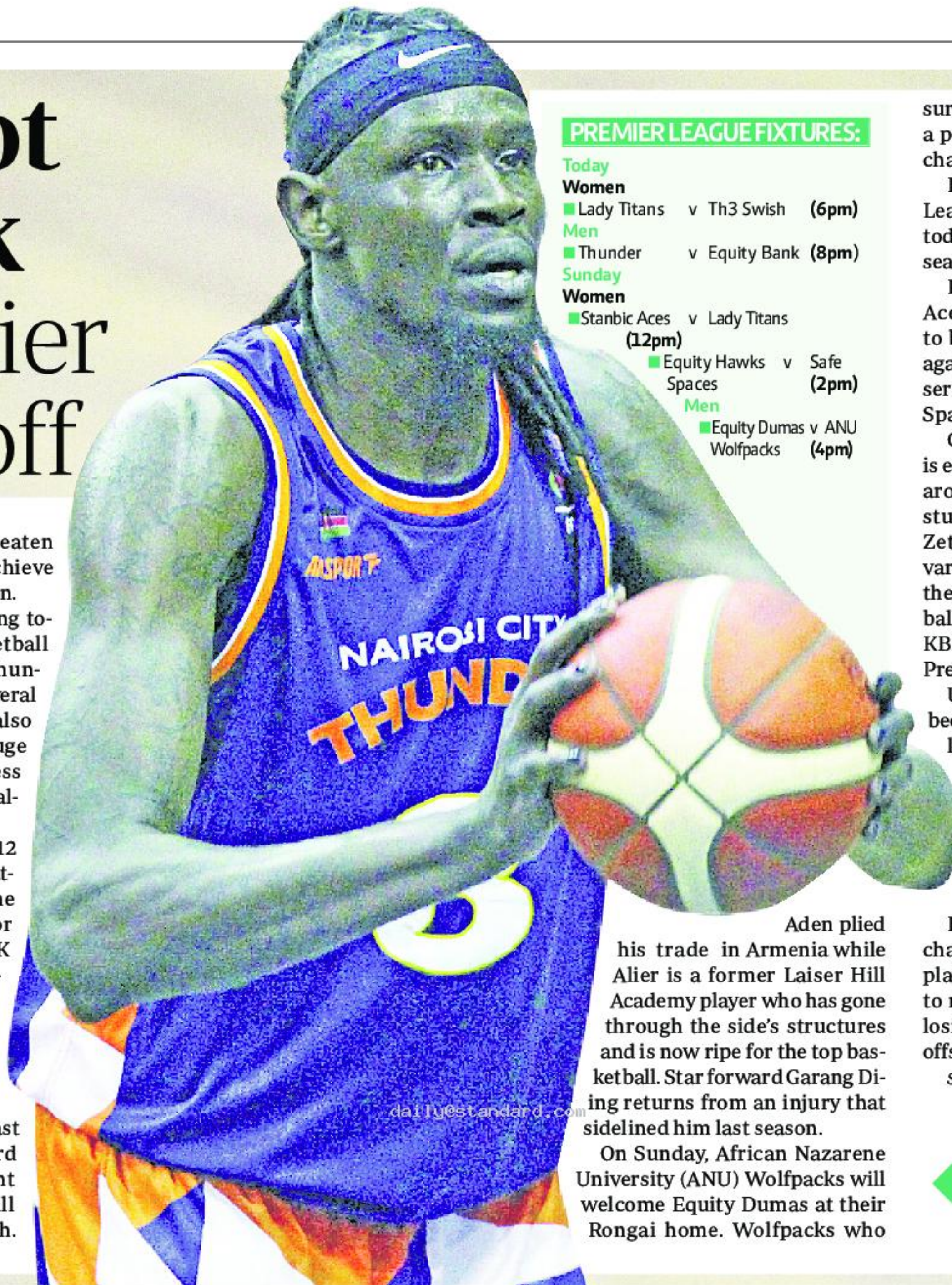
Thunder have been unstoppable winning the 2024 and

2025 gongs on an unbeaten run and are keen to achieve the same feat this season.

With the clock ticking towards the 2026 Basketball Africa League (BAL) Thunder who have played several build up matches will also use the league to gauge themselves in readiness for the continental challenge.

Thunder is among 12 teams that will be battling for tickets to the BAL season finale set for May 22 to 31 at the BK Arena in Kigali, Rwanda. The group stage is set for two conferences down from three in the past five editions.

In addition to a bulk of their players from last season, combo guard Nuradin Aden and point guard Moses Alier will boost Thunder's depth.



## PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES:

Today		
<b>Women</b>		
■ Lady Titans	v Th3 Swish	(6pm)
<b>Men</b>		
■ Thunder	v Equity Bank	(8pm)
Sunday		
<b>Women</b>		
■ Stanbic Aces	v Lady Titans	(12pm)
■ Equity Hawks	v Safe Spaces	(2pm)
<b>Men</b>		
■ Equity Dumas	v ANU Wolfpacks	(4pm)

survived relegation will be hoping for a perfect start so they enhance their chances of having a smooth season.

In the women's title hunt, Premier League debutants Lady Titans will today face off with Th3 Swish in the season opener at Nyayo.

Lady Titans who take on Stanbic Aces on Sunday at ANU will have to be at their best to stand a chance against the bankers who acquired the services of former Zetech University Sparks coach Maurice Obilo.

Obilo, a tried and tested tactician, is expected to turn Stanbic's fortunes around just like he did with Zetech students. He is the man behind Zetech's success having joined the varsity side in 2014. He has been with the students from the Nairobi Basketball Association league through to the KBF Women's Division One and the Premier League.

Under his guidance, Sparks has been successful at both varsity and league level and even qualified for international tournaments. Last season they finished second behind champions Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) hence making their Women Basketball League Africa (WBLA) Zone Five debut.

In another encounter, former champions Equity Bank Hawks will play Safe Spaces. Hawks who failed to make it to last season's final after losing to KPA in the semi-final play-offs will be out for a perfect start.

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Nairobi City Thunder's Ater Majok in action against Namuongo Blazers during their Africa Champions Clubs Road To Bal 2026 match at Kasarani Gymnasium last year. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

## VOLLEYBALL

# Kenya Army, KPA and Equity win as league second leg gets underway

Kenya Army launched their 2025-2026 Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) Men's National League campaign with a 3-1 win against the National Youth Service (NYS) as the second leg served off yesterday at Kasarani Indoor Arena.

The soldiers were who missed the first leg were dominant from the onset taking the 25-17 then snatched the second 25-23 despite an improved performance from the opponent.

NYS who were looking to recover from a disappointing first leg then fought on to take the third set 25-21. However, their hopes of forcing a fifth set were crushed after Kenya Army took the fourth set 25-22.

Kenya Army will today clash with Administration Police of Kenya (AP-Kenya) while NYS will play champions General Service Unit (GSU).

Trailblazers Volleyball Club rallied from a set down to dismiss Prisons Rift Valley 3-1 (25-27, 25-22, 25-13, 25-14) and register their second win.

Trailblazers who had won one out of three in the first



Equity Bank's Enock Barasa (right) and Wilson Cheruiyot block a strike from Allan Kandancon of Kenya Army during their KVF Premier League match at Nyayo Gymnasium last year. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

leg will chase their third victory tomorrow Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company (Eldowas) who will be hoping to bounce back from yesterday's 3-1 defeat to Equity Bank when they play Prisons Rift Valley today.

After going down 2-0 to the bankers, newcomers Eldowas tried to stage a comeback but their efforts were thwarted by their more experienced challengers who killed the game in the fourth set.

Equity won the first two sets 25-14, 27-25 but their victory was delayed when Eldowas took the third 25-22 for a 2-1 score. The bankers were stronger in controlling the game to seal victory 25-18. Equity will return to action tomorrow against league debutants Chema Volleyball Club. Last season's silver medallists KPA made it four wins out of five after easing to a straight sets victory against Nairobi Prisons. [Elizabeth Mburugu]

## KUSF

# KU start title defence on a winning note

Kenya University Sports Federation (KUSF) champions Kenyatta University (KU) began their 3x3 basketball title defence on a high note, beating Maseno University 19-13 in their opening match played at Court A on the first day of the national play-offs at Kabarak University in Nakuru County yesterday.

KU captain Brian Mutua said the defending champions are under no pressure as they pursue back-to-back titles. The victory boosted KU's chances of reaching the semi-finals.

"As defending champions, it will be a tough task but we are ready to defend our title. We have no pressure to retain it," said Mutua after their victory over Maseno.

"We have nothing to lose. Our aim is to put our opponents under pressure, not ourselves, since we have the upper hand."

In other men's matches, Murang'a University of Technology (MUT) edged Technical University of Mombasa 19-12, with Mount Kenya University (MKU) beating Strathmore University 18-13.

MUT narrowly defeated MKU 12-10



Chuka University and Mt Kenya University basketball players in action yesterday. [KUSF Media]

while University of Nairobi silenced Maseno 21-14 before beating University of Eldoret (UoE) 21-16.

Despite losing all their opening fixtures, Chuka University women's captain Celine Kinyor is optimistic of bouncing back and qualifying for the East Africa University Games. [Standard Sports]

# The Standard Sports



## Arsenal, even in bad times, Jesus will not leave you

▶ Arteta urges Arsenal to 'stand up' after title bid rocked by Wolves draw

▶ For a second successive league game, the Gunners had failed to hold onto a lead.

AFP, WOLVERHAMPTON

**M**ikel Arteta admitted Arsenal deserve criticism for the self-inflicted wounds that threaten to ruin their Premier League title bid after the leaders blew a two-goal lead in Wednesday's 2-2 draw at rock-bottom Wolves.

Goals from Bukayo Saka and Piero Hincapie put Arsenal on course for a victory that would have lifted them seven points clear at the top.

But Arteta's side were caught cold in the closing stages at snowy Molineux, giving second-placed Manchester City renewed hope in the title race.

Hugo Bueno's superb strike reduced the deficit before teenage debutant Tom Edozie punished a mix-up between Arsenal goalkeeper David Raya and centre-back Gabriel Magalhaes to equalise deep into stoppage-time.

For a second successive league game, the Gunners had failed to hold onto a lead following their 1-1 draw at Brentford last Thursday.

City are just five points behind Arsenal and have a game in hand on their rivals, as well as a home game against the Gunners in April.

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Mikel Arteta, Arsenal manager



2-2

WOLVES v Arsenal result

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WOLVES' position in EPL standings

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POINTS have dropped in eight league games in 2026

said. "In the league, it is the reality that we have not been consistent over the last few months."

Having wasted commanding leads in two previous title fights with City, Arteta's men are in danger of being haunted by the ghost of their past failures.

The north Londoners have dropped 11 points in eight league games in 2026.

Clearly furious with Arsenal's failure to finish off a Wolves team with just one win in 27 league games this season, Arteta struggled to keep his emotions in check.

"Very tough to accept it. In the second half we did not perform in the way we should and way we require to win," he said.

"Certain basics we have to do, we did them so poorly one after the other. And then you have no dominance, no control in the game.

Now they must find a way to recover from a significant setback in time for Sunday's north London derby at Tottenham, which is followed by a crucial home game against Chelsea on March 1.

Arsenal's frustration boiled over at the final whistle, with Raya and Gabriel exchanging heated words before striker Gabriel Jesus shoved Wolves' Yerson Mosquera to the turf.

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Arsenal's Gabriel Jesus gestures in their Premier League match against Wolves. [AFP]

### Briefing

#### EPL. SLOT SAYS ISAK IN 'FINAL STAGES OF REHAB'

■ Liverpool manager Arne Slot said yesterday he believes striker Alexander Isak is in the "final stages of rehab" and could return by the end of next month to bolster the Reds' push for Champions League qualification. The British record signing has been sidelined since mid-December when he fractured a bone in his lower leg and needed ankle surgery following a sliding tackle from Tottenham's Micky van de Ven. His injury came just as 26-year-old Isak was finding his form at Anfield. [AFP]

#### FINE. LEICESTER APPEAL AGAINST SIX-POINT CHOP



Former Leicester City striker Jamie Vardy. [AFP]

■ Leicester City have appealed against a decision by the English Football League to deduct them six points for breaching financial rules. The sanction was imposed on the Foxes earlier this month and saw them drop to 20th in the Championship. Two successive defeats since have led to them dropping into the bottom three, two points from safety. Leicester were charged by the Premier League for breaching profit and sustainability rules up to 2023-24. [BBC]

#### LIGUE 1. HABIB BEYE NAMED MARSEILLE COACH

■ Marseille have appointed their former captain Habib Beye as coach, the club announced, just over a week after he was sacked by their Ligue 1 rivals Rennes. Beye, 48, succeeds Roberto De Zerbi after the Italian left the 1993 Champions League winners early last week in the wake of a 5-0 hammering by bitter rivals Paris Saint-Germain. He takes over a team which lies fourth in France's Ligue 1 with 12 games of the season remaining. [AFP]