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Playing Ruto...

FLIP-FLOPPING Raila Odinga's shifting signals have thrown ODM into turmoil, leaving allies baffled, opponents wary and supporters unsure whether the party stands with government or Opposition. While defending President Ruto's policies on one hand and hinting at a 2027 ODM presidential bid on the other, the enigma of Kenyan politics has unleashed confusion that threatens to fracture his party and cloud the nation's political horizon. **PAGE 4**

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SHA officials pose as patients in bid to silence protesting hospitals

▶ Healthcare providers say SHA officials are disguising themselves as patients to spy on hospitals.

▶ Instead of paying claims, the government is accused of launching a coordinated campaign of fear.

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

Uncovering the rot at the Social Health Authority (SHA) has seemingly angered the government, which is now allegedly resorting to intimidation and threats against hospitals that have spoken out about their financial struggles.

A staggering Sh76 billion is owed to hospitals across the country, comprising Sh43 billion under SHA and a further Sh33 billion from the now-defunct National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The mounting debt has left both private and public health facilities teetering on the brink of collapse, with many unable to pay staff salaries or procure essential medicines and medical supplies.

On Monday, the Rural and Urban Private Hospitals Association of Kenya (Rupha) announced its withdrawal from SHA services, demanding the immediate settlement of outstanding claims.

However, rather than addressing the crisis, SHA has reportedly begun targeting private and faith-based health facilities with threats and covert surveillance.

Sources within the healthcare sector claim SHA officials are visiting and calling hospitals anonymously, with some allegedly disguising themselves as patients to gather information on whether facilities are still offering SHA services.

"Hospital owners and officials are



The Social Health Authority headquarters in Nairobi. [Bernard Orwongo, Standard]

receiving anonymous phone calls from SHA staff. There has been a spike in these calls, and it appears to be a coordinated effort to intimidate health facilities," said an official at one of the affected hospitals.

A leaked memo and alarming reports from hospitals suggest the Social Health Authority (SHA) may be monitoring facilities that have suspended services over unpaid claims.

In one incident, individuals posing as patients reportedly entered hospital wards, questioning actual patients about their admissions, out-of-pocket payments, and SHA registration. A leaked internal

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ACCUMULATED SHA and NHIF arrears owed to public, private and faith-based hospitals across the country.

memo, dated 22 September 2025 at 2:31pm, shows SHA instructed County Branch Managers to visit all RUPHA-affiliated hospitals and document whether they were still offering SHA services. This directive came just hours after RUPHA publicly announced its withdrawal from the government scheme.

"Management urgently requests your support in identifying facilities that may be turning away SHA beneficiaries," the memo states.

Managers were asked to mark each facility with a "YES" or "NO" and submit daily updates. However, several hospitals listed were not RUPHA members, raising questions about SHA's intelligence gathering.

Efforts by *The Standard* to obtain comment from SHA CEO Dr Mercy Mwangangi were unsuccessful.

RUPHA, which represents over 700 private and faith-based hospitals, formally instructed its members to notify patients that services would now be on a cash basis. The decision follows months of unpaid claims, leaving facilities struggling financially.

Numerous hospitals confirmed to *The Standard* that they have ceased SHA-based admissions altogether.

A facility in Busia County, whose identity has been withheld due to fear of retaliation, revealed it is developing new protocols for patient admission to ensure long-term sustainability.

The hospital is owed Sh12 million, including Sh5 million from SHA and Sh8 million from NHIF, and has not received payment for the last eight months. It previously staffed by 25 employees, has lost many due to unpaid salaries. Basic services including maternity, chronic care, and general inpatient treatment are now severely affected.

"We're flying blind. There's no guidance from SHA, and staff morale is at an all-time low," the official added.

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HEALTH

Teachers demand assurances ahead of SHA medical shift

A major showdown is expected this week as teachers' unions call on their top leadership to decide on a controversial plan to move teachers to the government-run Social Health Authority (SHA) medical scheme.

Concerns are mounting among teachers that the transition could worsen existing financial problems, potentially locking them out of medical facilities.

"The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) medical scheme was working well. The real issue was the government's failure to remit funds to Minet, preventing hospitals from offering services," said Collins Oyuu, Secretary General of the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut).

"We're shocked to learn that even private hospitals are complaining about billions owed to them. How will this shift work if the same financial issues persist?" he added.

His concerns follow a statement from the Rural and Urban Private Hospitals Association of Kenya (Rupha), which claims over Sh70 billion in unpaid government debts. The association has directed its members to suspend credit services for teachers and warned they will not treat any moved to SHA from December 1.

Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) Secretary-General Akello Misori also called for urgent dialogue: "Private hospitals form the backbone of medical care for teachers. Denying them access would be an attack on their welfare."

Both unions have called internal meetings to deliberate on the planned transition. Knut's Steering Committee meets Thursday, with regional and National Executive Council meetings to follow.

Sources suggest widespread unease within union leadership, with doubts over SHA's capacity to handle the 460,000 teachers currently covered under TSC's enhanced scheme.

SHA has been criticised for inadequate infrastructure and financial instability. Teachers fear being locked out of essential services, especially after RUPHA's decision to exclude SHA beneficiaries. He urged the government to involve teachers directly in decision-making: "It is their medical cover, built from their allowances. They have the right to choose what works best." Kuppet added that the SHA infrastructure remains untested and unprepared, urging TSC to engage all stakeholders thoroughly. [Lewis Nyaundi]



Knut Secretary General Collins Oyuu. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Uasu agrees to talks in bid to end varsities strike

The Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) has agreed to engage in talks with the Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCF) under the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), signalling possible resolution to the ongoing lecturers' strike.

In a letter dated September 22 to State conciliator Richard Litaba at the Ministry of Labour, UASU Secretary-General Dr Constantine Wasonga confirmed the union's acceptance of the government's invitation to a conciliation process. "Uasu accepts the invitation ... and agrees to undertake in good faith conciliation over the issues in dispute," wrote Dr Wasonga, attaching supporting documents.

The strike, which began last week, has paralysed learning and operations in public universities.

Central to the dispute are three demands: implementation of arrears under the 2021-2025 CBA, negotiation of the 2025-2029 CBA, and compliance with court rulings on the 2017-2021 CBA.

Dr Wasonga revealed that the Ministry of Education had confirmed the release of Sh2.73 billion in salary arrears on 18 September, settling one of the key disputes. "With the release of these funds, this dispute is now spent and settled as of now and no pending issue remains to be determined by the conciliator," he said.

But Uasu insists that negotiations on the 2025-

2029 CBA cannot proceed without the Salaries and Remuneration Commission's (SRC) advisory.

"IPUCCF is estopped from purporting to invite Uasu to negotiate without SRC's advice," said Wasonga.

On the 2017-2021 CBA, UASU argues that the matter has already been adjudicated in court and cannot be reopened. The union urged university councils and the government to respect existing agreements and fully implement the court-sanctioned CBAs. The conciliator is now expected to review the submissions and issue a certificate of conciliation to guide the next steps.

[Mike Kihaki]

Man, 50, sues mother, alleged father in battle for recognition

► Kuria claims his mother kept the truth of his paternity hidden until he was 48, sparking a search for his real father.

► DNA tests with relatives suggest a close blood link, but the alleged father continues to resist recognition.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

A 50-year-old man has sued his mother and a man he claims to be his biological father in a fresh bid to seek his recognition.

John Arthur Kuria, in his new case filed before the High Court, has sued Mary Wambui Mwenja and Stanley Wangendo Waruimbo, saying that his identity on the birth certificate does not reflect his true roots.

Kuria, who lives in the US, claims his birth certificate indicated that his father was Eliud Sachida Wangusi.

But despite being born in 1975, he only got the birth certificate on July 30, 2018, when he was preparing to travel to the US.

Kuria argues that he lived with

Wangusi, now deceased, and his mother from the age of 11. Nevertheless, the mother opened up to him in 2023, informing him that Wangendo was the man whose genes he carried.

Kuria claims his mother narrated how Wangendo left her on a bed in the house. Instructions left on a torn square-ruled paper warned her not to name the baby after his family. She even shared a photo of Wangendo in their room.

"The first respondent could not offer any plausible reason as to why she had kept all this information from me until when I was 48 years old. As a result, I have been very disturbed by the non-disclosure and I have begun a journey of getting to know my father and creating a rapport and creating a relationship with him. He said that this brought a flashback of how his family allegedly treated him differently from the other children," says Kuria.

He claims the mother even gave him contacts of Wangendo's relatives in the US, with whom he did a DNA test. According to him, the results indicated a high possibility of him being Wangendo's son.

"My efforts to meet with my father, the second respondent, have been met with a lot of resistance and futile. The second respondent's brother, Mr



Waruimbo, was cordial, and we had a meetup and chat. He acknowledged knowing me as the son of both the respondents born out of the relationship they had in the early 1970s. He of-

ferred to have a DNA test done on my sample and his. The DNA test results showed a 99.95 per cent likelihood that Mr Waruimbo and I are close blood relatives," he says.

This is the second time that Kuria is suing Wambui and Wangendo. Justice Bahati Mwamuye dismissed his first bid to have a DNA test with Wangendo, saying a court cannot force a person to do undergo the test without compelling evidence. In the case, Kuria claimed Wangendo refused to give him a name and parental recognition despite knowing he was his son.

He further claimed that being raised by a single mother amounted to mental torture, which has caused him suffering even in his adulthood.

"Since I was born till now the respondent in this matter has been an absentee father. We have never met and interacted concerning the issue in dispute and see how best we can sought the issue and have a solution



The petitioner requested me if I was able to allow him to conduct a DNA test with my sample in order to confirm who his true father is... The paternity test yielded a 99.95% relation,"

Wangendo Waruimbo, Wangendo's brother.

thereof. The father in question here has never taken any responsibility in my upbringing since I was a child till now that I am an adult," said Kuria.

"This has made me go through mental torture in most occasion during my childhood up date that I am an adult."

In the evidence attached in the case, Kuria claimed the mother narrated how after the baby's father vanished, water broke while alone the house. She had to take a bus to hospital.

Kuria said that despite his mother writing to him about the child, her letters went unanswered.

According to the court records, Wangendo's brother, Wangendo Waruimbo who lives in Seattle, US, knew Kuria as his nephew.

"The petitioner requested me if I was able to allow him to conduct a DNA test with my sample in order to confirm who his true father is. Since I knew the relationship that my brother the respondent herein had with Maryanne Wambui, the mother of the petitioner in this dispute, I gladly agreed to do a DNA test so as to establish the truth that the petitioner wanted to know," says Waruimbo.

A test conducted on December 03, 2023, confirmed a blood relation.

According to court papers, Kuria is ready to forfeit his legal rights but only wants to be recognised as a son.

Kuria asked the court to order Wangendo do a supervised DNA test. At the same time, he also wanted the court to find that Wangendo had denied him parental care and has subjected him to ridicule.

On the other hand, Wangendo asked the court to throw out the case, claiming any affidavit sworn outside a country that is not in the Commonwealth ought to have been commissioned by a notary public for them to be admissible in Kenya.

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POLITICS

County assembly members renew bid to kick out Speaker after court ruling

Embattled Machakos County Assembly Speaker Ann Kiusya is not yet out of the woods after a section of MCAs revived a Motion to kick her out of office.

Riding on a judgement by the High Court, Leader of Majority, Nicholas Nzioka, has started mobilising numbers to send Kiusya home.

In March, the Speaker moved to the court to block her impeachment, citing legal and constitutional gaps.

But last week, Justice Rhoda Rutto sitting in Machakos declared the Motion legal, noting the Speaker's petition on March 26 had been brought prematurely.

On Monday, Nzioka said his colleagues were ready to exploit the opportunity presented by the court.

"I can confirm that as the sponsor of the Motion, we have affirmed our intention to proceed with the impeachment and as the House Busi-



Machakos County Assembly Speaker Ann Kiusya. [Erastus Mulwa, Standard]

ness Committee, we have informed the clerk to have the item included in the order paper. The members of HBC will then be called to decide when the Motion will be tabled on the floor of the House," said the Machakos Central Ward Rep.

On the same day, Deputy Speaker Stephen Mwanthi wrote a protest letter to the clerk, accusing him of obstructing the cause of justice in the

planned impeachment.

The Ekalakala MCA invoked Section 11 (6) of the County Government Act that forbids the Speaker from performing any of the functions of the office once a notice of Motion of removal from office has been served.

But at the same time, eight MCAs, including the Majority Leader, could lose their seats for alleged failure to attend eight sittings without explanation.

In letters dated September 8, Speaker Kiusya demanded the MCAs to explain in writing within seven days why their seats should not be declared vacant.

It remains to be seen how the battle will shape up even as residents continue to accuse MCAs and the Speaker of turning the assembly into a theatre of politics and supremacy wars. [Erastus Mulwa]

COURTS

High Court allows DPP to drop Sh112m fraud charges against two businessmen

The High Court has overturned a ruling that blocked the Director of Criminal Prosecutions (DPP) from dropping criminal charges against two businessmen.

Justice Alexander Muasya Muteti overruled a magistrate's decision over the application to halt proceedings against Jayesh Chavda and Tribhovan Chavda, directors of TRV Towers Ltd, accused of defrauding their company of over Sh112 million.

The judge said the DPP's decision should be respected unless there was clear evidence of bad faith or abuse of power.

"Whereas the trial court has powers to interfere with the DPP's exercise of discretion to discontinue charges, the court must do so sparingly and only in exceptional and clearest cases of abuse of discretion," he ruled.

The two were said to have siphoned the millions from the company's

accounts between 2019 and 2023, and forged documents to open bank accounts.

The charges were approved by the DPP on September 25, last year, following evidence from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.

However, procedural issues arose after DPP discovered a second investigation file by the Banking Fraud Investigation Unit.

Concerned about possible abuse of the legal process, the DPP moved to withdraw the charges under Section 87(a) of the Criminal Procedure Code pending consolidation and review of the files.

But Chief Magistrate Ben Mark Ekuhbi rejected the request, terming it an attempt to shield the accused and alleging the DPP had acted in bad faith.

He ordered the Chavdas to take plea, prompting the DPP to seek revision before the High Court.

[Nancy Gitonga]

Raila's flip-flops rattle Ruto, ODM camp ahead of General Election

► Raila's recent remarks that Orange Party may have a candidate in 2027 has thrown politics into a spin.

► Analysts say he could be strategic or may be trying to save face after rising dissent in the party.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

ODM leader Raila Odinga is living up to his moniker, the enigma, a title bestowed to him by Nigerian author Babafemi Badejo. In his seminal biography: *Raila Odinga An Enigma in Kenyan Politics* Badejo writes how Raila has been misunderstood.

In his latest pronouncements, the former prime minister has flatfooted his followers, blindsided his allies in United Democratic Alliance and President William Ruto while the opposition is reeling in confusion. Supporters and opponents wait with bated breath for the next signal from the former prime minister, who is defending the government and has an Memorandum of Understanding with the ruling coalition but has recently forbidden his party from committing to supporting Ruto in 2027.

His shifting stance on whether he will vie the Presidency or support President William Ruto's re-election has left his supporters and allies confused.

In the recent past, Raila has assured Ruto that the pact between ODM and UDA would stretch beyond 2027, but with the same breath retreated to a familiar tone of defiance, suggesting that he may once again be on the ballot.

Raila's constant flip-flopping is not only fueling confusion among his loyal base but is also raising questions about his true intentions. Some see this as a calculated strategy while others view it as indecision that risks eroding his political capital and destroying what was perceived as the strongest and vibrant party.

On Monday during the ODM's Parliamentary Group, Raila hinted that the party may field a presidential candidate in 2027, a departure from his remarks on August 8 where he assured Ruto their pact would go beyond 2027.

But even as Raila cautioned the ODM members to exercise restraint when speaking on the future of the party, he also defended President Ruto's controversial policies such as the scrapped Adani-JKIA deal, the privatisation of Kenya Pipeline.

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and look at what you have signed and remain as an ardent member. We have signed that we will work together up to 2027, but have not passed any resolution as a party to say how we are going into the elections of 2027," Raila said.

On ODM fielding a Presidential candidate Raila said: "Who told you that ODM doesn't have a candidate in 2027? We have a clear plan we are implementing."

While Raila has in the past maintained ODM party was not in the government, he maintained during the PG that his arrangement which was formalised after the Memorandum of Understanding had brought political stability and prevented the kind of confrontations that plunged the country into crisis in the past.

The memorandum of understanding that Raila alluded to agree on the following full implementation of National Dialogue Committee Report (Nadco), Inclusivity to all spheres of life, Protecting and strengthening devolution, promoting and protecting the livelihoods of young people. The MOU also talked of Leadership and integrity, Right to peaceful assembly and protest and compensation of all pending victims, auditing national debt, Fight against corruption, Stopping wastage of public resources, protecting sovereignty of the people and the rule of law and constitutionalism.

Opposition within

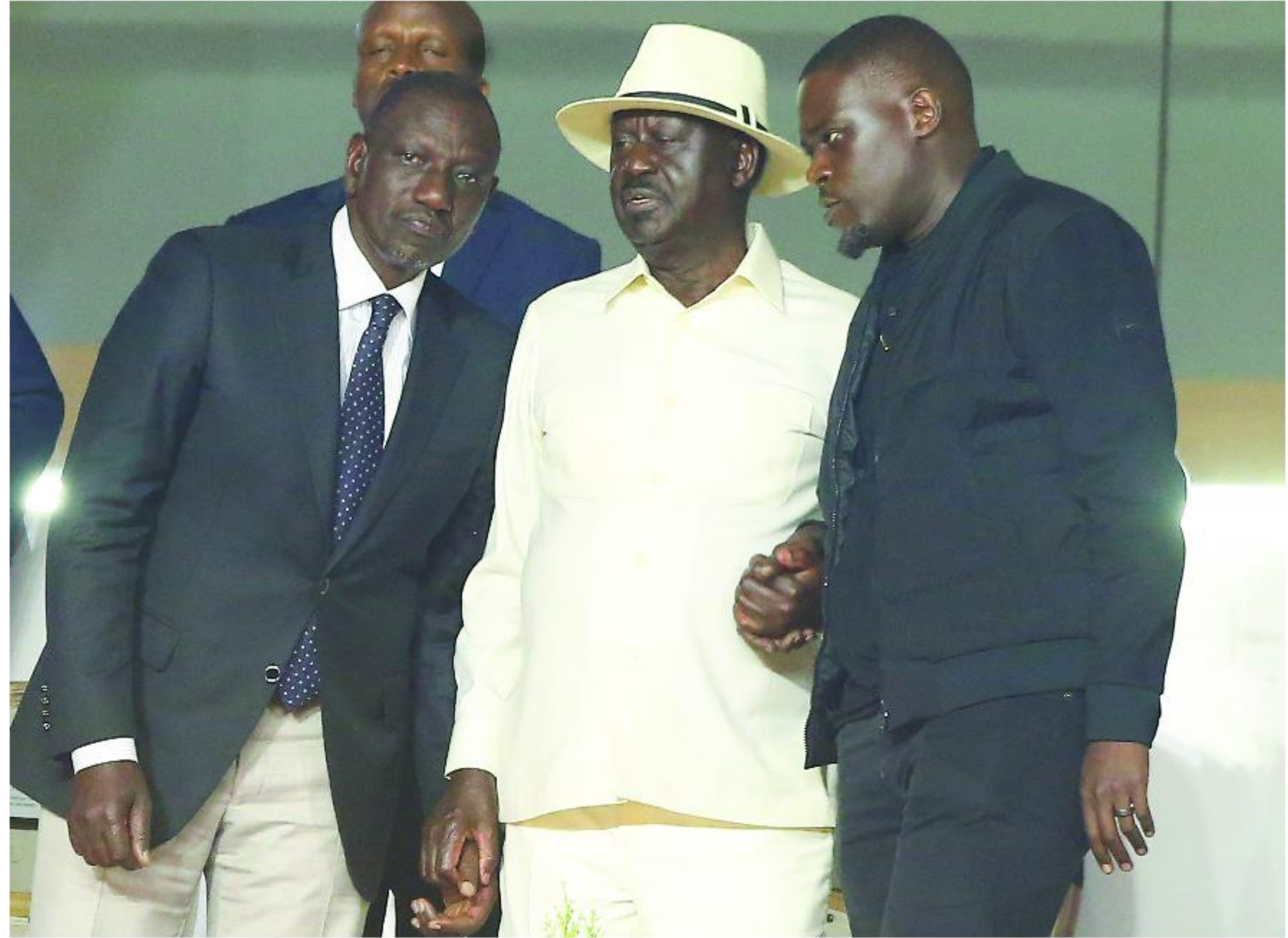
However, in spite of Raila's insistence that the pact had worked, a section of the ODM leaders, opposed to the broad based arrangement led by the party's Secretary General Edwin Sifuna, maintains the government had failed to implement the 10-point agenda and hence the agreement was dead.

Sifuna and other ODM rebels, who include Caleb Amisi, (Saboti) Bbau Owino (Embakasi East) among others, have threatened to lead a mass walkout from the party if it resolves to support Ruto's re-election bid.

"I will read all the resolutions that are made by organs of the ODM party except one; the day they will resolve that they will support Ruto in 2027 I will not read it," Sifuna said last month.

Political analysts, ODM leaders, the Opposition and pro-government leaders have aired their varied interpretation of Raila's ever changing stance. His critics say he may be reacting to the change of dynamics of the political situation and mood in the country while those who support him maintain there was no contradiction on his statements.

National Assembly Minority leader Junet Mohammed, who has been a



President William Ruto with ODM leader Raila Odinga and Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja during a past function. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

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strong proponent of Ruto's re-election bid, defended Raila maintaining he was clear on the future of the ODM party.

"All political relationships have a lifespan of five years. You either renew at the next election or you move on. He has also confirmed that we are firmly in the broad based arrangements until 2027," he said.

Joshua Nyamori, a political strategist affiliated to the government, said Raila's remarks pointed at a structured space of engagement, collaboration, and inclusivity, noting he did not find any contradictions in his remarks.

"When leaders talk about 2027, they are reflecting legitimate aspirations within their parties and constituencies. That does not diminish the fact that we are working together today in building a government of national unity that addresses the urgent needs of Kenyans. The broad-based partnership is about strengthening trust, delivering development, and ensuring every Kenyan feels represented. Political competition will always be there, but it does not can-

cel out cooperation. In fact, it shows that our democracy is strong enough to accommodate both," he said.

According to Nyamori, there were signs that the Ruto-Raila pact would point to parties working together in the next elections saying cooperation had proven more beneficial to the country than division.

However, Kisii Senator Richard Onyonka said Raila's ever changing pronouncements on the position of ODM and the 2027 elections had negatively impacted the party and its ideologies and that it had lost its focus on standing for devolution, fight against corruption and social justice.

"Nobody in ODM has the capacity to influence Ruto to change his policies to be good so that they can be beneficial to Kenyans. The extrajudicial killings, police brutality and fight against corruption has always been our driving force but since the ODM party supported Ruto regime, it compromised our position, it has led to some of us losing the passion and the enthusiasm that we had for our party," Onyonka said.

Contradictions

He said with Raila's contradictions, ODM members and allies were not sure of the future of the party, a move he claimed had led to the party being unpopular to the country.

Former Attorney General Justin Muturi has dismissed Raila's support for the current regime saying he is instilling fear in Kenyans through his remarks that it was better to have a bad government than none to all.

"It is a false choice, a manipulative framing designed to delegitimise any serious conversation about accountability, reform, and the rejection of rotten leadership," Muturi said.

However, Nandi Senator Samson Cherakey was upbeat that the Ruto-

Raila pact would culminate into a political vehicle in 2027.

"People should not read too much into what Raila said in the ODM Parliamentary Group meeting because the UDA-ODM joint Partnership is working perfectly beyond 2027. In any case Ruto is a former ODM member. The only person happy about this statement is Sifuna yet he is the one who signed and Presided over the joint UDA-ODM joint working partnership!"

On his part Embakasi North MP James Gakuya said Raila's remarks described his trade of politics where he connives with unpopular administrations to get to power through the back door and when elections near, he betrays them and depict himself as peoples' representative.

Gakuya maintained that Raila was only welcome in the Opposition if he would back any leader and not to issue demands to be supported for the top seat.

"Raila's door to join the opposition has been closed. He dented himself. He can't always be using others; he used Kalonzo three times, and there is not a day he allowed Kalonzo to take the mantle. In case he wants to terminate the marriage within Kenya Kwanza he can only come to support not to demand," said Gakuya.

As other political parties prepare for the 2027 general elections, ODM aspirants are unsure whether to package their messages as allies or an adversaries of the government and how to relate with other competitors who may be form UDA.

This may also lead to mistrust between the ODM and the government as leaders from both factions will not have a clear view of how to treat each other whether friends or enemies.

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Family seeks clarity on officer's death in Haiti

► President Ruto used the UNGA platform to announce the death of three officers.

► Benedict Kabiru's mother said they were shocked to hear the President's remarks in US.

JULIET OMELO, NAIROBI

A heavy cloud of grief hangs over the home of Benedict Kabiru, an officer who had been deployed to Haiti, last year.

The once lively homestead in Kiambu now sits in silence, broken only by muffled sobs and shuffle of mourners offering comfort to a family still struggling with the turn of events.

Their agony, which began six months ago when Kabiru was reported missing, was renewed on Monday when President William Ruto, while addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York, announced that Kabiru was among three Kenyan officers killed in Haiti.

"I must use this opportunity to honour the Kenyan officers Samuel Tumoi, Benedict Kabiru, Kennedy Nzumbi who lost their lives in the line of duty," Ruto said.

For the family, the president's pronouncement was not only shocking but also deeply confusing. Kabiru's mother, Jacinta Wanjiku, says they had clung to the government's assurances since May that her son was missing in action and efforts were underway to trace him.

"The President's confession has shattered us. Why do I have to learn of my son's death through social media, and from a speech abroad? Since May, we have knocked on doors seeking answers in vain. What exactly are they not telling us?" she asked, her voice breaking.

The family's ordeal began long before the UNGA announcement. For nearly six months after Kabiru disappeared in Haiti, they were left groping in the dark, confused, anxious, and increasingly frustrated by what they describe as government silence and neglect. According to relatives, what started as a hopeful wait for answers soon turned into a painful ordeal of unanswered calls, broken promises and mounting distress. Speaking earlier to *The Standard*, family spokesperson Daniel Ndung'u recounted endless frustrations, including a failed promise by police to arrange a counselling session.

"We were told a car would come



Benedict Kabiru's brother Philip Kamau, his mother Jacinta Wanjiku and uncle Daniel Ndung'u at their home in Kiambu County, yesterday. [Juliet Omelo, Standard]

to take us to Nairobi for counselling. We prepared ourselves, but on the very day, they cancelled. Since then, nothing. If it is counselling, they want to offer, let them proceed, but more importantly, they should give us real updates about what happened to our son," said Ndung'u.

Kabiru was part of the Kenyan contingent deployed under a UN-backed multinational mission to restore

peace in gang-ravaged Haiti. He went missing after a reported gang ambush, sparking widespread speculation about his fate. At the time, disturbing videos allegedly showing his lifeless body circulated online, with claims that gangs were holding his remains. But the government dismissed the footage as AI-generated, insisting he was still missing.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kip-

chumba Murkomen later confirmed that since the mission began, one officer had died, two were injured, and one, widely understood to be Kabiru, remained unaccounted for. He promised transparency, but the family insists that no meaningful contact or support followed.

Jacinta recalls how the silence from government offices tormented her. "Since they told us Benedict was missing, it has not been easy. Friends and neighbours comforted us, but the government, which took my son for that mission, has been quiet. When I call the police, they just say the rescue mission is ongoing and hang up. For months we were left to wait, hoping someone would walk through that gate with news," she said.

Her daily life, she admits, was consumed by dread. "I couldn't go anywhere. I just stayed home, waiting, hoping maybe someone from the government would show up, or a message would come through. But nothing ever did," she said tearfully.

Kabiru has left behind his wife and an 18-year-old daughter yet to join university. His brother, Philip Kamau, said they had lived through 179 days of uncertainty, days of clinging to hope despite conflicting reports.

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DIPLOMACY

US ties with Kenya deep despite global dynamics, envoy assures

The United States has assured Kenya of continued support across key sectors, even as it pledged to deepen the long-standing partnership between the two countries, despite shifting global geopolitical dynamics.

US Chargé d'Affaires Susan Burns, made the remarks and commended Kenya for its leading role in promoting global peace, singling out its intervention in Haiti as a demonstration of international responsibility.

Burns said President William Ruto is expected to meet with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio today, where the Haiti mission and broader US-Kenya relations will feature. "Kenya deserves immense credit for what it has done," Burns stated. "The Haiti matter will be top of the agenda this week during the UN General Assembly. We understand the concern over financial questions; it has been a struggle but Kenya's commitment has not gone unnoticed," she said.

She made the remarks when she met with Speaker of the National Assembly, Moses Wetang'ula, who also urged the US to reconsider its decision to withdraw funding for the Kenya-led Haiti mission, which is now slated for conversion into a UN operation. "There was anticipated financial support, there was a commitment, what happened? Kenya has done more than it needed to do," Wetang'ula asked.

On Monday, Ruto held talks with Laurent Saint-Cyr, President of the Transitional Presidential Council of Haiti, on the sidelines of the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, on the situation in Haiti.

During the meeting, the President said there

was particular focus on the next steps, in view of the impending expiry of the mandate of the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSSM). "We urged that the UN Security Council adopt a clear strategy for the successor mission to the MSS Mission in Haiti, in order to consolidate gains made, and guarantee success," Ruto said.

Also during the meeting with Burns, Wetang'ula raised concerns over the impact of USAID suspending operations in the country, especially on the health sector.

But Burns explained that she has had a meeting with National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi and his Health counterpart, Aden Duale to explore ways of cushioning affected sectors. "Even before USAID's withdrawal, Kenya had achieved epidemic control in HIV, which is an incredible milestone worth celebrating. The US still remains the largest donor in health and humanitarian assistance," she explained.

On economic cooperation, the Speaker was concerned over the 10 per cent tariff on Kenyan exports to the US, warning of its negative impact on Kenya's trade and growth. Burns, however, explained that both countries are looking to negotiate a broad, comprehensive trade agreement. "We are waiting for our US trade representative to give us a green light, but negotiations will start soon," she said.

On infrastructure, Wetang'ula reminded the US of its pledge to support expansion of the Nairobi-Mombasa highway. Burns said she would engage US tech companies to invest in Kenya, particularly in the creative industry, which she described as "a sleeping giant." [Irene Githinji]






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Cash trail: How ex-staff wired Sh1.49b out of Equity Bank

► High Court told how Equity Bank lost money through a former employee.

► The money was initially in crypto currency, then vanished.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

Equity Bank lost Sh1.49 billion in 277 transactions, some of which ended up being laundered in crypto world, then vanishing into the thin air, the High Court has been told.

The bank in its new bid to recover the money has sued its former employee David Machiri, claiming that his credentials were used all through while the money was being siphoned.

The lender, in documents seen by *The Standard*, filed a case against Machiri, Axerton Technologies Limited, KT Owen Group Limited, Mac and Gray Trading Limited, Owen Karanja, Blue Kenfresh Limited, Goodmans Fresh Limited, Ruth Muthoni and Muda Ventures Limited.

In its case before the Commercial Court, Equity said the first tranche of Sh1.4 billion was allegedly stolen between November 2, 2023 and June 14, 2024 and wired to the six companies by Muthoni and Karanja.

Court documents indicate the second tranche of Sh156 million was wired from Equity to Axerton's accounts held in Absa Bank Kenya and UBA Kenya Bank Limited.

According to Equity's legal director Waweru Mathenge, Axerton's Absa account received Sh27 million between May 13 and May 15. He claimed that on the first day, Sh9.4 million was transferred, then, on May 15, three transactions of Sh4.3 million, Sh6.2 million and Sh7.4 million were conducted using Machiri's account and computer.

Mathenge said Sh128 million was wired to Axerton's account in UBA between May 9 and May 28, 2024.

The transfers to Axerton were allegedly happening as much as six times in a day with the highest amount being Sh11.2 million. "I believe David Kimani in his capacity as an employee of the plaintiff with access to the plaintiff's ledger account, and by the virtue of his position of trust and authority in accessing the plaintiff's banking system and processing payments stood the fiduciary capacity towards the plaintiff under contract and common law and that he acted in breach of his duty as particularized below," argued Mathenge.

Equity's senior manager alleged that on May 9 alone, the bank lost Sh50.4 million. Further, he said, on May 14, some Sh12.1 million was wired to Axerton while two days later, Sh26.4 million was wired out. On May 17, he said, Equity also lost at least Sh20.9 million and on May 24 and 28, Sh18.7 million was again wired to the company. He stated that Machiri then illegally wired to KT's Owen's account at NCBA Bank at least Sh30.8 million between May 13 and 15. Mathenge said this happened in five tranches.

Kennedy Njue, a fraud investigator, explained that they singled out Machiri since the theft happened on his computer, which could only access the account if he keyed in his unique user ID and password.

He said Machiri was employed as a manager on May 25, 2021. Machiri's role, according to Njue, was to among others process payroll transactions on behalf of Equity's clients.

He said Karanja is the sole director and shareholder of Axerton and Mac and Gray. At the same time, the investigator stated that Karanja also holds 50 percent share of KT Owen.

Further, the investigator said that Ms. Kamau is the sole director and shareholder of Blue Kenfresh and Goodmans. According to him, Machiri wired Sh24.2 million to Goodmans' account on May 9 (Sh5.1 million), May 15 (Sh9.1 million and May 28 (Sh9.9 million). He then allegedly sent Sh36.1 million from Equity to her directly on May 8 and May 13. "Ruth Kamau is the sole director and shareholder of Blue Kenfresh and Goodmans and she exercises total control over these entities," argued Njue.

According to the investigator, a further trace of the money indicated that they ended in cryptocurrency. He singled out Binance Holding Limited as the destination.

He said Equity hired A&D, a firm specialising in tracing, and investigating blockchain technology and cryptocurrency related fraud. "The plaintiff has continued to trace the funds fraudulently transferred from its general ledger account and has established that part of these funds were converted to United States Dollars and thereafter to cryptocurrency with the digital currency code USDT on the Binance Holding Limited cryptocurrency exchange," he said.

The investigator claimed that Axerton transferred Sh47.5 million from its UBA account to Quicknode Technologies Limited on May 13, 2024.

On the same day, he said, Quicknode transferred USDT 359,912 to Binance wallet which is allegedly owned by



Equity bank headquarters in Nairobi. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

HOW SH 1.49 BILLION WAS MOVED

- David Machiri Kimani's credentials and computer used to access 000300010358
- November 27, 2023 and 14th June 2024, Machiri is claimed to have transferred a total Sh 1.49 billion from the account (Axerton), (KT Owen), (Mac and Gray), (Blue Kenfresh), (Goodmans) (Ruth Kamau) and (Muda Ventures).
- Between May 5 2024 and May 28 2024 David Kimani fraudulently transferred Sh 156 million from 000300010358 to Axerton's account numbers 55010160018265 held with UBA Kenya Bank Limited and 2049356814 held with Absa Bank Kenya

SH27.3 MILLION

- A total sum of Sh27.3 million was further transferred from Axerton Technologies Limited's account number 2049356814 held with ABSA Bank Kenya Ltd as follows:
- Sh 9.3 million on 13th May 2024
- Sh 4.3 million on May 15, 2024
- Sh 6.3 million May 15, 2024
- Sh 7.4 million on May 15, 2024

SH128 MILLION

- A total sum of Sh 128 million was transferred from Equity account number 000300010358 to Axerton Technologies Limited's account number 55010160018265 held with UBA Kenya Bank Limited as follows:
- Sh 5.2 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 4.3 million on May 15, 2024
- Sh 6.3 million May 15, 2024
- Sh 7.4 million on May 15, 2024
- Sh 9.8 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 7.4 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 8.9 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 9.2 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 9.4 million on May 9, 2024
- Sh 3.5 million on May 14, 2024
- Sh 8.6 million on May 14, 2024
- Sh 6.7 million on May 16, 2024
- Sh 8.5 million on May 16, 2024
- Sh 6.5 million on May 16, 2024
- Sh 8.5 million on May 16, 2024

- Sh 11.2 million on May 16, 2024
- Sh 9.7 million on May 17, 2024
- Sh 11.2 million on May 17, 2025
- Sh 8.7 million on May 24, 2024
- Sh 9.9 million on May 28, 2025

SH47 MILLION

- Axerton transferred Sh 47 million from its UBA Kenya Bank Limited to Quicknode Technologies Limited.
- Quicknode Technologies Limited, a money remittance company, transferred USDT 359,912.02 to Binance Wallet 0x3a0757ad9be7d37d46fcb2a-ce37e0909f5d0fc50 owned by Owen Kuguru

SH38 MILLION

- Axerton transferred KSh 38 million from UBA Kenya Bank Limited to Muda Ventures.
- Muda Ventures transferred a sum of USDT 490,937.46 to Owen Kuguru's

BINANCE WALLET

- Owen Kuguru's Binance Wallet received a sum of USDT 429,734.54 from OA Markets, a money remittance firm.
- Owen Kuguru transferred USDT 1,427,540.57 to Binance Wallet 0xaa95alaf2f6242a9c5e39dd6eda967b-23cfd0ee3 owned by Ruth Kamau
- Ruth Kamau then transferred a total of USDT 1,427,540.57 to two Binance users as follows:
- USDT 371,270 was transferred to Binance User ID 896526170 between 14 May 2024 and May 19, 2024 said to be owned by David Machiri Kimani.
- USDT 1.05 million was transferred to Binance User ID 969879403, Fednant Ojiambo Oddury in five transactions conducted on 15th August 2024.
- Fednant Ojiambo Oddury transferred the USDT 1.05 to unknown persons i
- There is USDT 371,270 that is still being held in a Binance wallet belonging to David Kimani.

Karanja. He said the binance ID is 40883625.

Similarly, he told the court that four days later, the same company transferred Sh38 million to Muda ventures. Muda on its end wired USDT 490,937.46 again to Karanja's wallet. Njue further said that Karanja's Binance account separately received USDT 429,734.54 between May 21 and May 22 from AO

Markets, a money remittance company. Her Binance ID, according to the investigator is 895931158.

He said part of the crypto money ended up with Machiri as he allegedly received USDT 371,270 between May 14 and May 19 from Kamau's account.

At the same time, Fednant Ojiambo Oddury is claimed to have received USDT 1.056 from Ms Kamau's Binance

account. Njue said the amount allegedly sent to Ojiambo vanished.

Fednant Ojiambo Oddury transferred USDT 1.056 to unknown persons and the bank is still in the process of tracing these funds. The above transactions show that the funds were fraudulently transferred by David Kimani were concerted to cryptocurrency and were thereafter transferred to Owen Kuguru, then to Ruth Kamau and then back to David Kimani. He said Machiri's Binance account is still holding USDT 371,2070. "The dishonesty of the defendants is apparent or can be inferred from the fact they knew they were not entitled to the funds that were transferred from the plaintiff's account to their accounts and there was no legitimate reasons for these transfers," he said.

He said if the court does not intervene, Equity will lose the amount held in digital currencies. "The plaintiff will suffer irreparable loss because it will not be able to recover the loss caused by the defendants' fraud and dishonesty," he said adding that they allegedly made sure that it would not be able to recover the amount.

A blockchain forensic report on the movement of the alleged siphoned money indicated that a total Sh186 million was moved to crypto.

According to the report, Karanja distributed the crypto money to multiple recipients. It indicated that Kamau allegedly received the largest share of USDT 1.44 million, followed by Joyce Mburu (USDT 30,510), David Makuku Nandwa (USDT 9,500), Raphael Pereira Mendes (USDT 220), Lilian Wangui Ondwoma (USD 10).

Karanja further allegedly made five smaller transfers (USDT 2,700, USDT 5701, USDT 6500, USDT 750, USDT 45) to different Ethereum wallets addresses without IDs. The report prepared by Wycliff Sewe also indicated that Nandwa allegedly transferred the same amount sent to him by Karanja to Kamau, increasing her total amount to USDT 40,010, which she then sent back to Karanja.

Equity wants the court to freeze all the bank accounts where the money was wired to. It is also seeking an order barring the persons who got crypto money from either transferring, trading or withdrawing the amount.

It is also seeking an order allowing it to trace all the money to any bank or crypto account that got the heist for recovery. "Pending the hearing and determination of this application, there be a tracing order directing that the sum of Sh 1.49 billion be traced into any bank account," it prayed.

It stated that it serves at least 16.9 million customers and it is the largest bank in terms of customer base in Africa. The first tier lender also claimed that nearly half of all bank accounts are domiciled in its different branches across the country.

Justice Wayua Mong'are ordered the bank to serve the court papers to all persons and companies it sued. She directed that they respond within five days after which the bank will do a rejoinder within the same time.

In the meantime, she froze all bank accounts linked to the heist and directed they should not trade, transfer or withdraw the cryptocurrency.

Media Council seeks Sh1.5b AI system to streamline oversight



Media Council of Kenya CEO David Omwoyo (centre) and other officials before the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

- ▶ Council tells Parliament increased mandate after court ruling requires more investment.
- ▶ CEO Omwoyo says 56 cases of physical assault on journalists reported this year.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) is seeking a Sh1.5 billion artificial intelligence (AI) powered system even as Parliament called for a home-grown solution.

Chief Executive Officer David Omwoyo yesterday said after a court declaration of sections of the Kenya Information and Communications Act and Communication Authority's Broadcasting Code unconstitutional had consolidated MCK as the sole statutory regulator of media.

This, he said, increases the council's responsibilities and the public's reliance on its oversight, especially as the country heads to the 2027 General Election.

Omwoyo noted the need for enhanced monitoring and enforcement functions, failure to which there would be a significant gap in regulatory oversight, potentially leading to a decline in ethical standards and erosion of public trust.

"Having been given by the High Court the entire broadcast content monitoring, we will be asking that the committee helps us to acquire a modern monitoring system, which is AI powered because we have more than 500 broadcasters in a couple of different languages," he said.

Appearing before the National Assembly Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation, Omwoyo cited the recent report from the Broadcasting and Content Licensing Board identifying non-compliant media enterprises, some of which he said are not within the MCK's monitoring scope.

"This critical gap necessitates an urgent and strategic investment in an advanced media monitoring system capable of comprehensive and real-time coverage to ensure no licensed

entity operates outside our ethical oversight," he said.

Committee chairman John Kiaria, however, challenged MCK to consider adopting local monitoring system, saying it would also provide opportunities.

"Instead of spending Sh1.5 billion to buy a system, could this be an opportunity to develop homegrown solution. We may import technology and may not be fit for purpose; it can be done locally and even as we consider you for supplementary, we see what can be done locally," said the Dagoretti South MP.

At the same time, MCK told the committee it had accredited 9,023 journalists and media practitioners in 2024/2025, out of which 4,771 are men and 4,252 women. Local journalists are 8,827 and rest foreign nationals.

He said there are at least 2,000 fresh journalism graduates every year, but the market could only absorb about 200.

"We are doing a comprehensive study to see how the market looks. We have a saturated market - the content producers, the professionals. The Media Council is not the licensing entity, we only monitor those that have been licensed," said Omwoyo.

MCK said it had recorded 37 breach incidents from January, and issued 14 show-cause notices, eight of which have been responded to.

The council said it had documented 84 cases of press freedom violation between January and September across the country.

The included 56 cases of journalists being physically assaulted especially during anti-government protests and political events, 16 incidents of intimidation and threats, censorship and denial of access to information in eight cases, three arrests and one abduction.

Noting that digital migration had effected the sector, Omwoyo told the committee that of the more than 250 TV stations and a similar number of radio stations, less than 10 per cent are operating optimally while 90 per cent of the media houses cannot meet their basic obligations.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS ON THE KAJIADO COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2026 - 2027.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Kajiado County Assembly will facilitate public participation forums on the Kajiado County Annual Development Plan for FY 2026 - 2027 as per the schedule below;

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FOR THE KAJIADO COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2026/2027

| NO. | DATE | SUB-COUNTY | WARD | VENUE | TIME |
|-----|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. | Wednesday 1 st October, 2025 | Kajiado East | Kitengela/Oloosirkon | African Inland Church (A.I.C) Ereteti | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Kaputiei North | Isinya Multipurpose Social Hall | 2:00 PM |
| 2. | Thursday 2 nd October, 2025 | Kajiado Central | Matapato North & Matapato South | Matapato South Ward MCA Office - Namanga | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Purko | Anglican Church of Kenya (A.C.K) St. Michael-Kumpa | 2:00 PM |
| 3. | Friday 3 rd October, 2025 | Kajiado West | Iloodokilani | Iloodokilani Ward MCA Office - Mile 46 | 10:00 AM |
| | | Kajiado Central | Dalalekutuk & Ildamat | Kajiado Open Air Market | 2:00 PM |
| 4. | Monday 6 th October, 2025 | Kajiado East | Imaroro/Kenyawa Poka | Imaroro Ward MCA Office - Mashuuru | 10:00 AM |
| | | Kajiado South | Imbirikani | Free Pentecostal Fellowship in Kenya (FPFK) Church, Nabulaa | 2:00 PM |
| 5. | Tuesday 7 th October, 2025 | Kajiado South | Rombo | Rombo Ward MCA Office - Rombo | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Kuku | Catholic Church, Inkisanchani | 2:00 PM |
| 6. | Wednesday 8 th October, 2025 | Kajiado West | Entonet-Lenkisim | Entonet - Lenkisim Ward MCA Office - Olchorro | 10:00 AM |
| | | Kajiado Central | Kimana | Kimana Social Hall | 2:00 PM |
| 7. | Thursday 9 th October, 2025 | Kajiado West | Ewuaso Oonkidongi & Mosiro | Ewuaso Oonkidongi MCA Office - Ewuaso | 10:00 AM |
| 9. | Monday 13 th October, 2025 | Kajiado West | Magadi | Gospel Recovery Centre International (GRCI) Church - Naserian | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Keekonyokie | Chief's Camp - Oltinka | 2:00 PM |
| 10. | Tuesday 14 th October, 2025 | Kajiado North | Ngong | NG-CDF Hall - Ngong | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Olkeri | Chief's Camp Nkoroi | 2:00 PM |
| 11. | Wednesday 15 th October, 2025 | Kajiado North | Oloolua | Embulbul Open-Air Market | 10:00 AM |
| | | | Ongata Rongai/Nkaimurunya | St. Mary's Catholic Church - Nkaimurunya | 2:00 PM |

Members of the public are invited to the forums whereat they may make presentations to the Committee either orally or through written memoranda. Copies of the Kajiado County Annual Development Plan can be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly during official working hours. Soft copies of the Annual Development Plan can be downloaded from www.kajiadoassembly.go.ke. The plan will also be available at the forums. Written memoranda may be submitted through info@kajiadoassembly.go.ke.

Leboo Saisa
Clerk, County Assembly of Kajiado

Four Sudanese nationals arrested after house help dies mysteriously

▶ Zeiton Kavayo's death has put a Kilimani household under scrutiny, with four Sudanese nationals in custody.

▶ Police say she jumped, her family says she was pushed. The 55-year-old's final hours remain unclear.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, NAIROBI

Police in Nairobi are holding four Sudanese nationals in connection with the death of Zeiton Kavayo, a 55-year-old domestic worker who died under suspicious circumstances at an apartment in Kilimani last week.

The suspects, a mother, her two daughters, and a son, were arrested after the incident, which occurred on the evening of Thursday, September 18. Zeiton, who lived in Kibera, had been employed as a house help by the family.

Police allege that Zeiton jumped from the fifth-floor balcony of the apartment block. However, her family has rejected the suicide theory and is demanding a full investigation.

Kilimani OCPD Patricia Yegon confirmed the arrests, saying the suspects remain in custody.

"Investigations are ongoing. The four were presented before the Kibera Law Courts on Monday, and we were granted 10 days to complete our investigations. We shall return to court on October 1," said Yegon. A post-mortem conducted at City Mortuary revealed that Zeiton died from multiple organ injuries caused by blunt force trauma — consistent with a high-impact fall. While this aligns with the official narrative of suicide, the family insists she was murdered.

At her modest home in Kibera, grief hangs heavy. Her daughter, Faith Kavaya, recounted the events



Faith Kavaya, daughter of Zeiton Kavaya, who lost her life, allegedly after jumping from a building in Kilimani where she worked as a house help. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

of the day her mother failed to return home.

"Mum left for work around 9am. She usually came back by 3 or 4pm, but that day, she didn't return. At 9:30pm, I got worried and called her. A man picked up. He asked who I was. When I said I was her daughter, he told me she was at Kilimani Police Station and I should go the next morning. I went that night, but was not allowed to see her," said Faith.

She said she returned the next morning, only to be informed by a police chaplain that her mother had died. "He started talking about death. I interrupted him, saying I

just wanted to give my mum the tea I'd brought so it wouldn't get cold. That's when he broke the news." According to the suspects, Zeiton was called back to the apartment over a missing Sh5,000. They allegedly accused her of theft. Faith, however, dismissed this explanation.

"They said my mum denied taking the money, and when the son said he was calling the police, they claimed she ran to the balcony and jumped, saying she would rather die. But that doesn't make sense," said Faith.

"The money was never found. There was nothing in her handbag. My mum has never stolen. Even if she had, why would she return to the house if she was guilty?"

Zeiton's brother, Bakari Lilumbi, echoed Faith's sentiments, accusing the police of a possible cover-up. "We asked the DCI officer whether the money was recovered. He didn't respond. Saying she killed herself over Sh5,000 is an insult. She was a strong woman who raised us and taught us to face challenges," he said.

Zeiton had supported her family through domestic work, raising her children and two grandchildren as a single mother. "Mum was our everything. She worked hard for us. Now she's gone, just like that. We just want the truth," said Faith.

She also revealed that her mother had been uneasy about going to work that Thursday. A colleague, Jane, told the family that Zeiton had been instructed to work alone that day, an unusual request.

"She was uncomfortable but didn't want to argue with her employer. She wasn't stressed or depressed. She wouldn't take her own life. Something happened, and someone must be held responsible," said Faith. The family now believes the suicide explanation is a deliberate attempt to obscure the truth.

"We are asking the government to intervene. We want justice for our sister," said Bakari.

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Contested cash

5,000
SHILLINGS

AMOUNT of money Zeiton was accused of stealing from the family that she worked for.

PROBE

MPs demand answers on Sh31.6b Bomas of Kenya renovation



Bomas of Kenya acting CEO Nixon Serede Mugilwa. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

A parliamentary watchdog committee has directed the management of Bomas of Kenya to provide full disclosure on the ongoing Sh31.6 billion renovation project amid growing public concern over the lack of transparency.

The Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture (PIC-SSAA) issued the directive on Monday, following revelations that the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) is carrying out the facelift.

During a session with Bomas CEO Nixon Serede, committee chair Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo MP) emphasised the need for accountability, stating that the CEO is legally obligated to update the House

on progress at the public facility.

"We cannot defend the project if we lack the necessary details. It may be a worthy initiative, but without clear records, we cannot support it," said Wangwe.

The committee also tasked the Office of the Auditor General to monitor the works and include findings in the next financial year's report.

Wajir Woman Representative Fatuma Jehow raised the issue, demanding an explanation on the project's scope and costs. Her concern was supported by Ndhiwa MP Martin Owino, who cited reports suggesting Bomas had been "mortgaged" and placed under foreign control.

"If KDF is involved, we must know how they were contracted," Owino said.

Saboti MP Caleb Amisi added that negative public perceptions needed to be addressed, referencing former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's claim that a Turkish developer had taken over the facility.

In response, CEO Serede confirmed that KDF, funded by the National Treasury, is leading the renovations. He said the revamp followed research by the Tourism Research Institute, which highlighted the need to upgrade Bomas to match similar facilities in Rwanda and South Africa. The works are expected to conclude by June 2026, ahead of the French-Africa Summit. [Josaphat Thiongó]

Briefing

MOMBASA. COUNTIES CALL FOR PROCUREMENT FIX

Counties face paralysis as the E-Government Procurement (EGP) system fails, halting purchases of essential goods, including medical supplies and fuel, for three months. Council of Government chair Ahmed Abdullahi urged a temporary return to manual procurement while EGP undergoes testing, warning of economic slowdown due to stalled government spending. Abdullahi denied claims of avoiding accountability and criticised the national government for sidelining counties. [Patrick Beja]

NAIROBI. PARKS FREE FOR KENYANS THIS SATURDAY

Kenyans will enjoy free entry to all Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) sites on Saturday, September 27, to mark World Tourism Day under the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano announced. The offer covers 34 parks and reserves, including Nairobi National Park, Amboseli, and Lake Nakuru. Entry is free for Kenyan citizens presenting valid ID and follows strict KWS guidelines on behaviour and access times (6am–6.30pm). Special activities and non-residents will still pay fees. [Ronald Kipruto]

NAIROBI. AAK WORKERS ISSUE STRIKE NOTICE

The Kenya Aviation Workers Union has issued a seven-day strike notice, citing board incompetence, failure to confirm contract staff, and systemic inefficiencies at the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA). Secretary General Moss Ndiema criticised the board's poor governance, referencing the controversial Adani deal and calling for the board's resignation. They also demanded the halting of planned role transfers to the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, confirmation of over 500 contract staff, and payment of six months' outstanding overtime for Wilson Airport workers. [Ronald Kipruto]

CONSERVATION

Report: Kenya's wildlife farms mask illegal trade

The majority of legal wildlife farms in Kenya are involved in laundering illegally-caught wild animals, a new report has revealed.

Titled *Behind Bars: Lifting the Lid off Kenya's Cruel Wildlife Farming*, the report by World Animal Protection exposes how profit-driven operations exploit animals under the guise of legality and sustainable use.

Released yesterday, the investigation found wild animals are being captured from their natural habitats and kept in inhumane conditions across various commercial wildlife farms.

"In Kenya, wild animals, large and small, are being extracted from the wild or bred in captivity for trade," the report stated.

Commercial farms often prioritise profit, operating under minimal or poorly enforced regulations, resulting in substandard animal care.

Although captive breeding is often promoted as a conservation tool, the report found it instead fuels demand, prompting further extraction of animals from the wild to replenish stock.

"Our findings confirm that commercial wildlife farming in Kenya is not about conservation, but profit, at

the expense of animal welfare and biodiversity. The illegal aspects of this exploitation raise serious concerns about Kenya's pro-wildlife trade policy," said Edith Kabesiime, Wildlife Campaign Manager at World Animal Protection.

Field investigations covered six facilities, all of which had animal welfare issues. Some lacked proper shelter, while others housed animals with untreated injuries or displaying stress-related behaviours.

Commonly farmed animals, include ostriches, tortoises, and crocodiles, alongside hippos, giraffes, birds of prey, snakes, chameleons, fish, and primates, such as bush babies and baboons. One facility was found sourcing wild tortoises, raising sustainability and conservation concerns.

Breeding facilities, which made up 67 per cent of those visited, were primarily commercial. Activities included the sale of live animals, meat, and products, such as skins, eggs, and oils.

The report also highlights public health risks due to unsanitary conditions and poor veterinary care, which increase the potential spread of zoonotic diseases.

"The absence of proper health monitoring not only harms animal welfare but also presents a broader public health threat," it warned.

Ostrich chicks suffered from stressful handling, while captive reptiles, particularly tortoises and snakes, endured poor housing, overcrowding, inadequate diets, and health issues.

World Animal Protection has urged the Kenyan government to ban commercial captive wildlife breeding, calling it cruel and unsustainable.

While some argue wildlife farming eases pressure on wild populations, critics say it fuels demand and enables the laundering of wild-caught animals through legal channels.

[Caroline Chebet]



Edith Kabesiime, Wildlife Campaign Manager at World Animal Protection. [File, Standard]

NAIVASHA

KWS: Kenya needs over Sh1.2 billion to compensate wild animal attack victims

The government needs over Sh1.2 billion to compensate families of 255 people killed by wild animals in the past two years, amid a rise in human-wildlife conflict.

Speaking at the second Wildlife Scientific Conference in Lake Naivasha, Head of Public Service Felix Kosgey cited climate change, habitat loss, and land-use changes as key challenges to conservation.

He urged scientists to enhance research despite low funding, noting that science-led data is vital for addressing poaching, corridor closures, and habitat degradation.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)

Director-General Dr Erastus Kanga revealed over 26,000 human-wildlife conflict cases in two years, with 725 people seriously injured, with some suffering lifetime injuries, and 5,200 livestock killed.

"For the government to compensate the 255 people who lost their lives, over Sh1.2 billion is required, and these are funds that could have gone to better use," he said.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano stated the government is finalising policy plans to establish a dedicated wildlife regulator to strengthen conservation and protection efforts. [Antony Gitonga]

TATU CENTRAL UNVEILS ICONIC MUGUMO TREE SCULPTURE



Stephen Jennings, Founder and CEO of Rendevour (centre), joins leaders of the Gikuyu Cultural Association to celebrate the unveiling of a Mugumo tree sculpture at Tatu Central, the city's vibrant business and residential district. Created by Kenyan artist Gerard Motondi, the sculpture honours the country's rich cultural heritage. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

Keroche sues ex-MD over debt, reputational harm

▶ Facing a Sh75m debt claim, the brewery accuses former boss Sam Shollei of filing a malicious insolvency petition.

▶ It now seeks Sh10 billion in damages, claiming investor panic, and threats to national economic stability.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

Keroche Breweries has sued its former Managing Director, Sam Shollei, alleging that he caused reputational and financial harm to the company over a disputed Sh75 million debt.

The Naivasha-based brewery filed a petition in the High Court seeking Sh10 billion in damages for reputational loss, following what it describes as an unlawful insolvency (liquidation) petition submitted by Shollei.

According to court documents, Shollei filed the petition for liquidation on August 21, 2025, triggering panic among investors, clients, and stakeholders, which the brewery argues has undermined its financial standing in the market.

Shollei's petition relates to an alleged debt of Sh75 million, stemming from a 2019 judgment in the Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRC), which he won against Keroche for wrongful and unfair dismissal. On May 23, this year, he filed the liquidation petition under the Insolvency Act, claiming the company failed to satisfy the judgment debt despite repeated demands and nearly three years passing since the

Labour Court award.

Keroche Breweries, in a counterclaim, alleges that Shollei acted maliciously and outside the law, intending to tarnish the company's reputation and destabilise its business. The brewery maintains that Shollei's insolvency petition was unfounded, reckless, and filed without proper consideration of its legal and commercial implications.

The brewery's legal team, led by Advocate Karuku Wachira of Waruiru Karuku & Mwangale Advocates, argues that the liquidation petition lacks legal merit and was filed in bad faith.

Keroche also notes that Shollei ignored their ongoing appeal before the Court of Appeal, which challenges the Labour Court ruling, before submitting the liquidation petition.

A certificate of urgency filed by Keroche stresses the potential economic fallout if the petition proceeds. "Keroche Breweries is a major employer in Kenya's brewing sector, with over 500 direct employees and thousands in its supply chain, contributing billions in taxes and

exports. Any insolvency threat is a potential economic disaster warranting urgent judicial intervention," Keroche CEO Edward Mwangi Muigai says in an affidavit.

Court documents reveal irregularities in the statutory demand supporting Shollei's petition. The demand, dated June 30, 2025, was signed by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Nakuru, not by Shollei or an authorised agent, violating Section 384(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 2015. Keroche argues this invalidates the petition and warns that allowing it to proceed would abuse the court process.

Keroche highlights reputational and economic damage already suffered, with media coverage causing panic among stakeholders. The brewery, sourcing from over 10,000 local farmers and contributing significantly to exports, warns the petition could disrupt the national economy.

The company states the false insolvency claim risks widespread disruption, including job losses and reduced government revenue, justifying urgent judicial intervention and Sh10 billion compensation.

Keroche seeks urgent ex parte orders to restrain Shollei and associates from publicising the petition in any media and requests a stay of the liquidation proceedings at Nakuru courts pending case determination.

The brewery argues the balance of convenience favours it, as Shollei would suffer no irreparable harm from a temporary stay, while the company faces significant reputational and financial damage.

The case is awaiting a High Court hearing.



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How a firm that didn't apply won a Sh337 billion mega dam tender

- ▶ EDF wrote a letter to National Irrigation Authority claiming to have met Ruto in Paris.
- ▶ The tender had been awarded to British firm, GBM but it was cancelled in July this year.

DAVID ODONGO, NAIROBI

Fresh revelations have emerged about EDF Kenya Ltd, a company that used proximity to President William Ruto to clinch a Sh337 billion Grand Falls Dam project.

EDF, we can reveal, never bid for the project and their only entry into the mega dam scandal, was a letter they wrote to the National Irrigation Authority, saying the company's leadership had held a high level meeting with President Ruto in Paris, where the tender was discussed and EDF should therefore be awarded the project.

The multi-billion shilling project had been awarded to British firm GBM in 2022. The National Treasury cancelled it in early July 2025, claiming the Project Development Report (PDR) failed to meet regulatory and PPP Act requisites. Despite a new company EDF being introduced for the project, as of yesterday, there are no records at National Irrigation Authority to indicate the new company favoured for the project ever submitted a bid for the dam tender, put together and submitted a proposal or even paid Sh50,000, a prerequisite to get the tender documents. EDF neither submitted a technical proposal, an environmental study, or a financing model for the project.

The High Grand Falls Multipurpose Dam Project was to generate hydroelectric power, bolster irrigation development, manage floods in three counties and supply drinkable water. To further cement EDF's position in the project they did not bid



EDF Kenya Ltd used proximity to President William Ruto to clinch a Sh337 billion Grand Falls Dam project. [File, Standard]

for, the National Irrigation Board on January 31, 2025 wrote to Water Principal Secretary Ephantus Kimotho recognising EDF as a partner.

However, the National Irrigation Board in their letter, states that EDF is unqualified for the project since it will take them upto a year to submit a proper proposal and the company lacks financial muscle to undertake such a project.

"Compared to GBM, the EDF proposal is still at a very nascent stage... their proposal does not fully comply with the information stipulated under the PPP Act in terms of submission and a lack of financial model," says NIA boss Charles Muasya, who gives PS Kimotho four options.

Cancel the tender and face legal and financial consequences, let GBM continue with the project or issue restricted bidding between EDF and GBM. The fourth option, in the letter, would be to pair the two companies to undertake the project. Muasya however says his advice would be "Considering the merits and the demerits of each option, we recommend selection of an option that permits GBM to proceed with the project."

Despite the client, the National Irrigation Authority, stating satis-

faction with GBM handling the dam project, the National Treasury on 21 July 2025, wrote to Muasya asking him to terminate the GBM contract. "We were advised during the Ordinary PPP Committee meeting held on 2 July, the committee approved termination of the project."

Interestingly, the letter was dated 19th August but submitted to GBM MD Michael Short on 3 of September 16 days later. According to PPP rules, an aggrieved party only has two weeks to appeal a rejection, so the letter to GBM was sent more than two weeks after it was written and signed, to close off the appeal window. The cancellation came despite the fact that six months earlier, the project steering committee made up

of experts from several government agencies had given GBM a clean bill of health and in their report, recommended that the project proceed. GBM in documents filed before the PPP committee says it has spent Sh1 billion in the project already.

The firm claims to have spent up to USD25 million on feasibility studies, and preparatory works over several years.

The matter has drawn political heat where former Attorney General Justin Muturi linked Ruto's administration to the cancellation of the GBM deal. "Ruto has been pushing for a preferred Chinese company to take over the project. They have registered a company in France and have Chinese faces to come for this project," Muturi claims.

Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka has also said President Ruto promised then British Prime Minister Sunak that GBM, which had already won the tender, would be supported to finish the project.

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Briefing

KILIFI. DONOR STOPS PRAYERS FOR FOOD

■ The Krishna Children Foundation has removed a condition for students in Ganze to recite Hindu prayers to receive food aid. Ganze MP Kenneth Tungule said the organisation has agreed to resume its food aid to students in 17 schools. He said the issue was "blown out of proportion". "We have discussed with the donor, and they have no problem with providing food aid without the prayer condition," said Tungule, adding that it awaits the Ministry of Education's approval. **[Marion Kithi]**

KAKAMEGA. ODM BACKS NDAKWA FOR MALAVA

■ The Orange Democratic Movement has declared support for United Democratic Alliance candidate David Ndakwa in the Malava parliamentary by-election set for November 27. Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa said ODM would not field a candidate. "We, as members of ODM, because we support a broad-based government, have decided not to present a candidate in Malava. We are backing UDA candidate, David Ndakwa," he said, adding that the move was meant to ensure continuity of projects started by late MP Malulu Injendi. **[Mary Imenza]**

KISUMU. EACC PROBES IRREGULAR HIRING

■ The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission is probing the alleged irregular hiring of over 500 healthcare workers by Siaya County government. EACC's Nyanza regional manager Abraham Kemboi said they are investigating bribery, abuse of office and irregular recruitment by the County Public Service Board. "Unscrupulous officials of the board lied to Kenyans. They were to hire 120 staff, but because of corruption, some officials of the board allegedly took bribes to issue letters in excess of 300 to unsuspecting Kenyans," Kemboi said. **[Clinton Ambujo]**

NAIROBI



Doctors perform surgery at Mbagathi Hospital in Nairobi. [Courtesy]

Mbagathi shines in care, surgeries and top research

Once a facility marked by devastating stories of negligence and endless complaints about poor medical attention, Mbagathi County Referral Hospital has overcome numerous challenges.

Nairobi Governor Sakaja Johnson introduced a new administrative model, placing it under the leadership of competent CEOs in the health field. Today, Mbagathi is writing a new story of progress and success. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has become a lifeline for mothers and families.

Since its launch in 2024, the unit has provided specialised lifesaving care to 493 newborns admitted internally, alongside 126 referrals from other hospitals within and outside the county. "This number reflects improved service delivery. The NICU has transformed Mbagathi into a true county referral

hospital, easing the burden on mothers who previously had to seek services far away," said CEO Alexander Irungu. A few years ago, Mr Irungu said many families had to travel long distances for such services, and many deaths were reported.

Mbagathi hospital has also carried out complex surgeries. Last month, doctors gave 27-year-old Freddy Christopher a new lease of life after a successful but delicate brain surgery to manage a high-grade tumor. Led by neurosurgeon Dr Tom Mboya, the team carried out the hospital's first-ever ventriculo-peritoneal shunt procedure.

In May last year, a team led by Dr Chaudry Areeb, a plastic and reconstruction specialist, performed the hospital's first major reconstructive plastic surgery on 29-year-old Bernard Sigei, who had suffered

multiple tendon, nerve, and vascular injuries to his hand. The three-hour procedure, guided by a newly installed CT scan, restored function and offered him a fresh start.

Beyond clinical care, the hospital hosts the only quality-accredited laboratory in Nairobi and is setting up a blood screening unit to mitigate chronic shortages in the city's health facilities. It is also emerging as a hub for medical research, attracting local and international scholars.

Governor Sakaja's decision to appoint professional CEOs to head Nairobi's hospitals has reshaped service delivery. The CEO-led model, first rolled out in Level 5 hospitals and now expanding to Level 4, has improved efficiency and restored trust in public facilities. **[Correspondent]**

Lawmakers now reject NPSC's draft on police recruitment

► Parliamentary committee directs commission to redraft "irredeemably defective" regulations.

► National Police Service Commission is preparing for the recruitment of 10,000 constables

JOSPHAT THIONGO, NAIROBI

The National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has been dealt a blow after MPs rejected draft regulations meant to guide the forthcoming recruitment of 10,000 officers.

Terming the Recruitment and Appointment Regulations, 2025, as "irredeemably defective", a parliamentary committee yesterday directed the commission to come up with

solutions to the identified problems before the matter is considered by National Assembly in the plenary.

During a sitting of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, NPSC Chief Executive Officer Peter Lelei and chairperson, Yuda Komora, were put to task over the lack of a clear formulae to be implemented to ensure equity in recruitment, the commission's abrogation of excessive powers to itself and the use of the poverty index and marginalisation as parameters.

"These regulations are fresh regulations and not amendments. They remain irredeemably defective. I don't know why the commission was in a hurry to publish them instead of waiting and making sure they abide by the Statutory Instruments Act. They might not fit in this recruitment exercise," said committee chairperson, Samwel Chepkonga. His sentiments came after an hours-long session where members



National Police Service Commission Chairman Yuda Komora and CEO Peter Leley before the Committee on Delegated Legislation yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

questioned the lack of a clear guideline, including how many slots would be available for each constituency.

The commission had given generalised criteria, stating that the allocation of slots would rely on parameters such as the population, poverty index and gender.

"In these regulations there are no formulae on how the slots will be

shared out, just parameters. They should have stipulated how the constituency would be used as a unit of measure and exactly how many slots would be divided per constituency," argued Bonchari MP Charles Onchonke.

Kathiani legislator, Robert Mbui, said the draft regulations are irregular as they gave more powers to the

commission contrary to the law. "Regulation 7 (4) on sharing of positions, for instance, means that you can choose any criteria whether positive or negative as long as it is you who has the power. There are many more Clauses. I do not know how we will address this as it offends the Statutory Instruments Act," he said.

"You have allocated yourselves powers to conduct recruitments and to hear cases of those aggrieved by the process. How can you be the judge, jury and executioner?"

The committee was also shocked on hearing that the commission was seeking to do away with the requirement for a good conduct certificate during the recruitment exercise and would instead require one to declare that they have no criminal record.

But Komora noted that the decision to use the poverty index as a parameter was aimed at improving the livelihoods of the recruits and their communities.

"You can only raise the living standards of people by improving their income and employment brings them revenue," he said.

He argued that the commission had been guided by the law.

The development comes amid a court case to suspend the recruitment until a dispute over the payroll is resolved. A public interest group filed an urgent application on Tuesday last week seeking conservatory orders.

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Bids in plain sealed envelopes with clearly marked tender number should be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the KACWASCO HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE PROCUREMENT OFFICE and the address below so as to be received on or before Tuesday 7th October, 2025 at 1000 hours East Africa Time. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected.

Bidders are required to permanently bind and serialize pages of all bid documents and submit one (1) original together with three (3) copies.

All bids to be accompanied with a bid security of 2% of the tender sum as indicated in the tender document.

The bids will be physically opened at 1000Hours local time on Tuesday 7th October, 2025 in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below:

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William Ruto, President



EDITORIAL

SHA should settle private hospitals' dues urgently

The Rural Urban Private Hospitals Association (RUPHA) suspended provision Social Health Authority (SHA) services on Monday this week. This follows failure by SHA to reimburse hospitals under its umbrella. RUPHA claims it is owed Sh76 billion by both the defunct NHIF and SHA.

This is the second time this year that RUPHA is suspending SHA services over unpaid debt. The first time was in February. RUPHA's withdrawal is hurting ordinary Kenyans the most, considering the critical role that private hospitals play on Kenya's health ecosystem.

There are 9,000 registered health facilities offering SHA services. Of these, RUPHA has 650 hospitals. The Christian Health Association of Kenya has 1,300 while the Kenya Private Association of Hospitals has 334. Most CHAK facilities are operating under strain and some, like St Mary's Hospital Mumias, have closed for various reasons.

The failure by SHA to reimburse genuine hospital claims when it has paid more than Sh24 billion through fraudulent claims to ghost hospitals, including those in which powerful individuals in government have an interest baffles.

This skewed reimbursement has resulted in private hospitals being unable to repay bank loans, suppliers and staff salaries. It is absurd, therefore, to expect them to operate optimally.

Undeniably, private hospitals offer better alternatives, drive efficiency and have advanced facilities and diagnostic machines that are unavailable in most public hospitals. Moreover, their services are friendly and inspire more trust than public hospitals where, in most cases, medicines are not even available.

Misuse of SHA funds that threatens health services must be condemned. There is a need for the government to move beyond rhetoric, engaging in public relations stunts, and make sure that the positive impact of SHA is seen and felt by all Kenyans.

The government must pay private hospitals their dues and act on the numerous complaints about SHA dysfunctionality and make the system to deliver as was promised during its inception.

Help without conditions

Hundreds of learners in 17 schools in Kilifi County have recently been forced to recite Hindu prayers as a precondition to getting free meals from well wishers. Poverty levels in Kilifi are high and, arguably, these meals help keep learners in school. This need, however, does not give any philanthropist the right to religiously indoctrinate children.

The Constitution recognises an individual's right to the religion of their choice, and this must be enforced. Donors should give unconditionally, out of the benevolence of their hearts and stop taking advantage of vulnerable learners to entrench their religions. The government should learn from this and invest in school feeding programmes to keep learners in school.

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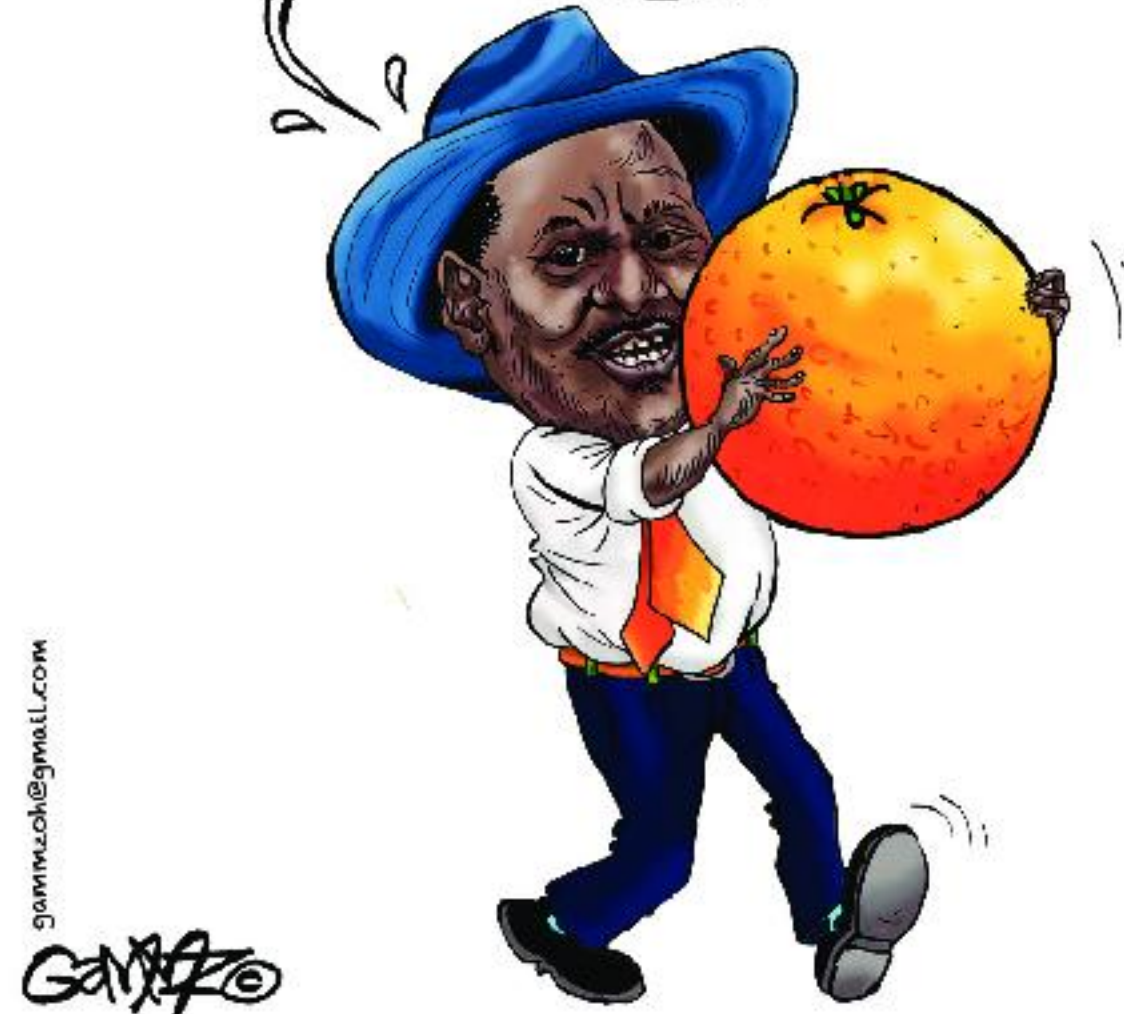
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MY TWO CENTS

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Stop banking on labour exports and create opportunities locally



FAITH WEKESA

Recently, I came across a thread on X that invited people to share their experiences after moving in with relatives in urban areas in pursuit of better opportunities after school. Most of the recollections were heartbreaking. Some were turned into unpaid domestic workers. Others came 'home' from fruitless job hunting only to find their hosts had moved out without warning. Each story highlighted the weight of unemployment that affects most of us in one way or another.

That same script is now playing out in the international space. Governments in the West and, now, increasingly in the gulf, are tightening their laws around immigration to calm the discontent from their own citizens who feel stifled by the increased presence of foreigners in their spaces. Immigrants, many of them Africans, have become easy scapegoats.

The United States, for instance, has introduced a \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visa petitions, a move clearly designed to discourage employers from hiring foreign professionals.

The UAE, just the other day, restricted long-term visas for Ugandans and tightened entry rules for Nigerians. Meanwhile in Denmark, the government has limited work rights for foreign students. The hostility and rejection aren't veiled anymore. The world is shutting its doors on us.

Caught in between are thousands of young Africans graduating from our institutions into non-existent job markets at home. For many, seeking opportunities abroad isn't necessarily the easiest choice but the only promising one in the circumstances. But here they are, unwelcomed abroad and unable to survive at home.

The real question, in the wake of this, is how African governments can make staying at home not just the first but the most desirable option for our youth. Exporting citizens to foreign countries can no longer be a success story. Governments may sell the narrative that migrant workers boost our economy through increased foreign exchange remittance and gives them opportunities to further their skills. But the truth isn't as glamorous. Our children are out there trying to fit into societies that view them with suspicion and treat them with open hostility.

And we are not talking of unskilled, uneducated criminals. They are excellently trained teachers, nurses, engineers and other professionals who struggle to find any work at home. Meanwhile our health systems are strained by severe staff shortages. Our classrooms are crowded with shameful teacher to student ratio. It is a miracle how our children excel in school. How, then, can we celebrate sending away the very profes-

sionals who should fix home? If nothing else, this paradox should trouble us deeply.

In the wake of a shrinking international space, African counties may want to strategise to make home viable and save their citizens the indignity of being treated with contempt out there. This means investing in industries that absorbs graduates. It means creating innovation hubs that nurture talent and encourage creativity and strengthening agricultural systems to expand our economic base.

It also means offering opportunities for employment based on merit not nepotism or favouritism. It means compensating our workforce fairly and ensuring workplaces are safe and dignified spaces that allow for growth and opportunity for all to thrive.

We cannot fault the west of the gulf for prioritising their own. Like in our homes, when faced with the choice between accommodating extended relatives and protecting one's children, the children will always come first. Their allegiance is rightly to their own citizens. What we can do however, is build systems that will allow our economy to grow to take care of our own while attracting the world.

The true measure of growth for African nations, going forward, should no longer be the number of citizens we can export but how many choose to stay and serve their countries. At the end of the day, when the world becomes hostile, home should be the one place where dignity and safety are guaranteed.

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PALAUVER

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has been reduced to a presidential hailer, according to Kingsley Manganye [kingsley64@protonmail.com]. "He is famous more for the slogan 'fire is fire' and propagating the 'tutam' chant to counter 'Wantam' from the opposing camp. Why, one wonders, would a deputy president reduce himself to such base levels, to become just another heckler despite his education? That office needs dignity, and there is a need to define its functions to stop the President from exerting undue control over it."



During a public function in Machakos last Saturday, says Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com], President William Ruto said that the area leaders had not supported development in the region and that was why counties like Homa Bay were receiving vast development funds whereas Ukambani was lagging behind. "How can the President gather the courage to say such a thing in public? Public funds should be pumped to any targeted region at any time. That is what wananchi expect."

Catherine Ndereba Road in Embakasi South has deteriorated into a state that can only be described as unsafe, according to Eric Ambuche [ericambuche.50@gmail.com]. "Locals say the road's condition undermines transport and environmental safety, with poor drainage and unchecked dumping worsening the situation. The failure to act exposes gaps in service delivery and raises concerns over accountability. There is a need for urgent intervention to avoid further deterioration."



Many people, says Nyiva Nkirote [nnthiana@gmail.com], were shocked when it was revealed recently that 78.6 per cent of abortions in Kenya were among married women. "This is because abortion is considered 'reckless'. But the reality is more complex, which forces us to confront uncomfortable truths. Reasons for unwanted pregnancies include failed contraceptives, domestic abuse and economic hardships. The truth is that no woman wants to go through an abortion. That said, abortion services should be offered in health centres to avoid unnecessary deaths."

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Do you support suspension of Krishna food aid?



SARAH TSYOKI,
RESIDENT, KILIFI COUNTY



That'll protect our children's rights, dignity

I laud the government for taking the difficult decision of stopping aid by the Hare Krishna Children Foundation that has been distributing food to at least 17 schools. This action was meant to safeguard the dignity and fundamental freedoms and rights of the children of Ganze. It is true that many religious and non-governmental organisations have been involved in charitable activities in various parts of the country. But such

help should never come with conditions that infringe on the dignity and rights of the beneficiaries. Children in the said schools belong to certain religious faiths outside Hinduism and forcing them to recite prayers of the said faith offends their right to freedom of religion. Their desperation for food must not be used to interfere with their respective religious faiths. There are many agencies and religious faiths that are capable of supplying similar donations without such conditions if the government is unable to implement school feeding in Ganze and other places ravaged by poverty. Aid should not be conditional.

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Learners might drop out of school

I don't support the government's directive to stop the Hare Krishna Children Foundation from giving food to the 17 schools in Ganze Constituency. Thousands of children are now left in limbo. I personally went to Muryachakwe Primary School in the 1980s, where milk and githeri were provided by the government. To be honest, I went to school first because of the food, and education followed

later. That is the reality for many children in Ganze today. History shows us that the first missionaries who came to Africa gave out food and clothes, and in return, people were asked to join Christianity or Islam. If Hindus are on a mission of service and evangelism, why should they be branded as a cult? Is Hinduism not recognised in Kenya as a religion? By stopping this food programme, the government risks pushing thousands of children out of school. The sensible step would have been to call the foundation and clarify the issue of prayers without taking away the food.

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EDUCATION

To boost innovation, Kenya must incentivise research like South Africa

On September 5, 2025, I was privileged to attend the 2025 Spring Graduation Ceremony for the University of Venda (UNIVEN) as a guest. While the visit was meant to cement collaborations between UNIVEN and Kabarak University, something caught my attention. South Africa has a system of incentivising research by paying scholars and researchers for publishing their work in peer-reviewed journals. They not only pay the researchers, they also pay institutions where the research is conducted.

I have been reflecting, not only on how to leverage Kabarak University's recognition at UNIVEN as a continental thought leader in higher education, but also on a more pressing question: How can the Kenyan higher education system catch up with South Africa in terms of incentivising research? The incentives in South Africa, launched in 2004 by the Department of Higher Education and Training, the equivalent of Kenya's Commission for University Education, are embedded within the national funding formula. Under this model, universities receive block grants for peer-reviewed articles and other research outputs.

Kenya has much to learn from this model. When governments and institutions invest deliberately in research infrastructure and support academic entrepreneurship, the results can be both culturally meaningful and economically transformative. If Kenya were to adopt similar incentive systems, ones that recognise and reward scholarly contributions, it could tap into the immense potential within its universities and emerge as a regional hub for research excellence.

At present, many Kenyan institutions face persistent challenges, including constrained funding, limited research productivity, and a lack of



Henry Kiptiony Kiplangat,
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Kabarak University

formal mechanisms to encourage academic publishing. Global rankings reflect this struggle, with most universities lagging behind their African counterparts in visibility and impact. Addressing these gaps calls for a renewed commitment to valuing knowledge creation as a cornerstone of national progress.

So, the question is, do we value the production of knowledge? If we are committed to turning our universities into spaces that drive innovation and respond to societal needs, then research incentivisation should be a central pillar of national development. That shift in mindset is what will unlock the transformative power of our higher education institutions. This is not merely about financial rewards; it is about creating an ecosystem where research is seen as a vital contributor to development, policy, and community transformation.

South Africa's targeted investment in research is yielding tangible results. By aligning academic

incentives with national development priorities, the country has cultivated a research culture that emphasises both relevance and impact. Scholars are increasingly addressing real-world challenges, producing work that resonates with societal needs. This model has not only elevated university rankings and strengthened ties between academia and industry but also fostered collaboration, rewarding co-authored research across institutions and promoting shared intellectual effort.

Kenya can adapt this model to suit its context. A national research incentive framework could be anchored within the Education ministry and implemented through the CUE. It would require clear guidelines on what constitutes eligible research, a robust peer-review mechanism, and transparent disbursement of funds. Universities would be encouraged to establish internal research offices to support faculty and students in publishing, while also tracking outputs for accountability.

Moreover, such a system would have ripple effects. It would motivate lecturers to pursue meaningful research, encourage postgraduate students to publish, and attract international collaborations. It would also help universities align their research agendas with national priorities.

The recognition that Kabarak University received at UNIVEN is not just ceremonial; it is a call to action. Kabarak University has taken deliberate steps to strengthen our research ecosystem by establishing strategic partnerships for both research and publication funding. In 2025 alone, more than a dozen papers presented at our international research conferences received full financial support, an encouraging testament to what targeted investment can achieve.



GITOBU IMANYARA,
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

These seven men can deliver Kenya from politics of despair

In politics, small moves often create the biggest waves. What begins as a whisper among principled citizens can grow into a movement that reshapes a nation. Kenya has reached such a moment. As the country lurches between the disappointments of broken promises and the excesses of reckless borrowing, a quiet initiative is emerging. The middle ground being fronted by former Chief Justice David Maraga, activist Okiya Omtatah, gospel artist and thinker Reuben Kigame, activist Boniface Mwangi, Gen Z poet Sungu Oyoo, former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga, and former governor Prof Kivutha Kibwana may hold the key to Kenya's renewal.

The middle ground is often misunderstood. Many assume it means neutrality, compromise, or indecision. In truth, it is something far more powerful. It is the choice to rise above the toxic binaries that dominate our politics, government versus opposition, tribe versus tribe, elite versus grassroots. It is the recognition that Kenya's problems are not partisan. Corruption does not steal selectively. Debt does not discriminate. Unemployment, poor healthcare, and insecurity afflict all citizens alike.

What Maraga, Mutunga, Omtatah, Kigame, Mwangi, Oyoo, Kibwana, and their peers are advancing is politics of conscience. It is not rooted in blind loyalty to political dynasties or charismatic demagogues. Instead, it insists on integrity, service, and justice as the foundation of leadership. In a nation exhausted by endless betrayal, this is no small step. It is a profound challenge to the culture of impunity.

Kenya's Constitution already envisioned such politics. It gave us institutions meant to check executive excess, laws designed to ensure accountability, and freedoms intended to empower citizens. Yet institutions have been captured, laws twisted, and freedoms undermined. In this environment, the middle ground becomes not just desirable but necessary. It seeks to revive the promise of the Constitution by demanding leaders who embody its spirit, not merely recite its words.

The United Opposition Coalition and other political formations must see this initiative as an ally rather than a rival. The opposition has the networks, numbers, and mobilising power to mount a credible challenge in 2027. But without a moral compass, even the strongest coalition risks repeating the failures of the past. The middle ground brings that compass. It adds conscience to muscle and values to votes. If the two can align, Kenya will finally have a formidable alternative to the politics of personality cults.

History teaches us that profound change often begins with a few principled voices. The Second Liberation was not launched by massive crowds but by small groups of determined citizens willing to challenge dictatorship. Over time, their persistence drew others until the tide turned. The middle ground today may appear modest, but its symbolism is powerful: Two retired Chief Justices, an activist legislator, a gospel artist,



a fearless street activist, a Gen Z poet with presidential ambition, a seasoned reformist governor, and ordinary citizens standing together. This image alone cuts through decades of tribal alliances and elite bargains. It says to Kenyans: A different politics is possible.

Critics will ask whether such an initiative can translate into electoral strength. The answer lies in how it connects with citizens' frustrations. Kenyans are tired of politics as usual, the insults, the ethnic arithmetic, the hollow promises. They want leaders who can lower the cost of living, create jobs, protect freedoms, and safeguard their dignity. If the middle ground can articulate these

issues in language that resonates, it will grow. And if it works with the opposition, not against it, it can be the tipping point for change.

Importantly, the middle ground is not about fence-sitting. It is not an escape from tough choices. Rather, it is a refusal to be trapped in the false choices offered by the political elite. It insists that Kenya is not condemned to pick between bad and worse, corrupt and more corrupt. There is a third way: Leaders of integrity who put country before self, justice before power, and citizens before cronies.

In the end, 2027 is not just about electing a president. It is about whether Kenyans can finally break free from the cycle of betrayal. The middle ground challenges us to redefine leadership. A good leader is not the loudest in rallies or the richest in stolen wealth. A good leader is one who listens, serves, unites, and remains accountable. That is the message Maraga, Mutunga, Omtatah, Kigame, Mwangi, Oyoo, Kibwana, and others are sending.

Kenya cannot afford another wasted five years. The debt crisis is suffocating, corruption is metastasising, and inequality is widening. Unless citizens insist on a new kind of politics, the downward spiral will continue. The middle ground may be small today, but it is sowing seeds. If nurtured and connected to broader opposition efforts, it can blossom into the movement that finally delivers Kenya from the politics of despair. The smallest moves often create the biggest wins. Kenya should not ignore this one.



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Alternative View

Wantam? Why Ruto is different from Malawi's Chakwera



LEONARD KHAFAFA

Comparisons have been drawn between Malawi's recently concluded presidential election and Kenya's upcoming poll, scheduled for August 2027. Some analysts argue that Malawi's outcome foreshadows potential electoral defeat for Kenya's incumbent president, who is seeking a second term. They liken his situation to that of other African leaders who have lost re-election bids after serving only one term, suggesting a growing continental trend toward rejecting incumbents. But is this truly the case?

Malawi's outgoing president Lazarus Chakwera shares notable parallels with President William Ruto. Both leaders secured electoral victories – Chakwera in 2020 – on the strength of ambitious campaign promises. Chakwera pledged to revive a struggling economy, create employment opportunities with a particular focus on youth and ensure access to affordable fertiliser to support Malawi's predominantly agrarian economy. He also committed to advancing infrastructure through digital reforms, social programmes, presenting these initiatives as part of a broader, long-term vision for national progress.

That, however, is where the similarities end. Chakwera has faced significant challenges in revitalising Malawi's economy. Inflation currently stands at 27 per cent, and the cost of living has soared by 75 per cent over the past year, according to the Centre for Social Concern, an NGO. The country is grappling with acute shortages of foreign exchange reserves and persistent power outages.

In contrast, Ruto inherited an economy burdened by a decade of unsustainable public borrowing. Through a series of difficult but strategic reforms – undertaken in partnership with Bretton Woods and other multilateral lenders – Ruto successfully restructured Kenya's most pressing public debt obligations. These efforts have helped avert a debt default and laid the groundwork for economic stabilisation. Under Ruto's leadership, fuel prices have stabilised and petroleum products are now easily accessible across the country. Kenya's foreign exchange reserves reached a historic high of USD 10.59 billion in June this year, significantly enhancing the nation's economic resilience and capacity to withstand external shocks.

Moreover, Ruto has launched a fertiliser subsidy programme that has delivered impressive results. Maize production – the cornerstone of Kenya's food security – has surged from 35 million bags in 2020 to a record 74 million 90-kg bags in 2024. This dramatic increase is largely attributed to the distribution of seven million bags of subsidised fertilizer to farmers. As a result, Kenya's food import bill declined by 12.87 per cent, falling to Sh266.4 billion in 2024, driven by higher domestic output of maize and sugarcane. The import bill may yet fall further by year-end, buoyed by strong yields from the Rift Valley's maize-producing regions and growing contributions from the local fisheries sector, with fish imports having declined by 11 per cent.

Perhaps Chakwera's greatest weakness has been his lack of political experience. Coming directly from the pulpit, where he was a respected preacher, he has struggled to navigate the complexities and power dynamics of politics. His main rival from the 2020 election has once again challenged him – and this time, emerged victorious.

In contrast, Ruto is a shrewd political strategist with a strong grasp of statecraft. He has also formed an alliance with his main opponent from the last election under a "broad-based government" arrangement. This coalition could last until the next elections and significantly boost his electoral support.

Mr Khafafa is a public policy analyst



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Tough times drive Kenyans to shylocks

@moneyacademyKE: Kenyans are borrowing over Sh13 billion every month from digital lenders, driven by tough economic times.

@GudaExperience: Borrowing billions every month highlights a bigger problem: Wages and the economy aren't keeping with people's needs. Are digital loans solving problems or creating debt traps?



@JonesMbevi: It's all by design... They want us to be enslaved by debt so that we are helpless and hopeless.. That's why they approved digital lenders to reach 153 so far. They will get to over 200 by or before December 2025.

@siddhantgarg: This situation calls for stronger regulation and oversight of digital lenders to protect consumers from exploitative interest rates and aggressive recovery tactics.



FROM THE WEB

Court now overturns Matiang'i conviction

Standard Digital: Court of Appeal overturns contempt verdict against former Interior CS Matiang'i and ex-Police IG Boinnet in the Miguna Miguna deportation case, cancels Sh200,000 fine.

Vincent Njogu: The incoming government has started working.

Ba Zuri: He could be better than all those presidential aspirants, but are Kenyans ready to elect good leaders?...I do not think so.

Jimmy Gikos: If he gets the support of Gachagua and Kalonzo, he will be our next president.



Godfrey Michira: All political roadblocks will disappear all the way to 2027.

Baba Ivy Truthful Man: May God bless the Court of Appeal.

Sylvester Butia: The next Kenyan president, God bless him.

Joseph Koech: This is genius. The government is making sure all the undesirables are running come 2027. So TUTAM is real.

TRANSPORT

Regulation of boda boda will help to reduce crime, boost their contribution to economy

The national government has launched mandatory registration of boda boda operators in Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies.

Reports indicate that Kenya has over three million boda boda operators whose numbers can be used to increase wealth creation, a requisite in national development. There is a need to regulate the boda boda sector in order to make it orderly and hence play its rightful role in the development process.

The boda boda were introduced in the 1980s in Kenya to fill crucial gaps at the time when there was limited infrastructural developments in many parts of the country.

The entry of boda boda and eventual national-wide coverage was made possible through zero rating of importation of motorcycles in 2003. This made motorcycles affordable and hence many Kenyan rural and urban areas are teeming with boda boda and with as little as Sh200, one can get a ride for over 20 km in any part of the country.

According to Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (Kippra), boda bodas is a source of livelihoods for many Kenyans, including providing employment for many, especially the youth, who dominate the sector.

The boda boda provide Kenyans with last mile connectivity and movement of goods and people from one point to another. Kippra, quoting the National Crime Research Centre statistics (2018), shows that numerous claims and reports have been made regarding crimes committed by the boda boda riders or people using boda boda.

This poses a security threat to the public and thus becomes a serious issue under our national security framework. Kenyans have become sceptical of the value that the boda boda sector offers to national development because of the crimes committed through them or by their riders, and these crimes have been on the rise, hence the need



to regulate the sector.

According to a study conducted by the National Crime and Research Centre in 2018, the most prevalent boda boda related crimes were causing death by dangerous riding, general stealing, creating disturbance, theft of motorcycle and motorcycle parts, assault, robbery and robbery with violence, riding under influence of alcohol possession and usage of dangerous drugs. At the same time, boda boda operators have also been victims of attacks and brutal killings and thefts of their motorcycles.

The regulation of the sector is needed to make boda boda play their rightful role in national development since it's only a few of the practitioners who harbour criminal elements.

Mutegi Giti, Nairobi

DISCIPLINING

Why you must avoid corporal punishment

A study by Unicef in 30 countries shows that over 62 per cent of children subjected to physical punishment developed fear or resentment toward adults. Less than 10 per cent of the children showed sustained positive behaviour change and most improvements were short-lived. Many countries have banned corporal punishment and it with replaced positive discipline, leading to better student behaviour and learning outcomes. Positive discipline fosters mutual respect by modelling respectful communication and understanding, which children learn to reciprocate.

This respectful approach nurtures children's sense of responsibility and encourages collaboration, helping internalise moral principles rather than merely following rules. In days gone by, the belief 'spare the rod spoil the child' made parents enforce strict discipline. At school, children were not spared when they did not perform according to expectations. Respect for the elders was a very high moral standard in the community unlike today when children disrespect parents. There is a need for parents and teachers to practice positive discipline by rewarding good behaviour. Set clear rules and expectations, remove the small privileges. As adults, we should act as role models. **Purity Auma**

LEGISLATION

Parliament must prioritise the interests of Kenyans

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Parliament is back from recess, but the real business isn't just unfinished bills—it's the widening gap between legislative priorities and public pain. As the National Assembly and Senate dive into party politics, constitutional turf wars, and State corporation deals, civic intelligence demands a harder question: Who is Parliament really representing? Before Parliament slipped into recess, President William Ruto had accused the National Assembly of graft, casting

a long shadow over its credibility. And the ghost of the Finance Bill 2024 still haunts the House—etched in history as a moment when representation faltered.

When it comes to integrity, Parliament's ledger shows more red than black. This is Parliament's moment of truth. If it still claims to represent the people, let it prove it by legislating for lives, not legacies. Start with bills that ease the cost of living, expand healthcare, fix education, and empower the youth.

Michael Karanja is a journalist



SOCIETY

Help elderly women overcome challenges

Old women and widows living in extreme poverty struggle to look after grandchildren left in their care. Fetching firewood and water, cooking and many others, are tough chores for these frail women. Most of them live in poor houses with leaking roofs, yet they have health conditions like arthritis, high blood pressure, mental health issues, poor eyesight and hearing difficulties but do not know where to seek treatment. Whenever they feel unwell, they simply go for pain killers, which are affordable and within reach.

They cannot afford expensive medicines and some of them are too weak to walk to health centres to seek medical attention. Another problem the elderly encounter is getting their 'pesa ya wazee'. Sometimes those who offer to escort and help them to get this money steal from them.

Many times, the land left to them by their husbands or part of it, is snatched by the late husband's family members. It is important that we support the elderly in whatever way that we can.

Gertrude Mung'oma, Kakamega



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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**THE SELECTION PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION**

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the National Land Commission Act, 2012 as read with the First Schedule thereto, the Selection Panel invited applications from suitably qualified persons for the positions of Chairperson and Eight (8) Members of the National Land Commission in the print media and on the Public Service Commission website on 27th August, 2025.

The list of applicants can be accessed on the Public Service Commission website: www.publicservice.go.ke

After considering the applications, the Selection Panel shortlisted candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Members of the National Land Commission. The schedule of interview for the shortlisted candidates is as set out below:

1. CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Interview Date: Wednesday 1st October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1. | Dr. Rebecca Kavutha Mutia | Female | Kitui | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Hon. Dr. Abdikadir Oman Aden | Male | Garissa | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Gilbert William Opanga | Male | Vihiga | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Monicah Namunyak Cherutich | Female | Nakuru | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Abuga Kennedy Kaunda | Male | Kisii | 12.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Thursday 2nd October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1. | Nelly Karimi Mbugua | Female | Meru | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Prof. Saeed Mutta Mwaguni, EBS | Male | Kwale | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Dr. Justa Wawira Mwangi (PWD) | Female | Embu | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Dr. Abdillahi Saggaf Alawy | Male | Kwale | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Dr. Humphrey Kimani Njuguna | Male | Murang'a | 12.30 p.m. |

2. MEMBER, NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Interview Date: Friday 3rd October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1. | Lucy Chepkosgei Chepkochei | Female | Baringo | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Reuben Cheruiyot Rutto | Male | Baringo | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Martin Sangula Ngomat | Male | Bungoma | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Gentrix Nasimiyu Ndinyo | Female | Bungoma | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Augustine Khaemba Masinde, EBS | Male | Bungoma | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Emily Wawira Njeru | Female | Embu | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Kizito Osore Wangalwa | Male | Busia | 3.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Monday 6th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|---------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1. | Edwin N. Makori | Male | Nakuru | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Dr. Salome Ludenyi Munubi | Female | Kakamega | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Mokin Arap Ptangu'ny, HSC | Male | Bungoma | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Kula Halkano Hache (PWD) | Female | Isiolo | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Mary Yiane Seneta | Female | Kajiado | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | James Wagemu Ruiitha | Male | Nyeri | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Susan Khakasa Oyatsi, MBS | Female | Kakamega | 3.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Tuesday 7th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1. | Caroline Chepkurui Chirchir | Female | Kericho | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Rev. Charles Kipyegon Mutai | Male | Kericho | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Kigen Vincent Cheruiyot | Male | Kericho | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Washington Opiyo Sati, (PWD) MBS | Male | Kisumu | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Chimwaga Mongo | Male | Kilifi | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Juliet Wanjiku Murimi | Female | Kiambu | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Prof. David Ndegwa Kuria | Male | Kiambu | 3.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Wednesday 8th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------|------------|
| 1. | George Augustine Arwa | Male | Kisumu | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Dr. Domitila Ndinda Kyule | Female | Makueni | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Said Masud Athman Mtwana | Male | Taita Taveta | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | John Kwemoi Meng'wa | Male | Trans Nzoia | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Abdirahman Mohamed Adan | Male | Mandera | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Ambrose Lkusulan Lochokwe, OGW | Male | Marsabit | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Daniel Murithi Muriungi | Male | Meru | 3.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Thursday 9th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|----------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1. | John Mwangi Maina | Male | Murang'a | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Maryam Abdillahi Mbaruk | Female | Mombasa | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Andrew Okach Ochola, (PWD) | Male | Migori | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Dr. Joseph Kipkirui Mutai | Male | Nakuru | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Julius Kiplagat Rotich | Male | Nandi | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Kosion F. Kibeleyenya | Male | Narok | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Morintat Peter Oiboo | Male | Narok | 3.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Monday 13th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1. | Prof. Lawrence Salaon Esho | Male | Narok | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Fawcett Ouma Komollo | Male | Nyamira | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Elizabeth Atieno Ayoo | Female | Homa Bay | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Dr. Konyango Charles Otieno | Male | Siaya | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Hon. Dr. Julie Ouma Oseko | Female | Siaya | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Sospeter Oduor Ohanya | Male | Siaya | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Mohamed Abdi Haji Mohamed | Male | Mandera | 3.30 p.m. |
| 8. | Dr. Mohamed Khalif Abdirahman | Male | Wajir | 4.30 p.m. |

Interview Date: Tuesday 14th October, 2025

| S/No. | Name | Gender | County | Time |
|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| 1. | Tirop Kosgey | Male | Uasin Gishu | 8.30 a.m. |
| 2. | Dr. Ruth M'mbwaya Agesa, MBS | Female | Vihiga | 9.30 a.m. |
| 3. | Abdi Ali Mohamed | Male | Mandera | 10.30 a.m. |
| 4. | Halima Saney Sheikh | Female | Wajir | 11.30 a.m. |
| 5. | Omar Daud Khalid | Male | Wajir | 12.30 p.m. |
| 6. | Fatuma Abdi Ali Hirsi | Female | Wajir | 2.30 p.m. |
| 7. | Nelly Karimi Mbugua | Female | Meru | 3.30 p.m. |
| 8. | Monicah Namunyak Cherutich | Female | Nakuru | 4.30 p.m. |

The shortlisted candidates are notified that the interviews will be conducted on the date and time indicated above at the Public Service Commission (Commission House), Harambee Avenue, Nairobi. The candidates are required to arrive at the designated venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled interview time.

Shortlisted candidates are required to avail the originals of the following documents:

- National Identity Card;
- Academic and Professional Certificates and transcripts;
- Any other supporting documents and testimonials; and
- Valid Clearances from the following bodies:
 - Kenya Revenue Authority;
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - Higher Education Loans Board;
 - Any of the Registered Credit Reference Bureaus;
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigations (Police Clearance Certificate);
- Letter of recognition of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE) for any degree obtained from foreign universities; and
- Recommendations from relevant professional bodies (where applicable).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to avail any credible information of interest relating to any of the shortlisted candidates through sworn affidavits to the Secretary/CEO via email nlc2025@publicservice.go.ke or hand delivered to the Office of the Secretary/CEO, Public Service Commission situated on 4th floor Commission House, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi on or before **30th September, 2025**.

HON. REHEMA DIDA JALDESA

CHAIRPERSON

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Governor queried over Sh923m statutory dues, delayed projects

▶ Trans Nzoia County boss taken to task over Sh657 million stadium and Sh498.8 million offices.

▶ Natembeya given 60 days to give status report on Sh923 million statutory deductions.

EDWIN NYARANGI, NAIROBI

Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya was taken to task by the Senate over the failure by his administration to submit Sh923 million statutory deductions in the last four years.

Natembeya had rough time tabling evidence that the county had met its obligations.

According to the Auditor General, the county staff were deducted Pay As You Earn (PAYE) amounting to Sh530.7 million, Sh343.2 million for the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) as well as Sh49.6 million for the defunct National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) for the financial year 2023/2024.

According to the audit, no evidence was provided to show that the deductions were remitted to relevant authorities.

But Natembeya defended his administration, stating that the funds have been remitted.

"The pending statutory deductions are for former defunct local authorities that the county inherited. We have engaged KRA, NSSF, and NHIF for reconciliation with staffs and we are waiting their responses. We have already paid for PAYE, the main issue was filing and submission of remittance slip used to update the county ledger," he told the County Public Accounts Committee.

But the team chairman, Moses Kajwang, directed the county Executive to disclose all pending bills in the format prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.

The Homa Bay member asked KRA to cease imposing penalties on counties for late remittances, blaming it on delays by the National Treasury.

He asked Natembeya to undertake administrative action against the officers responsible for non-remittance of statutory deductions and provide a status report within 60 days.

Kajwang asked the National Treasury to ensure timely release of funds in line with the cash disbursement schedules approved by the Senate to ensure they settle their obligations on time.

Natembeya was also taken to task over failure to follow due diligence in the construction of the Sh498.8 million county headquarters.

According to the Auditor General, physical verification carried out on September 9, 2024, revealed that a sign board costing Sh250,000



Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya when he appeared before the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the 2023/2024 Auditor General report, yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

AT A GLANCE

- Trans Nzoia County on the spot over Sh923 million statutory deductions for county employees in the last four years
- An analysis of the payroll data for Trans Nzoia County revealed staff were deducted Pay As You Earn amounting Sh530.7 million
- Senate County Public Accounts Committee ordered administrative action against the officers responsible for non-remittance of statutory deductions and provides a status report within 60 days
- Trans Nzoia Governor George Natembeya was taken to task over failure to follow due diligence in the construction of the county headquarters at a contract sum of Sh498.8 million.

was not erected on the construction site as indicated in the Bill of Quantities, with the project having reached sixth floor and the construction of a helipad on-going.

Natembeya told the Senate that the project was 90 per cent complete at the time of the audit and was now fully complete.

"The tender evaluation committee carried out due diligence during evaluation exercise on successful bidder through verification of submitted documents with relevant authorities and firms and the same incorporated in summary evaluation report attached," he said.

The Governor was also questioned over the slow pace of the construction of the Sh657 million Kenyatta Stadium, which was expected to be complete by February.

According to the project inspection report done in September last year, boundary disputes had delayed the construction of the fence.

Natembeya told the committee that the departments of Sports and that of Lands and Urban Development had been discussing the row even before the project design was done.

"The map was used by the consultant to prepare the drawings only to be served with court orders on development of boundary wall. The project management team has called on Lands Department to have the issue resolved."

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INTEGRITY

Agency blamed for delay of land petitions

The National Lands Commission (NLC) has been taken to task by the Senate over its delay in investigating historical land injustices.

Lands, Environment and Natural Resources Committee questioned why a petition filed in 2021 was yet to get any response.

Among the pending complaints is one of land injustices in Mombasa, illegal alienation of land in Kiambu, and injustices against community members living in Olderkesi in Narok West.

And in a petition filed at the Senate, Robin Muchondi, on behalf of Marungu residents in Mwanda Taita Taveta County, says they are facing eviction from their ancestral land due to unscrupulous dealings between the church, Lands officials, and the current and former administrators.

Muchondi further claims that in 2007, the Holy Rosary Catholic Church requested the elders to be allocated land for an orphanage and a church.

The elders donated 75 acres, but on the site identification day, the chief directed that 1,000 acres be set aside.

Meeting with elders

"Since the year 2007, there has not been a meeting of the elders and the authorities to identify the 1,000 acres for the mission nor the initial 75 acres," reads the petition.

The community alleges that in 2009, the area chief together with church officials brought a surveyor and excised the 1,000 acres, but the demarcation was not done since people were already living there.

But in 2019, the mission constructed a church and in 2021, the Ministry of Lands set up Ngoloki Adjudication Scheme.

The petitioners say the adjudication omitted approximately 1,000 acres for the reason that the land is titled in favour of the Catholic mission.

NLC Chairman, Gerishon Otachi, said the commission was undertaking investigations, explaining that the claim was filed in September, 2021.

"The claim is among many others in the country currently undergoing investigations, including independent research on the issues at play and getting pertinent information from government agencies before the parties are called for a hearing," he said.

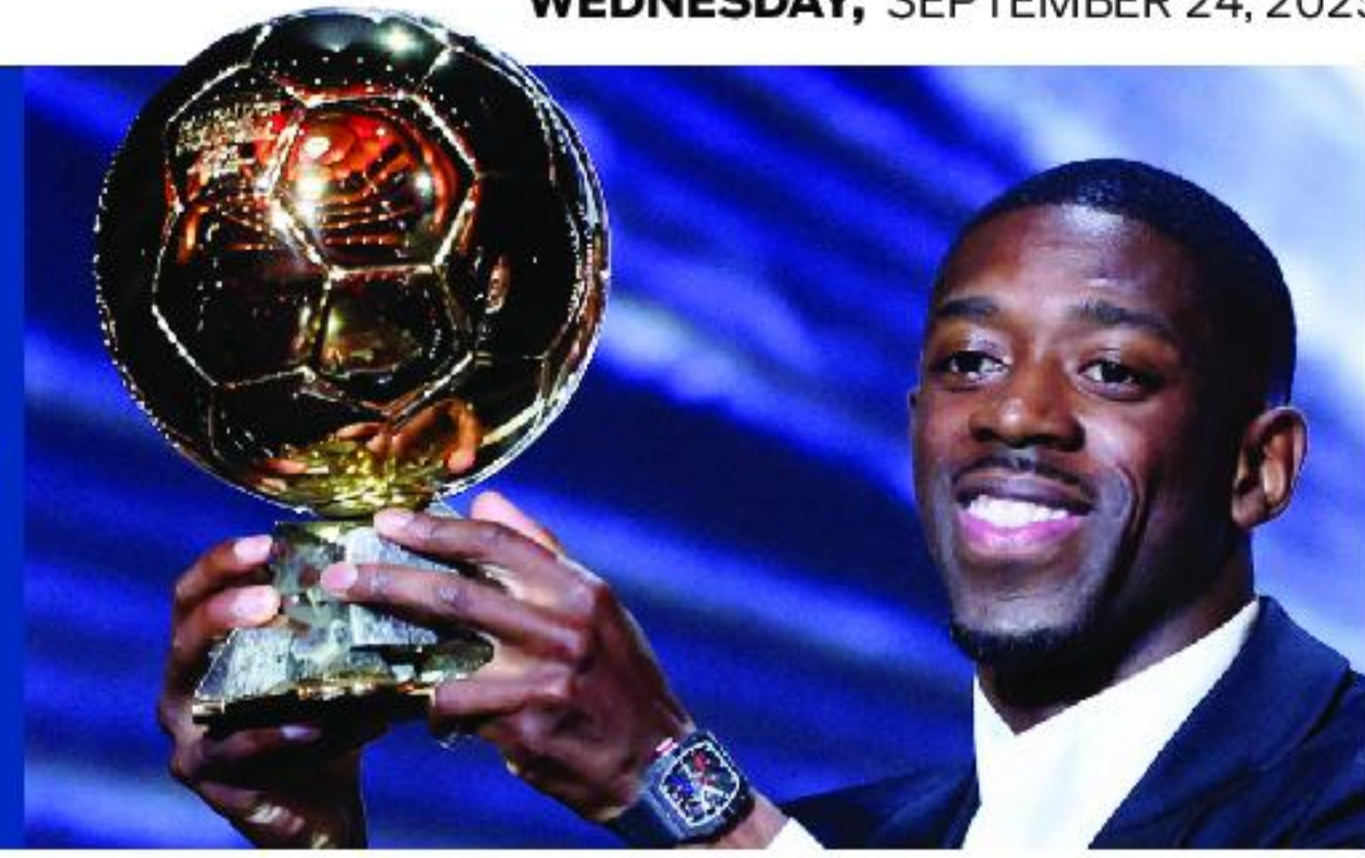
But Otachi's response irked the legislators. Nominated Senator Mariam Omar wondered that criteria the commission uses since some of the matters have been pending for years.

Otachi said the process involves screening of thousands of documents. "We have also dealt with tens of thousands of documents. We are actively involved in the investigations and inquiry of the land in question," he said.

[Edwin Nyarangi]

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Digital services costs to rise as KRA unveils new tax regime

► From Netflix to ChatGPT, global digital platforms now face direct taxation on income from Kenyan users.

► This tax could drive up subscription, ride-hailing, and app prices for Kenyans since firms are likely to pass on the costs to consumers.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

The taxman is poised for a sweeping crackdown on the fast growing digital economy under new regulations that establish a broad-based tax on non-resident companies, directly targeting the income of global giants like Netflix, Airbnb, and OpenAI like Google's ChatGPT from Kenyan users.

The Income Tax (Significant Economic Presence Tax) Regulations, 2025, published by the taxman on Monday, formally replace the 2020 Digital Service Tax (DST) with the more comprehensive levy.

The new rules hinge on a simple but powerful definition: A non-resident person is deemed to have a significant economic presence in Kenya simply if the user of its service is located within the country.

This move significantly expands the Kenya Revenue Authority's (KRA) reach into the digital earnings of multinational firms.

"The significant economic presence tax shall apply to the income of a non-resident person derived or accrued in Kenya from the provision of services through a business carried out over the internet or an electronic network including through a digital marketplace," the regulations state, framing it as a final tax.

Analysts say the new tax could lead to higher prices for consumers, as the targeted firms may choose to pass the additional cost on to users.

The three per cent levy on revenue earned from Kenya adds a direct operational cost for companies like Netflix, Uber and Airbnb, which analysts say could be passed on through increased subscription fees, ride-hailing charges or higher commissions, ultimately impacting the cost of digital services for Kenyan consumers. The scope of taxable services is vastly expanded beyond the previous DST.

The new law casts a wide net over the modern digital ecosystem, aiming to capture revenue from downloadable content like mobile apps from the Google Play Store and e-books from Amazon Kindle, subscription-based media such as The Economist, and streaming platforms like Netflix, Spotify, and Disney+.

It also explicitly encompasses software and cloud services from providers like Microsoft and Amazon Web Services, along with digital marketplaces that facilitate services, placing



Kenya Revenue Authority Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

companies like Airbnb, Booking.com, Uber, and Bolt squarely in focus.

In a reflection of the latest technological trends, the regulations also name artificial intelligence services, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT and the transmission of monetised user data collected from digital activities.

The law leaves little room for ambiguity on determining a user's location. A user is considered to be in Kenya if they access the service from a device in the country, use a Kenyan payment method like a local credit card, or have a Kenyan IP address or mobile country code.

3%
REVENUE

THE taxable profits are expected to be 10 per cent with tax rate set at 30 per cent of that profit, resulting in three per cent revenue gain.

"Payment for the services is made using a credit or debit facility provided by any financial institution or company in Kenya," the regulations specify as one of the key parameters.

The tax computation method shifts from the previous 1.5 per cent on gross transactions to a corporate income tax-like structure.

The taxable profit is deemed to be 10 per cent of the gross turnover derived from Kenya, with the tax rate set at 30 per cent of that profit—resulting in an effective tax rate of three per cent on revenue.

The new rules take effect upon official publication, with a transitional provision automatically migrating companies already registered under the old DST regime.

KRA Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga has invited public comments on the draft Income Tax (Significant Economic Presence Tax) Regulations, 2025, according to a public notice issued on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury published on Monday.

The draft document has been posted on the KRA website, and written submissions should be directed to the Commissioner General via postal mail or email before October 7.

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BILLS

Pending bill committee gets extension

The National Treasury has extended the term of the committee that has been auditing pending bills to December this year, a further indication that businesses that are owed billions of shillings by different state entities will have to wait longer. The government and county government owed suppliers of goods and services Sh701.64 billion as of June 2025, the biggest chunk owed by national government entities at Sh524.84 billion while counties owe Sh176.80 billion.

Treasury in a gazette notice said it had extended the term for the Pending Bills Verification Committee to December 31 this year. The committee was formed in September 2023 and was initially expected to give the Ministry a report within one year but the term has severally been extended.

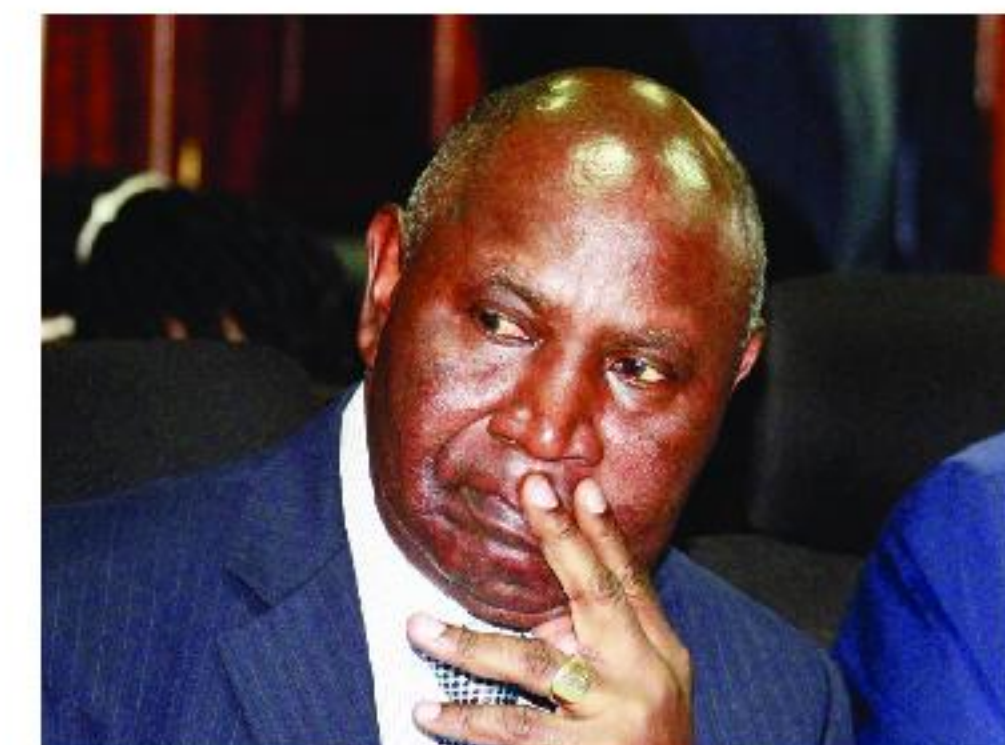
The committee, chaired by former Auditor General Edward Ouko (pictured) was mandated with vetting of pending bills, giving the government a clearer picture on what were legitimate claims as well as recommendations on how to go about clearing the claims.

"It is notified for the general information of the public that the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury has extended the term of the Pending Bills Verification Committee, with effect from the 1st April, 2025 up to the 31st December, 2025," said Treasury CS John Mbadi in the September 19 notice.

A recent report by the Controller of Budget (CoB) shows that pending bills by the different ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) and state corporations increased to Sh524.84 billion in the year ending on June 2025 up from Sh516.27 billion recorded in June 2024.

According to the report, of the Sh524.8 billion owed as pending bills by the national government, Sh404.33 billion (77 per cent) is owed by state corporations and Sh120.51 billion (23 per cent) by MDAs. This is in addition to another Sh176.80 billion owed by county governments even though their pending bills reduced by three per cent, from Sh181.98 billion in the 2023/24 financial year to Sh176.80 billion.

[Macharia Kamau]



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|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Crude oil 62.93 +0.65(+1.04%) | Gold 3,758.00 +42.40(+1.12%) | BitcoinUSD 113,035.95 +140.21(+0.12%) | Euro/USD 1.1796 +0.0001(+0.0161%) | FTSE 100 9,232.86 +6.81(+0.07%) | Nikkei 225 45,493.66 +447.85(+0.99%) | S&P Futures 6,749.25 -3.25(-0.05%) | NASDAQ Futures 25,002.75 -0.25(-0.00%) |
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Tops & Flops

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| CIC INSURANCE | 4.12 | 4.28 | 3.88% |
| UCHUMI | 0.34 | 0.35 | 2.94% |
| HF GROUP | 10.05 | 10.30 | 2.49% |
| LIBERTY | 10.25 | 10.50 | 2.44% |
| BAT | 419.00 | 428.75 | 2.33% |
| EXPRESS | 8.14 | 7.40 | -9.09% |
| UMEME | 7.62 | 6.94 | -8.92% |
| UNGA | 21.50 | 20.00 | -6.98% |
| HOME AFRIKA | 1.01 | 0.94 | -6.93% |
| STANDARD GROUP | 5.82 | 5.44 | -6.53% |



Exchange rates

| CURRENCY | EXCHANGE RATE | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| JAPANESE YEN (100) | 87.3811 | | |
| US DOLLAR | 129.2367 | SWEDISH KRONER | 13.7844 |
| STERLING POUND | 174.5083 | NORWEGIAN KRONER | 12.9957 |
| EURO | 152.1310 | DANISH KRONER | 20.3835 |
| SOUTH AFRICAN RAND | 7.4560 | INDIAN RUPEE | 1.4635 |
| KES / UGANDA SHILLING | 27.0976 | HONGKONG DOLLAR | 16.6332 |
| KES / TANZANIA SHILLING | 19.0929 | SINGAPORE DOLLAR | 100.7183 |
| KES / RWANDAN FRANC | 11.2261 | SAUDI RIYAL | 34.4585 |
| KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC | 23.0970 | CHINESE YUAN | 18.1670 |
| AE DIRHAM | 35.1856 | AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR | 85.1218 |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 93.5752 | | |
| SWISS FRANC | 162.8281 | | |

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

| MONEY FUNDS | DAILY YIELD | E. A. RATE |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| African Alliance Money Market Fund | 7.01% | 7.23% |
| GCIB Money Market Fund | 11.55% | 12.18% |
| Apollo Money Market Fund | 9.60% | 10.07% |
| CIC Money Market Fund | 8.22% | 8.53% |
| Dry Asso dates Money Market Fund | 9.44% | 9.86% |
| GenAfrica Money Market Fund | 10.07% | 10.54% |
| Stanbic Money Market Fund | 6.26% | 6.44% |
| Genghis Money Market Fund | 8.36% | 8.72% |
| Equity Money Market Fund | 5.04% | 5.16% |
| Madison Money Market Fund | 10.22% | 10.75% |
| Britam Money Market Fund | 10.04% | 10.56% |
| Britam Money Market Fund (USD) | 4.63% | 4.74% |
| Faulu Money Market Fund | 9.31% | 9.72% |
| Old Mutual Money Market Fund | 10.26% | 10.76% |
| Old Mutual Money Market Fund (USD) | 5.03% | 5.14% |
| Enwealth Money Market Fund | 10.58% | 11.11% |
| Enwealth Money Market Fund (USD) | 4.65% | 4.75% |
| Kuza Money Market Fund | 10.81% | 11.41% |
| Kuza Money Market Fund (USD) | 5.62% | 5.78% |
| Jubilee Money Market Fund | 9.92% | 10.39% |
| Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD) | 4.90% | 5.02% |
| Etica Money Market Fund | 11.37% | 12.05% |
| Etica Money Market Fund (USD) | 5.55% | 5.70% |
| OTHER FUNDS | | |
| Apollo Balanced Fund | 159.75 | 153.36 |
| GCIB Fixed Income Fund | 11.91% | 12.59% |



NUMBER OF THE DAY
SH125.6M
TELECOMMUNICATION: Safaricom closed yesterday by trading at Sh28.90 with shares valued Sh125.6 million traded, representing 11.79 per cent of the day's value.

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

| 52WK HIGH | 52WK LOW | | VWAP | PREVIOUS PRICE | VOLUME |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|---------|----------------|------------|
| AGRICULTURAL | | | | | |
| 23.00 | 10.00 | Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME | 20.00 | 19.75 | 1,990 |
| 440.00 | 240.00 | Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00 | 395.50 | 395.50 | 4 |
| 350.00 | 81.00 | Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME | 326.50 | 327.00 | 527 |
| 430.00 | 310.00 | The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME | | 374.75 | - |
| 32.60 | 13.60 | Sasini Plc Ord 1.00 | 18.75 | 19.00 | 10,961 |
| 289.00 | 120.00 | Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 238.25 | 236.75 | 334 |
| AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES | | | | | |
| 49.00 | 18.50 | Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00 | 35.50 | 35.60 | 1,074 |
| BANKING | | | | | |
| 23.75 | 10.00 | ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50 | 20.00 | 20.20 | 404,033 |
| 42.00 | 26.50 | BK Group Plc Ord 0.80 | 38.55 | 38.55 | 23 |
| 109.25 | 43.05 | Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00 | 104.75 | 104.75 | 164,611 |
| 57.00 | 33.70 | Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50 | 54.75 | 54.25 | 550,699 |
| 11.30 | 2.80 | HF Group Plc Ord 5.00 | 10.30 | 10.05 | 117,207 |
| 44.80 | 15.80 | I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00 | 42.80 | 42.90 | 293,519 |
| 56.50 | 15.00 | KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00 | 55.50 | 54.25 | 11,473,519 |
| 75.00 | 28.50 | NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00 | 70.00 | 70.00 | 334,660 |
| 190.00 | 90.00 | Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00 | 181.25 | 182.75 | 69,779 |
| 347.50 | 134.00 | Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 | 285.25 | 287.00 | 438,345 |
| 21.55 | 10.10 | The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 | 18.95 | 18.95 | 548,640 |
| COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES | | | | | |
| 0.45 | 0.45 | Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50 | 0.45 | - | - |
| 1.88 | 0.59 | Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00SME | 1.43 | 1.42 | 71,776 |
| 10.00 | 2.70 | Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 7.40 | 8.14 | 75,772 |
| 4.66 | 4.66 | Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME | | 4.66 | - |
| 9.18 | 3.65 | Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00 | 4.01 | 4.00 | 424,490 |
| 3.46 | 2.00 | Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00 | 3.02 | 3.02 | 5,900 |
| 5.00 | 1.58 | Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME | 1.68 | 1.65 | 24,608 |
| 22.40 | 10.60 | Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50 | 13.00 | 13.05 | 30,279 |
| 17.00 | 1.80 | Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00 | 15.40 | 15.20 | 63,870 |
| 10.80 | 4.50 | Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00 | 5.44 | 5.82 | 10,813 |
| 18.70 | 10.85 | TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 | 15.95 | 15.65 | 2,786 |
| 0.41 | 0.16 | Uchumi Supermarkets Plc Ord 5.00 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 2,627,894 |
| 3.95 | 1.80 | WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00 | 2.88 | 2.89 | 18,612 |
| CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED | | | | | |
| 5.55 | 5.55 | ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00 | | 5.55 | - |
| 84.00 | 21.30 | Bamburl Cement Plc Ord 5.00 | | 54.00 | - |
| 54.50 | 29.00 | Crown Palnts Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 51.00 | 51.00 | 30 |
| 3.27 | 0.72 | E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50 | | 1.71 | - |
| 64.25 | 4.38 | E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00 | 58.25 | 57.25 | 9,576 |
| ENERGY & PETROLEUM | | | | | |
| 10.40 | 1.94 | KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50 | 9.14 | 9.20 | 706,235 |
| 14.90 | 1.30 | Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50 | 14.15 | 14.30 | 430,093 |
| 4.20 | 4.00 | Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00 | | 4.10 | - |
| 6.00 | 6.00 | Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00 | | 6.00 | - |
| 39.90 | 14.55 | TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 34.70 | 34.60 | 4,215 |
| 24.75 | 6.30 | Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50 | 6.94 | 7.62 | 282,548 |
| INSURANCE | | | | | |
| 9.28 | 4.01 | Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10 | 8.96 | 8.94 | 100,529 |
| 5.50 | 1.60 | CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord 1.00 | 4.28 | 4.12 | 926,408 |
| 332.00 | 142.00 | Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00 | 320.00 | 313.50 | 3,432 |
| 3.77 | 1.05 | Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50 | 3.18 | 3.17 | 2,478,929 |
| 12.20 | 3.30 | Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00 | 10.50 | 10.25 | 1,608 |
| 11.00 | 4.00 | Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 9.04 | 9.16 | 23,194 |
| INVESTMENT | | | | | |
| 16.50 | 7.60 | Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50 | 14.45 | 14.45 | 109,646 |
| 1.83 | 0.27 | Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00 | 0.94 | 1.01 | 3,620,978 |
| 1500.00 | 1,500.00 | Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME | | 1,500.00 | - |
| 7.12 | 1.91 | Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00 | 5.50 | 5.46 | 34,730 |
| 1.78 | 0.29 | Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50 | | 1.12 | - |
| INVESTMENT SERVICES | | | | | |
| 16.50 | 5.22 | Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00 | 13.75 | 14.05 | 69,112 |
| MANUFACTURING & ALLIED | | | | | |
| 130.00 | 65.00 | B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 | 120.75 | 120.75 | 6,382 |
| 495.00 | 325.00 | British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00 | 428.75 | 419.00 | 7,784 |
| 27.05 | 11.00 | Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00 | 25.30 | 25.35 | 18,114 |
| 244.00 | 100.00 | East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00 | 214.75 | 211.75 | 25,321 |
| 2.33 | 0.86 | Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825 | 1.71 | 1.72 | 95,082 |
| 80.00 | 10.40 | Africa Mega Agrilcorp Plc Ord 5.00SME | | 65.00 | - |
| 0.27 | 0.27 | Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00 | | 0.27 | - |
| 31.00 | 12.00 | Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00 | 20.00 | 21.50 | 1,838 |
| 8.56 | 5.90 | Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME | 8.48 | 8.32 | 13,345 |
| TELECOMMUNICATION | | | | | |
| 31.00 | 11.50 | Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05 | 28.90 | 28.70 | 4,348,136 |
| REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST | | | | | |
| 20.00 | 20.00 | LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord 20.00 | | 20.00 | - |
| EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS | | | | | |
| 3330.00 | 1880.00 | ABSA New Gold ETF | 4470.00 | 4490.00 | 2,101 |
| 761.00 | 761.00 | Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF | 842.00 | 832.00 | 451 |

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX Up 0.92 points | NSE 20-SHARE INDEX Up 14.59 points to close at 2916.97

TRAINING

Hub launched to bridge skills gap

A Princeton University-linked initiative has launched a major research hub in Western Kenya designed to directly address the critical skills gap hindering economic growth across Kenya and Africa by connecting local challenges with global academic expertise.

The Princeton-African School of Economics Research (PASER) Hub, inaugurated at Tom Mboya University (TMU), aims to create a new model for development where municipalities and devolved governments use data-driven research to shape policy, train a new generation of professionals, and attract investment. The launch was done during the recent Devolution Conference 2025.

The public-private partnership (PPP) is a collaboration between the African School of Economics (ASE)—founded by Princeton Professor Leonard Wantchekon, Tom Mboya University, the Ndihiwa Municipality, and sustainable development firm DHA East Africa Ltd.

"Africa's challenge is not a lack of talent, but a gap in applying knowledge practically," said Professor Leonard Wantchekon in a statement following the inauguration. "This hub is an instrument for empowering communities to build their own evidence-based solutions, moving beyond aid to self-reliant development."

The hub's mission tackles a central paradox of economies in Africa: despite a booming youth population and rapid economic growth in many regions, a persistent mismatch between workforce skills and market needs threatens to derail long-term progress.

The PASER model therefore seeks to turn universities into engines of practical problem-solving, ensuring graduates possess the technical, research, and entrepreneurial skills demanded by modern economies.

The skills gap in Africa is well-documented. A 2024 World Bank report estimated that while millions of young people enter the job market annually, over 60 per cent of them lack the foundational digital and analytical skills required for current employment opportunities.

This gap is particularly acute in rapidly urbanising areas like Homa Bay County, where traditional economies are transforming.

The Ndihiwa Hub will therefore function as a bridge. It will immediately engage TMU's 15,000 students in applied research projects that address real-world problems identified by the local devolved government, such as designing digital tools for climate-smart agriculture or developing data models for SMART urban planning.

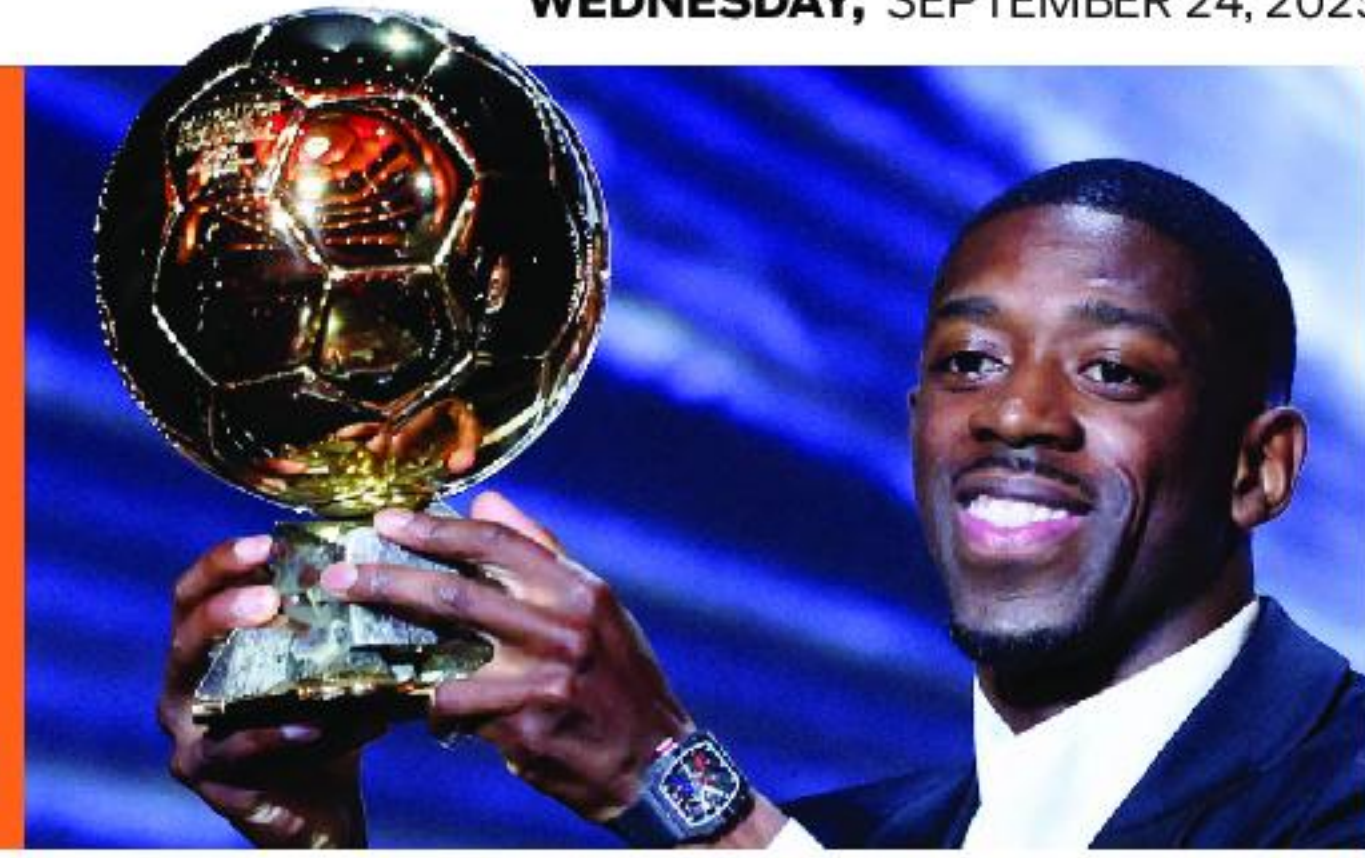
"This is the essence of devolution in action," said Homa Bay County Secretary, Professor Bernard Muok.

[Brian Ngugi]

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Malawi ex-president takes clear lead in vote-count, results show

- ▶ Mutharika leads with 66pc as two-thirds of districts declare provisional results
- ▶ Commission reviews disputed tallies amid arrests of clerks accused of manipulation.

BBC

Malawi's former President Peter Mutharika has taken a comfortable lead in the country's presidential race, with two-thirds of districts having reported provisional results.

The 85-year old has received around 66 per cent of the valid votes counted so far, with his closest rival, the incumbent Lazarus Chakwera, 70, trailing on around 24 per cent.

Results declared so far indicate that Mutharika has won in areas known to be Chakwera strongholds, including the capital, Lilongwe, and Nkhosha. But Chakwera's camp has not given up, saying that once results are declared from other areas, his vote will increase and he could force a run-off.

A candidate needs more than 50% of the vote to be declared the winner, with Malawians eagerly awaiting the final result from last Tuesday's election.

The Malawi Electoral Commission has until the end of Wednesday to announce it.

At least two of the 12 districts still to declare results have a large number of registered voters, and



Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera (left) and former President Peter Mutharika. [AFP]

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A candidate needs more than 50 per cent of the vote to be declared the winner, with Malawians eagerly awaiting the final result from last Tuesday's election.

Chakwera's camp believes he will do well there. These includes rural areas around Lilongwe and Dedza.

Two other districts, where Mutharika is expected to do well, have had their results withheld by the electoral commission as it checks whether they are accurate.

The commission said it was committed to transparency, accuracy and credibility.

It added that it was carefully checking every tally sheet, after the constitutional court annulled Mutharika's victory in 2019 because of irregularities.

Chakwera won the re-run by a wide margin, but during his presidency Malawi's economic crisis has deepened, with high inflation, food and fuel shortages and constant power cuts.

On Friday, Chakwera's party said it had discovered "irregularities" and "serious anomalies", and had asked the electoral commission to conduct a "physical audit" of results. The party did not specify the irregularities.

Police said eight data entry clerks had been arrested on accusations of trying to manipulate results.

Briefing

SPAIN. 'TOTAL' ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL

The Spanish government approved a "total" arms embargo on Israel, part of a package of measures aimed at halting what Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called "the genocide in Gaza". The decree prohibits all exports to Israel of defence material and dual-use products or technologies, and the import of such equipment to Spain, Economy Minister Carlos Cuerdo said. It also blocks requests for the transit of aircraft fuel with potential military applications and bans imports of products originating from Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territories, including their advertising, Cuerdo said. "This decree is a big step forward and is pioneering at the international level when it comes to a total arms embargo on Israel," Cuerdo told a news conference after the cabinet approved the measure. [AFP]

UK. ASYLUM SEEKER JAILED OVER SEXUAL ASSAULTS

An Ethiopian asylum seeker was jailed for a year for sexually assaulting a teenage girl and a woman, in a case that ignited weeks of UK protests. District Judge Christopher Williams told Hadush Kebatu that "it's evident to me that your shame and remorse isn't because of the offences you've committed but because of the impact they've had," as he passed sentence. Williams had found Kebatu guilty of five offences, including two of sexual assault, following a three-day trial that ended on September 4. Kebatu reportedly gave his age as 38 but court records suggest he is 41. Police had arrested him on July 8 in Epping, London, after he repeatedly tried to kiss a 14-year-old girl and touch her legs, and made sexually explicit comments to her. He also sexually assaulted an adult woman, placing a hand on her thigh, when she intervened to stop his interactions with the girl. [AFP]

DEFIANCE

Three West African countries to quit International Criminal Court

Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger have announced they will immediately withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC), labelling it an "instrument of neo-colonialist repression".

The three military-led countries issued a joint statement, saying they would not recognise the authority of the UN-backed court, based in The Hague.

"The ICC has proven itself incapable of handling and prosecuting proven war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of genocide, and crimes of aggression," the three leaders said.

The court has not yet responded to the deci-



Interim President of Mali Colonel Assimi Goita (left), head of military junta in Niger Abdourahamane Tchiani and Interim leader of Burkina Faso Ibrahim Traore. [BBC]

sion by the three countries, all of which with close ties to Russia whose leader Vladimir Putin has been subject to an ICC arrest warrant.

The three states said they wanted to set up "indigenous mechanisms for the consolidation of peace and justice".

They accused the ICC of targeting less privileged countries, echoing criticism from Rwanda's President Paul Kagame who has previously accused the ICC of holding an anti-African bias.

The ICC was set up in 2002 to legally pursue cases of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression.

Out of 33 cases launched since its inception, all but one involved an African country.

A country's withdrawal from the ICC officially takes effect one year after the UN is notified.

Military junta forces are in control of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, following coups in the Sahel countries between 2020 and 2023. They make up the only three members of the Confederation of Sahel States.

Their armies have faced accusations of crimes against civilians, as violence has escalated in the region against jihadist groups linked to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. [BBC]

COPENHAGEN

Mystery drones paralyse Scandinavian airports

Large drones that flew over Copenhagen airport for hours and caused it to shut down constituted the “most serious attack on Danish critical infrastructure” to date, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said Tuesday.

Airports in Copenhagen and Oslo reopened early Tuesday, hours after unidentified drones in their airspace caused dozens of flights to be diverted or cancelled, disrupting thousands of passengers.

“This is part of the development we have recently observed with other drone attacks, airspace violations, and cyberattacks targeting European airports,” Frederiksen said in a statement provided to AFP.

She referred to similar drone incidents in Poland and Romania and the violation by Russian fighter jets of Estonia’s airspace.

The governments of Poland, Estonia and Romania have pointed the finger at Moscow, which has brushed off the allegations. Frederiksen told Danish broadcaster DR she could “not rule out” that Russia was behind the drone activity.

Moscow denied involvement, with Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov criticising her remarks as “unfounded accusations”.

On X, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky denounced what he said was a Russian violation of Den-

mark’s airspace.

Danish police meanwhile said they had been unable to identify the drone operator.

“The number, size, flight patterns, time over the airport. All this together ... indicates that it is a capable actor. Which capable actor, I do not know,” Copenhagen police inspector Jens Jespersen told reporters.

“It was an actor that had the capacity, the will and the tools to make their presence known,” he said.

Danish intelligence said the Scandinavian country was facing a “high threat of sabotage”.

“Someone may not necessarily want to attack us, but rather stress us out and see how we react,” Flemming Drejer, director of operations at Denmark’s intelligence service PET, said.

Jespersen said “several large drones” flew over the Copenhagen airport for more than three hours on Monday evening.

A heavy police presence was dispatched, and the devices could be seen coming and going for several hours before flying away on their own, police said.

Police were cooperating with the Danish military and intelligence service in their investigation, Jespersen said.

Police decided not to shoot down the drones for safety reasons. [AFP]

Passengers stand in a queue to get new tickets at the service point of the Copenhagen Airport in Copenhagen, Denmark, on September 23, 2025. [AFP]



SEOUL

Unification Church leader arrested in South Korea over bribery allegations

The Unification Church leader was arrested Tuesday in South Korea over allegations of bribery linked to a former first lady, including luxury gifts, prosecutors said.

“The Seoul Central District Court issued the warrant on the ground she poses the risk of tampering with evidence,” the prosecution said.

Han Hak-ja, 82, was questioned last week over her alleged role in bribing former first lady Kim Keon Hee and a prominent lawmaker. Prosecutors sought her arrest a day later.

After the warrant was issued, Han was remanded in custody at the Seoul

Detention Center.

The Unification Church was founded in 1954 by Han’s late husband Moon Sun-myung and has long been the subject of controversy.

Moon claimed to be the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, while the church has a cult-like culture and its followers are derisively referred to as “Moonies”.

It has a vast reach, with businesses ranging from media and tourism to food distribution.

“We humbly accept the court’s decision,” the church said in a statement on the arrest. [AFP]

FLOCKING FOR A DUCK CHASE

People participate in a duck-catching contest at the Chinese farmers’ harvest festival celebrations in Rongjiang County, southwest China’s Guizhou Province, September 23, 2025. The event is the first national festival created specifically for the country’s farmers. [Xinhua]



Uncertain future as DR Congo peace talks falter

► Ceasefire collapses as both sides trade blame and prepare for renewed fighting.

► Rebels demand prisoner release and power-sharing while government resists concessions.

FRED KAGONYE

The future of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) hangs in the balance after peace talks between the government and the Congo River Alliance (AFC), which includes the March 23 Movement (M23), collapsed without agreement.

The two sides had been negotiating in Qatar, but behind the closed-door discussions, both were preparing for renewed fighting, according to Reuters.

In June 2025, the United States brokered a peace deal between the DRC and Rwanda, paving the way for further dialogue with the AFC.

“They were going at it for many years, and with machetes... it is one of the worst wars anyone has ever seen. And I just happened to have somebody that was able to get it settled,” US President Donald Trump told the media.

Investment opportunities

He added that he wanted to see the deal succeed, promising investment opportunities for the DRC and mineral benefits for the US. Trump also warned of “unknown consequences” for either country should they breach the agreement.

Under the accord, the Rwandan military was to withdraw from Congolese territory by the end of September, while the two countries

agreed to sign an economic integration framework. This followed accusations from the DRC, the UN, and several Western governments that Rwandan President Paul Kagame’s administration was arming and training rebel groups.

M23 and other factions formed the AFC to strengthen their bargaining power. But the alliance rejected the Rwanda-DRC agreement and insisted on direct talks with Kinshasa. These began on August 8 and were due to conclude on August 18 but collapsed when rebels withdrew, accusing the government of attacking their strongholds despite the ceasefire. Talks later resumed but remain fragile.

Both sides have since accused each other of violations and appear to be mobilising for war. Fighters have been increasingly visible in

eastern towns, even as international calls mount for talks in Qatar to continue.

The rebels demand the release of prisoners and a power-sharing arrangement in areas under their control. President Félix Tshisekedi’s government has so far rejected these conditions.

Tensions have drawn in neighbouring states. Rwanda and Burundi have reportedly moved troops to the border, with Kigali said to have deployed around 7,000 soldiers.

Meanwhile, atrocities continue. Last month, at least 319 civilians, including 48 women and 19 children, were massacred in Rutshuru, North Kivu Province, in what the UN described as “one of the largest documented death tolls in such attacks since the M23’s resurgence in 2022.”

Although Rwanda has repeatedly denied backing the rebels, it insists it will defend its borders against any Congolese aggression.

Rich in gold

The eastern DRC, rich in gold, cobalt, tantalum, copper and lithium remains a magnet for both rebel factions and foreign interests. The Ntshangwa Mining Company has been exporting vast mineral stockpiles through neighbouring states. American firm Liquidsky, via local partner Inter Oceanic, has reportedly been a key buyer of Congolese gold.

Proceeds from these sales have allowed rebels to rearm, sustaining their campaign under the banner of independence. They have also profited from timber exports.

Human Rights Watch says it is monitoring mineral trade flows and funding trails, with the aim of pressing international agencies to impose sanctions and ensure accountability before the International Criminal Court.

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Donald Trump, US President



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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
You can feel quite passionate in pursuit of creative goals or mental interests and the sharing of ideas. However, be cautious not to hold on so tightly to a belief or viewpoint that it begins to consume or trouble you, interfering with healthy interactions.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
Resentment can emerge, and there may be a tendency to seek answers that you may not truly want to receive in the end. Use intense emotions and compulsions constructively, if possible, or aim to use this window into problematic attachments to improve your life.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
This transit makes it hard to maintain a sense of proportion, and you may be experiencing a bit of impatience, pride, or misdirected anger. Alternatively, you may encounter resistance to achieving your goals and accomplishing what you set out to do. Avoid manipulative tactics that will serve only to put more pressure on you.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
Aim to use frustration or anger to motivate you to improve something in your life that's truly helpful for you, rather than waste time on resentment. While there can be supportive people or channels for expressing your affections, some pressure can build.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
Conflicts involving values, money, or questions of ownership and boundaries can easily escalate and turn in to power games or other forms of manipulation. Try not to hold on so tightly to your methods or approach that you alienate someone, and watch for others who are doing something similar now.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
If you look closely at emerging feelings or reactions today, you'll gain a valuable insight into areas where you or someone in your life is overly attached and could benefit from a breather or fresh perspective.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
This transit can instead suggest an internal struggle with a fear that seems to hold you back from pursuing a challenge or passion. Watch that you are not your own worst enemy today by saying or doing things that invite adverse reactions.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
What starts as a passionate feeling about something could quickly turn into frustration. Avoid senseless power struggles with others, but acknowledge and attempt to understand any darker aspects that surface from deep within.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
If you fear that you will not get your way, there may be a temptation to manipulate. If someone in your life is frequently taking the reins, you'll want to make changes now. Resentment might surface, but this also gives you the chance to see what anger or hurt you've been holding onto that has been detrimental to you.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Obstinacy can now be a symptom of a deeper problem or a fear of change, and that doesn't benefit anyone, including yourself. It's best to look to the source of frustrations. If you find yourself holding on for dear life to an opinion or method, consider what is genuinely bothering you.



Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
There can be issues related to understanding what a relationship means or its depth of involvement or commitment for some. It may be best to focus your energies on something productive rather than dwell on something that is not going your way.



Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
While it's true that competition sometimes motivates you to improve your game, today's tense atmosphere doesn't readily lead to positives unless you consciously aim to identify areas of anger and work on resolving them.

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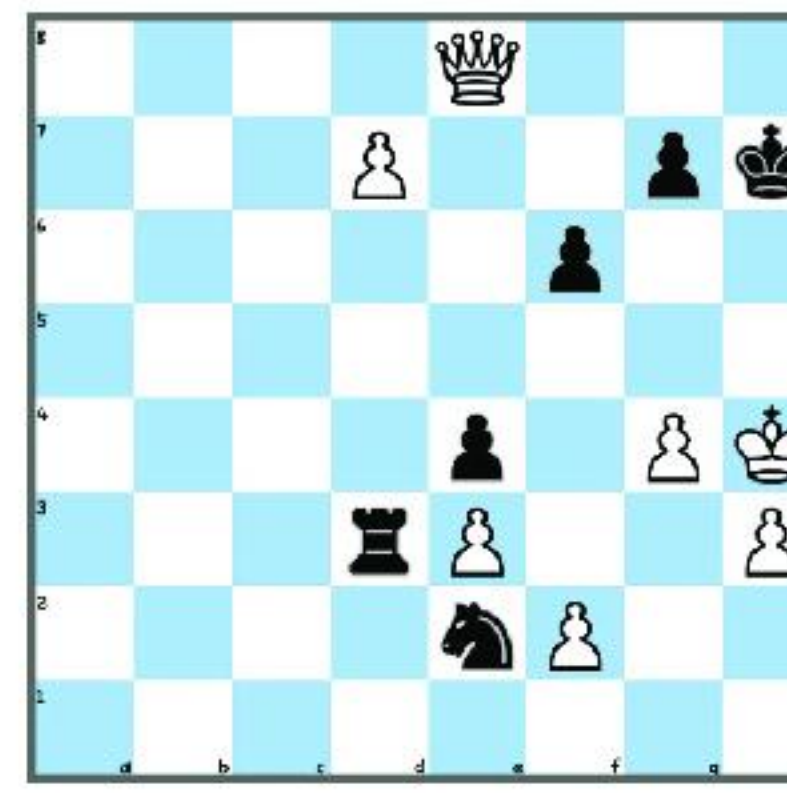
Easy puzzle

Black mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

Black mates in 3 moves.

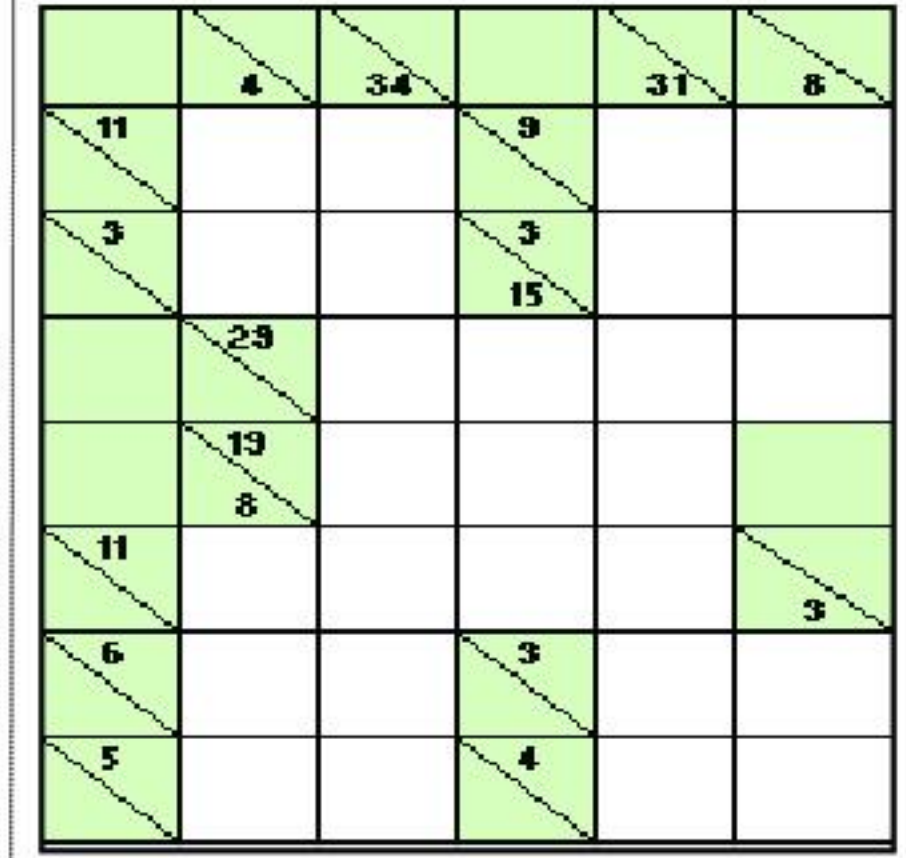


Tuesday's solution

- Easy:
1. Re8+ Nxe8
2. Qh8#

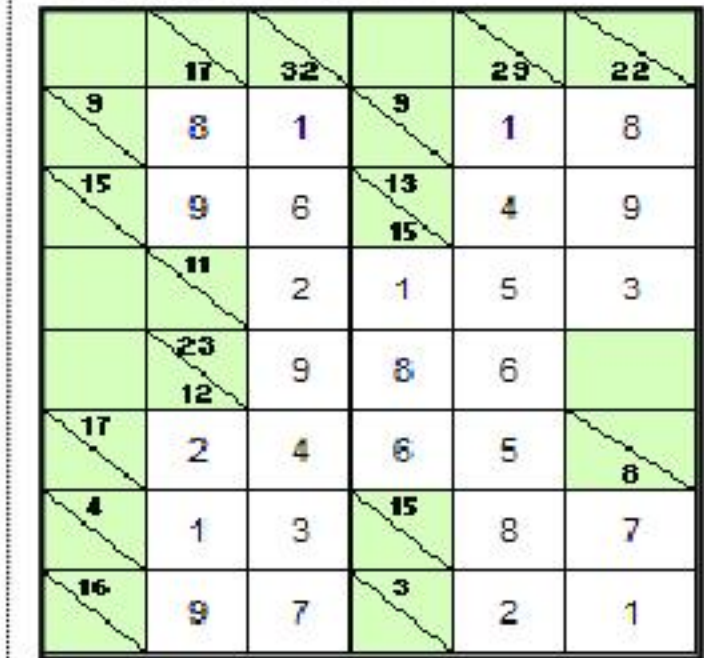
- Intermediate:
1. g7+ Rxg7
2. Qh4+ Rh7
3. Qxh7#

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

Tuesday's solution



SOLVIT

| | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| C | G | B | J | 18 |
| F | E | H | H | 27 |
| B | G | A | C | 22 |
| D | F | J | D | 14 |
| 25 | 19 | 21 | 16 | |

Difficulty

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

Today's Clues

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| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J |
| 5 | | | | 4 | | | | |

Tuesday's solution

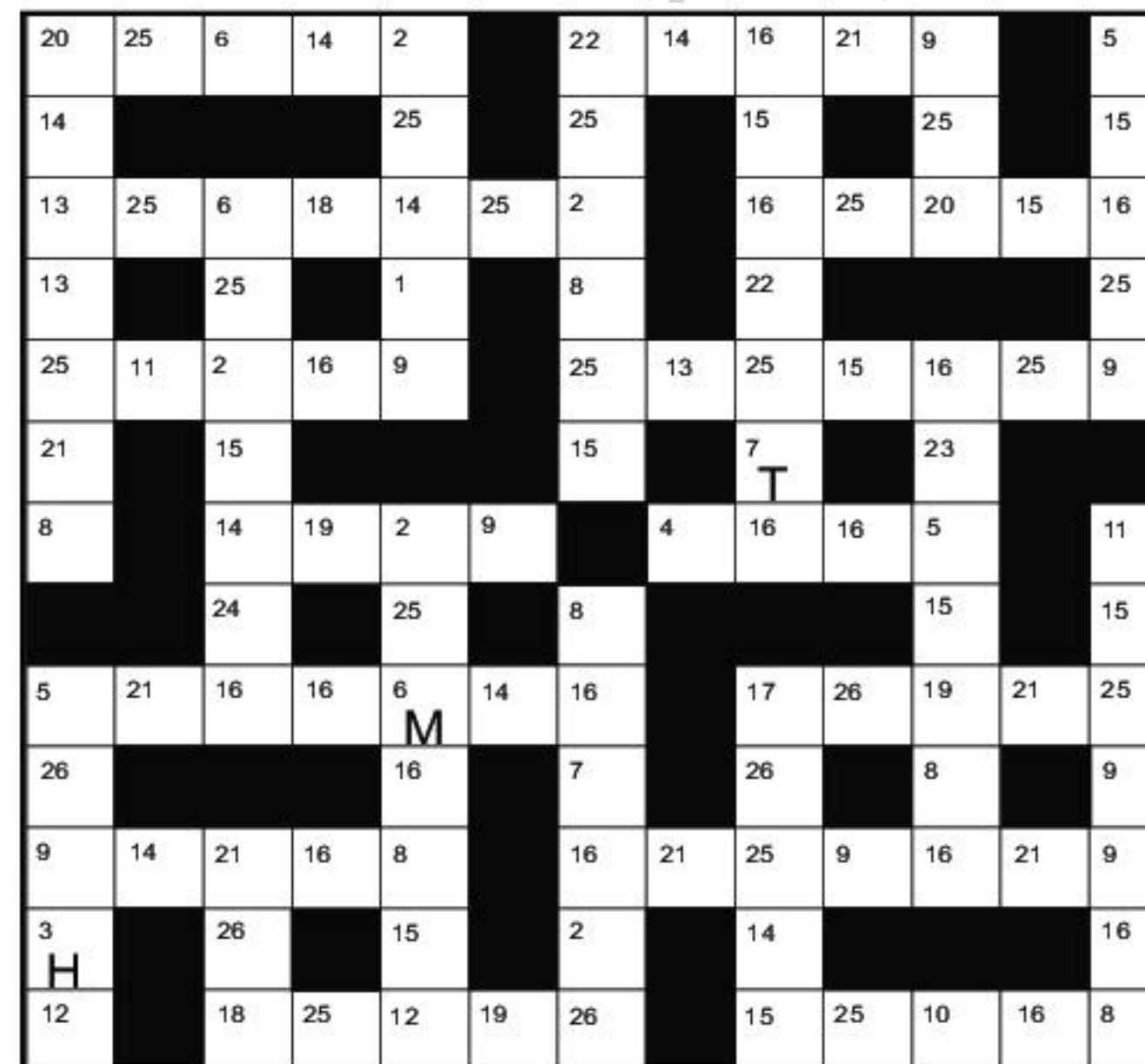
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J |
| 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 |

CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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

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

Tuesday's solution

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| 1 | T |
| 2 | B |
| 3 | G |
| 4 | Q |
| 5 | J |
| 6 | M |
| 7 | L |
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| 9 | A |
| 10 | F |
| 11 | R |
| 12 | D |
| 13 | C |
| 14 | O |
| 15 | K |
| 16 | Z |
| 17 | I |
| 18 | P |
| 19 | W |
| 20 | E |
| 21 | U |
| 22 | X |
| 23 | V |
| 24 | H |
| 25 | N |
| 26 | Y |

SUDOKU



Tuesday's solution

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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

St. Francis Of Assisi



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Ndalani/Ndalani/133

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LOSS of Green Card: Kwale/ Diani S.S/3819

LOST title deed Nakuru/ Municipality Block 29/1022

LOSS of Title Deed for land parcel no. Nyaribari Chache/ B/B/Boburia/16084 registered in the name of Patrick Lumumba Anundah

LOSS of title Thika Municipality Blk 18/22

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LOSS of title deed L.R.NO. Kajado/Ntashart/12462 Proprietors: Vincent Odari Amulega & Stella Kuri Mugambi

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LOSS of title deed Gaturi/ Githimu/3258

LOST title Aguthi / Thekahuno/664

LOST Title: Loc.3/ Kariua/302 Mwangi Kahuria

LOST title Nanyuki marura block 8/71(nturukuma) of Patrick Rick Kabai

A22/NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Plot No. Nakuru Municipality Block 4/202 situated in Nakuru Township off Ronald Ngala Street and next to Nyamira Flats is proposing to change its use from Residential use to Business cum Residential Development subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, organisations, institutions etc. with objections or comments on the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:-

The CECM,
Land, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban
Development,
Nakuru County Government
P.O. Box 2870-20100
Nakuru

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Parcel No. BUNGOMA/KIMINI/1794 situated off Bunambo Mbirira road near Bunambo market, in Tongaren Sub county Bungoma County wishes to Change the Existing Agricultural use to light Industry (Avocado processing) subject to approval by the County Government of Bungoma. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:-

The County Executive Committee Member,
Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban
Development,
County Government of Bungoma,
P.O. Box 437-50200,
Bungoma.
Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu
Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 :3(3)(a)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019) CHANGE OF USE

The owners of this Plot No. NAIROBI/BLOCK 189/153 located in Garden Estate Area Ridgeway lane, Nairobi City County, intends to Change its Use from Single Dwelling to Residential Multi-Dwelling Residential (Townhouses) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. 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:

CECM, BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN
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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O Box 30075,
NAIROBI, KENYA
Plan. JOHN MSAU(0284)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of loc.11/MARAGI/3915 located in Maragi Area, off Murang'a Kangema road, proposes to change the use of the land from Agricultural to Commercial Cum Multi-Dwelling Residential subject to the approval by the Murang'a County Government. Individuals and Institutions with any objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

THE CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING &
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MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 52-10200, MURANG'A.
Name of the registered planner: Gitonga Kelvin
Ritho, Reg. No. 0270

FORM PLUPA/DC/3

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT CHANGE OF USE

The owner of parcel L.R. No. Kajado/Kaputiei North/23462 situated in Kiunga town off EPZ road proposes to change use from agricultural to residential (flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Kajado. Individuals, institutions etc with objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days to:

The CECM - Lands, Physical Planning & Urban
Development,
County Government of Kajado,
P.O. Box 11-0100,
Kajado.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owners (s) of Nairobi Block 136/8587 Located Off Kangundo road, Ruarua Nairobi City County wishes to change its use from single dwelling to multi dwelling apartments subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Any individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) with comments or objections to the proposal should submit them in writing within 14 days to:

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Built Environment and Planning
Nairobi City County
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Planner GITONGA KELVIN RITHO(0270)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of the plot bearing land Registration number DONYO SABUK/KOMAROCK BLOCK 1/4105, located in Kantaru area off Kangundo road within Machakos County; proposes to change its use from AGRICULTURAL USE TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL(Go-Downs). Subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos.

Any person or institution with any representation in connection to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days from the day of this notice to:-

THE CECM-LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS
P.O BOX 11, ATHIRIVER.
RPP No. 0182 -JAMES K NJERU

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019) PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Plot No. NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1763, NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1764, NAIROBI/BLOCK 105/1765 & NAIROBI/BLOCK 1766 (AMALGAMATED) located off Sewer Road, Ruai area within Nairobi City County proposes to change the use of the Land from Residential to Religious Use (Church & Ancillary Services), subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal should forward them within 14 days of this Notice to:-

The CECM-Built Environment and Urban
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P.O Box 30075-00100
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Registered Physical Planner Christopher
Nicholas Omare Reg.No.0065

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE

The registered owner of plot L.R. No. 209/197/1/21-(NRBI/BLK 40/601) Located off Park Road, Ngara East area proposes to extend lease subject to approval by the Nairobi City County.

Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of this notice to:
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Registered Physical Planner Christopher
Nicholas Omare Reg.No.0065

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Title No. JUJA/KIAURA BLOCK 12 (NAWELL)/ 423 situated at Kenyatta Road within Juja Municipality, Kiambu County proposes to change its use from Single Dwelling Residential to Multi Dwelling Units (Flats), subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions etc. with objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of this notice to:

The CECM, Land, Housing and Physical Planning
Kiambu County Government,
P. O Box 2344-00900, KIAMBU.
Physical Planner: Peter Kaberere. Reg. No. 0287

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. RUIRU/MUGUTHA/BLOCK 1/3281 located at JUJA sub county MUGUTHA area has applied for permission to change the user from AGRICULTURAL USE TO BUSINESS CUM RESIDENTIAL MULTI-DWELLING (BCR) 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: KELVIN RITHO RPP NO. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019) CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Plot L.R. No. 13330/432 (NAIROBI/BLOCK 245/432) Located in Thome Area, Off Thika Superhighway, proposes to Change its Use from Single Dwelling Residential to Commercial cum MultiDwelling Residential (Apartments) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Anyone with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

CECM, LANDS & URBAN PLANNING,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
P.O.Box 30075-00100,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

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. Bahati/ Engonusha Block 1/903 (Nakuru Workers Housing) situated within Bahati 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

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUIRU
ELC SUIT NO. E156 OF 2025

HENRY GUCHU KAMAU PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

PETER MWaura KAMAU 1st DEFENDANT

BETH MUKAMI MWANIA 2nd DEFENDANT

SYMON MWANGI CHEGE 3rd DEFENDANT

CAROLINE GATHONI GITHINI 4th DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT
(O.S. R.17)

Pursuant To an Order Made On 19th September
2025

To:

SYMON MWANGI CHEGE & CAROLINE
GATHONI GITHINI

TAKE NOTICE that a claim has been filed IN THE
CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUIRU IN ELC
SUIT NUMBER E 156 OF 2025 in which you are
named as the 3RD and 4TH Defendants. Service of
the summons on you has been ordered by means
of this advertisement. A copy of the summons
and the claim may be obtained at the CHIEF
MAGISTRATE'S COURT IN RUIRU or from the firm
of the advocates below.

FURTHER TAKE notice that, unless you enter an
appearance within 15 days the case will be heard
in your absence.

DRAWN BY

D.W GICHU & CO. ADVOCATES

RUIRU SUNRISE PLAZA 1st FLOOR

P.O. BOX 1625-00232

EMAIL: dwgichuandcompanyadvocates@gmail.com

Tel: 0777300010, 0794787754

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of **L.R No. 76/550** located within Thindigua, Off Kiambu Road, near Phoenix Hotel Kiambu, Thindigua, Kiambu Sub-County has applied for permission to change its use from **AGRICULTURAL TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION (CHURCH)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government.

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 - LAND, PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 2344-00900,
KIAMBU.**

PHYSICAL PLANNER: PLAN. JOHN THOMAS NGUGI MBAU R.P.P No. 0284

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of **L.R No. 76/509** located within Thindigua, Off Kiambu Road, Opposite Quickmart Supermarket, Thindigua, Kiambu Sub-County has applied for permission to change its use from **AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE DWELLING (FLATS)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. 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 - LAND, PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.**

PHYSICAL PLANNER: PLAN. JOHN THOMAS NGUGI MBAU R.P.P NO. 0284

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE

The owner(s) of plot no. **THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 2/465** located in Makongeni off Garissa Road- Thika Sub-county, Kiambu County, proposes to undertake **RENEWAL OF LEASE** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Any individuals or institutions with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
LAND, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O Box 2344-00900, KIAMBU.**

REGISTERED PLANNER: JOHN MBAU -0284

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 [r.3(3)(x1)]

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Owner of Plot No. **RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 1/4444** situated off Thika Super Highway, in Ruiru area, Ruiru Sub County, proposes to Change the Use of the plot from **Agricultural to Residential Multi Dwelling Units (Flats)** subject to approval by Kiambu County.

Individuals, Institutions and Organizations etc with objections/comments to the proposal to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**County Executive Committee Member(CECM)
Lands Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Kiambu
P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu
Registered Physical Planner RPP No. 0114**

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. L.R. No. 16994**, Located in Juja town - Juja south estate area, Juja Sub-County, proposes to **change the use from light industrial to B.C.R. - Business (shops and offices) and residential multi-dwelling (apartments) 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. 0284**

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT ON PLOT LR NO NAIROBI/BLOCK 14/374 (L.R. NO. 330/94), ALONG RIARA ROAD, RIARA, KILIMANI AREA NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Golden Apple Development Co. Limited proposes to construct Four Hundred and Eighty Units (480) of one and two bedrooms Residential apartments.

Pursuant to Section 17 of the The EMCA, CAP 387 the proponent invites the public to consultative meetings to be held on 30th September 2025 and on 9th and 11th October 2025 at 10:00am at the proposed site on plot L.R Number NAIROBI/BLOCK 14/374, (-1.296819, 36.760914) Along Riara Road, Riara Kilimani Area Nairobi City County.

For any enquiries/comments please contact:
Patrick Njoroge
Email: njorogepatrick168@gmail.com

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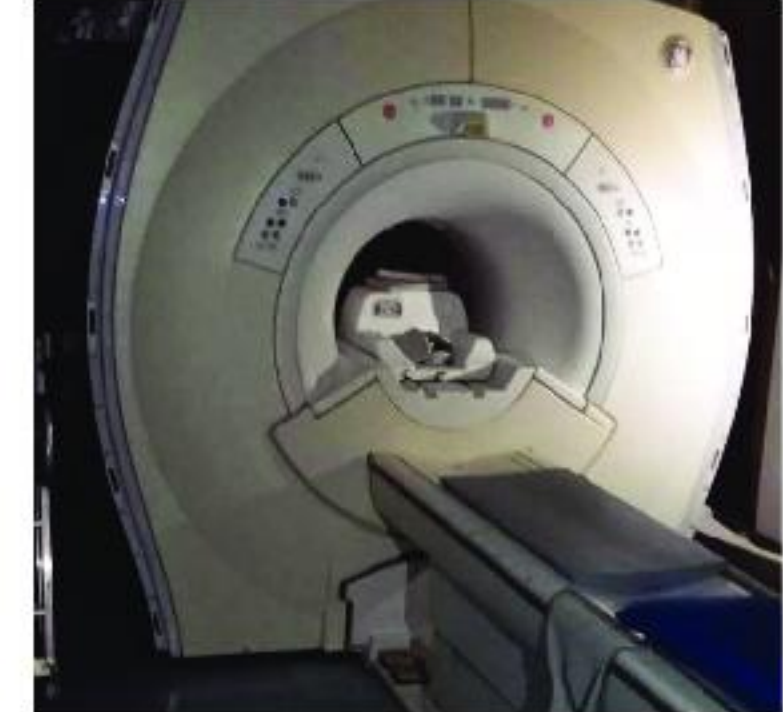
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Cell: 0727 872 478 / 0718 084 405 | Hotline: 0721 244 842
Email: info@phillipsauctioneers.co.ke

MRI -EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our PRINCIPALS, THE FINANCIERS, we shall sell the under mentioned goods by public auction, under the CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT, on - **FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025 - AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED WITHIN KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD - OPPOSITE WHITESTAR CENTRE - NAIROBI COUNTY - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION, CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT - CHAPTER 28
BANK -VS- PRECISE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING LIMITED**

**1.5T BRIVO MR 355 (MRI -EQUIPMENT)
TO BE VIEWED AT PRECISE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING LIMITED CLINIC SITUATED ALONG MWENESI ROAD, UPPERHILL - NAIROBI COUNTY**



DESCRIPTION - 1.5T BRIVO MR 355 (MRI -EQUIPMENT)

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| MAKE | GENERAL ELECTRIC (G.E.) |
| MODEL | BRIVO MR355 |
| MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH | 1.5 TESLA |
| BORE DIAMETER | 60 CM |
| MAGNETIC WEIGHT APPROX. | 4,200 KG |
| DIMENSIONS | 230 CM, LENGTH X 160 CM WIDTH X 190 CM HEIGHT |

CONDITION OF SALE:

- Viewing of the MRI machine will take place at Precise Diagnostic Imaging Limited Clinic, located on Mwenesi Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi County, by prior booking through our office at least one day in advance. Please note that all details must be verified on-site, as neither the auctioneer nor our principals warrant the accuracy of the descriptions provided.
- Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of KSHS.1,000,000.00 FOR THE MRI MACHINE in order to obtain a bidding number.
- The deposit must be made in the form of a BANKER'S CHEQUE drawn in favour of PHILLIPS INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONEERS.
- Successful bidders will be required to make payment for the items via direct deposit into the designated bank account, which will be provided at the auction site.
- All items are sold subject to reasonable reserve prices.



NURISHA AUCTIONEERS

Repossession, Debt Collectors and Investigators,
Nelleca Plaza 1st Floor Ngara Road | Tel:0723 915 949 | 0735 220 801
P.O. Box 105422 - 00101 Nairobi | Email:nurishauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned Vehicles by public auction on **Thursday 2nd October 2025**, Starting from **11.00am.**

| M.V REG.NO. | MODEL/MAKE | STORAGE YARD |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| KDH 343Z | NISSAN CUBE | STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD- KIAMBU ROAD |
| KDJ 991G | NISSAN X-TRAIL | STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD- KIAMBU ROAD |
| KCE 963A | TOYOTA PASSO | KILELE MOTORS |

CONDITIONS

- Vehicles are being sold on "as is where is basis".
- The highest bidder shall be declared purchaser subject to a reasonable reserve price.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.



HIGH CLASS AUCTIONEERS

AUCTIONEERS & OFFICIAL BROKERS (CLASS B)
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Commission Agents, Debt collectors and Estate Agents
Jurisdiction:- Nairobi, Kajjumo, Machakos, Kiambu, Nakuru, Muranga
Lotus House 2nd floor, room 207 Hailie Sellaie Road
P.O. Box 20034-00100, Nairobi, Tel: 0722-367961, Email: highclassauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR CLIENT **KMA SACCO**, WE SHALL PROCEED TO SELL REPOSSESSED MOTOR VEHICLES CHARGED TO (T) **STANLEY MWANGI MUGWERU, - KCF 712G (2) JOHN NDUNGU NJUGUNA - KBZ 228J**, BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON 1ST DAY OF **OCTOBER, 2025** STARTING FROM **10:30AM** AT **AUTO GALLERY (MOMBASA) LTD, WESTLANDS YARD.**

KMO SACCO

**-VS-
STANLEY MWANGI MUGWERU**

- Motor vehicle registration Number **KCF 712G**

KMO SACCO

**-VS-
JOHN NDUNGU NJUGUNA**

- Motor vehicle registration Number **KBZ 228J**
In exercise of the SACCO'S right under the charge and pursuant to default on repayment obligation.

**DISTRESS FOR RENT
BRIAN WANG'ANG'A KINYANJUI**

**-VS-
FAITH MUGURE EVANS**

- Motor vehicle registration Number **KCR 817X**
Model: Honda Fit, Silver.

CONDITION OF SALE

Cash/payments at the fall of the hammer.

DA SEMY AUCTIONEERS
 Location: Next to Township Primary School Velasco - Amoni Road,
 Address: P.O. Box 123-50400 Busia (K),
 Email: dasemyagents@gmail.com
 Cell phone: 0721962628

PUBLIC AUCTION

We shall sell the undermentioned property together with all the improvement therein, pursuant to an order issued in **UKWALA SRMCEL NO 82 OF 2018** between **JOHN O. OKECH -VS- CHARLES OWINDO**, by Public Auction on **8th October 2025** at **Lwanda Konyango Trading Centre Starting from 10.00am**.
 All parcel **EAST UGENYA/KATHIENO 'B/1432 (L73HA)** registered in the names of the Defendant. The property is situated within the trading centre.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Intending purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves.
2. Deposit of **50% MUST** be paid in cash or Bankers' Cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance paid within **30 days**.
3. Sale is subject to Reserve Price and Land Control Board Consent

TANGO AUCTIONEERS & GENERAL MERCHANTS

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 P.O. BOX 2926-20100
 TEL: 0722729390
 NAKURU

BRANCH OFFICE
 KIAMBU MWITUMBERIA HSE
 NGARA 2ND FLR, RM 16
 TEL: 0721570787
 NAIROBI

BRANCH OFFICE
 MARIYA COMPLEX
 2ND FLR, ROOM 24
 P.O. BOX 1943
 TEL: 0724481888
 NYAHURURU

tangoauctioneers@yahoo.com
 Auctioneers, Court Brokers, Repossessors, Process Servers, Court Bailiff, Commission Agents

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned Motor Vehicles on **1st October, 2025 from 10:30 am outside KCB Bank Nyahururu**.

FOROUR CLIENT

FINANCIER -VS- JEREMIAH WAMBUGU NJAU

- M/V REG NO KAN 523J - TOYOTA COROLLA SALOON

FINANCIER -VS- REGINA MWONGELI MUTWII

- M/V REG NO KTWB 375Q - THREE WHEELER (TUKTUK)

CONDITION OF SALE
 Cash at the fall of Hammer

DIRECT "O" AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers, Realization of securities, Repossesses, Investigators & Debt Collection

WABCOM HOUSE
 GROUND FLOOR
 VAT 0144563P
 PIN NO. 10011232756
 CELL: 0788 448 800
 0720 105 337

P.O. BOX 13041-20100 NAKURU. darnu09@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal the Nakuru law court, we shall sell the under mention motor vehicles by public Auction.
ON TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 STARTING 10.00 AM AT OUR OFFICES NAKURU

CIVIL MISCELLANEOUS SUIT NO E005 OF 2023 (PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE COURT OF KENYA AT BUTERE) DISMAS ODUOR NJUKU VS KENYA POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY LIMITED

| REG.No. | MAKE | BODY | TYPE |
|----------|-------------|------------|--------|
| KCT 212Y | ISUZU DIMAX | DOUBLE CAB | PICKUP |

ENGINEER CMCC NO. 190 OF 2017 NAIROBI CITY WATER & SEWERAGE CO. LTD -VERSUS- VISION IN CHRIST & ANOTHER

M/V REG NO. KDK983P-ISUZU DMAX PICKUP

MOMBASA CASE NO. ELRC E566 OF 2024, MASWEGA MUNIKO MAHENYE -VERSUS- KLEEN HOMES SECURITY SERVICES

M/V REG NO. KDB286Q

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Interested buyers are requested to view and verify all details of the vehicle at Legacy Auctioneers Yard as this is not warranted by the Auctioneers.
2. The sale is subject to reserve price.
3. STRICTLY CASH at the fall of the hammer

BETABASE AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators, Process Servers and Commission Agents

Development House
 2nd Floor Room 211
 Moi Avenue
 P.O. Box 22693-00100
 NAIROBI

Tel: 0721 959986
 0791315419
 Email: velelajoe@gmail.com
 Email: velelajoe@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the Small Claims Court at Milimani respectively, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction:-

ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 AT START RUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD LTD ALONG KIAMBU ROAD STARTING FROM 10.30 AM.

MILIMANI SCC NO.E22693 OF 2024
 CALVINCE OGWENO OCHIENG & DON OTIENO NYANGOYA -VERSUS- PRISCA CATHERINE OKUMU & KENNETH OMONDI OKUMU

| MOTOR VEHICLE | MAKE/MODEL | COLOUR |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| KBS 084L | VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT | BLACK |

MILIMANI SCC NO.E078 OF 2025
 CHRISTINE NEKESA SIMIYU -VERSUS- IRENE GESARE GISIORA & BENARD OSEKO

| MOTOR VEHICLE | MAKE/MODEL | COLOUR |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------|
| KBJ 799Y | TOYOTA HIACE-M.BUS/MATATU | WHITE |

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

ALL ARE WELCOME

IWARD WAVES AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers, Court Bailiff, Repossessors & Private Investigators

Kenyatta Annex, Biashara Street, Kiambu, P.O. Box 31714-00600 Nairobi,
 Cell: 0722 277586, E-mail: iwardwaves@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle **Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 11:00am**.

| NO. | REG No. | Make/Model | YOM | Storage Yard |
|-----|----------|---------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | KCP733R | MITSUBISHI DELICA | 2010 | Black Bird Storage Yard |
| 2. | KAT 859C | TOYOTA HIACE | 1997 | Legacy Connections Storage Yard |
| 3. | KAY 363L | LORRY MITSUBISHI FH | 2007 | SK Dhahabu |
| 4. | KCM 945F | NISSAN CARAVAN | 2010 | Startruck Kiambu Road |

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
2. Sale subject to a reasonable reserve price.
3. The motor vehicle is offered for sale "as where is basis"

Fancy Friends AUCTIONEERS

GALLEXON HOUSE (MIAMI GLOBAL HOTEL) GROUND FLOOR
 P.O BOX 22826-00400, NAIROBI
 TEL: 0722878613
 EMAIL: fancy.friendsauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Disposal of Uncollected Goods Cap 38 Laws of Kenya and Pursuant to Kenya Gazette notice of **22nd AUGUST 2025 Gazette Notice No.1942 MR/7796304**, We shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by Public Auction.

ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 AT ROVER TRAIL GARAGE AT 11:00AM
 LKBJ 039D FREELANDER, 2.KBR 184S LEXUS, 3.CHASSIS NO.SALLDHMD7AA265183 LANDROVER DEFENDER BODY.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our clients
2. A refundable deposit of **Kshs 50,000/=** must be paid to obtain a bidding number. Please note that **NO** bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.
3. Cash at the fall of the hammer

NB: THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE KENYA GAZETTE NOTICE OF 27th JUNE 2025 ERRANOUSLY INDICATED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO. KCC 889U NISSAN X-TRAIL INSTEAD OF THE CORRECT REGISTRATION NO. KCC 889U NISSAN X-TRAIL. THE CORRECT REGISTRATION NO IS KCC 889U NISSAN X-TRAIL.

INTERFIELD AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Recovery Consultants, Investigators, Courts Process Servers

Afya Centre 8th Floor, Tom Mboya Street P.O Box 40781-00100 Nairobi.
 Cell: 0719 400 971, 0720 432 189, 0722173224 Email: interfieldauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned goods on **2nd October 2025 at 10.30am** or soon thereafter at **1. AUTO GALLERY (MOMBASA) LTD - NAIROBI**

1. DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA LANDLORD -VS- BENARD ONDERI T/A TOPLINE BRANDS LIMITED

Metal shelf, 9 white boxes, 3 white boards, 2 wooden round brown tables, 5 side cabinets, 2 big round tables, reception counter, glass-top executive table, 5 wooden executive tables, 2 wooden office tables, assorted cables, 79 office chairs, 3 plastic chairs, bucket, 3 landline phones, first aid kit with accessories, environment temperature machine, Garnier advertisement boxes.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
 Cash at the fall of the Hammer

NASIOKI AUCTIONEERS
 Auctioneers, Court Brokers, Bailiffs, Repossessors & Commission Agents

HEAD OFFICE: INTERLINK BUILDING 2ND FLOOR, KENYATTA LANE, P.O BOX 15497 NAKURU
 BRANCHES: NAIROBI, NAROK, NYANDURUA, MOI BASA, EL DORIEF, BOMET, LAIPRA, MERA, NYERI, KIAMBU.
 Director: 0722 732 265

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned M/V's by Public Auction.

ON 1ST WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2025 FROM 10.00AM AT ENK ENTERPRISES LTD OPPOSITE CHIBA MOTORS KIHUMBU STREET MOMBASA.

IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.
 ENK ENTERPRISES LTD -VS- MARY WANJIRU WANG'OMBE M/V REGNO. **KDT 330Q** TOYOTA HILUX PICK-UP

ON 3RD FRIDAY OCTOBER 2025 FROM 10:00AM OUTSIDE OUR YARD "SECTION 58" NAKURU.

NAKURU SCC NO.E010 OF 2024.
 STEPHEN KIPRONO KUKERE -VS- MUSA KIPKOSKEI KIPTOO.
 M/V REGNO. **KCB 822W** TOYOTA MATATU (2ND ADVERTISEMENT)

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer
2. Sale is as it is basis.
3. Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

Bensure Auctioneers
 Auctioneers, Repossessors, Court Bailiffs, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators and Commission Agents

THIKA OFFICE: Kigio Plaza 3rd Floor Rm. K3.55 P.O. BOX 6782 - 01000, Thika
 Cell: 0721 683 248 / Office: 0727 520 156
 Email: bensureauctioneers@gmail.com

NAKURU OFFICE: Mountain View Building - Nakuru Nairobi Highway

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the chargee, we shall sell the under mentioned properties by public auction.
ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2025 AT OUR OFFICE KIGIO PLAZA 3rd FLOOR ROOM 3.55 AT 11.00 AM

1. All that piece of land known as **L.R.NO.RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 8/229, GITHURAI '45' ESTATE, RUIRU MUNICIPALITY, KIAMBU COUNTY** measuring 0.1639HA and in the name of **JULIUS MATTA NJOGU**. The property is in Tembo Section of Githurai '45' estate, Ruiru Municipality, Kiambu County. It is situated about 3.2kilometres off and to the right of Nairobi-Thika superhighway deviating at Githurai '45' roundabout onto Mwhoko road. It lies about 600metres to the south East of Premier Little Star School. The property lies within GPS coordinates **1°12'54.9"S 36°55'58.8"E**. The plot measures Nought Decimal One Six Three Nine of a Hectare (0.1639Ha) or thereabouts. (Approximately 0.405 Acres). Erected on the plot is a three bedroom bungalow, a shop and an ablution block.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the chargee.
2. A25% deposit **MUST** be paid in cash, bankers' cheque or RGTS during the day of the auction and balance paid within 90 days to the chargees/chargee advocates.
3. A deposit by way of bankers' cheque in the name of Bensure Auctioneers of kshs. 100,000/= will be required to enable one to obtain a bidding number and to be allowed to bid. The deposit is refundable in case one will not be successful but the same will be forfeited if one makes a bid and it is confirmed and fails to pay the required 25% deposit. The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consents.

MUMU AUCTIONEERS
 Public Auctions Realisation of Securities Repossessors & Commission Agents
 Al-Jazira Building, Kwashibus Road, Mwendembo Teyari
 Mombasa-Kenya, P.O. Box 1673-80100
 Cell: No. 0721-832905, 0733-780968
 E-mail: boezmul@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles; on **TUESDAY 30th SEP, 2025, AT, MATRIZ MOVES KENYA LTD, starting at 10:30 am**

| REG No. | MAKE | MODEL | TO BE VIEWED |
|-------------|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1. KCZ 967X | MITSUBISHI -FUSO | CANTER | MATRIZ MOVES KENYA LTD |

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Viewing of the motor vehicle can be done during normal working hours with pre-arrangement with the auctioneer to verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneer nor our principle.
2. Cash or Bankers cheques at the fall of the hammer.
3. Sales are subject to a reasonable reserve price.
4. The Auctioneer reserve the right to reject any bid without giving any reason whatsoever.

MAKYS AUCTIONEERS
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NAIROBI OFFICE
 Lonak Business Centre
 Next to Naivas Kasarani
 1st Floor Room A 9 (B)
 P.O. BOX 34139-00100-G.P.O

AUCTIONEER
 TEL: 0722 537 589
 Email: makysauctioneers@gmail.com

KIENGELO OFFICE
 Nurtick business Building,
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- 1. KISUMU SCCOMM NO. E417 OF 2025 STEPHEN ODONGO VS OBOR TECHNOLOGY LTD AND PANDA WABATI AFRICA**
ONE MOTOR VEHICLE REG. No. KCC 026Y X-TRAIL, ONE HP PRINTER, ONE LONG METAL CHAIR
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VICTOR ONDUSO OROKO VS BEKEVILLE LIMITED
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO: KBW883Y (ISUZU FRR331)

CONDITIONS OF SALE
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Conditions of sale

- 1) The sale is subject to a reserve price.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the below listed court, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by public Auction on 2ND October 2025 at 10.30am or soon thereafter at AUTO GALLERY (MOMBASA) LTD - NAIROBI.

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KOMBO TSUMA MANGO & MARGARET WAGUTHII GACOKI -VS- JEREMIAH NJORGE MUNGAI & PEMINJO LIMITED
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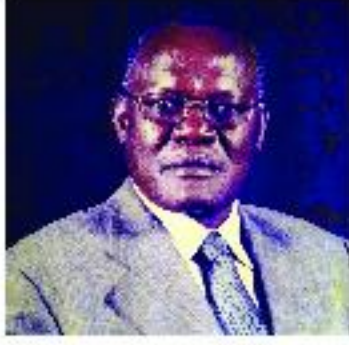
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How a record number of teams clinched medals in Tokyo event

► 53 nations made it on to the medal table after nine action-packed days at the 2025 World Championships.

► Kenya won seven gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

WORLD ATHLETICS, TOKYO

A record number of nations won medals at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25 from 13-21 September, during the most impactful edition of the sport's flagship event in history.

A total of 53 nations made it on to the medal table after nine action-packed days of competition at the 20th running of the World Championships. This surpasses the previous record of 46 that was set at Osaka 2007 and equalled at Budapest 2023.

One world record, nine championship records and nine area records were set or equalled, and there were a series of historic firsts, including the first ever World Championships medals for Samoa, Saint Lucia and Uruguay, and a first ever World Championships gold for Tanzania.

The world record was set by Sweden's Mondo Duplantis, as he improved his pole vault mark to 6.30m. As well as the historic firsts by Alex Rose (SAM), Julien Alfred (LCA), Julia Paternain (URU) and Alphonse Felix Simbu (TAN), other highlights include:

-US sprinter Melissa Jefferson-Wooden completing a sprint treble in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m.

-Two other athletes achieving double gold in individual events: Kenyan distance runner Beatrice Chebet and Spanish race walker Maria Perez.

-Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone winning the 400m in a championship

record of 47.78 – the second-fastest time in history – to become the only athlete in World Championships history to win gold medals in the 400m (2025) and 400m hurdles (2022).

-Ethan Katzberg winning the hammer with a championship record of 84.70m – the farthest throw in the world for 20 years

A total of 1992 athletes took part from 193 different countries and the Athlete Refugee Team.

Away from the many magnificent performances on the track, field and road, the championships achieved record reach as the most widely covered and impactful World Championships in history. "What we have seen over the past nine days here in Tokyo is an indelible and compelling celebration of human sporting endeavour," said World Athletics President Sebastian Coe.

"Tokyo has set the stage for some of our sport's most extraordinary performances.

"This has been a championships for the ages and we are profoundly grateful to the people of Japan for hosting our

OTHER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS STATISTICS

Records

1 world record:

■ Mondo Duplantis (SWE) men's pole vault, 6.30m

9 championship records:

- Melissa Jefferson-Wooden (USA) women's 100m, 10.61
- Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA) women's 400m, 47.78
- Lilian Odira (KEN) women's 800m, 1:54.62
- Emmanuel Wanyonyi (KEN) men's 800m, 1:41.86
- Faith Cherotich (KEN) women's 3000m steeplechase, 8:51.59
- Mondo Duplantis (SWE) men's pole vault, 6.30m
- Ethan Katzberg (CAN) men's hammer, 84.70m
- United States (USA) women's 4x400m, 3:16.61
- United States (USA) mixed 4x400m, 3:08.80

9 area records:

- Africa
- South Africa (RSA) mixed 4x400m, 3:11.16

Europe

■ Mondo Duplantis (SWE) men's pole vault, 6.30m

North America, Central America and Caribbean

- Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA) women's 400m, 47.78
- Camryn Rogers (CAN) women's hammer, 80.51m
- Ethan Katzberg (CAN) men's hammer, 84.70m
- Alegna Gonzalez (MEX) women's 20km race walk, 1:26:06

Oceania

- Jessica Hull (AUS) women's 800m, 1:57.15
- Hamish Kerr (NZL) men's high jump, 2.36m

South America

- Gianna Woodruff (PAN) women's 400m hurdles, 52.66

1 championship decathlon best:

- Leo Neugebauer (GER) decathlon discus, 56.15m

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showcase championships for the third time. "Following the Olympic Games in 2021, I made a promise to the people of Tokyo that we would bring our sport back to the National Stadium as soon as we could. I am delighted that we kept our promise and that Tokyo kept its promise to fill the stadium with noisy fans."

President of the Local Organising Committee Mitsugi Ogata also reflected on the great performances – by national and international athletes – and the emotion of seeing the stadium full, four years on from a Tokyo Games devoid of crowds.

"Over the past nine days, we have witnessed so many unforgettable moments," he said.



Sweden's Armand Duplantis sets a new world record in men's pole vault final during the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025. [AFP]

"There was never a quiet moment in the stadium. As we said: 'Every second, SUGOI, which was the slogan for this event. We delivered on that promise.'

Ogata also highlighted the various initiatives that formed part of the championships programme, including those related to Kids' Athletics and sustain-

ability. "One of the greatest achievements of this championship, I believe, is reaching new audiences," he added.

Record reach

A total of 619,288 fans attended the World Championships in Tokyo – more than the 581,462 who were there for the Tokyo 1991 World Championships – with sell out evening sessions across the week.

TBS saw huge TV audiences as the championships captured the nation's attention. There was a peak of more than 12 million viewers in Japan on the opening day, and audiences were well over 10 million for each evening session. The vast majority of evening sessions surpassed both the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games TV audiences for athletics.

Audiences were also engaged around the world, and in Sweden SVT 1 saw 75% of the total Swedish TV audience tune in to their broadcast to watch Duplantis break the world pole vault record for the 14th time – the highest share ever reported for World Athletics Championships coverage in Sweden.

The popularity of the World Athletics website continues to grow, with around 13 million fans visiting the website across the nine days of competition. This translates into a traffic increase of 50% over the already very successful 2023 World Championships in Budapest.

World Athletics has continued to develop AI athlete tracking for field events covering horizontal jumps, long throws and pole vault events.

More than 2000 attempts were tracked and over 14 million data points were collected.

The World Athletics social media channels have grown by 700,000 followers during the championships, with 700 million video views on these channels.

Over the last month, more than 125,000 news articles about the championships have been published in international media, with a potential reach of more than 180 billion.

Never has a World Championships had so many commercial partners, with 17 sponsors for World Athletics and 14 for the Local Organising Committee in Tokyo completing a sold-out commercial programme.

Ultimate Championship

As well as witnessing the sport's current stars making history, the championships welcomed a series of athletics legends, including Usain Bolt, the face of the inaugural World Athletics Ultimate Championship in Budapest in 2026 – the next major global outdoor track and field championships after Tokyo.

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World 800m champion Lilian Odira is received at JKIA yesterday upon return from the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Pomp and colour as Kenya's world beaters receive heroic welcome on return from Tokyo

► Beatrice Chebet says she has achieved everything that she ever desired her in athletics after winning both the Olympics and world titles.

► Odira's father declares his girl as super daughter as Kipyegon is glad that her consistency is now inspiring the next generation of athletes.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

Song and dance rent the air as Kenya's heroes and heroines from the just concluded Tokyo 2025 World Athletics Championships jetted back into the country yesterday afternoon.

The return of the world beaters made the historic Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) a beehive of activity.

Kenyans from all walks of life basked in splendour and glory, as

they delved in traditional songs and dance to honour quadruple women's 1,500m world champion Faith Kipyegon, double world champion (women's 5,000m and 10,000m) Beatrice Chebet, women's 800m world queen Lilian Odira.

Odira bagged gold with a championship record that had stood for 42 years.

The world beaters were garlanded with ceremonial plant (sinendet) by their relatives and friends upon their arrival at the JKIA and also drunk fermented milk (mursik).

"From today, I will call my girl the super daughter, because she has made me proud. Her victory has rejuvenated me, it has added years into my life," Odira's father Cyprian said amid tears as he watched her daughter carried shoulder high by her Kenya Prisons staff colleagues, in celebration of her emphatic women's 800m victory in Tokyo.

Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko and immediate former Suna West Mp Joseph Obiero, who is Odira's uncle, came with a contingent of over 200



World 800m champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi arrives at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

villagers to receive her.

"We are going to do for her anything she wants, we are going to honour her world championships exploits in the best way possible that we know," Ayacko said.

Odira said she feels really honoured to be the new world champion, adding that this was made possible with her closely knit team that included her bosses, coaches and family members.

Asked how she feels to break the long standing 42-year-old record in women's 800m, and to be voted the Biggest Surprise Female Athlete of the championships by World Athletics, Odira said: "I feel humbled. It's a great honour. I went to the competition with a target to reach the finals but I too was surprised to out do myself.

"I think it all came as a result of hard work that I had put in place with my coaches. We did a lot of things behind the scenes and I'm happy it paid off. I think I rightfully deserve the gold, the championships record and the World Athletics honour."



Double world champion Beatrice Chebet was among the gold medallists who jetted in yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



Traditional dancers at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport receive athletes who jetted in yesterday from the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

KENYA'S PERFORMANCE IN TOKYO 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Faith Kipyegon displays the medals she won at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Kipyegon won gold in 1,500m and silver in 5,000m.



World champion Faith Kipyegon receives her portrait from artist Cyprian Sover (second right) at JKIA yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

While describing their tactical approach to the entire race, Odira said they all wanted to sweep the podium (with both Sarah and Mary Moraa), but unfortunately it did not go their way. But nonetheless she was grateful to bring the title home.

Her advise to youths intending to join athletics: "Just know that it's very possible to make it, but this is through hard work, discipline, consistency and self belief," she said.

Kipyegon hailed the seven gold, two silver and two bronze medals

bagged by the Kenyan team in Tokyo saying it surpassed the 2023 championships in Budapest.

Despite her gold (1500m) and silver (5000m) in Tokyo, Kipyegon said she is not resting on her laurels.

"I still have one more race to go, in New York before I close the season, so I'm heading home to prepare myself for it," she said.

Asked how she feels to be voted as the Most Consistent Athlete in the entire championships, Kipyegon said: "This was indeed a surprise. It means a lot to me. I'm happy that my consistency for so many years has paid off. It is this consistency that inspired my little sister and best friend Beatrice (Chebet) into athletics and I'm now here happy that we are all running together."

While describing their blossoming friendship, Kipyegon described Chebet as amazing younger sister whom she is proud of, adding that Chebet is such a go getter.

"She is such a special girl, I love her. If we have more women in sport like her, it will be very commendable. I'm happy that all of us raced in the women's 5,000m and all came home

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I just want to be a multiple world and Olympic champion. That's my aim from now. I will not rest. I'll continue upping my game and sharpening my spikes for this.

Beatrice Chebet, double world champion

with a medal," Kipyegon said.

And how does she feel to be a triple Olympic champion and a quadruple world winner?

"It only means that I'm blessed," Kipyegon said. "And I really thank God for it, being a champion of the global showpieces and icing them with several world records is a great honour for sure. This can only inspire generations to come. I know many youths are following in my footsteps,"

added Kipyegon.

Chebet indicated that she is happy with her performance in Tokyo, where she won back to back gold in women's 5,000m and 10,000m categories, after similar victories in Paris Olympics last year.

"And being a record holder of both really inspires me. I think I have already achieved what I wanted in my athletics profile and career," Chebet said.

Chebet hailed Kenya for sweeping all medals in the long distance races in Tokyo saying she feels honoured to be part of that historic moments.

"This only means that women can get better, they should never limit themselves, we have immediate potential to keep doing amazing work like this. I'm proud to be part of the team that put the country on the global map. I think here, we challenged the boy child to do better next time," Chebet said.

And what next for her now that she feels she has achieved her main objective in the game?

"I just now want to be a multiple world and Olympic champion. That's my aim from now. I will not rest," Chebet said.

While describing her good chemistry with Kipyegon, Chebet said both of them have come along way and they are very good friends.

"We do assist each other in training. We advises each other on life skills and we are very proud of our performances on international arena," she said.

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Dembele and Bonmati are world's best

► Dembele, 28, edged out Barcelona sensation Yamal to succeed Man City midfielder Rodri.

► Spain's Aitana Bonmati claimed the women's prize for the third year in a row.

AFP, PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain winger Ousmane Dembele won the Ballon d'Or on Monday as a reward for his starring role in the club's Champions League triumph last season, while Spain's Aitana Bonmati claimed the women's prize for the third year in a row.

Dembele, 28, edged out Barcelona sensation Lamine Yamal to succeed Manchester City and Spain midfielder Rodri, who took the trophy in 2024, as the winner of the most prestigious individual prize in football - an award that for many years had been dominated by Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Former Borussia Dortmund and Barcelona forward Dembele, who was part of the France team that won the World Cup in 2018, scored 35 goals in all competitions as PSG claimed a French league and cup double as well as winning the Champions League.

With Dembele converted into a centre-forward following Kylian Mbappe's departure for Real Madrid, PSG went on to hammer Inter Milan 5-0 in the final in Munich to win the European Cup for the first time in their history.

"I really don't have the words. It was an incredible season with PSG," an emotional Dembele said on the stage at the Theatre du Chatelet in central Paris.

He added that his boss Luis Enrique -who won the award for club coach of the year -had been "like a father" to him.

"It is an individual trophy but it was really the collective that won it," insisted Dembele, who was

Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma with the best male goalkeeper award. [AFP]

one of nine members of the triumphant PSG team from last season to be nominated for the prize.

"The Ballon d'Or has not really been an objective for me in my career but I worked hard for the team to win the Champions League."

The 18-year-old Yamal, who was a teammate of Dembele's at Barcelona when he first broke through in 2023, did earlier win the Kopa Trophy for the best player aged under 21 -the second year running he has taken that award.

Dembele was at the ceremony to pick up his prize while his PSG teammates were losing 1-0 in a Ligue 1 game in Marseille at the same time -that match had been scheduled for Sunday but was put back 24 hours due to bad weather in the south of France.

Barcelona and Spain midfielder Bonmati won the women's prize by edging out her international teammate Mariona Caldentey, with whom she played in the Spain side who were beaten on penalties by England in the Women's Euro 2025 final.

Bonmati, 27, also lost the Women's

Champions League final with her club last season, at the hands of Caldentey's Arsenal.

Bonmati was named player of the tournament at the Euros, despite not starting either of Spain's first two



"I really don't have the words. It was an incredible season with PSG."

Ousmane Dembele, Paris Saint-Germain winger

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AGE of Ousmane Dembele

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GOALS OUSMANE Dembele scored in all competitions

ALL THE AWARD WINNERS:

- **Men's Ballon d'Or:** Ousmane Dembélé (France, Paris Saint-Germain)
- **Women's Ballon d'Or:** Aitana Bonmati (Spain, Barcelona)
- **Men's Kopa Trophy:** Lamine Yamal (Spain, Barcelona)
- **Women's Kopa Trophy:** Vicky López (Spain, Barcelona)
- **Men's Yashin Trophy:** Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy, Paris Saint-Germain)
- **Women's Yashin Trophy:** Hannah Hampton (England, Chelsea)
- **Men's Gerd Müller Trophy:** Viktor Gyökeres (Sweden, Sporting CP/Arsenal)
- **Women's Gerd Müller Trophy:** Ewa Pajor (Poland, Barcelona)
- **Men's Johan Cruyff Trophy:** Luis Enrique (Spain, Paris Saint-Germain)
- **Women's Johan Cruyff Trophy:** Sarina Wiegman (Netherlands, England national team)
- **Men's Club of the Year Trophy:** Paris Saint-Germain (France)
- **Women's Club of the Year Trophy:** Arsenal (England)
- **Sócrates Award:** Fundación Xana (Spain)

matches as she recovered from a bout of viral meningitis.

"I am very proud," said Bonmati, who credited her teammates for their role in her personal triumph.

"I think I am here for the third consecutive time because of the teams I play in, so all of this is because of them."

Bonmati's run of three in a row follows back-to-back victories for her Barcelona and Spain teammate Alexia Putellas.

Norway's Ada Hegerberg and USA

Barcelona's Spanish midfielder and Ballon d'Or 2025 winner Aitana Bonmati. [AFP]

star Megan Rapinoe are the only other players to have won the Women's Ballon d'Or since it was introduced in 2018.

The Ballon d'Or is voted for by a panel of journalists, one from each of the top 100 countries in the Fifa world rankings for the men, and from the top 50 for the women.

Gianluigi Donnarumma, who excelled in the PSG team that swept all aside last season before moving to Manchester City, claimed the Yashin trophy for best goalkeeper.

England's Euro winner Hannah Hampton claimed the best women's goalkeeper award,

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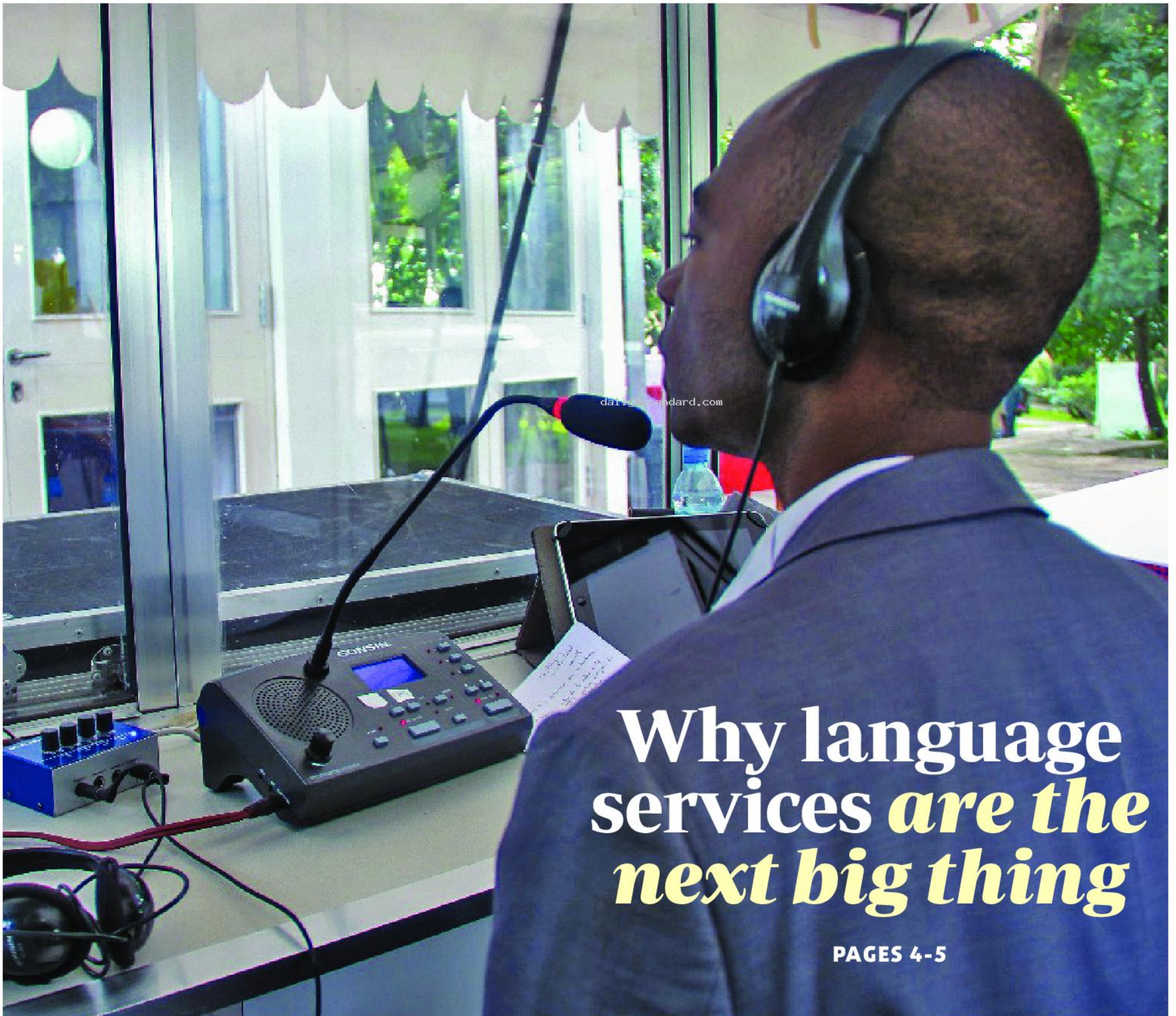


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TECH

NEW APP TO END PAYMENTS HEADACHE FOR TOURISTS

aying for a safari trip, buying souvenirs at a Maasai market, or grabbing a snack from a roadside food stall has long been a headache for many tourists in Kenya.

Most end up carrying wads of cash after struggling to find ATMs or discovering that their Visa or Mastercard credit cards don't work at smaller outlets.

Craft Silicon, one of Kenya's leading fintech firms, believes it has the answer. The company has launched TouristTap, a mobile app that turns any NFC-enabled smartphone into a secure point-of-sale device.

The app allows international visitors to pay directly with their Visa or Mastercard—no cash, no card machine, and no need for foreign exchange. "Most visitors, and even some of my own friends, struggle to pay when they visit Kenya. Very few shops accept cards, especially at roadside stalls or Maasai markets. With TouristTap, your phone becomes your own PDQ. Just tap, enter your PIN, and you're done," said Head of Product Dreams and Designs, Craft Silicon, Little and Blubeetle Kamal Budhabhatti.

TouristTap uses Near Field Communication (NFC) technology, the same system that powers tap-to-pay cards.

Visitors download the app, link it to their card, and use their phone like a mobile card reader. The app supports payments to mobile money wallets, till numbers, bank accounts, and other apps, bridging the gap between tourists and local service providers.

"Security is a central feature to us, the app is certified by Visa and Mastercard, compliant with global standards such as PCI-DSS, and uses PIN-on-Glass technology to ensure transactions are encrypted and safe," he says.

The launch comes at a time when Kenya is seeing a sharp rise in digital transactions.

According to the Central Bank of Kenya, card payments hit Sh 538.5 billion in 2024, reflecting a growing preference for digital-first consumer behaviour. For a tourism sector that contributed over 10 per cent of GDP before the pandemic, a seamless payment experience could boost both visitor satisfaction and revenue for local businesses.

"This is a really significant step in the payments arena," said Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Chairman Nderitu Muriithi.

"A tourist coming to Kenya can now buy goods at a kiosk, a Maasai market, or a roadside shop with the same confidence as at a five-star hotel. This innovation integrates seamlessly with our broader mobile money ecosystem and brings global payment networks into Kenya's everyday economy."

Budhabhatti said the app is not just for luxury hotels or tour operators but for the entire tourism value chain—from high-end lodges to small curio sellers. "We wanted to make sure a visitor can buy a bead bracelet at a Maasai market as easily as they can pay for a five-star hotel stay," he said. TouristTap is already live in Kenya and available on Google Play and the Apple App Store for NFC-enabled phones.

[Nanjinia Wamuswa]

TRAINING

INITIATIVE TO BOOST SOFT SKILLS FOR EAST AFRICAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS LAUNCHED



Participants at the recent launch of the regional SheTrades initiative by International Trade Centre in Nairobi. [Nanjinia Wamuswa, Standard]

Women entrepreneurs are at the heart of East Africa's economic growth and innovation, yet many face persistent challenges that limit their competitiveness.

To help close this gap, the Market Access Upgrade Programme (MARKUP II) has launched a new initiative to strengthen market-related soft skills for women entrepreneurs in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. MARKUP II is a regional programme designed to drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth in the East African Community (EAC).

Funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Trade Centre (ITC) in collaboration with the EU Delegation to the EAC, the EAC Secretariat, and partner state governments, the programme builds on the successes of MARKUP I.

It focuses on overcoming trade barriers, supporting value addition, ensuring standards compliance, and enhancing market access for priority export sectors such as avocado, cocoa, coffee, essential oils, horticulture, leather, packaging, spices, and tea. As part of this broader effort, the ITC SheTrades initiative, in

partnership with the East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP), is introducing a Master Training Programme to strengthen women entrepreneurs' communication and leadership capabilities. Two trainers from each participating country will be prepared to deliver the 'Communicating About My Business' module to women-led businesses in MARKUP II sectors.

Prisca Mbagwa from the EAC Secretariat says soft skills, such as effective communication, negotiation, leadership, and self-promotion, are vital for building strong relationships with customers, partners, and employees.

However, women entrepreneurs in the region often face unique barriers, including perceptions of competence: Women are frequently judged as less capable despite equal qualifications and experience and self-confidence and visibility: many women find it difficult to promote themselves and their businesses. Another challenge is a lack of assertiveness in negotiations; limited confidence in business settings can hinder career advancement and restrict business growth. To address these issues, the programme will launch with a three-day Regional Training of Trainers for 12 master trainers, followed by national workshops reaching 30 women-led businesses in each of the six countries.

[Nanjinia Wamuswa]

QUOTE



"When women gain financial confidence, households become more stable, children are more likely to remain in school, and communities are better positioned to thrive."

Annstella Mumbi, General Manager, Tala Kenya



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HUSTLE NOMICS

END OF THE CALABASH? RISE OF PLASTIC ALTERNATIVE A BIG WIN FOR INNOVATORS

The calabash is a gift from nature. It's derived from a gourd.

It is a container for water and other liquids, and a traditional plate or cup when cut into two.

It has stood the test of time. It co-existed with traditions like *ngurario*, *vukwii*, *nyombo*, *ruracio*, *ntheo*, among others.

The calabash and gourds are part and parcel of traditions tied to proverbs. An example from Duruma along the Kenyan coast given by University don Mohamed Mwachiti is "*udzitia mkono chipangalani, undakakatwa*," meaning you have created a problem that will consume you.

Direct translation: Your hand will be severed since you put it in the calabash!

Caroline Mutua from Kyaume village in Tala adds: "*Kasele katune katunivaw'a ni unengeleaniwa*."

The Kamba proverb translates to "a calabash bowl becomes smoother when it's passed on, one person to another."

It encourages sharing values and building great things together." In Kiambu, "*Nyanja imwe nditiragia itega*."

One gourd of traditional beer will not stop a ceremony. Simply put, no one is indispensable. Share your

"calabash or gourd" proverbs from your community. I used to see calabashes and gourds on sale along the highways. That golden era is gone.

We now have plastic calabashes. Has the manufacturer patented it? The new calabash has a base and can stand on its own.

That was the core of its innovation. It can't break easily, and packaging is easier. It is probably cheaper.

The traditional calabash is scarce; its plant grows in a few regions. Curiously, I found my first plastic calabash in a golf course in Nairobi, not in a *ngurario* or *nyombo*.

The plastic calabash follows the silent shift from organic to artificial products. We now have plastic chairs, cups, spoons, cups, tables, and other household products.

Even cars and aeroplanes have plastics. Only coffins have resisted plastics. The calabash, like the traditions it represents, held for too long. Will our traditions also become "plastic" like the calabash? A good example of how long will dowry hold?

The replacement of the calabash is a reminder that most innovations mimic or copy nature. Even ChatGPT, Facebook, and WhatsApp are about how we speak and converse.

Does Schumpeter's creative destruction cover natural products replaced by artificial ones? Can genetic engineers respond? Should we celebrate or weep over the "death" of the calabash? [XN Iraki]



A plastic calabash. It has a bigger base than the natural calabash. [XN Iraki]

TRANSPORT

The missing link in Kenya's push to raise uptake of electric bikes

Industry players cite financing and poor infrastructure as major hurdles.

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Despite a persistent push for electric motorcycle adoption, the idea, especially in public transport, seems to be still novel.

While a drive around Nairobi, particularly in the central business district, shows more riders are embracing the "silent" two-wheelers, the allure of profit margins, a major selling point for this technology, is still not convincing enough to a majority of operators.

What then could be the issue, especially with recent data claiming that electric boda boda operators make more than those who use internal combustion bikes (petrol-powered)?

For businesses, the use of electric boda boda contributes a paragraph or two in their annual sustainability reports, but riders, like those in the rural areas, may not understand this language.

Watu Credit Country Manager, Uganda, Damien Gueroult says the challenge lies more in awareness.

"It is not because ICE (internal combustion engine) is better, but because of awareness," he said during the Watu Credit 2024 sustainability report launch.

And as more corporates embrace electric boda bodas for their day-to-day businesses amid the push to go green, asset financiers such as Watu are seizing the opportunity.

In the sustainability report, Watu notes a deliberate effort to slow down financing of petrol-powered motorcycles.

"Our decision to scale down traditional mobility asset financing in Kenya while simultaneously expanding our electric

vehicle portfolio demonstrates our board's commitment to adaptive strategy," says Board Member Watu Holdings Ltd and Watu Tuu Ltd Arvis Ermins. "This wasn't merely a tactical adjustment; it represents our fundamental belief that successful companies must evolve with their markets while staying true to their core mission."

In the report, the asset financier is targeting 5,000 electric vehicles in 2025 after financing 2,193 electric bikes in 2024, a 108 per cent jump compared to 2023. In Kenya, the company financed 406 electric vehicles.

Some claims operating an electric motorbike is more profitable, at least according to a report by Viffa Consult, titled Kenya's New Boda Boda Boom, released in May 2025.

An electric boda boda operator makes Sh300 more than an average rider.

The report estimates that a rider in Nairobi typically spends around Sh1,000 per day on fuel for a petrol-powered motorbike.

With daily earnings ranging from Sh1,500 to Sh2,250, this means that 40 to 60 per cent of their income is consumed by fuel costs.

"In contrast, riders who have switched to electric bikes report an impressive 75 per cent reduction in expenses, bringing their daily costs down to approximately Sh250," the report says.

"This reduction is primarily due to the convenience of swapping spent batteries for fully charged ones, which is preferred over parking at charging stations.

The report says on average, a rider needs to swap batteries twice daily for nearly an entire day's work.

According to the report, the bodaboda sector generates an estimated Sh660 billion annually, about 4.4 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP). The sector also employs over 2.5 million people.

"As the sector shifts toward electric motorcycles (e-bikes) and local assembly, it is also opening up new doors in the spaces of manufacturing and consequently jobs, all while sup-

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Viffa Consult Kenya's New Boda Boda Boom Report



East Africa General Manager at Watu Credit Andrii Volokha demonstrates how to swap an electric motorcycle's battery. With him are an electric bike owner, James Matatiro, and Arc Rides Sales Manager James Waweru. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



REDUCTION in daily expenses by riders who have switched to electric bikes.

porting the rapid growth of e-commerce by enabling last-mile delivery for both large and small businesses," the report says. The report states that the boda boda sector's impact extends beyond transportation, citing it as a key driver of Kenya's burgeoning e-commerce market.

"These motorcycles are essential for last-mile deliveries, connecting urban and rural customers to goods and services. Whether it's delivering groceries, medicine, or electronics, boda-bodas enable businesses, both large and small, to expand their reach," the report says.

It cites Jumia and Glovo as some of the businesses that rely heavily on boda-boda riders to ensure quick and reliable deliveries.

For more operators to adopt electric bikes, however, as the report notes, there needs to be improvement in how financing is done and the development of infrastructure. The report notes that high insurance premiums and prohibitive

interest rates are some of the challenges operators face when buying their bikes.

"Policy makers should collaborate with financial institutions to create subsidised loan programs and insurance schemes tailored for boda-boda operators," the report says, recommending government-backed subsidies and loan guarantees.

For Watu, the solution lies in increasing access to charging spots.

"A major operational barrier remains the insufficient coverage of battery swapping stations, as well as resistance to adopting new technologies among some customers," Watu says in the report.

"To address this, we are exploring solar-powered swapping stations in areas where grid access is unreliable, aligning with our broader renewable energy goals."

Watu notes progress in other markets such as Rwanda, where petrol-powered motorcycles are banned for commercial use.

SPECIAL REPORT

The voice behind the booth: Why language serv



Vincent Owino, founder and director of Rivaton Translators, a Nairobi-based language service provider, at a conference in Nairobi on September 22, 2025. [Maryann Muganda, Standard]

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One practitioner opens up on the industry's dynamics amid push for its recognition.

At the long conference table of a Nairobi hotel, microphones flicker to life.

Some participants wear headsets, others lean forward, listening intently. Inside a soundproof booth at the back, a man speaks rapidly, his voice flowing in French as he translates every English word being said.

Outside, a technician checks receivers and sound levels to ensure everything runs without a glitch.

This is the unseen choreography behind international conferences in Nairobi. While delegates exchange ideas across borders, a hidden team ensures that a Portuguese delegate understands an Italian presenter, or a French policymaker follows the argument of an English speaker.

For nearly a decade, Rivaton Translators has been at the centre of this work—bridging languages, connecting cultures, and enabling global conversations right here in Kenya's capital.

When Vincent Owino returned to Kenya in 2015 after training in South America, he carried more than just fluency in Spanish.

He came back with an idea: that Kenya needed a professional, reliable language service pro-

vider (LSP) to fill glaring linguistic gaps in business, government, and development spaces.

That idea gave birth to Rivaton Translators, a Nairobi-based LSP that has now been in operation for nine years.

The company has built its reputation around three core services: document translation and certification, conference interpreting, and the provision of simultaneous interpretation equipment for major events.

"I began as a freelance translator and interpreter," Owino recalls.

"After my training abroad, I came back and worked with companies and private clients. I quickly saw a huge gap—there was no reliable language solutions company that could consistently deliver professional services.

He officially registered Rivaton in 2016, starting with a skeletal administrative team while relying heavily on freelance interpreters.

Like many entrepreneurs, his early years were defined by capital challenges, particularly in acquiring costly interpretation equipment.

"At the moment, my equipment cannot serve more than 100 delegates," he explains. "To serve even 100, you need to invest between Sh2 million and Sh3 million in booths, microphones, receivers, and control units. For startups, cheaper Chinese-manufactured systems are the only option compared to European brands like Bosch or Philips."

On average, a three-to-five-day international conference brings in Sh400,000–500,000 in net profit, depending on size and language pairs. Smaller meetings may yield Sh200,000–300,000.

Yet these profits are seasonal, with peak activity in March–April, July–August, and November–December. Like many small and medium enterprises (SMEs), Rivaton's resilience was tested during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Two years of cancelled conferences forced us to close our physical office. At some point, I thought of giving up entirely," Owino says.

The firm survived by working remotely and now plans to reopen a physical office in 2026 as demand stabilises.

Rivaton Translators is one of Kenya's 74 million registered SMEs, according to the 2024 Kenya National Bureau of Statistics report.

SMEs contribute about 40 per cent of GDP and employ over 14.5 million Kenyans, or nearly 80 per cent of the workforce.

Yet, SMEs in specialised service industries like translation and interpretation are often overlooked.

"The government doesn't recognise us as a business sector, yet we contribute to this country's economy," Owino says.

"If you fill in official documents, translator or interpreter is not listed as a profession. This invisibility hurts recognition and access to support."

Services are next big thing

SH8.9
TRILLION

GLOBAL value of the language services market as of 2023.

SH12.6
Trillion

PROJECTED value of the industry by 2030.



Globally, the language services market was valued at \$69 billion (Sh8.901 trillion) in 2023 and is projected to grow to \$98 billion (12.642 trillion) by 2030.

Research shows firms using professional translation and interpretation expand 30 per cent faster into foreign markets than those relying on ad-hoc bilingual staff.

Accurate communication reduces transaction risks, improves compliance, and builds trust across borders.

Africa, however, remains underrepresented. Despite being the most linguistically diverse continent, with more than 2,000 languages, it contributes less than five per cent of global translation industry revenues.

“Nairobi is a regional hub for international organisations, NGOs, and even the United Nations. The demand for multilingual services is right here, but local entrepreneurs have not fully tapped into it,” Owino notes.

The opportunities for the industry are immense. Nairobi’s global hub status continues to fuel rising demand for interpretation. Regional integration efforts, including the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and East African Community (EAC) summits, require cross-border communication. At the same time, AI-powered platforms and virtual conferencing are expanding access to interpreters and breaking down geographical barriers.

But there are threats too. Artificial Intelligence

“We need people to understand that we exist and that we contribute to the economy. We are not just service providers, we are enablers of trade, diplomacy, and cultural exchange.”

Vincent Owino, founder, Rivaton Translators

(AI) tools like Google Translate and ChatGPT raise fears of job displacement.

Owino is pragmatic: “AI may handle simple text, but it cannot manage cultural nuance, technical jargon, or confidentiality at high-level summits. Instead of fearing AI, we should see it as a support tool.”

The industry also faces structural hurdles. “Finding interpreters for niche language pairs such as Serbian or Turkish often means flying them in at high cost.

Many clients delay payments, putting a strain on SMEs’ cash flow,” Owino says.

Another misconception is that anyone bilingual can do the job. “This is a professional field. You must be trained, not just bilingual,” Owino stresses.

“Translators work with documents, often sensitive, requiring ethics and confidentiality. That’s why we sign NDAs (non-disclosure agreements) with clients. Interpreters, on the other hand, must handle complex jargon in real-time conferences. Without training, you can’t do this effectively.”

To guarantee quality, Rivaton works only with trained professionals, many of whom use Computer-Aided Translation (CAT) tools to maintain consistency.

The firm also belongs to the East Africa Interpreters and Translators Association (EAITA), which advocates for recognition and faster client payments.

“The presence of international organisations in Nairobi and across Africa is a golden opportunity,” Owino says.

Indeed, the rise from just seven language businesses before 2015 to at least 15 in Nairobi today signals growing interest. However, more investment in training, equipment, and awareness is needed. Referrals remain Rivaton’s strongest growth driver—60 per cent of business comes through word-of-mouth. Digital visibility via a website and social media contributes about 20 per cent, with the rest from walk-ins and repeat clients. On September 29, translators worldwide will mark International Translation Day, and Rivaton Translators is partnering with local universities to raise awareness.

“We need people to understand that we exist and that we contribute to the economy,” Owino says. “We are not just service providers—we are enablers of trade, diplomacy, and cultural exchange.”

For Owino, his motivation lies in maintaining Rivaton’s brand and ensuring professionalism in an industry that still struggles with visibility.

“We are like orphans,” he says. “We offer services globally and regionally, but without government acknowledgement, our voices remain unheard.”

BANKING

Banks’ balancing act over need for new branches amid digital shift

For an economy where more than 90 per cent of bank transactions are digital, maintaining a physical branch is a dilemma.

Equity Group Holdings Chief Executive James Mwangi has repeatedly voiced this concern.

Data from the business he heads shows that less than two per cent of transactions are done through physical visits to branches.

But, he insists, branches are still important, especially for branding purposes, and that the lender will continue opening more. Yet, these investments need to count when the bottom line is being drawn.

“We have to really look for uses of branches,” said Mwangi during the release of the bank’s 2025 half-year financial statements.

“Branches are no longer relevant for transaction business, and we need to look at how we innovatively and creatively have the fixed cost channels start generating revenue.”

Mwangi explained that the reduction in physical footprint in banks is the reason why Equity Group Holdings has a technology subsidiary, a complementary business that rides on the brand. He said the business has gone digital, even with third parties – whether it’s agents, merchants and all those electronic platforms with a back office – have adopted technology. As such, brick and mortar contribute just 1.8 per cent of transactions.

Mwangi said data shows customers have migrated from fixed and variable costs to self-service.

“We had fixed costs, then moved to variable and now no cost model because it’s customers serving themselves. Everything on fixed and variable costs is on the decline. Everything on self-service is on an upward growth trajectory,” said Mwangi.

Fixed cost channels refer to transactions done on physical branches, which include ATMs. Variable cost channels are mainly those done via agents and merchants, while self-service includes mobile and internet banking.

This is where the customer is basically serving themselves.

“The investment in systems to create convenience with compression of distance and time for customers has led to a transformation of the business delivery model with migration from fixed and variable cost channels to self-service channels. While over 98 per cent of transactions happen outside the branch, 87.4 per cent of these happen on digital channels,” says Equity Group Holdings in its half-year financial statements. Mwangi believes

there is more juice to be squeezed out of the physical branches.

“We have called that ‘the commercial conversation,’” he said, adding that the bank wants to see if it can move these costs to start generating revenue.

“As you can see, it is not generating; it is a cost only, but importantly, holding the

brand. How do we make commercial value? That is the next phase. I want to emphasise, we are increasing branches, not because they are to do transactions, but we are now one Equity. The branches can have a very different business model.”

The bank’s financials for the six months ended June 30, 2025, show the number of transactions done through physical branches dropped to 9.6 million from 10.3 million recorded in the same period last year.

For ATMs, it dropped from 16.9 million in the half-year 2024 to 14.8 million in the same period in 2025. Transactions done via agency dropped from 38.8 million to 33.9 million, while transactions through merchants also reduced to 8.7 million from 10.3 million.

This is while transactions done through Equitel jumped 44.1 per cent to 184.2 million, while those via Equity Mobile and USSD improved 16 per cent to 81.7 million.

While Equity Group Holdings boasts of 220 branches in the country through Equity Bank Kenya, and has footprints across the region stretching to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), other financial institutions are seeking a higher altitude in growth, eyeing more branches in the region, like I&M Group, or even opening business officially in the region, such as Family Bank.

Considering banks are not real estate businesses, physical presence plays a key role in their bottom line.

Family Bank Chief Executive Nancy Njau has approached this differently. While the bank is not shy to open new branches, it is now relocating some, including Ngara, Kangemi, and Kisii. Njau said all relocations come as a result of customers’ demand.

“They tell us – we are banking with you, but your location is not serving us now. You have to move to a more strategic location – that we take with pride,” she said.

“Our customers are at the heart of everything, so if they tell us they need a new location, and there is a case for it, we do it.”

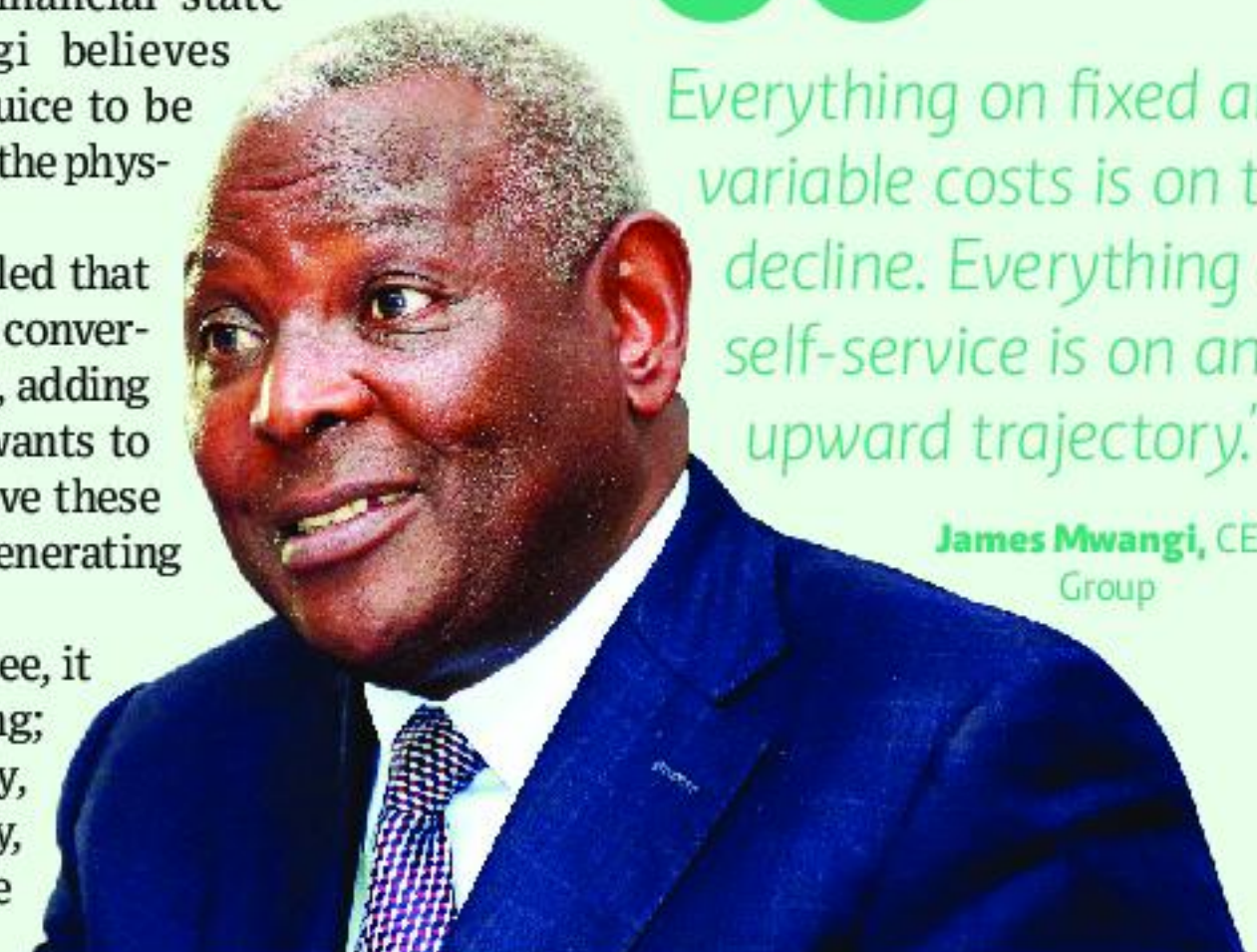
Njau said the bank strives to make its branches profitable, and relocation is part of this strategy. “We have had a journey of 40 years. Maybe, there are some locations where we were, and currently, because of the developments we have seen, we feel we need to have some relocations,” she said.

[Graham Kajjwa]



Everything on fixed and variable costs is on the decline. Everything on self-service is on an upward trajectory.”

James Mwangi, CEO, Equity Group



BOOK REVIEW

Making It Big:

Why you could fail in school but roar in business

In this review of Femi Otedola's book, 'Making it Big: Lessons from a Life in Business', **Wellington Nyongesa** picks the gems from the journey of a self-made billionaire and the secret to being a successful entrepreneur.

By the time you get to lesson 18 of Femi Otedola's story, you'll have got the feeling that perhaps the apt title of the book should have been 25 Laws of Business. That, however, would have been possible only if the writer had the leeway to borrow from other bodies of knowledge that explore ways of running a successful business.

Since *Making it Big: Lessons from a Life in Business* is an autobiography of a successful entrepreneur, one of Africa's few dollar billionaires, according to Forbes' listings, let's accept its title despite laying bare - through what the writer calls 25 lessons - what could pass for laws on steering a successful business, without which anyone seeking to invest cannot win.

Apart from the lessons narrated in a friendly tone using the language of 'is and was' - no bombastic phrases - that creates a feeling of a friend narrating their journey in entrepreneurship to another, *Making it Big* carries a lesson that is not listed among the 25.

That lesson, which will interest anyone who follows modern trends in education and psychology, is rather spread out in the entire book and is weaved in Femi's life story.

That, for a man whose formal schooling ended at equivalent of Kenya's Form Six without sitting for the final examination, Femi's high-level successes confirm fresh research by educationists and psychologists who have questioned traditional assessment of intelligence. Does scoring Ds and Es at school imply that one is not intelligent? Are such individuals cut out for failure as colonial-style education claimed throughout the 20th century in Africa?

The story of Femi's life in business puts out a good case supporting Daniel Goleman's 1994 book, *Emotional Intelligence: Why it Can Matter More Than*

IQ. Goleman argued that high IQ is no guarantee for success, happiness, or virtue and that emotional intelligence in fact matters more. That is why the subtitle of his book sends a message that EI is the unexplored element in human intelligence that society must now appreciate.

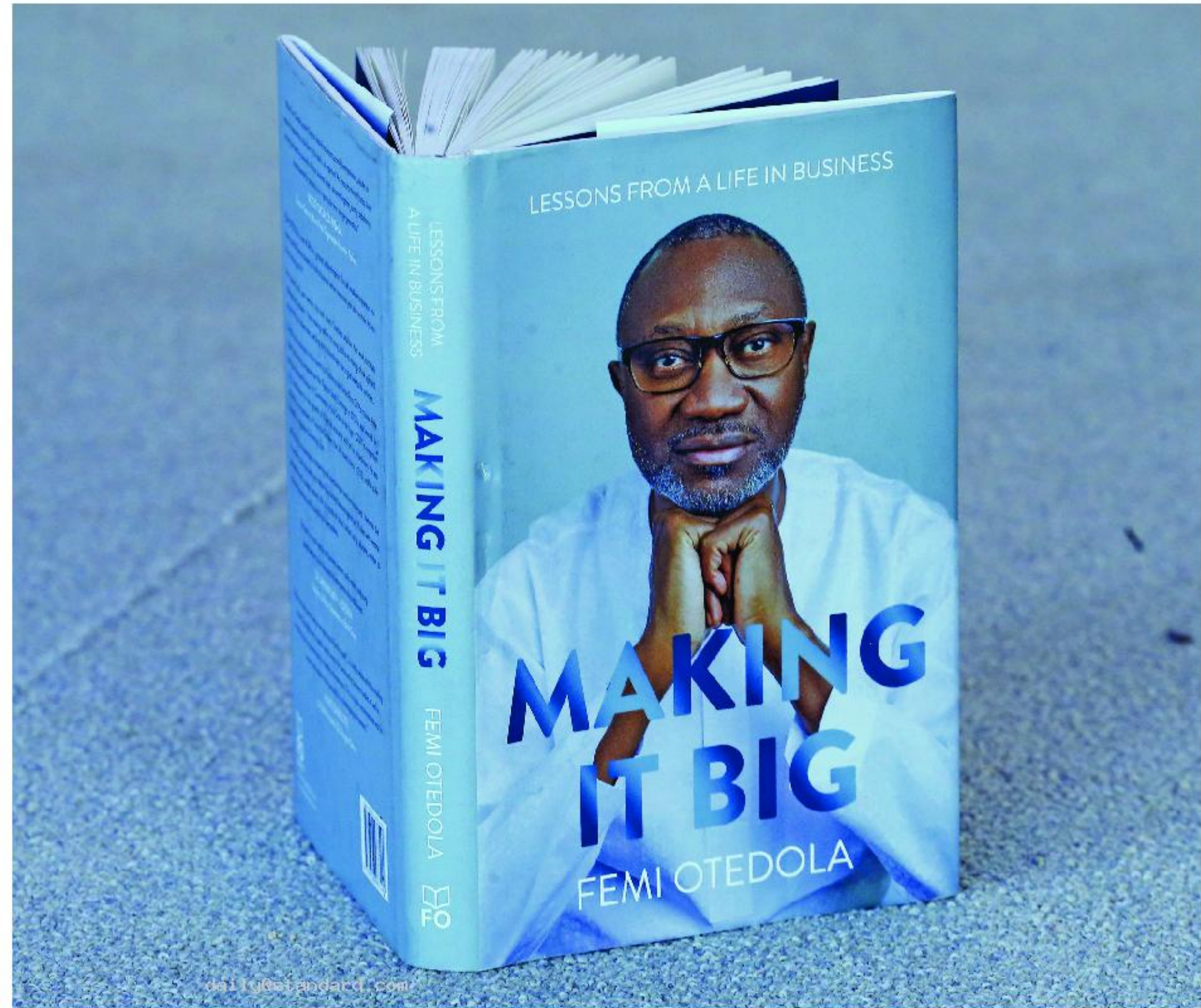
Howard Gardner in his 1983 discussion, *Frames of Mind: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences* argued that people are gifted differently and intelligence cannot be assessed based on adaptability in Mathematics and Language only - academics. That our schooling left out other human abilities or intelligences that lead innovation and growing of enterprise.

In *Making it Big* Femi writes "...but there was something about academia and me; we were not compatible. I finished primary school in 1974 because I repeated a class. Even when I was allowed to pass, I consistently anchored the bottom rungs of our end of term examination results...I managed to remain in school until the Lower Sixth examination was over. And then, I was finished. I never returned for my Upper Sixth."

The book is therefore an account by an 'E and D' scholar, but who was greatly aware of himself and his richness of mind and heart that could not be measured at school. He was innovative with an uncanny ability to craft a living from the universe. That ability, as it emerges in his story, was definitely never measured by Nigeria's system of education, and Africa's colonial-style schooling.

In Femi, the reader meets a mind that one finds in the stories of innovators of the renaissance period in Europe and the industrial revolution. The intuitive and instinctive mind that smells opportunity and seeks to turn it into profit.

You come across it in the introduction, where he says: "All I wanted was to get involved in business. My father kept watch over me and drew close....



A copy of 'Making it Big' by Femi Otedola. [Stafford Ondegoy, Standard]

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despite the protests and tears of my mother who could not accept that I wouldn't be returning to school, I started working full-time for my father's printing operation...I became the managing director at the age of 25.”

How was he, for instance, a youngster barely 11 years, able to know that offering to cut the fingernails of his father's visitors could get him some pocket money?

While other children his age would be playing outside, Femi would hang around his father's living room staring at the visitors' fingernails and wondering whether they'd allow him to trim them at a fee. He did not just think, he acted. He asked them to let him clip their fingernails. He had prepared an invoice and a receipt that he'd issue them after that little service. They'd then pay him some coins.

Told in the first chapter of the book, that

anecdote reveals an innovative heart which led to his founding, growing and expanding business enterprises moving from one industry to another. Smelling an opportunity becomes the rule, the size of the investment does not matter. Without that, business cannot start and grow. It also cannot recover after a misfortune.

It was such intuitiveness that leads him to leave school. He gets into his father's printing business and because of that uncanny ability to smell opportunities he grew his father's investment, rising to managing director. Later, after supporting his father's venture into politics, Femi decides to go his way and launches a financial services business, loaning out money for a profit. His heart, which he rarely ignores, later leads him to petroleum and gas - and that is where he makes his first one billion dollars at the age of 41.

After running a successful 1.2 billion-dollar petroleum investment, according to Forbes, Femi walks into the corporate world to run a public limited company and relinquish his previous direct involvement in daily running of his investments. Once again he gets it right; the company grows, pushing him into philanthropy to give back to society.

The story is laced with that “thing” that is never taught at school, but causes one to spot an opportunity - some of which are scary. For instance, when he sold his house to find capital to invest in a new frontier. Femi is honest to a fault, he admits his failures and does not hesitate to point out where he went wrong. He reveals his losses and how he recovered. And he shows that he does not ignore that inner voice.

The 25 lessons range from the virtue of

starting small, leading from the front, believing in oneself, the care one needs in selecting the people to work with, to the role of mentors, taking care of your own health and recognising your limits, the role of God and the virtue of giving.

On the downsides of *Making it Big*, the endorsements and closing sections may need a re-look. The acknowledgements, which run four pages, would have broadened the book's perspective had it included business leaders from other parts of Africa but the individuals acknowledging Femi's work are all Nigerian. All are respected names no doubt - Aliko Dangote, Africa's lead investor and employer, Arunman Ote, chairman of Royal African Society, Dr Akiwumi Adessina, president of African Development Bank and Prince Samuel Adedoyin. To crown it all the forward was penned by the director general of World Trade Organisation, Ngozi Ikonjo-Iweala and a former foreign minister of Nigeria.

The book would have had a more universal feel had it included notes by other native African entrepreneurs, such as South Africa's Patrice Motsepe and Zimbabwe's Strive Masiyiwa, all acclaimed billionaires that have made it big from the sweat of their brow as Femi Otedola did.

The reader could also have benefited from an appendix explaining the use such titles as Chief and Sir before names of some individuals. While reading the book, one wonders whether the Sirs cited as Michael Otedola, a knight of the British crown? What about the Chiefs - Chief Mashood Abiola, Chief Wahab Falahiyi - how are these titles understood in the Nigerian society?

GROW YOUR MONEY

Turning your 'marketable passion' into income after retirement

For many, retirement presents the perfect opportunity to start a second career based on a lifelong passion.

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For many, retirement means slowing down, traveling more or simply relaxing after decades of hard work. For others, retirement presents the opportunity to start a second career based on a lifelong passion.

It doesn't matter if your hobby is woodworking, crafting, gardening or writing; it can now become a fulfilling and potentially profitable business venture. I'll show you how to make your golden years even brighter by turning what you love into income in retirement. Why embark on a second career in retirement?

Some people are driven by financial concerns when deciding to earn during retirement. Others see it as a way to stay active, feel useful or pursue a dream that a 9-to-5 job never allowed.

Here's a closer look at what a second-career can offer:

Unparalleled flexibility. Imagine being your own boss, setting your own

hours, and being able to work on your own terms.

Deep personal fulfillment. Investing your time and energy in something you genuinely love provides a unique and profound sense of fulfillment.

A meaningful income stream. Even if your primary goal isn't to earn a fortune, a steady income stream can significantly enhance your retirement lifestyle. Now, let's guide you on how to turn that cherished hobby into something more substantial.

Step 1: Unearthing your marketable passion. What lights your fire?

Ask yourself this simple question: What do I love doing so much that I would do it for free? Or, how can this deeply felt passion benefit, entertain, or enrich others' lives?

To get your creative wheels turning, here are a few relatable examples:

Woodworking. Would you like to build custom furniture, birdhouses, or home décor pieces?

Crafting. Perhaps you could sell handmade jewelry, holiday decorations, knitted items, or upcycled items.

Gardening. If you have a green thumb, you might want to consider selling plants and fresh produce or even teaching garden planning.

Writing. If writing is your sanctuary, you may want to consider freelance writing, blogging, self-publishing, or editing. Remember that not every hobby has a clear path to income. However, many can be monetized with the right approach and audience.

Step 2: Starting small and experimenting - testing the waters gently

The good news is that you don't need an MBA or a significant investment to begin this second career. Instead, by gently experimenting with your idea, you'll be able to allow it to grow.

Creating initial samples. Spend some time crafting a few examples of what you want to offer. Eventually, this initial

work will be the foundation for your portfolio. It might be a small piece of furniture, handcrafted items, seedlings or a few sample blog posts.

Exploring local and online sales. If you're interested in getting your feet wet in the market, consider participating in local farmers' markets or community craft fairs. You can also use online marketplaces like Etsy (for handmade goods) or Facebook Marketplace to reach potential customers.

Gathering valuable feedback. Ask your friends, family, and early customers for honest feedback. Specifically, you can ask them what they really appreciate about your work and where you can improve. You can refine your offerings based on this direct feedback.

Embracing the learning process. Don't strive for perfection from the start. In most cases, the most profound and practical lessons come from doing. Instead, let your business evolve organically as you learn and adapt.

By starting small, you can experiment without feeling pressured. The more confident you become, the more successful your business will be.

Step 3: Building a simple online presence - connecting with your audience
An online presence can significantly

improve your reach, even if your primary sales channels are local markets and word-of-mouth. In addition, it builds trust with potential customers.

Leveraging social media. You can showcase your work visually by creating a Facebook page or Instagram account. Moreover, you can highlight customer testimonials, share your working processes, and create a community around your passion.

Setting up an Etsy shop. Etsy is an excellent marketplace for creators of unique, handmade goods since it has a built-in audience of appreciative buyers. Creating a basic website or blog. Consider setting up a simple website or blog to make your business easier to manage. With user-friendly platforms like Wix, Squarespace, and WordPress, people of all technical abilities can easily create a website. The goal is to provide a straightforward way for people to see what you offer, easily contact you and perhaps even place an order.
Step 4: Deciding how you want to make money - exploring revenue streams
Depending on your particular skills, resources, and goals, your passion can become a profitable business with the right approach.

Product-based income. In this case, tangible items are created and sold directly to consumers. A few examples include handcrafted items (woodworking, crochet, knitting), homemade culinary delights (jams, baked goods, spice blends - check local regulations first!), and garden-cultivated items (plants, seeds, fresh produce).

Service-based income. By offering services here, you leverage your skills and expertise. It could be offering your services as a garden consultant (working with individuals to design and plant their dream gardens), sharing your writing and editing talents, or teaching a craft class, online course, or custom tutoring.

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TECH

EU queries Apple, Google, Microsoft over financial scams

The European Union on Tuesday demanded Big Tech players, including Apple and Google explain what action they are taking against financial scams online, as Brussels seeks to show it is not shying away from enforcing its rules.

The European Commission sent a request for information under the Digital Services Act (DSA) to the companies, also including Microsoft and Booking, “on how they make sure that their services are not being misused by scammers”, an EU spokesman said.

The DSA is the EU's landmark law demanding Big Tech firms do more to tackle illegal content, but it has faced retaliation threats from US President Donald Trump and censorship claims from the US tech sector.

The EU has vowed it will not back down from enforcing its rules to protect Europeans online.

Tuesday's request could lead to a probe under the DSA and even fines, but does not itself suggest the law has been broken, nor is it a move towards punishment.

“This is an essential step also to protect users across the EU from certain of these practices, and to make sure that platforms in the EU also play their role,” EU digital affairs spokesman Thomas Regnier told reporters in Brussels.

The request relates to Apple's App Store, Google Play, online travel agent Booking and Microsoft's Bing search engine.

The EU fears app stores could be used by scammers to create fake apps posing as legitimate banking services, or fraudsters could publish links to fake websites on search engines.

A Microsoft spokesperson said the company was “committed to creating safe experiences online and will continue to engage with the European Commission”.

Google said it blocked hundreds of millions of “scummy results in search every day”, while Booking said it would “engage constructively” with Brussels.

“Between 2023 and 2024, we have seen a drop from 1.5 million phishing-related fake reservations detected and blocked down to 250,000,” Booking added.

The EU has a bolstered legal armoury with the DSA and its sister law, the Digital Markets Act, which seeks to ensure fair competition online.

Brussels has already launched multiple investigations under the DSA into Meta's Facebook and Instagram as well as TikTok and X.

But its rules have faced the wrath of Trump -- who has shaken up global trade by hitting America's trading partners with higher tariffs and threatened more levies on those he accuses of targeting US tech companies. [AFP]

Boost for local suppliers as Carrefour's Brand Festival makes return



Carrefour staff at the launch of the second edition of the retailer's Grand Brand Festival at The Hub, Karen, on September 19. The two-week nationwide campaign, running until October 2, will see shoppers stand to win an estimated Sh9 million in prizes, including cars, school fees support, and holiday getaways in what the retailer says is meant to renew its commitment to local suppliers by featuring and promoting Kenyan products. [Courtesy]

Sector reforms usher in new era in Tvet and national polytechnics

Tertiary institutions have been urged to remain at the heart of Kenya's socio-economic transformation.

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As the government pushes towards enrolling 2 million trainees, the government says, TVET is no longer a secondary option but a frontline engine for economic transformation, youth empowerment, and national progress.

Speaking during the Nyandarua National Polytechnic graduation, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba said major sweeping reforms have been achieved in the sector, urging graduates to seize opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation.

"Today's graduates are pioneers of a new and revolutionized era in TVET, because of the reforms that the Government is implementing. With this training, we expect all of you, our dear graduates, to both seize and create opportunities in the world of work," Ogamba said.

With reforms such as CBET, Dual Training, and Recognition of Prior Learning, the sector is being positioned to deliver skills that are not only relevant locally but also competitive globally.

Ogamba noted that both National Polytechnic Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) have been the wheel to education transformation through skills and innovation being advanced.

He further said the drive comes at a time when policy reforms are reshaping Kenya's skills development agenda at a time when unemployment and youth empowerment remain pressing national challenges.

The CS emphasized that TVET is no longer a fallback option for those unable to secure university slots, but a central pillar of Kenya's economic strategy.

According to him, the Government continues to make strategic investments both in resources and policy to ensure TVET plays its rightful role as "the engine of socio-economic development."

One of the boldest steps is the rollout of the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) system.



Education CS Julius Ogamba, (second left), Tourism CS Rebecca Miano (third left) and Tvet PS Esther Muoria (third right) join Nyandarua National Polytechnic staff during the institution's graduation on September 19, 2025.

Unlike traditional models, CBET focuses on practical, hands-on training that prepares graduates for real industry needs.

The Polytechnic's Class of 2025, the second to graduate since the institution attained national status, is also the first cohort fully trained under this new approach.

"We have modularized the curricula by creating short, assessable, and certifiable competency units that can be implemented within three to six months. This has resulted in shorter durations for skilling and lowered the cost of training, while arming graduates with market-specific skills," said Ogamba.

A defining feature of the reforms is the introduction of Dual Training, where students spend between 50 to 70 percent of their time in industry, and the remaining 30 to 50 percent in classrooms. This approach, Ogamba noted, ensures that the skills trainees acquire are aligned with real-world demand.

"Training with industry for industry will enable the graduates to fit and compete favourably in the local, national, and international labour markets, or venture into self-employment and entrepreneurship," he said.

Additionally, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework now provides a path for skilled youth in the informal sector to have their competencies certified.

This move, officials say, unlocks new opportunities for thousands of artisans, technicians, and self-taught professionals who previously lacked formal recognition.

Kenya's TVET enrolment currently stands at about 700,000 trainees. The Government's ambitious target is to increase this number to 2 million,

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Julius Ogamba,
Education Cabinet Secretary

ensuring more young people acquire technical and vocational skills.

To achieve this, new institutions are being established, equipment is being modernized, and financing models have been redesigned.

"Through the Student-Centred Funding Model, we are providing financial support in terms of scholarships and loans to students on the basis of need, so that no one is locked out due to lack of resources," said Ogamba.

He appealed to parents, community leaders, and graduates themselves to act as ambassadors of TVET by encouraging more youth to enrol.

TVET Principal Secretary Dr. Esther Muoria hailed Nyandarua National Polytechnic as a trailblazer in rolling out the CBET curriculum.

She cited recent data showing that 90 percent of its pioneer graduates had already secured employment or

contracts.

"Since the rollout of the modularized Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) curriculum in May 2025, TVET institutions nationwide are equipping the youth with skills that are flexible, practical and globally competitive," Dr. Muoria said.

She noted that Nyandarua's success is rooted in strong industry partnerships. Some graduates have already benefited from the 'Mkulima Majuu' programme in the United Kingdom, a labour mobility initiative organized in collaboration with the State Department for Diaspora Affairs. Many of them are now set for extended contracts abroad.

"This is the power of TVET today, opening doors to opportunity, creating pathways for lifelong learning, and positioning you to shape the future of our nation with confidence and purpose," Muoria added.

Ogamba stressed that the transformation of TVET is closely tied to broader education reforms. The Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) currently being implemented in basic education, for example, feeds directly into TVET pathways.

"As we prepare for the inaugural transition to Grade 10 next year, the Government has made an allocation for the construction of 1,600 laboratories in schools that do not have one," he revealed. "This is intended to prepare our institutions for the STEM pathway of Senior School."

The CS also pointed to the President's recent engagements with educators, including a meeting with 10,000 teachers at State House, Nairobi, and consultations with university vice-chancellors. These, he said, illustrate the Kenya Kwanza administration's prioritization of education at

all levels.

In a bid to enhance efficiency, the Ministry of Education is rolling out a nationwide verification exercise to ensure that capitation funds are distributed based on accurate enrolment data.

This, Ogamba argued, will help eliminate resource wastage and allow informed decisions on issues such as teacher deployment, textbooks, and infrastructure provision.

The exercise has already yielded results in universities, where staff-to-student ratio reviews have reduced the cost of academic programmes by 15 to 40 percent. As a result, fees for various programmes now range between Sh. 5,800 and Sh. 75,000 per semester.

"This will ensure that eligible students are not prevented from accessing higher education because of prohibitive fees," the CS said.

"The graduation at Nyandarua National Polytechnic underscored the vital role of TVET in Kenya's development blueprint."

Even as reforms take shape, challenges remain. The CS acknowledged the ongoing strikes in several public universities but urged staff to resume work in the spirit of patriotism and constructive dialogue.

"Already, the Government has honoured its obligations under the 2017-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement by releasing the sum of Sh. 2.73 Billion to universities. With this demonstration of good faith and commitment from the Government, university staff should return to work," Ogamba said.

In a passionate appeal, the CS commended parents and guardians for supporting their children's education but warned that the challenges facing young people extend beyond academics.

"In these very dynamic socio-economic times, parents and guardians have to redouble their efforts for the wellbeing of their children," he said.

"Increased exposure to negative influences from social and mainstream media and peer pressure often leads young people to alcohol and drug abuse and general indiscipline. We see this in our schools through acts of arson."

Ogamba urged parents to instill values and virtues that would help youth become responsible citizens capable of contributing positively to their communities.

For the hundreds of graduates who received their diplomas and certificates, the occasion was both a celebration and a charge. The Government's reforms promise them better opportunities, but also demand that they put their skills to work in shaping Kenya's future.

"You must use your knowledge and skills to transform your lives and those of your societies, as you play your civic duty in the advancement of our great Nation," Ogamba told them.

Dr. Muoria echoed this sentiment, stressing that the Polytechnic's success should inspire other institutions.

"Together, we are building a nation of skilled innovators, job creators, and future leaders," she said.