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Obel: Flawed genius

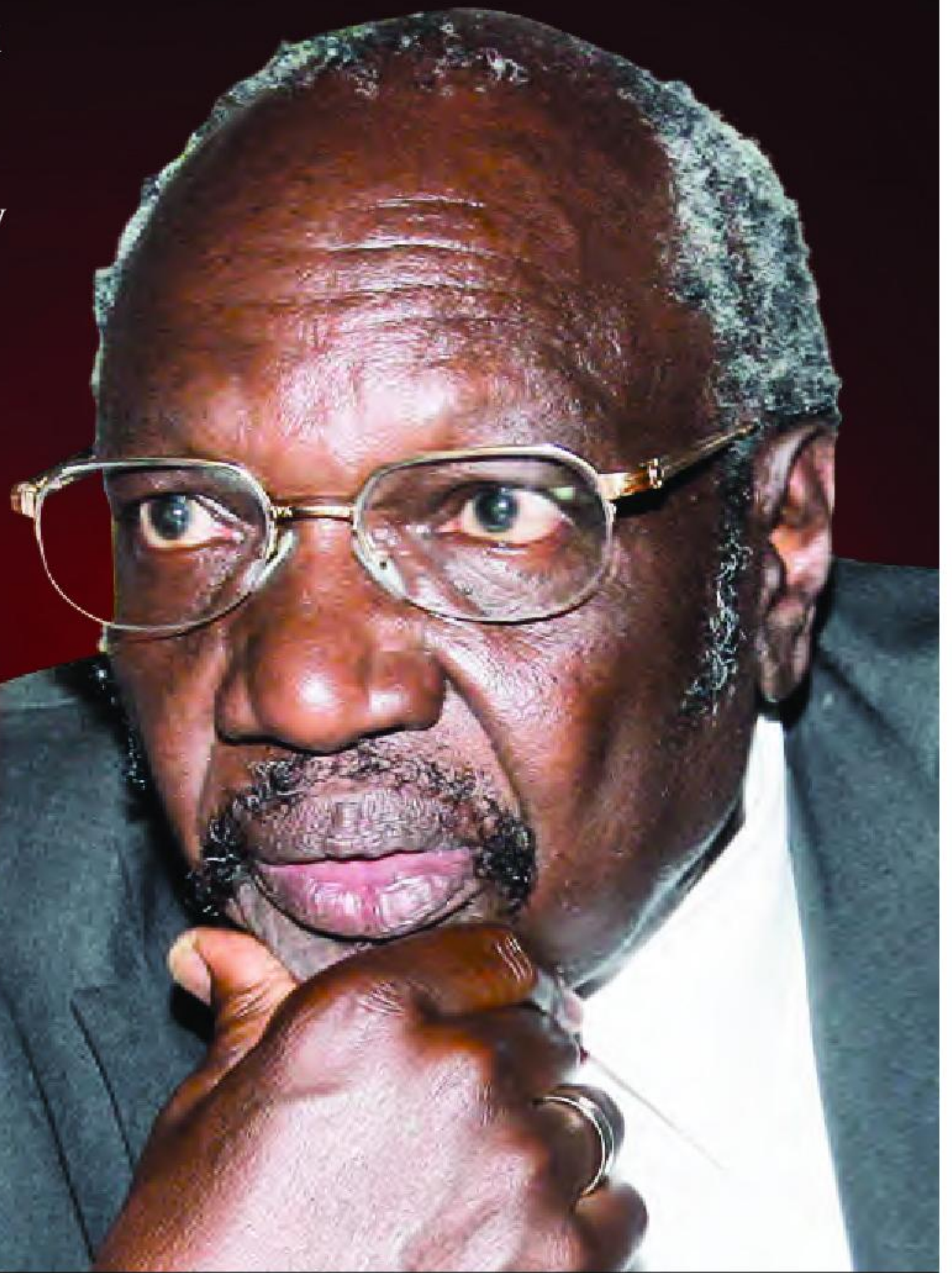
TRIBUTE: Professor Arthur Obel, who died in Nairobi after battling prostate cancer, was a towering yet polarising figure in Kenya's medical history. Brilliant, disciplined and eccentric, he claimed to have developed the controversial HIV/Aids remedy Pearl Omega, which brought him both patients' gratitude and fierce rejection by local and global health authorities. To some he was a saviour; to others, a quack driven by delusion and discord who conned the desperate. A strict academic with a photographic memory, Obel also courted scandal, from gun incidents to bitter scientific

WARS. PAGES 6&7



Africa must break away from the enslavement of the West. We must not allow them to use science to keep us bottled up. India and China broke away from the evil grip of mzungus. They have a thriving and very successful culture of traditional medicine. In India and China, Western medicine is the alternative medicine. If I was in those two nations, I would be celebrated and supported by all government institutions."

Prof Arthur Obel on controversy surrounding Pearl Omega



Court slaps ban on disgraceful habit of detaining bodies over unpaid medical bills

The High Court has ordered Mater Hospital to release the body of a patient who died there on August 2, ruling that a body is not property and cannot be held as collateral for a debt.

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Friends no more? The power and property wars dividing Quaker Church



A view of Friends Church (Quakers) in Nairobi. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

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► This rift is rooted in a disagreement over autonomy, governance and financial control.

► The Quaker tradition emphasises equality, simplicity and peaceful resolution of disputes.

PATRICK VIDIIJA, NAIROBI

The Friends Church (Quakers), under the Nairobi Yearly Meeting (NYM), has come under scrutiny following leadership wrangles that threaten to divide membership.

At the heart of the dispute, *The Standard* has established, lies power struggles between the church secretariat—tasked with managing overall operations—and leaders of one of its prominent local meetings, Friends International Centre (FIC).

This rift, insiders say, is rooted in a deep disagreement over autonomy, governance, and financial control.

When *The Standard* visited FIC on Sunday, the divisions were plain to see.

One group of congregants was singing and dancing outside in a tent. Another sat in the main sanctuary listening to a sermon, while a third group had locked themselves in a silent room, conducting a traditional form of worship.

Each group represents a faction in the conflict: those loyal to the secretariat remained in the main church, supporters of suspended pastors held their own service in the tent, and elders who refused to be drawn into the

politics retreated to silence.

Where did it start?

The rift dates back to a 1992 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FIC and the NYM secretariat. The agreement allowed FIC to employ and compensate its pastors directly, as long as the secretariat participated in vetting and recruitment.

The first pastor under this arrangement served until 1997, when Agrey Mukirima took over. In 2012, Mukirima was promoted to General Superintendent, creating a vacancy at FIC. Walter Bulimu, then an employee of the secretariat, applied, and was appointed senior pastor after an interview.

Over time, more pastors were added to serve various ministry needs—children, youth, women, and men. Their salaries range from Sh90,000 to Sh130,000, significantly higher than what pastors employed by the secretariat receive. This pay disparity became a key source of tension.

The current secretariat, led by Rev John Davis Webere as the General Superintendent, Deputy Nathan Lihanda, and Administrative Secretary Moses Adika, has since pushed to strip local meetings like FIC of the autonomy to hire pastors, citing the need for fairness and equality among all clergy.

In an interview, Rev Webere said the church must be run based on its constitution, not emotion.

“A society without guiding principles breeds chaos,” he said. “FIC is just one among 93 local churches under NYM, with 25 monthly meetings and 21 mission stations. Leadership at the local level must reflect the values



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of the whole.”

Trouble, he says, began in 2023 when leadership nominations at FIC failed to follow constitutional procedures. The church constitution mandates that only fully paid-up, active members can hold office.

Some members felt the nominations were rigged and petitioned the secretariat, whose constitutional committee investigated and dissolved the FIC leadership. A caretaker committee was installed, and a new set of leaders was nominated four months later.

However, the new leaders were also accused of rebellion. When they refused to transfer six pastors back to the secretariat and pay up a doubled local budget from Sh190,000 to Sh390,000 as the conflict escalated.

“We are not against pastors being under the yearly meeting,” said Lawrence Andove, a congregant. “But we want to continue paying them directly as we have always done.”

Andove accused the secretariat of

weaponising the church constitution and deploying internal spies to identify dissenters.

“Thirty-five members and six pastors were issued suspension letters delivered at night. We were barred from the premises for six months.”

The suspended members secured a court order maintaining the status quo pending further hearing, but Andove claims the secretariat violated the ruling by enforcing the suspensions and installing new leadership.

Webere insists the constitution allows the secretariat to reorganize defiant leadership and issue legitimacy certificates accordingly.

Due to growing tensions, the secretariat has begun conducting meetings under police guard—something critics call a form of intimidation.

“I’m not aware of any pastor suspensions,” said Webere. “What I do know is that all pastors must be employed by the yearly meeting. We can’t be held responsible for any not recognized by us.”

Deputy GS Nathan Lihanda added, “Local meetings operate under the yearly meeting. You can’t have branches hiring staff without the head office’s knowledge.”

But not all agree with this interpretation. Prof David Kikaya, a senior elder at FIC, believes the secretariat is overstepping.

“Our constitution is clear: local meetings must nominate their own leaders. NYM is a coordinating body, not a ruling one,” he said. “What we’re witnessing is micromanagement and the erosion of grassroots legitimacy.”

He added that because imposed leaders are not seen as legitimate, the entire leadership structure—up to the yearly meeting—now rests on shaky ground.

Benson Ongochi said the secretariat had gone to the extent of coaching pastors to target those who do not support them in their sermons. “The preaching has been weaponised,” said Ongochi.

Property disputes

In 2015, the secretariat formed the Quaker Investment Company Limited (QICL), a third-party firm mandated to manage all church assets, including land, buildings, and businesses—assets said to be worth billions of shillings.

However, members say QICL has never presented audited financials. “The concept was never properly communicated. Up to now, the company has not released any audited accounts,” said Prof Kikaya.

A particularly contentious case involves a five-acre parcel of land acquired by FIC. The secretariat attempted to transfer the title deed from the local church to QICL—a move the elders resisted.

“How can we hand over this property to a leadership whose legitimacy is contested?” asked Kikaya, saying, “Nairobi Yearly Meeting, founded in 1987, is like a great-grandchild trying to seize property from its elders.”

Lihanda, who is also a QICL director, confirmed that assets are held by six trustees, who are constitutionally required to rotate every five years.

Records seen by *The Standard* however show the current trustees have held the positions since 2015.

Still, Lihanda defends the company’s record saying, “All property decisions have been transparent and fully implemented. Some individuals are just bitter because they can’t loot church resources.”

Corruption claims

Beyond governance and property, members accuse the secretariat of tolerating corruption and mismanagement.

At Ofafa Maringo, over Sh14 million was allegedly embezzled on a stalled building project. One of the key leaders at the church claims fake architectural drawings were used to justify another Sh5 million in fees for another separate project after the school project flopped.

The new proposal would have cost Sh150 million to renovate the church, but members resisted and forced a retreat from the plan.

In a letter dated August 9, 2025, the chairman wrote to the secretariat pointing out several scandals including claims of members being duped to fundraise for the construction of a residential flat but the proceeds were diverted into a money market account.

“We as members suggested that the church should be constructed separately from the business premises because separation will preserve the sanctity and dignity of worship spaces,” the source said.

Rev Webere, however, dismissed the claims saying, “We operate through management boards. Once we learned of the Ofafa issue, we disbanded the implicated board and installed a new one to investigate the matter.”

At Donholm Friends Church, a structure initially projected to cost Sh35 million ballooned into over Sh100 million, due to loan penalties from a church-owned Sacco.

Although a section of the members blames it on poor oversight, Pastor Lihanda defended the project saying, “The building was put up by an expensive loan, but that doesn’t mean there was misuse. Sometimes the cost of construction goes up.”

Bigger picture

At its core, the crisis at the Friends Church reflects broader tensions around power, legitimacy, transparency, and identity.

While the Quaker tradition emphasises equality, simplicity, and peaceful resolution to internal disputes, the current situation has seen heavy-handed leadership, court battles, and even police intervention.

For the last three Sundays, the secretariat has stamped its feet at FIC and conducted church businesses under the watch of armed police officers. Those opposed to the actions have moved to court to stop the secretariat from meddling in the running of local affairs.

With both sides digging in, reconciliation seems distant unless there’s a return to the core values that once defined the Quaker movement.

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Man's trusted friend harbours hidden danger of deadly rabies

► Despite global elimination goal, Kenya loses 2,000 lives annually, with children bearing the brunt of rabies fatalities.

► Post-exposure treatment is prohibitively expensive, leaving vulnerable families unable to access life-saving rabies care.

MARYANN MUGANDA, NAIROBI

In almost every town across Kenya, from Nairobi's bustling streets to remote trading centres, stray dogs roam in search of food. Some move in packs, others play with children, while many are chased away with stones. Stray cats too, wander streets scavenging for scraps. Yet, whether strays or pets, these animals carry a hidden danger: rabies.

Rabies, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), is an infectious viral disease almost always fatal once symptoms appear. Dogs are the main hosts and account for 99 per cent of human rabies deaths. Globally, rabies kills about 70,000 people annually, with up to 95 per cent of deaths occurring in Africa and Asia where

dog rabies remains poorly controlled.

In Kenya, the toll is severe: about 2,000 deaths each year, most among children. As the country marked World Rabies Day on September 28, it finds itself in a race against time, with just five years left to meet its ambitious target of eliminating dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

The challenge begins with numbers. In Nairobi, official estimates in 2019 put stray dog populations at around 50,000, though researchers argue this vastly undercounts the reality.

A recent study in Preventive Veterinary Medicine found Machakos County had 421,087 owned dogs—nearly double earlier estimates used for planning. Researchers calculated a human-to-dog ratio of 3.3 to 1, and a dog density of 126 per square kilometre.

Such discrepancies undermine Kenya's 15-year elimination strategy. In Machakos, only about 40 per cent of dogs are vaccinated, far short of the WHO-recommended 70 per cent coverage required for three consecutive years to stop transmission.

Dr Dennis Bahati, acting programme director at the African Network for Animal Welfare (Anaw), says "When you look at welfare, one of the



A stray dog in Nyalenda slums, Kisumu County. [File]

2030 YEAR

TO MEET ambitious target to eliminate human deaths from dog-transmitted rabies, a target known as "Zero by 30".

key tools we use is the five freedoms framework, which highlights freedom from pain, injury and disease. That's where rabies comes in—we know how fatal it is once symptoms appear."

Kenya is currently in stage three of its five-phase rabies elimination plan. Yet progress has been uneven. Kitui has reached 74 per cent coverage and Kisumu 72 per cent, but few counties sustain these levels. Only Makueni has completed the three-year con-

secutive vaccination cycle required for elimination.

The decentralised system of governance complicates matters. The National Rabies Elimination Strategy was developed nationally, but county governments are responsible for implementation. "Most counties prefer to create their own plans rather than adopt a national one," notes Dr Bahati. Resource allocation is another challenge, with counties rarely budgeting adequately for rabies campaigns.

The financial burden falls heavily on NGOs. Vaccinating one dog costs about Sh100, meaning Nairobi alone would require Sh5 million annually for three years—an amount difficult to sustain. In Nairobi, the problem also lies with pet owners.

Dr Dennis Maube Lumumba, a veterinary surgeon, categorises them into three groups: the compliant, the willing but economically constrained, and the "assumers" who believe indoor pets need no vaccines. Vaccina-

tion costs, ranging from Sh1,000 to Sh3,000, make routine boosters unaffordable for many households.

For families in informal settlements, the struggle is sharper. "Elite owners keep vaccines updated, but many low-income families do not bring their pets for vaccination," says Lilian Mutua, Nairobi County's head of health promotion.

The consequences of inadequate vaccination are devastating. Without immediate post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), rabies is invariably fatal. The incubation period may last weeks or months, but once symptoms begin—delirium, coma, death—there is no cure.

Treatment is costly and complex, requiring multiple doses and, in severe cases, expensive rabies immunoglobulins. A full course costs between Sh20,000 and Sh30,000, often unavailable outside major hospitals.

Cultural practices also worsen the situation. In some communities, victims turn to traditional healers instead of seeking urgent medical care. Dr Bahati warns: "The majority who don't go to hospital will keep it hidden and rely on traditional remedies."

Despite the hurdles, there are promising signs. The Ministry of Health now provides free PEP through the National Vaccine and Immunisation Programme. Nairobi has established animal pounds to vaccinate, neuter, and prepare strays for adoption.

Innovation is also emerging. The Zoonotic Disease Unit is piloting drone delivery of vaccines to hard-to-reach areas, potentially cutting logistical costs. The "One Health" approach, which links human and animal health systems, is gaining traction. Animal health workers now share rabies case data with health teams for faster joint responses.

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TOURISM

KWS announces new park entry fees

A day after Kenyans enjoyed free entry into national parks across the country, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has announced new fees for entry into national parks, reserves and sanctuaries.

From tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1 2025, it will cost Kenyans between Sh200 and Sh3,000 to access various KWS-managed parks under new regulations.

Kenyans visiting Amboseli and Lake Nakuru National Parks will now pay Sh2,025 while the new entry fee for Nairobi National Park is Sh1,350, up from Sh430.

Citizens from East African countries will pay Sh1,500 to access Amboseli and Lake Nakuru and Sh100 to access the Nairobi National Park.

KWS gave a package of Sh1,750 for Kenyans who wish to tour the Nairobi National Park, Nairobi Animal Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk while East African citizens will pay Sh1,300 for the same package.

Tour to Tsavo East and Tsavo West

National Parks will cost Sh1,350 for Kenyans and Sh1,000 for East African citizens while new fees for Meru, Kora and Aberdare National Parks will be Sh1,100 and Sh800 for Kenyan and East African citizens respectively.

Kenyans visiting Mt. Kenya National Park will pay Sh1,100 while those touring Hells Gate, Mt. Longonot, Mt. Elgon, Ol Donyo Sabuk National Parks and Lake Elementaita Wildlife Sanctuary, Shimba Hills and Kakamega National Reserves will now pay Sh675.

Access fees for children and students visiting Amboseli and Lake Nakuru National Parks will be Sh1050, and Sh675 for Nairobi National Park, Tsavo East, Tsavo West, Meru, Kora and Aberdare National Parks

The Nairobi Package for children and students that include Nairobi National Park, Nairobi Animal Orphanage and Nairobi Safari Walk sanctuaries will now be charged Sh950 per head and Sh1550 for Tsavo West-Amboseli Package.

According to KWS, the fees will be

implemented following the approval of the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access, Entry and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations 2025 by Parliament on Thursday, September 25.

KWS Director-General Professor Erustus Kanga said measures had been put in place to accommodate visitors who had already booked and paid for trips through e-Citizen before the new fees were announced.

"KWS will honour all e-Citizen payments made before this announcement and the revised fees will therefore apply only to new bookings made for October 1 onwards," Prof Kanga stated in a statement. "The new regulations are the outcome of a year-long open, consultative, and participatory process involving stakeholders from across the conservation, tourism, and the general public.

KWS announced that the new regulations are intended to "strengthen the financial sustainability of wildlife conservation and enhance visitor experiences." [Jacinta Mutura]

CONFLICT

Attorney General opposes bid to strip Inspector General of payroll control

Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor has told the High Court that the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has no express constitutional mandate over payroll management, insisting that the function lies with the Inspector-General of Police.

Responding to a petition filed by lobby group Sheria Mtaani and lawyer Shadrack Wambui over the standoff between Inspector-General of Police Douglas Kanja and the NPSC regarding control of the multi-billion-shilling police payroll, Oduor said the petitioners were misrepresenting the law by claiming that Article 246 assigns payroll duties to the Commission.

"No provision in the Constitution expressly assigns payroll management or financial administration to the commission. The commission's role is to set policy on human resources, not to handle the day-to-day financial ledger of the police," Oduor said through State counsel Jackline Kiramana.

She told the court that payroll administration underpins promotions, transfers, and discipline, all areas constitutionally protected as the domain of the Inspector General under Article 245(2)(b).

"Displacing the IG's control of payroll would upset the balance of authority and compromise the chain of command within the Service," she argued.

Court documents show the dispute surfaced publicly on August 4, 2025, and was raised before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, which directed the IG to cede payroll management to the Commission.

The lobby, represented by lawyer Danstan Omari, are challenging what they describe as the unlawful takeover of the police payroll by the IG.

They want conservatory orders issued to stop the IG and the National Police Service from interfering with payroll systems, pending the determination of the case.

[Nancy Gitonga]

Family trip to visit sick relative turns into nightmare on the road

► What started as a noble cause ended in tragedy when their vehicle collided head-on with a trailer leaving 14 dead.

► Seventeen family members from Murang'a, Nairobi, and Naivasha were on the trip.

DANIEL CHEGE, NAKURU

In early August, 29-year-old Pauline Muthoni summoned her sisters and cousins in a WhatsApp group to organise a visit to their ailing aunt in Solai, Nakuru County.

Muthoni, the youngest daughter of Mzee Elijah Maina, successfully convinced her relatives — drawn from four families — to embrace the idea of visiting their aunt.

Seventeen family members from Murang'a, Nairobi, and Naivasha planned to make the trip.

However, what started as a noble cause turned tragic when the vehicle they were travelling in collided head-on with a trailer at Kariandusi along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

The accident occurred on September 28 while the family was on their way to Solai, resulting in 14 fatalities and three injuries, leaving the family devastated.

Yesterday, Patrick Muiru, a relative, tearfully recounted the loss of his father, Mburu, 80, his mother, Lidya Njeri, and four of his sisters, including Muthoni, Catherine Njambi, and twins Loice Wambui and Naomi Wangui.

"I also lost my nephew, Elijah Mburu, who was the driver, along with my aunts," said Muiru.

Muiru expressed his heartbreak at St Joseph Hospital, where he had gone to visit his surviving nephew.

He recalled receiving a call on Sunday evening, asking him to gather his sisters' children in one place.

When he inquired about what had happened, he learned that his family



The wreckage of a matatu that was involved in an accident at Kariandusi in Gilgil, along Nairobi-Nakuru Highway on September 28. Fourteen family members were killed while three survived with serious injuries.

had not made it to Nakuru and that they had all perished in the accident.

"I had five sisters; now I have one. I no longer have my parents. I am devastated," he said.

Muiru added that he was deeply upset because his family had been happy, and their lives were tragically cut short.

"My grandfather had four wives, and it was my sister's plan for the extended family to get to know each other, but she perished before accomplishing her goal," he cried.

He mentioned that his nephew, who was the driver, also had children who now had no one to care for them after losing their father.

Stephen Gicharu shared his sorrow, explaining that he lost his wife, daughter, and several other relatives.

Thankfully, his nine-year-old son survived but is in critical condition.

Gicharu said that he was in Tanzania when he saw on social media that an accident had occurred along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

"It was hard to make a call in

Tanzania, but through WhatsApp, I spoke to my wife, who was picked up in Naivasha at around 10 am. We agreed that I would send her some money to buy sweets for the kids," he recalled.

Knowing his family was on that road, Gicharu attempted to call his wife again but could not reach her. He also tried contacting relatives, but their phones were off.

Deciding not to presume the worst, he drove the company vehicle and crossed the border.

FATALITIES

- 14 members of the same family perished in the accident
- Those who died were three men, nine women and two children
- Three family members and a driver of the trailer survived
- The three included two children and an adult
- The accident involved a matatu and a trailer
- The matatu is registered to ATS Sacco.

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Around 9 pm, he received another call, informing him that all his family members had perished. He broke down at that news.

"I travelled the same day and arrived in Nakuru, where fortunately, I found my son alive.

However, I have lost my daughter and wife," he said, filled with grief. Gicharu prayed to God to heal the survivors, hoping the family would not lose everyone who had traveled.

He mentioned that his aunt had not yet been informed that 14 people had died.

"She cooked for them, and a tent was set up to welcome them home," he explained.

Juakali Vahavuka, the driver of the trailer, spoke up, recounting that he saw two vehicles approaching, with one that was overtaking coming at high speed.

Despite honking and applying the brakes, he said, it was too late, and the matatu collided with the trailer on the right side of its tyre.

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Briefing

NANDI. TWO KILLED IN CLASHES OVER LAND

■ Two people were shot dead and dozens sustained gunshot injuries after clashes between residents and police overseeing disputed land in Kimwani. The incident occurred yesterday when residents attempted to invade a parcel of land in the area. During the confrontation between the residents and a contingent of Rapid Deployment Unit officers, two individuals, aged between 20 and 30, were killed on the spot.

[Edward Kosut]

MOMBASA. 65 PATIENTS UNDERGO HEART SURGERY

■ Sixty-five patients from poor family backgrounds benefited from free closed-heart surgeries at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital. Yesterday, local doctors and those from the United Arab Emirates said they had successfully done eight surgeries on Friday, and some of the patients went home for recovery. It would have cost the 65 patients a minimum of Sh100 million for the surgeries, as a patient is supposed to pay at least Sh1.5 million to undergo a heart procedure.

[Patrick Beja]

KWALE. AIRPORT RAISES HOPES FOR TOURISM

■ The upgrade of Diani Airport is 98 per cent complete, bringing hope to the tourism sector in the South Coast that had no capacity to handle big aircraft. Kenya Airport Authority Coast Regional Manager Wellington Abwok said the construction of the runway, taxi lanes, apron, control tower and other related works at the domestic airport is almost complete. "The existing runway has been extended from the current length of 200 metres to 1,400 metres to enable the airport to accommodate wide-bodied aircraft," he said. Abwok said the main contractor will complete the remaining works in two weeks.

[Philip Mwakio]

NAKURU

'Standard' journalist receives threats linked to Migori judge case



Collins Kweyu after being released on free bond. [David Gichuru, Standard]

Standard Group photojournalist Collins Kweyu says his life is in danger after receiving threats through WhatsApp over a case involving a Migori-based judge.

According to Kweyu, the anonymous individual first introduced himself as a Directorate of Criminal Investigations officer before later claiming to be a journalist.

The person warned him in Kiswahili to "leave the judge alone," (*wachana na judge*) adding that he had "touched a live wire."

The threats, escalated when the sender ominously declared that "the world is coming to an end today" (*dunia inaisha leo*) and told him to "be

ready." When asked by Kweyu to explain, the person responded cryptically, saying: "message home."

The conversation did not end at that. The following day, he awoke to further messages from the same contact, mocking him for being "afraid" before backtracking to say it had all been a joke.

"Bro kumbe unakuwanga muoga hivi," read one of the messages.

The sender then insisted he was a fellow journalist, that he was not in the country, and that he meant no harm to "a fellow journalist." He even asked whether he could call Kweyu directly.

Kweyu, however, was unconvinced and reported the matter to police at Central Police Station in Nai-

robi, on Monday where a formal statement was recorded.

His lawyer, Nelson Havi confirmed that the individual behind the threats has been summoned to appear before police today to record a statement.

On September 19, Kweyu was arrested in Nairobi's CBD following a complaint lodged against him by the Migori judge.

Police detained him at Central Police Station.

Havi said the threats were part of a wider pattern of intimidation linked to the ongoing investigations against the Migori-based judge.

[Emmanuel Kipchumba]

University students threaten to go on strike

► They have threatened to join lecturers in protests if the government doesn't settle salary arrears and allowances.

► The dons downed tools this month citing the State's failure to honour a collective bargaining agreement.

JULIET OMELO, NAIROBI

Public universities are starting at fresh turmoil after student leaders threatened to join lecturers in the streets if the government fails to pay dons their long-delayed salaries and allowances.

The warning came during a meeting between more than 140 student leaders from public universities and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions and Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

The student leaders expressed their frustrations over the sorry state of higher education in the country, accusing the government of neglecting education and warned that they would not hesitate to take to the streets in solidarity with their lecturers.

"We shall join our lectures in the streets if the government does not pay them their dues. That is their hard-earned money that they are rightfully demanding," said the president of Chuka University students association, Ashley Rono.

Rono declared that students would paralyse campus activities if the standoff persisted.

The lecturers, under the Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU), downed tools earlier this month citing unpaid salary arrears, delayed allowances, and the government's failure to honour a collective bargaining agreement that was meant to improve pay and working conditions.

UASU has also raised concerns about the sustainability of the new university funding model, which it says has left many institutions struggling to pay staff, run operations, or pay debts.

The strike, now in its third week, has left public universities in paralysis, with lectures suspended.

Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka echoed the students' frustrations, blaming the government for what he termed as total mismanagement of the education sector.

Kalonzo also criticised President William Ruto's university funding model, saying it had locked out thou-



Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka when he hosted university students in Nairobi yesterday. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

sands of bright but needy students from pursuing higher education.

"Our education, health, and agriculture sectors are in shambles. The government has money for corruption and handouts but cannot fund free secondary education or pay lecturers," Kalonzo said.

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua who also addressed the student leaders via a phone call, distanced himself from the crisis facing the education sector while expressing his regret for his past support for President Ruto.

Gachagua admitted that the government has failed students and lecturers apologising for backing the wrong leadership. "I am ashamed that Ruto has ruined our university education financing model. That is one of the reasons why I differed with him," Gachagua said.

Embakasi East MP Babu Owino rallied students to unite, register as voters, and use the ballot to reject leaders who he said have disrespected comrades.

Babu accused the government of turning education into the most expensive commodity.

"Comrades are the cream de la cream of society. Without education, a nation cannot exist," he said.

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FAMILY BANK LIMITED

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Shareholders that in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Family Bank Limited will be held via electronic communication on Monday, 27th October 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the following business:

- To table the proxies and note the presence of a quorum.
- To read the notice convening the meeting.

Special Business:

- To pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:
 - 3.1. THAT the Company be and is hereby authorised to apply for listing by way of introduction of all its issued ordinary shares on the Official List of the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and to facilitate the admission of its shares to trading on the Main Investment Market Segment (or other relevant segment) of the NSE.
 - 3.2. THAT the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all such things as may be necessary, desirable or incidental to the listing by introduction, including but not limited to preparing and submitting all relevant documentation, making all required regulatory filings and submissions, and taking any other steps necessary to complete the listing by introduction.
- To consider any other business for which due notice has been received.

By Order of the Board

Eric K. Murai
Company Secretary
30 September 2025

NOTES

- The Company has convened and will be conducting the EGM by electronic means as provided for under Article 57A of the Company's Articles of Association.
- Shareholders wishing to participate in the meeting should register for the EGM by doing the following:
 - Dialling the USSD code *483*816# for Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom mobile telephone networks and following the various prompts regarding the registration; or
 - Send an email request to be registered to familybankEGM@image.co.ke
 - Shareholders with email addresses will receive a registration link via email through which they can use to register.

In order to complete the registration process, shareholders will need to have their ID/Passport Numbers which were used to purchase their shares and/or their Share Account Number at hand. For assistance shareholders should dial the following helpline number: (+254) 709 170 000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday.
- Registration for the EGM opens on Friday 3rd October 2025 at 9.00a.m. and will close on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 12.00p.m.
- In accordance with Section 283 (2) of the Companies Act, the following documents may be viewed on the Company's website: www.familybank.co.ke (i) a copy of this Notice; (ii) proxy form. The agenda can also be accessed on the livestream link.
- Shareholders wishing to raise any questions or clarifications regarding the EGM may do so by:
 - sending their written questions by email to familybankEGM@image.co.ke; or
 - submitting questions by dialling the USSD Code above and following the prompts; or
 - to the extent possible, physically delivering their written questions with a return physical address or email address to the registered office of the Company at 8th Floor, Family Bank Towers, Muindi Mbingu Street, or to Image Registrars Limited offices at 5th floor, Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street; or sending their written questions with a return physical address or email address by registered post to the Company's address at P.O. Box 74145-00200 Nairobi. Shareholders must provide their full details (full names, ID/Passport Number/Share Account Number) when submitting their questions and clarifications.

All questions and clarification must reach the Company on or before Friday 24th October 2025 at 12:00p.m. Following receipt of the questions and clarifications, the directors of the Company

shall provide written responses to the questions received to the return physical, postal or email address provided by the Shareholder no later than 12 hours before the start of the general meeting. A full list of all questions received, and the answers thereto will be published on the Company's website not later than 12 hours before the start of the general meeting.

- In accordance with Section 298(1) of the Companies Act, shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the EGM are entitled to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but if not the Chairman of the EGM, the appointed proxy will need access to a mobile telephone. A proxy form is attached to this Notice and is available on the Company's website via this link: www.familybank.co.ke/company-profile/investor-relations. Physical copies of the proxy form are also available at the following address: Image Registrars Limited offices, 5th Floor Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street. A proxy must be signed by the appointor or his attorney duly authorized in writing. If the appointor is a body corporate, the instrument appointing the proxy shall be given under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or duly authorized attorney of such body corporate. A completed form of proxy should be emailed to info@image.co.ke or delivered to Image Registrars Limited, 5th Floor Absa Towers (formerly Barclays Plaza), Loita Street, P.O. Box 9287 – 00100 GPO, Nairobi, so as to be received not later than 24th October 2025 at 11.00a.m. Any person appointed as a proxy should submit his/her mobile telephone number to the Company no later than 24th October 2025 at 11.00a.m. Any proxy registration that is rejected will be communicated to the shareholder concerned no later than 24th October 2025 at 11.00a.m. to allow time to address any issues.
- The EGM will be streamed live via a link which shall be provided to all shareholders who will have registered to participate in the general meeting. Duly registered shareholders and proxies will receive a short message service (SMS/USSD) prompt on their registered mobile numbers, 24 hours prior to the EGM acting as a reminder of the EGM. A second SMS/USSD prompt shall be sent one hour ahead of the EGM, reminding duly registered shareholders and proxies that the EGM will begin in an hours' time and providing a link to the live stream.
- Duly registered shareholders and proxies may follow the proceedings of the EGM using the live stream platform and may access the agenda. Duly registered shareholders and proxies may vote (when prompted by the Chairman) via the USSD prompts.
- Results of the EGM shall be published on the Company website within 24 hours following conclusion of the EGM.



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Medicine man who courted controversy and

► In the mid-1990s, HIV/Aids, was considered a deadly, incurable curse. It was a condition spoken of only in dreadful whispers.

► Prof Obel developed Pearl Omega, the HIV/Aids drug which the Health ministry and World Health Organisation claimed was ineffective in curing the virus.

CALEB ATEMI, NAIROBI

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she struggled to swallow the dark, greenish concoction. Her breathing was hard and unsteady. I held her thin trembling hands while gently placing her head on my lap to ease the process of feeding her on the liquid as instructed by the physician. She couldn't walk. Her legs had grown extremely weak and her whole body was covered in blisters.

Her eyes, which had sunk deep into the sockets of her emaciated face, suddenly broke into a glint of hope: "Thank you so much for saving my life. May my God richly bless you" she managed to whisper. I smiled and patted her bony shoulders.

I noticed that the wounds in her mouth had vanished and so had the foul smell.

Dorcas was dramatically thrust into my life and here I was, feeding her and administering daily doses of Pearl Omega, the controversial HIV/Aids drug developed by Prof Arthur Otieno Obel.

I arrived in my residence in Kisumu one late afternoon to find an excited crowd outside my gate. I squeezed through and walked to my front door. There she was; a dark, thin, miserable lump of flesh, coiled inside some loose clothes. She was covered in sores. Besides her sat a young man; crying. "What is going on? Who are you and what are you doing at my door?" I asked the young man.

Family and relatives

"Sir, I was referred to you by some family friend. He told me that you could help my sister. She has Chira and no one wants her," he said.

I ushered them into the house.

Dorcas had been ostracised by her family and relatives, when they found out that she was HIV positive. "They kicked her out and asked her to go die far away. They say she committed some abomination and the spirits are angry with her", Juma, the brother told me.

For weeks, Juma and I washed and treated her wounds. Under the care of my mother, Dorcas regained strength enough to travel to Nairobi. My mother had prepared a poultice of herbs mixed with honey: "My son, the smell in her mouth comes from her stomach. Once we treat the internal wounds, the external ones will heal fast," my mother advised.

In her condition, she couldn't survive the rough, pothole filled Nairobi-Kisumu highway. I put her on a flight

to Nairobi. Her entry into my life came during my last month of duty in the lakeside city of Kisumu. I had been transferred to headquarters to help manage the *Daily Nation* news desk.

In the mid-1990s, HIV/Aids, was considered a deadly, incurable curse. It was a condition spoken of only in dreadful whispers.

I took her to Prof Obel's clinic at the City Centre. After examining her he told me: "She will be alright. Make sure she eats well, a balanced diet rich in fruits, traditional vegetables and plenty of water. What your mother started administering to her is part of my Pearl Omega formula" he said, his large face breaking into a gigantic smile.

I wrote Obel a handsome cheque and picked up four cartons filled with bottles of his medicine. I embarked on the long, tedious journey of nursing the stranger who would become a lifelong friend. My senior colleague Mutegi Njau organised for me some off days to kick start the healing voyage.

Survive the scourge

When the scientific world was throwing stones and hurling insults at the outspoken Obel, I was quietly feeding him with patients — friends, relatives and strangers who wanted to survive the scourge.

Today, Dorcas is a living testimony that not every ill word uttered about Obel was true.

Working for a multinational corporation, the mother of four and her husband have been living for years, a life free of HIV/Aids. The rejected stone became the pillar to the same family that despised her and threw her out to go and die.

She forgave them, paid college fees for her siblings and built a beautiful house for her parents who had once vowed: "For being infected by Chira, you cease being our daughter. You have brought shame and disgrace to our family"

It is not just her that I took to Obel. Many men and women; some of them my former schoolmates and senior officers with the Kenya Defence Forces, owe their recovery from HIV/Aids to the much maligned Pearl Omega.

When the war against him became too vicious, Obel moved base to his Loresho home. I once visited him for an interview on his colleague, Davy Koech whose book I was writing.

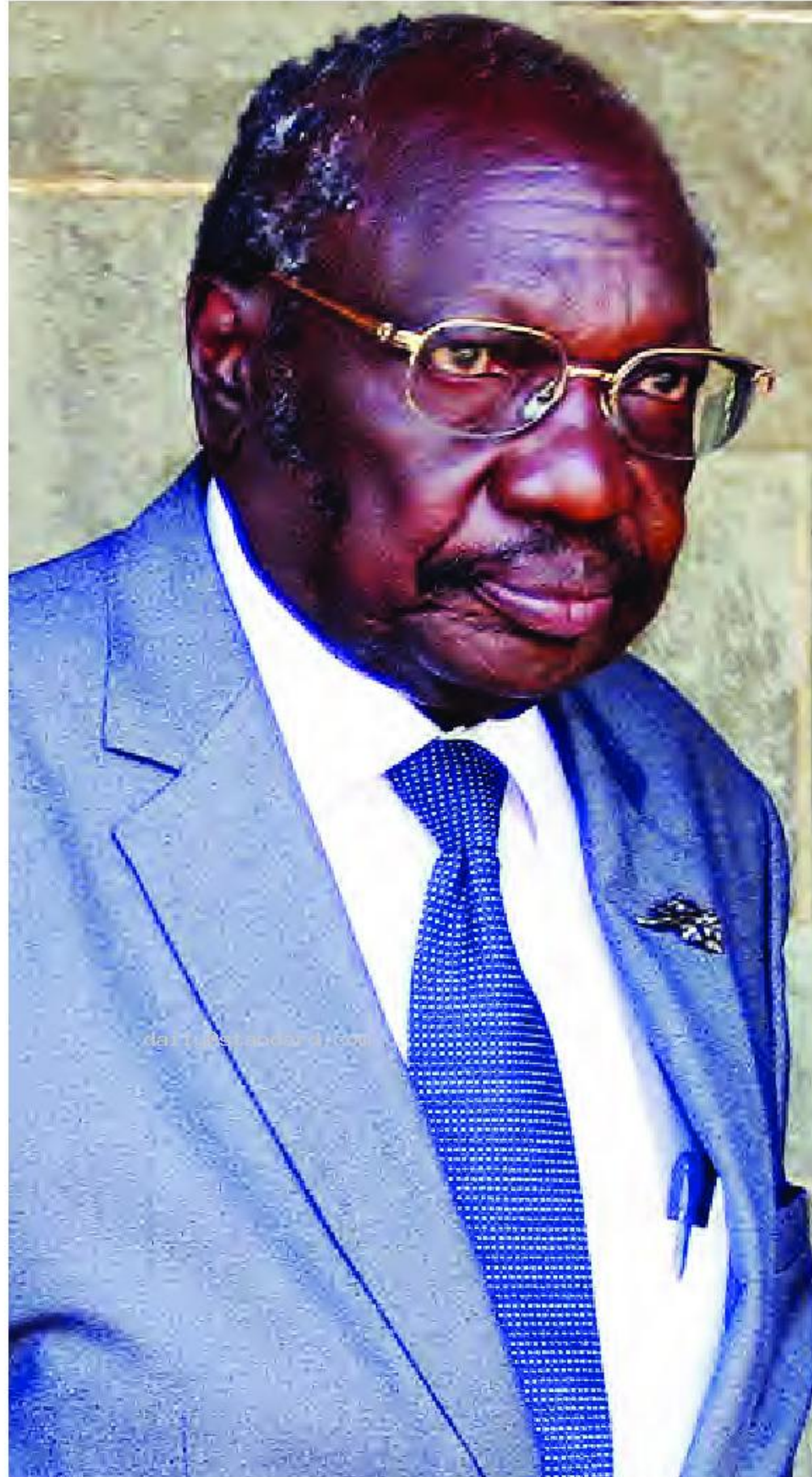
"How is my girl doing?" he asked me.

"She fully recovered, completed her university and finished her Master's degree course. Today, she is married with two children," I responded.

"Oooh my; this is great news. We thank God. And people still call me a quack despite the fact that I am a highly qualified researcher and medical personnel" he said pensively shaking his head.

"But Sir, why is there so much hatred and anger against Pearl Omega?"

"Jealously is the number one enemy among the scientific community in Kenya. Then we have the big pharmaceuticals who believe they must control the production of drugs and medical in-



Prof Arthur Obel. [Elvis Ogina.Standard]

KEY FACTS ABOUT OBEL

Memberships:

- Global Epidemiology Society (1983)
- Member of Achievers Society (1983)

Fellowships:

- Jewish Chemists Federation (1986)
- International Diabetes Federation (1986)
- Global Pharmaceutical Federation (1987)

- Recognised as a Project Management professional by the Centre for Finance and Project Management in 2004.

Published works:

- After winning a case against the Kenya Aids Society, he published several papers on HIV/Aids
- In 2011, he published the correlation of World Health Organisation, clinical staging with CD4 cell count in adult HIV positive patients at the Kenyatta National Hospital.
- In 1995, he wrote "Curbing the HIV/Aids Menace Effectively".

ventions. They hate it when such discoveries come from Africans," Obel paused and I allowed him to attend to his last client of the day. "Africa must break away from the enslavement of the West. We must not allow them to use science to keep us bottled up. India and China broke away from the evil grip of Mzungus. They have a thriving and very successful culture of traditional medicine. In India and China, Western medicine is the alternative medicine. If I was in those two nations, I would be celebrated and supported by all government institutions."

Obel told me that he chose to serve humanity from his home to avoid the boiling controversy. "I also have to stay safe. They are asking me to share my formula which is my survival card. Once I share it, they will kill me" he said.

The Dean of Faculty of Medicine at the University of Nairobi Peter Odhiambo said that Obel feared others spying on him or stealing his work. Obel identified the first cases

of Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Kenya. He treated many Aids patients. Obel and his colleague Prof Koech developed Kemron to cure HIV/Aids

He went further to manufacture Pearl Omega.

Later, the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation, claimed that neither Kemron nor Pearl Omega were effective medications against the retrovirus.

"All these were political wars. How could Kemron be ineffective then be patented by a Japanese company? Other people are reaping benefits from our sweat because politics and professional jealousies killed our indigenous inventions," Koech would say.

Just like Obel, Koech was heckled and ran out of the scientific world. He continued with his research privately and worked with hundreds of patients.

However, his enemies hounded and hunted him, hauling him in court and auctioning his properties. Koech sank into depression. Just when he had suffered stroke, he was sent to prison over claims of corruption. He died shortly after being released following a presidential pardon in 2023.

Obel received his PhD in Therapeutics from the London University in 1978. He then received his MD in Clinical Medicine from the University of Nairobi in 1987.

In 1990, Obel was head of the Public Administration of the Kenya Institute of Administration. Then between 1989 and 1991, he served as Chief Research Officer of the Kenya Medical Research Institute. Between 1995 and 1999, Obel was the Chief Scientist at the Office of the President.

Obel and Koech, had access to huge research funds. They were also close to former President Daniel arap Moi who fully supported their research into a cure for HIV/Aids.

Our enemies

"Being close to power and having access to money increased tenfold the number of our enemies" Obel said

The war against Pearl Omega spilled into the High Court with the Kenya Aids Society seeking orders to stop Obel from administering the drug.

When the court refused to grant the orders, Kenya Aids Society proceeded to the Court of Appeal seeking a review of the ruling and an order by Justice Joseph Mbiti delivered on May 15, 1997.

The judge had refused to grant Kenya Aids Society an injunction to restrain Obel, his servants and agents from: "manufacturing, distributing, offering for sale, selling, administering or in any other manner dealing with a substance known as Pearl Omega pending the hearing and determination of this suit."

The court heard that Obel, "was a

fame

professor of Medicine at the University of Nairobi and a specialist physician, researcher and a trained clinical pharmacologist”.

The Court of Appeal ruled that: “We are satisfied that the learned trial judge correctly exercised his discretion in refusing to grant an injunction to the appellant and that being our view of the matter, our order in this appeal shall be that it be and is hereby dismissed with costs to the respondent”

The ruling was delivered on January 23, 1998. It was signed by Court of Appeal judges — Justice John Evans Gicheru; Justice Riaga S.C Omolo and Justice Samuel Elkana Bosire.

Matatu driver

Obel and controversy were friends. He got involved in an eccentric incident in which he was accused of shooting a matatu driver along Nairobi's Tom Mboya Street. He would humourously narrate to the court his encounter with the working of the law enforcement arm. Sometime in 2020, he told an attentive court, he spend a night in a VIP police cell before being formally charged.

When he was arrested in July 2019, a senior CID officer at the Central Police Station told him he would not spend the night in “filthy cells”: “All the cells here are very filthy. I will take you to Kileleshwa where we take Cabinet ministers and other VIPs who break the law” Obel told the court

“It was a luxurious cell which was never locked and my medical colleagues and friends visited me all night bringing in things” he said

Obel was accused of shooting and injuring Joseph Kyalo Kioko on Tom Mboya Street. A pistol, a shotgun and 19 bullets were found in his Lavington and Loresho homes. He was put on his defence for the counts of attempted murder.

Obel told the court that he was rushing home to switch off a drug making unit when matatus blocked his exit. He asked three matatu drivers to give way, and they obliged. The fourth one refused and instead jeered at him telling him to fly over.

“When a group of touts formed a wall around me, I realised my life was in danger. I pulled out my pistol and they quickly dispersed. The offending matatu sped off” he said.

One of his neighbours in Lavington once told, a senior editor with the *Star* Joseph Olweny that: “Whenever his dogs barked irritatingly in the night, Obel would wake up grab his gun and shoot in the air to silence the canines.”

Obel, passed away on Saturday after spending two weeks in the Intensive Care Unit a Nairobi hospital. He had been battling prostate cancer. Obel leaves behind two wives and many children,

I do not hold brief for the late professor, but as he walks into the life yonder, many remain quietly grateful to his scientific and indigenous work. Many wake up every morning and thank God that Obel lived.

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Prof Arthur Obel (right), his wife (left), their daughter Gloria Margaret Obel and her husband John Mbithi after their wedding ceremony in Nairobi. [File. Standard]

Prof Obel was brilliant, eccentric and uncompromising to the end

► The professor was ‘strict and with no grey areas in his life’

► ‘He followed rules and there were no two ways when it came to that’.

DAVID ODONGO, NAIROBI

Professor Arthur Obel who died on Saturday at a Nairobi hospital was a strict disciplinarian who never circumvented rules.

His brother-in-law, Charles Onyango, says the professor was a brilliant and very strict man.

“He followed rules. There were no two ways when it came to that. Things were either in black or white. There were no grey areas in his life,” says Onyango.

The academic, research and intellectual giant will be buried on October 11 in his Butula rural home.

Obel was suffering from prostate cancer and died after severe bleeding after an operation.

He leaves behind three wives and six children.

His first wife Imelda Namalwa, an administrator retired from the Judiciary in 2005. She had three children, Stella Zela, Raymond Waswa and John Masaba.

His second wife is Millie Obel who retired as a nurse from Kenyatta National Hospital.

Millie is the only wife he married in a church wedding.

His third wife is Joyce Obel, with whom he bore three children. Angela and Brian Obel who are twins and Gloria Obel. Obel's father had 21 official wives.

In sharp contrast, out of prof Obel's six children, Only Stella and John went to university and hold degrees. None of his children followed their

fathers footsteps into medicine but they all veered off towards arts.

Born in a modest rural home in Bar Ober, Nyanza in October 11, 1946, Obel was the eldest of seven siblings and earned his PhD in therapeutics from the University of London in 1978.

Obel was a recluse who never had friends. “He never ate in hotels. Never drank alcohol and never visited anyone. He went to work, and came back home,” says a family member adding that the scientist's favourite dish was ugali and fish. “He said fish makes people smarter, good food for the brain.”

His best friend was his eldest sister Peris Siduba, whom he always gifted his cars to. At the time of his death, his home in Lavington had two W126 Mercedes Benz and a Peugeot station wagon.

Obel spent his retirement between his Lavington or Loresho homes where he spent hours reading and writing for scientific publications.

Obel's love for research and medicine stems from his father, an agricultural officer who supplemented his income as a village herbalist.

The intersection of indigenous medicinal knowledge and a respect for modern science shaped Obel's quest in academic research. This eventually birthed the controversial Pearl Omega, Obel's medicine that he claimed could cure HIV/Aids.

Renowned scientist, Ernest Omenge Nyamato, on his online profile eulogises Obel recalling their first meeting, when he was the professors student.

“He had come as a visiting professor of pharmacology. His work was our required reading. His biography, which I read after meeting him, was so dazzling it felt fictional.

“Young man,” he told Nyamato, “I noticed you did not fully explain the

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11TH OCTOBER

WHEN Prof Arthur Obel was born in a modest rural home in Bar Ober, Nyanza. He was the eldest of seven siblings

mechanism of action of acetylcholine blockers in your exam paper.”

And here was the terrifying part: under his arm he had every script from our entire class, all 50 of them

He had read them all, marked them all, and memorised every wrong answer.

When my turn came, he casually opened with a smile and began reciting my errors word for word, like a stand-up comic roasting his audience.

“Tell me again, slowly, how atropine works. And this time, don't murder the poor receptors.”

I tried. He laughed. I sweated. He quoted me back to myself, line for line. And then, for good measure, he threw in the mistakes of three of my classmates and demanded I correct them on the spot.

It remains the single greatest display of mental power I have ever witnessed.

He also had the madness. Like many geniuses, his brilliance came laced with delusion.

He invented an “HIV cure” called Pearl Omega, sold it for thousands of shillings.

He carried two pistols and occasionally unholstered them during ward rounds while berating medical students,” remembers Dr Nyamato

Obel obtained his degree in Clinical Medicine from the University of Nairobi in 1987. He specialised primarily in medical and biological sciences, earning fellowship statuses in various prestigious institutions.

Beyond his degrees, he was a member of the Global Epidemiology Society (1983), the Achievers Society (1983), and held fellowships with the Jewish Chemists Federation (1986), the International Diabetes Federation (1986), the Global Pharmaceutical Federation (1987), and was recognized as a Project Management Professional (2004)

Lazarus Othieno, who grew up in Obel's village of Bar Ober, remembers a childhood in awe of the scientist.

Posting on his social media page, Othieno recalls. “To us in Bulemia Village, in Butula sub-County, he was “the man behind the wall.”

His homestead stood like a fortress in the middle of our modest village a walled island with two gates on either end.

What marked his arrival was not his face it was the roar of his Peugeot, Mercedes or BMW.

But all of us recognised the voices, a deep, growling engine that could be heard before it even descended Mung'ambwa's slope and then came the hoot long and singular, like a trumpet announcing royalty.

Othieno recalls that the professor on several occasions, fired his gun at people or animals, whoever upset him at the moment.

“My older brother and cousins once learned this the hard way. They'd crept close, peeking through the gate cracks, trying to glimpse what lay beyond the compound. That day, the professor didn't yell. He simply fired into the air and the boys ran so fast they tore their slippers in half.”

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EDUCATION

Capitation for 30,000 verified schools released, says Ogamba

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has confirmed that capitation funds for more than 30,000 verified schools have been released.

Speaking yesterday at the opening of a new hostel at PC Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute in Dagoretti South, Nairobi County, Ogamba said the government had insisted on data verification before disbursing resources to ensure funds were released on the basis of accurate records.

"With respect to the capitation due for the third term to our basic education institutions, I can confirm that funds for over 30,000 schools and institutions have been released," he said. "We made the decision to verify data from institutions so that when resources are released, they are based on accurate information provided by schools."

The CS added that the verification process is still under way. Once complete, he said, the ministry would analyse the results, make the findings public and outline any further steps to be taken. "That exercise was important because

our data needed to be cleaned. As government, we must act on reliable information, and that process is ongoing," he said.

The nationwide verification was launched after a recent audit revealed more than 50,000 "ghost students" enrolled in secondary schools had been receiving capitation funds. Schools have now been instructed to present each learner's Unique Personal Identifier (UPI), alongside registration numbers and certified bank account details, for validation.

Turning to the lecturers' strike, which has paralysed learning in some universities for a second week, Mr Ogamba expressed optimism that talks would yield a solution.

"Negotiations are ongoing to ensure grievances raised by lecturers are addressed and learning can resume," he said. "Some universities are still not teaching, but most have continued even as talks progress. We are committed as a ministry, and just as we resolved previous disputes under the CBAs, we will resolve this one as well." [James Wanzala]

High Court bans detention of bodies over medical bills

► Justice Sifuna ruled that a deceased person's body is not property and cannot be used as collateral for debt.

► The court directed that medical debts should be pursued as civil claims through legal demand and litigation.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

The High Court has declared the practice of detaining bodies over unpaid hospital bills illegal, unconstitutional, oppressive, and a violation of the dignity of the dead and their families.

Justice Nixon Sifuna, while delivering the ruling in a case involving Mater Misericordiae Hospital, ordered the immediate release of the body of the late Caroline Nthangu Tito, who died at the facility on August 2 this year.

The hospital had declined to release her remains, citing an outstanding medical bill of Sh3.3 million.

The case was filed by Ms. Nthangu's two sons, Moses Mutua and his brother, who told the court they had been left orphaned, traumatised, and financially burdened by the hospital's continued detention of their mother's body.

In his ruling, Justice Sifuna found that detaining corpses as collateral for medical debt is an unlawful practice, stressing that it undermines the dignity of the deceased and inflicts further suffering on their families.

Justice Sifuna declared that no law in Kenya permits hospitals or mortuaries to place a lien on dead bodies to recover debts, terming the practice a "habit that has gained ground without any legal foundation."

"There is in Kenya no law providing for a hospital's right of lien over patients or over their remains should they die while hospitalised or undergoing treatment. This is an informal action that has gained so much ground that it is almost becoming a practice, despite its lack of legal backing," Justice Sifuna said.

Calling the detention of corpses "oppressive, unconscionable, and repugnant to justice and morality," the judge emphasised that a deceased person's body is not property and cannot be used as collateral for debt. The judge further observed that detaining corpses to compel debt payment traumatises families, disrespects the dead, and often amounts to blackmail.

"Socially, the detention of bodies by mortuaries and hospitals for debt claims traumatises the bereaved families and disrespects the departed. It has in many instances been employed to blackmail, embarrass, traumatise, and coerce bereaved families into submitting to monetary demands," he added.

The court directed that medical debts should be pursued as civil claims through legal demand and litigation, not through the unlawful detention of bodies.



The High Court has ruled that hospitals cannot detain bodies over unpaid bills, declaring the practice illegal. [File, Standard]

The Mutua brothers had informed the court that the hospital refused to release their mother's remains until they cleared a medical bill of Sh3,345,784, accumulated over her two-month admission.

They argued that the continued detention was worsening their grief and compounding the debt, as the mortuary imposed an additional Sh 2,000 per day preservation charge.

"Despite incessant pleas from the Applicants (Mutua brothers), who have sadly been left orphaned, the Respondent (Mater Misericordiae Hospital) maintained that the release of the remains of their late mother would only be granted upon full payment of the outstanding bills," the brothers told the court through their lawyer.

In their application filed on August 19, the Mutua brothers sought injunctions restraining the hospital from holding their mother's body as security for the debt.

Unnecessary trauma

They argued that such a practice was unconstitutional, violated the dignity of the deceased, and subjected the family to unnecessary trauma.

The court heard that the two had lost their father, Tillers Mutua Mutyane, in 2023 and had been relying solely on their mother for financial support.

"That the 1st and 2nd Applicants are students at the tertiary level, presently undertaking their higher education studies in College and are therefore without a stable source of income as they have been relying on their late mother for financial support," the brothers stated in an affidavit filed in court.

According to evidence tendered in court, their mother was admitted to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in Nairobi County on May 22, 2025, for treatment.

After receiving treatment for two months and twelve days, Mutua's mother unfortunately passed away on August 2, 2025. "At the time of her demise, the hospital presented a medical bill of Sh3,315,784/11 in respect of which it de-

manded clearance from the Mutua's before it could release the remains of their late mother to them," the court papers state.

Following her passing, they were left without a stable income and could not raise the millions demanded by the hospital. They stressed that while they were ready to engage the hospital in negotiating repayment terms, "such arrangements cannot be practically undertaken while the body of their deceased kin continues to be unlawfully withheld."

Mater Misericordiae Hospital, run by the Sisters of Mercy (Kenya), argued that it was entitled to recover the pending bill before releasing the body.

However, the court noted that the hospital's remedy lay in pursuing the debt through civil processes rather than detaining a corpse.

In his ruling, Justice Sifuna said that the hospital's actions had caused the sons of Nthangu to continue suffering irreparable harm, immense emotional distress, and severe financial hardship due to the escalating and accumulating mortuary charges.

He also cited the Public Health Act (Cap 242 Laws of Kenya), which requires that bodies be disposed of in a timely and dignified manner, underscoring that hospital debts should instead be pursued through normal civil recovery procedures.

"After a person has died, his or her body remains should be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act (Cap 242 Laws of Kenya); and the protocols thereunder- one of which is that the body should be disposed of," the judge said.

Consequently, Justice Sifuna issued a mandatory injunction, directing Mater Hospital to release the body of the late Nthangu to her family for burial upon payment of mortuary fees only.

Further, he directed that the remainder of the bill, relating to treatment and medication, must be pursued as a civil debt against her estate.

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ADDENDUM - OPEN TENDER NOTICE

This addendum is hereby issued to correct the tender security requirements, Pre-bid conference, site visit dates for item no.3 and to extend the opening/closing date for all the tenders as below: -

Kakamega County Water & Sanitation Company Limited wishes to invite bids from eligible bidders for the following tenders;

Item No.	Tender Number	Tender Description	Target
1.	KACWASCO/OT/MED/0176/2025-2026	Provision of Medical Insurance Cover for Board Members and Staff	OPEN
2.	KACWASCO/OT/SEC/0187/2025-2026	Provision of Security Services for Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company	OPEN
3.	KACWASCO/OT/WDTF/01/2025-2026	Construction of Waste Water Decentralized Treatment Facility at Iguhu	OPEN

Reference is made to the above tenders published in our website: www.kakamegawater.co.ke and appeared in The Standard Newspaper of 24th September, 2025, the tender is hereby modified as follows:

- For item no.3, The Pre-Bid conference and site visit has been changed from **Tuesday 30th September, 2025 to Friday 3rd October, 2025.**
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of Kenya Shillings Two Hundred Thousand (Kshs. 200,000) in form of a guarantee from a reputable bank or an Insurance Company approved by PPRA
- The tenders closing date has been extended from **Tuesday 7th October, 2025 to Monday 13th October, 2025.**

All the other provisions of the Tender documents remain unchanged.

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► Mt Kenya finds itself torn between Uhuru's renewed Jubilee push and Gachagua's bid to solidify regional dominance.

► Accusations of betrayal, sabotage and political bullying has been flying between rival camps.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

The Mt Kenya region, regarded as a vote-rich area, has witnessed dramatic political twists as parties and politicians begin aligning themselves in preparation for the next General Election.

Historically, the region has carried significant weight in national politics. Today, however, there is heightened political activity amid questions over who holds the mantle of the so-called Mt Kenya 'kingpin'—former President Uhuru Kenyatta or former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Perceived political tensions between Uhuru and Gachagua—once close allies—have fuelled concerns over the risks of fragmenting a crucial voting bloc, against a backdrop of unprecedented disunity.

Since his impeachment about a year ago, Gachagua has worked tirelessly to re-establish his political footing, insisting the Mt Kenya region must first be consolidated before expanding alliances to other regions.

He spent months in what he described as consultations with residents, seeking common political ground and greater bargaining power for the region.

As he launched his Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP), Gachagua declared that the region would never again enter political agreements blindly, without a solid foundation. He has repeatedly vowed to protect Mt Kenya's political voice, accusing President William Ruto of a deliberate push to weaken and divide the region.

"People of Mt Kenya hate betrayal, deception, lies and hate being misused. Never again will the region be taken for granted, we will have better bargaining power with like-minded parties and coalitions," Gachagua has previously indicated.

Questions persist over the region's political direction, particularly after Jubilee Party's resurgence following prolonged court battles—a development that has left some Mt Kenya politicians with mixed feelings.

While critics argue Jubilee's revival could split the vote, others defend it as the party's democratic right to re-strategise ahead of the next electoral cycle.

On Sunday, Gachagua moved to allay fears of the status of united opposition saying they are united more than ever for a common cause.

"Do not be worried, Wiper, DCP, Democratic Action Party of Kenya (DAP-K) People's Liberation Party, we are one family and we will agree. No one will break the opposition, we will agree on one person," said Gachagua.

During Jubilee's delegates confer-



Former President Uhuru Kenyatta and former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua are locked in battle for the soul of Mt Kenya. [File]

Uhuru's return threatens Gachagua grip on Mt Kenya

ence on Friday, Uhuru said the party will decide whether to continue with Azimio or walk away, admitting the political situation in the coalition has since changed.

"The Azimio coalition membership has undergone changes. As we speak, the party remains a member of what is left of this coalition. Whether we reinvest in it or leave will be a party decision," Uhuru said, urging reflection on Jubilee's future.

Mixed reactions

But some Gachagua allies criticised Jubilee, branding it an "emerging wheelbarrow" designed to weaken DCP.

DCP deputy leader Cleophas Malala claimed Jubilee's agenda was to undercut Gachagua's popularity in the region. "That party must be warned. If you are in the united opposition, do not come to divide the DCP stronghold. You have now been sent with the red wheelbarrow—it has no good intentions for our party leader," Malala warned.

Kathiani MP Robert Mbui echoed similar concerns, saying: "It doesn't matter what colour you paint the wheelbarrow; it remains a wheelbarrow. In 2027, we have our leaders."

Former Cabinet Minister Justin Muturi struck a more conciliatory note, arguing Jubilee's actions were legitimate and within its rights as a registered party. "The only challenge which we can all see is the issue of them being in Azimio, they are not the only ones because Wiper is in Azimio and the biggest party there is ODM, which is in Government, that is the current confusion. Azimio still remains as an entity, it has not been disbanded," Muturi told The Standard.



“What puzzles me is how those who want us to be part of the united opposition are so vicious against Jubilee’s rejuvenation. We have fought for our survival in the courts for three years. Many sounded supportive during that struggle, but now instead of celebrating with us, they brand us ‘red wheelbarrows’ ...”

Jeremiah Kioni, Jubilee Secretary General

"What confusion is he (Uhuru) bringing? ... I think sometimes people like fighting shadows because Jubilee is still a registered party, it has Members of Parliament and Assemblies so do we begin wishing it away?" he posed.

On his part, Jubilee Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni welcomed the outcome of the meeting, which rattled a section of politicians.

"I see many people are a little rattled. What may have surprised many is when the party leader spoke of Azimio Coalition agreement. It was to remind everyone that before they were 'born' we had been 'born' into the opposition through the 2022 electoral process," he said in an interview with Spice FM yesterday.

As of now, Kioni said Jubilee is in Azimio and also in the opposition until such a time when delegates again decide which other coalition or formation they would want to join.

During the Friday meeting, Kioni said members had been directed to begin nationwide registration and to prepare for the 2027 electoral process. Following the outcome of the gathering, he declared the party ready to "move the pin further."

"Instead of rushing into early campaigns, you must first engage your members. The question is: why do you want to be a leader? What is your track record? Is it because you are a victim of something, or because you have something meaningful to offer? These are the conversations we will have with our people to ensure we raise the quality of leaders put into positions of authority in 2027," Kioni insisted.

He added: "What puzzles me is how those who want us to be part of

the united opposition are so vicious against Jubilee's rejuvenation. We have fought for our survival in the courts for three years. Many sounded supportive during that struggle, but now that we are emerging stronger, instead of celebrating with us, they brand us 'red wheelbarrows' sent to split the opposition. It is as if they never meant us well."

Kioni argued that it was premature to focus on a single opposition flagbearer when the election had not yet been called and parties were still reorganising.

"At present, the only person who has declared interest in running on a Jubilee ticket is Dr Fred Matiang'i. If they truly want a united opposition, why the onslaught against us? How can you call us a red wheelbarrow and at the same time expect to cohabit politically with us?" he posed.

He emphasised Jubilee's readiness to work with like-minded parties, noting that in recent weeks he had met with leaders of more than a dozen political parties. He warned, however, that Jubilee "cannot and will not be bullied."

Public policy analyst Kimani Mwangi separately observed that Mt Kenya appeared unlikely to produce a presidential candidate in 2027, although Gachagua still seemed determined to vie for the top seat.

"In Kenya's politics of identity—tribes and blocs—Gachagua has been fighting hard to cement himself as Mt Kenya's kingpin. But now Uhuru has returned with Jubilee, which, despite facing relentless attacks, still managed to win 28 seats in the last election. By all measures, Jubilee remains a strong party," Mwangi said.

"Gachagua took the mountain from Uhuru and handed it to Ruto. Now Uhuru wants to recapture it. With Jubilee rejuvenated, he is serious. He is already pushing for a 'meet the people' tour—effectively campaigning for Matiang'i in Mt Kenya," he added.

Mwangi warned Gachagua to tread carefully: "This does not look like it will end well for him. He has made too many enemies in pursuit of the mountain, to the extent of risking his own presidential ambitions."

Former MP Kabando wa Kabando stressed that Uhuru still commands influence despite being a retired president. "Uhuru and Gachagua have worked together in the past. They do not have to agree on everything. Some fear Jubilee's comeback will cost them seats, while some Jubilee figures believe Uhuru is fighting Gachagua. The truth is, parties are simply competing for political space," Kabando said in a televised interview yesterday.

He noted that rivalries over seats breed enmity but stressed the need for "political hygiene." He nonetheless acknowledged Gachagua's significant grassroots following.

Former Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria, meanwhile, praised Kenya's democratic evolution, noting its steady growth over three decades.

"In 2027, a new chapter will be written in Kenya's democratic journey. Uhuru has every right to express his views and to promote Jubilee as its party leader.

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Six officers in court for supplying State guns to bandits in North Rift

► Investigators have link seized ammunition and magazines to official armouries.

► For years, pastoralist families in the North Rift have borne the brunt of armed bandits.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

They are the men entrusted with State armouries, yet investigators now claim they may have turned government weapons into a lifeline for bandits terrorising the North Rift.

On Monday, six serving officers were paraded before Milimani Law Courts, accused of fueling the very insecurity they were sworn to fight.

The officers were, however, not charged after the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) asked Magistrate Benmark Ekhubi to allow their detention for 14 days to complete investigations into what detectives describe as a dangerous network supplying ammunition to criminal gangs in Turkana and Kenya-Sudan border.

The suspects, prison warden Charles Lotira Ekidor and police officers Ileli Cyrus Kisamwa, Samson Muriithi Mutongu, Wesley Sang and Paul Kipketer Tonui, were arrested over the weekend in coordinated raids in Nairobi and Eldoret, where a pistol, over 10 assorted magazines, and ammunition were recovered.

The five officers' arrests followed the dramatic interception of Corporal Isaac Kipngetch, Turkana County's armoury officer, on Thursday last week, who was stopped on Uhuru Highway ferrying 1,007 rounds of ammunition in a small Toyota Passo.

"The ammunitions were believed to be on transit to be used in the commission of crimes such as murder, maiming, and banditry within Turkana County and other adjacent counties where innocent lives have



Police officers Charles Lotira Ekidor, Isaac Kipngetch, Cyrus Ileli Kisamwa and Samson Muriithi Mutongu in court yesterday. [Courtesy, Standard]

been lost, people displaced, and livestock stolen," Corporal Hillary Kimuyu, the investigating officer, told the court.

For years, pastoralist families in the North Rift have borne the brunt of heavily armed bandits, lives lost, children orphaned, villages razed, and herds stolen. Yesterday's revelations struck a deeper nerve: that uniformed officers themselves may have been feeding the bloodshed.

According to an affidavit filed by a DCI Detective, searches allegedly linked the suspects to a pistol, nineteen assorted magazines, and ammunition traced back to official armouries. According to Kimuyu, the investigating officer, the arrests and recoveries followed intelligence reports linking the officers to an underground network supplying ammunition to criminal gangs in the North Rift.

"Upon arrest and subsequent searches, officers recovered one firearm, a Remington Rand pistol, model No. 1911, serial number 1364434, nineteen assorted magazines, and ammunition believed to be linked to illicit trafficking," Kimuyu said.

Detectives told the court that the five suspects are being investigated for possession of ammunition without a certificate, possession of government stores, and conspiracy to commit a felony.

Preliminary investigations have allegedly exposed a firearms trafficking syndicate involving both police and prison officers, with detectives detailing the specific roles each is suspected to have played. The court heard that officers Kisamwa and Mutongu, who are attached to the Nairobi Central Police armoury,

were responsible for ferrying ammunition from government stores in the city where both are attached. Ekidor, a prison officer, was to receive and ferry the consignment to Lodwar for sale and redistribution.

"Intelligence further connects the first respondent, Ekidor, to the sale of ammunition at Lokichogio market, near the Kenya-Sudan border," Kimuyu states in his affidavit.

The DCI further alleged that Sang and Tonui were custodians of the keys to the store where the pistol, magazines, and other ammunition had been kept. The DCI revealed that Kipngetch was arrested ferrying over 1000 ammunition had been on annual leave from September 23 to November 11, 2025, and therefore had no authority to be in possession of government-issued ammunition.

Kimuyu warned that the suspects, being serving officers in positions of authority, posed a serious risk if released on bond, noting they could contact and intimidate potential witnesses, including civilian traders in Turkana and fellow officers.

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Arms scandal

1,007
ROUNDS

OF AMMUNITION seized from Corporal Isaac Kipngetch in Turkana County during last week's arrest

COURTS

Law Society snubs protest victims' panel case

The Law Society of Kenya is not interested in a case filed to challenge its president Faith Odhiambo's appointment as a member of the 14-member panel of experts formed by President William Ruto to facilitate the compensation of protest victims.

During the hearing before Court of Appeal Judges Kathurima M'noti, Abida Ali Aroni and Sankale Ole Kantai, the lawyer who is representing the panel, Dudley Ochiel, said the society was not served with the court papers but did not get involved in the case.

"The reason they did not serve a notice of address is that they were not interested in any of the cases at the High Court. They never entered an

appearance in any of them," said Ochiel.

Lawyer Levy Munyeri and Nelson Havi indicated that Odhiambo was a party to the case. "When I served as a president I would have attended the matters in person, I don't know what is happening. Intriguingly, the president of the Law Society of Kenya is the appellant number two, which will give credence of what Dudley is saying. In my opinion, we may go on bearing in mind the importance of the matter," said Havi.

Justice Kantai on his end said that it was important for the society to appear, while Justice M'noti and Aroni said that they needed to hear from the horse's mouth. The judges concluded that (LSK)

had not been served.

In the case, the Makau Mutua-led compensation panel wants the court to allow them to continue working as the case is being heard. Other members include Odhiambo as deputy and Amnesty International's Irungu Houghton, former Solicitor General Kennedy Ogeto, Rev Kennedy Barasa, Linda Musumba, and Dr John Olukuru. Others are Dr Duncan Ojwang', Naini Lankas, Dr Francis Muraya Pius Metto, Juliet Chepkemei, Fatuma Abass and Raphael Anampiu. Richard Barno is the technical lead together with Duncun Okela with Jerusha Mwaathime and Raphael Ng'etich serving as joint secretaries. [Kamau Muthoni]

AGRICULTURE

Senators back law to speed up seed approvals

Senators have backed the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill 2025, which seeks to amend the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act to introduce a standards-based seed registration system aimed at speeding up the approval of new seed varieties.

The Bill, sponsored by Narok Senator Ledama ole Kina, proposes the creation of a new category of seed varieties eligible for registration under this system, including climate-resilient strains intended for rapid deployment in response to environmental challenges.

Ledama told the Senate that the primary objective of the Bill is to amend the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act (Cap. 326) to establish a standards-based seed registration framework to be administered by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs), as an alternative to the existing certification system overseen by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (Kephis).

"This Bill introduces Section 3A, which designates KEBS as the national authority with exclusive control of the standards-based seed system," said Ledama.

He assured senators there would be no conflict between the two agencies, explaining that Kephis would continue handling seed certification for export markets, while Kebs would focus exclusively on the domestic standards-based system.

Ledama criticised Kephis for inefficiency, arguing that Kebs's digital infrastructure would significantly improve performance. "If you support this Bill, efficiency will jump to 95 per cent, and within six months, we will introduce new seed varieties that perform better," he said.

The senator, who is also a farmer, said his personal frustrations over low yields had motivated him to sponsor the Bill. "I was tired of planting one acre of beans and harvesting only 700 kilos, while farmers in Uganda harvest 1,700 kilos," he said, adding that neighbouring countries such as Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Zambia had been more open to innovation.

Ledama estimated that the Bill could boost Kenya's GDP by Sh5.3 billion through a 15 per cent increase in agricultural productivity, warning that current yields were insufficient.

The Bill also allows the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture to amend the list of eligible crops by notice in the Gazette.

[Edwin Nyarangi]



Narok Senator Ledama Ole Kina. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

Court revokes conservancy's licence, 76,600 acre land title

► Justice Mutungi ruled that the conservancy was illegally established.

► Deputy Director Land Adjudication argued the community was involved.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI



Environment and Lands Court Judge John Mutungi. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Ministry of Lands blunders have cost a wildlife conservancy its licence after it was cancelled by the Lands Court for lack of public participation, environment impact assessment and approvals by the National Environment Management Authority (Nema).

At the same time, the court also invalidated 76,602 acres land title issued to Kamuthe Wildlife Conservancy, terming it illegal.

On its website, Kamuthe indicates that it is a community-driven conservation initiative whose mandate is to protect at least 76,602 acres of land, which serves as a wildlife corridor and dispersal area.

Nevertheless, Justice John Mutungi ruled that the conservancy was illegally and unconstitutionally established.

The judge also revoked the title granted to the entity after determining that the community was neither consulted nor involved during the establishment of Kamuthe.

"The Community members were not involved in public participation as there is no evidence that they were involved in the approval of registering Kamuthe Wildlife Conservancy on any portion of their land," said Justice Mutungi.

At the same time, the Judge said there were no approvals by NEMA, nor was there an environmental impact assessment done before the establishment of Kamuthe.

"That the registration and issue of any operating license in favour of Kamuthe Wildlife Conservancy was in violation of the Constitution and the provision of the Community Land Act for want of public participation. Any license issued by Kenya Wildlife Ser-

vice to Kamuthe Wildlife Conservancy is null and void and is hereby revoked and or cancelled," he ordered.

Idris Kalba and Mohamed Maalim filed the case against the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Garissa County, KWS, Kamuthe chair Badal Ahmed, and the Attorney General.

Their lawyer, Abdirahman Abubakar, told the court that on June 30, 2023, the Cabinet Secretary issued a gazette notice setting aside part of Garissa County as a conservancy.

Abubakar said that subsequently, a title was issued to Kamuthe.

He argued that the problem was that the community had been denied a right to access grazing land and there were fears that they would be evicted from the contested area.

Abubakar asserted that all the steps taken were without consultation. "The respondents ignored to carry out public participation before the registration of the land as Community Land and the conversion of the same to a Wildlife Conservancy," he argued.

The AG and the Lands Ministry opposed the case.

They, however, affirmed that the land was owned by the community, adding that an inventory issued by Garissa County indicated the land was agricultural and for grazing.

The Deputy Director Land Adjudication and Settlement, Amos Musyoka, who was the star witness in the case argued that the community was involved in the process through elected officials.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE OF ADULTERATED OR EXPORT BOUND MOTOR FUELS IN THE LOCAL MARKET

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (The Authority) is mandated under Section 92 of the Petroleum Act 2019 to monitor petroleum products offered for sale in the local market with the aim of preventing motor fuel adulteration or dumping of export bound fuels. In this regard, the Authority undertakes a program of continuous monitoring of the quality of petroleum motor fuels on sale, transport and storage throughout the country.

During the period July - September 2025, a total of 6,090 tests were conducted at 1,315 petroleum sites. From the tests, 1303 (99.09%) of the sites were found to be compliant. However, tests from Twelve, 12 (0.91%) sites turned out to be non-compliant.

Pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Energy (Retail Facility Construction and Licensing) Regulations 2013, the non-compliant stations and their particular offences are listed hereunder:

	Test Date	Name of Station	County	Physical Location	Nature of non-compliance	Status as of 1 st July 2025 to 28 th September 2025
1	17.07.2025	Riva Petroleum Bahati Service Station	Nakuru	Bahati	Offering for sale Diesel containing high Sulphur	Station reopened after upgrading of product and paying taxes and penalties amounting KShs 102,400
2	20.07.2025	PMS Sample drawn from Vehicle No. KBN 250L	Uasin Gishu	Eldoret	Super Petrol adulterated with Export fuel and containing high Sulphur level.	Matter still in court-
3	04.08.2025	Kamero Filling Station, Migosi	Kisumu	Migosi	Offering for sale Diesel adulterated with Domestic Kerosene and Export Fuel	Station closed
4	05.08.2025	King Size (Jomyart) Filling Station, Mwala-Kivandini	Machakos	Mwala-Kivandini	Offering for sale Diesel containing high Sulphur and adulterated with Export fuel	Station closed
5	13.08.2025	Dalo Energy Filling Station, Sultan Hamud	Makueni	Sultan Hamud	Offering for sale Diesel containing high Sulphur	Station closed
6	03.09.2025	Sasa Filling Station, Chwele	Bungoma	Chwele	Offering for sale Diesel meant for Export	Station closed
7	09.09.2025	Noble Energy Filling Station, Stendikisa	Vihiga	Stendikisa	Offering for sale Diesel meant for Export and adulterated with domestic kerosene	Station Closed
8	12.09.2025	Bellstar Filling Station, Miharati	Nyandarua	Miharati	Offering for sale Diesel containing high Sulphur	Station closed
9	16.09.2025	George Kamau Filling Station, Meli Kubwa	Kwale	Meli Kubwa	Offering for sale Diesel adulterated with Domestic kerosene	Station closed
10	17.09.2025	Vipingo Service Station, Kikambala	Kilifi	Kikambala	Offering for sale Diesel containing high Sulphur REPEAT OFFENDER	Station closed
11	17.09.2025	Midtown Filling Station, Timau	Meru	Timau	Offering for sale domestic Kerosene adulterated with non-marked fuel	Station closed
12	23.09.2025	Gateway Inn Filling Station, Miritini	Mombasa	Miritini	Offering for sale Super petrol adulterated with Domestic kerosene REPEAT OFFENDER	Station closed

The Authority maintains a hotline number (0709 366 000), operational during normal working hours to enhance enforcement and compliance activities. Members of the public are requested to report suspected cases of petroleum fuels adulteration or export dumping through the hotline number as well as use the Authority's USSD code (*363#) and SMS service code (40850). Further, a list of all sites found with adulterated products is also available on the Authority's website: www.epra.go.ke

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ISIOLO

Tension as shots fired at ex-MP Mokku's residence

Tension gripped Isiolo town and surrounding estates over the weekend following a gun attack at the residence of former Isiolo North MP, Haji Charfano Mokku, in Kambi Garba Estate.

Reports indicate that a lone gunman fired several shots into Mokku's compound at around 7:30pm on Saturday. The motive behind the attack remains unclear.

Mokku, who retired from active politics in 2017, also served as an Assistant Minister in President Daniel arap Moi's administration.

A planned street protest over the attack, which was scheduled for Monday, was called off following the death of a clan member who had been undergoing cancer treatment.

"Haji (Mokku) is currently among mourners attending the burial. The media will be briefed later (on the incident)," said a relative who identified himself only as Halkano.

He appealed for calm and urged the public not to speculate about the shooting.

According to a clan member who was inside the compound at the time, Mokku had convened a small meeting with several local residents, including fellow clan members, to discuss matters such as fundraising for needy individuals.

"The meeting was scheduled for that same evening, and those present were still waiting for others to arrive," said a source.

The source reported that Mokku was seated under a tree in the compound with around a dozen people when a loud knock was heard at the gate.

A young woman sent to check who was at the gate returned and gave the name of the visitor, which Mokku dismissed, saying the individual was a stranger.

A second person who went to ask the man to leave was met with gunfire, with several shots fired into the



Former Isiolo North MP Haji Charfano Mokku. [Ali Abdi, Standard]

compound.

"Those outside took cover, while people inside the house switched off the lights," said the source.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that a shot was returned from a licensed firearm holder inside the compound, prompting the attacker to flee.

Police officers visited the residence on Saturday night and returned on Sunday morning to assess the scene and record statements.

"We want the government to address the growing insecurity in Isiolo," said a resident.

"An attack on Mokku is alarming and must be condemned. Those behind it must be arrested and prosecuted," he added.

Isiolo County Police Commander Paul Wambug said investigations were underway.

In the 2022 General Election, Mokku supported Governor Abdi Hassan Guyo but reportedly fell out with him months later.

During Governor Guyo's impeachment in June, Mokku aligned himself with the opposition, accusing the county leadership of mismanaging public resources.

[Ali Abdi]

HOMA BAY

Homa Bay County official pledges to pay contractors Sh480 million pending bills

Homa Bay County Government has initiated talks with contractors over the payment of pending bills amounting to Sh480 million.

Yesterday, the Homa Bay County Contractors Association said it had shelved its plans to hold protests to give dialogue a chance.

Its chair Kennedy Alosa said the County Executive Member for Finance, Solomon Obiero, promised to pay them as soon as the county has received money from the Treasury.

"We have decided to explore this matter through dialogue. The CEM has told us that they have money

which they are going to pay us by the end of this week," Alosa said.

He expressed hope that Obiero will keep his promise on the payment. "The CECM said he could not meet us because he fell sick, but we are going to receive our pay," he added.

Peter Brown, the association's organising secretary, appealed for transparency to enhance working relationship between the contractors and the county government.

Florence Momanyi, a member, said some of them were languishing in debt after borrowing from banks.

[James Omoro]

REBIRTH OF A QUEEN

Jane Kariuki, Head of Marketing, LG Electronics East Africa and Chun Jong Hu, Director of Korea Food for the Hungry International look on as a beneficiary of Rebirth of a Queen demonstrates her skills during the handover of their expanded fashion and design facilities under the 2025 LG Ambassador Challenge. The organisation invested a Sh1 million grant in new equipment to empower survivors of gender-based and sexual violence with skills for economic independence. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]



How tech is facilitating violence against women

► 99.3 per cent of women and girls reported experiencing some form of abuse online.

► This includes harassment, threats, trolling and degrading messages.

MARYANN MUGANDA, NAIROBI

The notification pings. It could be a message from a friend, a work email, or a stranger telling you that your body isn't good enough.

For Kenyan women, the smartphone in their pocket has become both a lifeline and a weapon, one that connects them to opportunity while simultaneously exposing them to abuse.

In Kenya today, almost every woman who goes online has experienced some form of abuse. A staggering 99.3 per cent of women and girls reported facing technology-facilitated violence whether through harassment, threats, exploitation, or emotional torture.

This is according to a new report, Technology-Facilitated Violence Against Women and Girls (TFVAWG), launched in Nairobi by the Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC), UN Women, and the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA).

The findings paint a grim picture of how the digital revolution has opened new opportunities while also exposing women to risks in virtual spaces.

According to the report 97.6 per cent of women in Kenya had en-

dured psychological and emotional torture online, the most common form of digital abuse.

This includes constant harassment, threats, trolling, and degrading messages designed to humiliate and silence women.

"Many people dismiss online abuse as something small, but it leaves deep scars," said Mercy Kamau, a gender and sexual reproductive health rights researcher.

Kamau, who also heads the grassroots feminist organisation Mother and Children's Fund for Nairobi, says the findings show why online violence must be recognised as a form of gender-based violence (GBV).

The study identified WhatsApp and Facebook as the leading platforms for digital violence. Survivors said while these platforms have safety tools, they are often ineffective or difficult to use.

"Every day, women are stalked, their private images shared without consent, or their dignity attacked through voice notes and online



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Mercy Kamau, gender and sexual reproductive health rights researcher

groups," Kamau explained. "This isn't just about connectivity it's about identity, safety, and inclusion. And right now, women are paying the highest price."

The consequences are devastating. Survivors often withdraw from digital spaces, deleting social media accounts and avoiding the internet.

"They don't want to access the internet at all because they associate it with abuse. Yet in today's world, being offline means losing economic and social opportunities," says Kamau.

For students, the trauma can derail entire academic journeys. Kamau recalls cases of university students whose intimate images were circulated online.

"Some stopped going to class because classmates mocked them. Others dropped out of school altogether. Some even attempted suicide."

Experts warn that online abuse is not confined to the virtual world. Often, it spills into real-life physical harm.

This intersection between online and offline abuse shows how technology amplifies existing gender-based violence rather than replacing it.

The report found that strangers account for more than 90 per cent of perpetrators in Kenya. However, intimate partners and ex-partners are also significant contributors, with about 40 per cent of cases involving them.

This reflects how online spaces have become extensions of patriarchal control, where both strangers and familiar abusers exploit digital tools to exert power over women.

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ADDENDUM

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF POLICE CONSTABLES INTO THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE

The National Police Service Commission advertised for recruitment of Police Constables on 19th September, 2025 in the Daily Nation and on 20th September, 2025 in the Standard Newspaper inviting applications for recruitment of Police Constables into the National Police Service.

The National Police Service Commission wishes to inform the public of the following clarifications, additions, and corrections to the designated recruitment centres.

The following centres which were inadvertently omitted in the initial advertisement are hereby included:

Recruitment Date	County	Sub-County	S/No.	Recruitment Centre
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Kitui	Nuu	417.	Nuu TVET Grounds
	Wajir	Sabuli	418.	Sabuli
	Kitui	Zombe	419.	Zombe Stadium
	Tana River	Kokane	420.	Kokane
Wednesday 8th October 2025	Tharaka Nithi	Tharaka West	421.	Kibun'ga
	Meru	Imenti East	422.	Thuura Secondary School
Thursday 9th October 2025	Kitui	Mwingi East	423.	Mathuki DCC's Grounds

The following centres as previously advertised are corrected as indicated:

Recruitment Date	County	Sub-County	S/No.	Recruitment Centre
Friday 3rd October 2025	Kilifi	Kilifi North	27.	Karisa Maitha Stadium
	Nairobi	Embakasi Central	60.	Humama Grounds
	Nairobi	Embakasi North	62.	Dandora Stadium
Monday 6th October 2025	Bungoma	Bungoma West	110.	Sirisia Sports Grounds
	Homa Bay	Suba West	121.	Sena Air Strip
	Kiambu	Kabete	131.	Kirangari Vocational Training Center
	Kilifi	Chonyi	133.	Banda La Salama
	Kitui	Nzambani	143.	Chuluni DCC's Office
	Kwale	Samburu	145.	Kasarani Grounds
	Tharaka Nithi	Chuka North	177.	Chuka DCC Grounds

Recruitment Date	County	Sub-County	S/No.	Recruitment Centre
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Homa Bay	Mbita	207.	Onunga Stadium
	Kiambu	Kikuyu	215.	Alliance High School
	Kilifi	Kaloleni	217.	Kaloleni Grounds
	Kwale	Lunga Lunga	227.	Lunga Lunga Secondary School
	Uasin Gishu	Soy	276.	Chepkigen in Ziwa
	Kilifi	Ganze	378.	Ganze Primary School
	Tharaka Nithi	Igamba Ng'ombe	270.	Igamba Ng'ombe Dcc Grounds
Wednesday 8th October 2025	Kitui	Kitui Central	34.	Old Municipal Stadium
	Kiambu	Githurai	311.	Play Ground next to Mwhoko Police Station
	Kilifi	Magarini	315.	Marafa Polytechnique
	Kitui	Mutitu North	323.	Mutitu Stadium
	Kitui	Lower Yatta	322.	St. Lukes Boys Secondary School
Thursday 9th October 2025	Bungoma	Webuye East	366.	Pan Paper Grounds

National Youth Service (NYS) graduates who meet the minimum entry requirements are encouraged to apply. However, it is clarified that NYS graduates will be recruited at their respective Counties.

Applicants may also fill, download and print the application form using the following link (<https://prs.npsc.go.ke>)

All other information contained in the earlier advertisement remains unchanged. Interested applicants are advised to take note of the above changes when responding.

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"If all other leaders are free to seek the presidency, what is wrong with Matiang'i doing the same? Bullying aspirants is unjust to Kenyans, who should decide their flagbearer."

Jeremiah Kioni, Jubilee Party Secretary General



EDITORIAL

Take action urgently to end high suicide rates

Between June and September this year, police records show that 462 people committed suicide across the country.

The majority of them, 386, are men while 76 are women. More shocking, however, is the revelation that at least 50 children have also died by their own hands.

Losing these many people in just three months is chilling, but the reality is that the numbers could be much higher. Most of the cases remain largely unreported out of fear and stigma associated with taking one's life. On the global scale, the figures are even worrying. The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that 720,000 die by suicide yearly globally, and that 14 million people attempt suicide every day.

WHO also lists suicide as the fourth leading cause of death globally. In Kenya, an estimated 4,895 commit suicide every year, majority of them men. We cannot continue to treat these cases as mere statistics. There is a need for the government and stakeholders in the health sector to find a solution. Most of the causes of suicides are already known, what remains are genuine efforts to address these causes.

The Ministry of Health has listed some of the major causes of suicides as relationship breakdowns, financial struggles, mental health conditions such as depression and bipolar disorder. The high cost of living, shrinking incomes, unemployment, family struggles and lack of jobs are some of the causes that have driven some to the edge.

While some people fight on and weather the storm, others lose the will to fight and seek the easy way out. Suicide provides that avenue, which need not be the case.

A Mental Health Task force led by Dr. Frank Njenga revealed that 75 per cent of Kenyans cannot access mental health care. There's a need to set up mental health help desks in all hospitals to ensure patients suffering from mental health get the help they need in good time.

Yet leaving the whole task to the government will slow down the process. Societies should discard cultural mores that stigmatise suicide, effectively stopping people from speaking up, thus increasing suicide cases.

Arrest all rogue officers

Four security officers have been arrested in connection with the illegal supply of arms to bandits. The officers, two attached to the police service, one to the prisons service, a storeman and an armourer at the Central Firearms Bureau are suspected to be members of a syndicate that supplies guns and bullets to bandits who roam the North Rift, making it a living hell for residents who, time and again have lost lives and property to armed bandits.

This could explain why nabbing the bandits has been an uphill task. They probably get updates on security operations. It is unacceptable when those charged with protecting lives help to take the same lives. Investigations should be intensified to expose all officers involved in this criminal enterprise.

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TODAY



UPFRONT

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Death of a revolutionary and the unending struggle for freedom



NJAHIRA GITAHI

Assata Shakur, the world's most famous Black fugitive revolutionary, passed away this past week in Cuba. Shakur, perhaps more than even the Black Panthers, was through her life able to keep the collective Black imagination alive and hopeful for the future, even under increasingly oppressive conditions. Her death in Cuba as a free woman stands testament to the fact that with a little grit and determination, and a whole lot of solidarity, we all might be able to outwit the system that is out to crush us.

Even so, it was not all roses with the life of Assata, and her struggles several decades ago speak to current struggles globally. Like so many today, Assata was branded a terrorist and most wanted fugitive for daring to defend herself, and later on daring to escape the shackles of oppression. By allegedly shooting a State trooper, after a series of bank robberies, Shakur became an enemy of the State, even though multiple trials would find her not guilty of the crimes she was

accused of. However, it was her repeated disobedience of the law that made her a target, a fact that she did not deny. Shakur, like Martin Luther King Jr, understood that in circumstances where the law brings no peace, and so many unjust laws are passed, disobedience of the law is justified, and she went on to practice this belief for several years. Ultimately, she used this belief to break out of prison when she was finally convicted of a crime, and ran away to Cuba where she lived peacefully for the rest of her days.

In a world that is filled with respectability and unquestioning obedience in the face of power, the revolutionary actions of Assata can be seen by many as going too far; being too disobedient. Indeed, allegedly shooting an officer of the State, even in a clear case of self-defence, is read as violent disobedience of the law, perhaps even punishable by imprisonment. And yet, our blind disobedience does not lead us to ask too many questions when the State ruthlessly uses its forces to murder. This is seen as being justifiable, and done for the greater good.

This same type of thinking extends to discussions on terrorism. The State will terrorise its people daily, stealing from them, denying them social services, and murdering them through unemployment, lack of education, and starvation. And yet, it is this same State that will brand individuals who dare to speak up against this oppression as terrorists. Kenya has been subject to this over the past few months, with youth standing against bad governance and being murdered.

However, Gaza remains our starkest example in the present. At last week's High-Level Assembly on the Question of Palestine at the

United Nations offices in New York, delegates showed their anger by boycotting President Netanyahu's address en masse. Meanwhile, in Occupied Gaza, terrorised Gazans had their phones remotely hijacked and the President's address forcefully broadcast, obliging these oppressed peoples to have to listen to their greatest oppressor as he spoke untruths on their conditions. Should these oppressed peoples speak up for themselves, as they have done for decades and now continue to do so under the auspices of Hamas, they are branded violent terrorists for refusing to obey unjust laws, just as was done to Assata. It is hard for us to understand these situations as antagonistic and build solidarities across them, even as we are able to lionise Assata and learn from her.

Perhaps the problem of revolutionary solidarity is the trap of nostalgia. Revolutionaries are not made in the present but in the past, often after they are long dead. In fact, if a revolutionary dares to live too long, he ends up becoming the villain to the people he worked so tirelessly for. Several examples exist of this phenomenon, but a juxtaposition of the widespread worship of Che Guevara and the demonisation of his lifelong friend Fidel Castro paints this picture clearest. Guevara, through his short life, was made a public hero for travelling across the Americas, spreading the good news of liberation. Meanwhile, Castro, who stayed in Cuba and did the difficult work of enforcing liberation for decades, became known as one of the worst leaders alive for wanting the best for his people.

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PALAUVER

The picture of President William Ruto walking in a New York street was enlightening, according to Japheth Amugada [dr.amugada@gmail.com]. "Nairobi's streets are clogged with buses and matatus. Road pavements are occupied by assorted vendors. Pedestrians are forced to walk on the clogged roads. Private motorists heading to Ngara, Kariokor or Jogoo road cannot use these roads. Tourists who would like to view the CBD on open vehicles can't. Does it mean that 85 elected and 38 nominated MCAs, together with road engineers cannot solve this clogging problem?"



Kenyans always have compassion, according to Rosemary Nyakowa [rosemarynyakowa885@gmail.com]. "Take the case of the young Othaya boy called Kaluma who worked in a tea plantation to take care of his ailing father. His touching story caused the 'tiktok family' to gather and offer financial aid, hope and love. Kenyans are full of love for each other. And you can agree with me that Kenya is a very peaceful country until politics rears its ugly head and hate speech separates us."

A pastor was saddened by reports of a murder in the family, says Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com]. "As he re-looked at the sad news on his phone, he said promiscuity will always be there, and has been there. He was not condoning it, but he said that should a wife catch her husband having crossed the red line, restraint, even when apparently impossible, can help in containing the situation and avoid exacerbating the whole thing."

Shisanya Majanja [shisanyamajanja@gmail.com] agrees with former President Uhuru Kenyatta when he accuses President William Ruto of eroding the gains made by the Jubilee government through projects. "This madness also rears its ugly head in county governments. Incoming governors do not finish projects started by their predecessors, ostensibly because that will give the former governors political mileage. It is the people, taxpayers, who suffer from this myopic thinking. A contractor is in court, as we speak, demanding Sh10 billion for breach of contract this government cancelled."



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Do you support court on procurement in counties?



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Governors are in charge of all business

The courts have spoken and governors must take responsibility for county procurement. They are the bosses and so are in charge of all of the county's business. Trying to evade responsibility is encouraging corruption. When a part of the county is due for development, maybe building of a nursery school, the county bosses are expected to authorise the construction, and even launch the whole project. How then can they avoid

the responsibility of ensuring that all county resources are fairly procured, distributed and that the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act is complied with? It is like choosing what favours them and avoiding what might implicate them. Does that also mean the County Procurement Department is not answerable to the governor? Who then should they be answerable to. I am glad that Justices Jacqueline Kamau, William Musyoka and Alice Bett emphasised that since governors are the chief executive officers, they cannot distance themselves from procurement irregularities, if they ever occur.

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Decision is unfair to county bosses

Although court rulings must be adhered to, I honestly think the recent declaration by the High Court that governors must bear the responsibility for procurement decisions in their respective counties was unfair and should be appealed. The ruling, if unchallenged, will open opportunities for abuse and lack of accountability among accounting officers in the counties. Although it is unde-

niable that some governors have been hiding behind the veil of non-involvement in the procurement process on paper in order to 'safely' steal public money, it will be unfair to hold the county bosses squarely responsible for the errors or misdeeds executed by officers working under them. Primarily, chief officers are the accounting officers in all county ministries and, in my view, they bear the greatest responsibility as per the law in the management of procurement. They have the right to decline any instructions that are inconsistent with the procurement regulations irrespective of who is barking out the orders.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

CIVIC EDGE

Netanyahu's genocide against Palestinians must be stopped now

Hundreds of delegates at the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York walked out on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as soon as he took the podium. Unfazed, totally unflapped, Netanyahu waited until they walked out and delivered his speech as if such rejection was inconsequential. The man has the Aristotle Complex written all over his dour face.

This complex borders on the psychological, but is a trait in which an individual believes he or she is always right. Individuals suffering from this complex are wired to disregard alternative views, which is why Netanyahu is blinded to the reality of Palestine existing as an independent state, his biases notwithstanding.

More countries continue to recognise the right of Palestine to exist as an independent state alongside Israel, but Netanyahu would have none of this. The latest countries to take a stand on Palestine include Britain, which was instrumental in setting up the Israeli state, Australia, Canada, Portugal and France.

In total, 157 of the 193 member states of UNGA, which accounts for 81 per cent of its membership, recognise the State of Palestine despite spirited attempts by Netanyahu to deny its existence. In the aftermath of the attack by Hamas militia on October 7, 2023, Israel launched a retaliatory attack against the militants in Gaza and the West Bank, an offensive that is still going on to date. Israeli forces have reportedly killed more than 65,000 people in Gaza and displaced at least 700,000.

The war has moved from being a defensive attack against the Hamas militia to genocide. It is no longer a war against terrorists, it has escalated to a Jewish war against Arab nationals. Netan-



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yahu is aggrieved that Hamas fighters killed Israeli women and children, but sees nothing wrong in Israeli soldiers killing Palestinian women and children.

This dementia must stop. Netanyahu should not be allowed to continue killing innocent people in the guise of fighting terrorism. Truth be told, the casualties in Gaza are non combatants wearied by a war that has no winner, just the senseless and needless loss of lives. By October 2023, there were an estimated 30,000 Hamas fighters. Some have been killed, but they continue to recruit and appear to have surpassed the original number, which negates Netanyahu's claim to victory even as he says the job is not yet done.

Israel's intermittent bombardment of Gaza is not only destroying lives, buildings, hospitals, schools and homes, it is robbing Palestinians of

their dignity and right to live freely in their land. Israel must respect provisions of the Oslo Accord of 1993 that sought the peaceful coexistence of Palestinians and Israelis through the establishment of two-state status where Israel would recognise Palestine and vice versa. This mutual recognition is crucial for peace in the Gaza strip, and Netanyahu's over-inflated ego should not become an impediment.

Prior to the establishment of Israel as a state on May 14, 1948, the land, then known as Palestine, had an Arab majority and Jewish minority. Jews fleeing persecution in Europe and Adolf Hitler's holocaust fled to Palestine. After the first World War, Britain took control of Palestine and made it a home for the Jews through the Balfour declaration.

The inescapable fact is that Palestinians and Israelis have a right to coexist on land both have historical claims to. Netanyahu might resist it today, but the truth remains that one day Palestine will be free. At some point, Britain, the biggest ever colonial master, relinquished control of territories it had taken over. Israel will not fare any better.

The claim by major powers that they uphold fidelity to democracy and human rights when the rights of Palestinians are being violated is a facade. US President Donald Trump, Netanyahu's greatest cheerleader, who also exhibits the Aristotle Complex, should sober up and call his buddy to order.

He should prevail upon Netanyahu to stop the genocide in Gaza and the West Bank. Countries that have recognised Palestine have made the right decision. Unless Netanyahu's intention is to exterminate Palestinians, Israel must stop the killings.



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Support health workers to end preventable maternal deaths

I still remember that night vividly. Four women arrived in labour—bleeding, terrified, and all in need of urgent care. We had one theatre. One anaesthetist. Virtually no blood.

I rushed the first mother in—she lived. The second, referred after hours of delay, died as we scrambled for blood. The third made it to surgery, but needed an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed that we didn't have. The fourth kept crying as we moved between emergencies. There was no ICU bed for her. She lay in the ward, machines beeping weakly as we scrambled to find space. By dawn, two newborns had lost their mothers.

A maternal death is a devastating life event that runs through generations. What stays with you is not just the cries, but the questions: Could I have done more? Could I have bent time to make space in the theatre? These questions linger long after the night is over.

But while we mourn quietly, the world rushes to blame. Families look at us, the health professionals, with suspicion. Headlines scream "Negligence." Social media turns doctors into villains. Inside the hospital, we face audits—Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR)—meant to help us learn, but too often they feel like tribunals. We recount every minute of the case, relive every decision, and still carry the quiet question: What else could I have done? Worse still, at times the focus on individual blame overshadows the systemic delays that truly cost lives, while the larger failures—the ones that truly cost lives—go unaddressed.

The persisting mistrust between the community and doctors whenever a mother dies is deeply unsettling. This sometimes leads, after MPDSR, to tense moments of either clinical or medico-legal postmortems to determine the cause of death. These sessions, though emotionally heavy, often bring a sense of relief—not only for the healthcare provider but also for the grieving family. Many times, they vindicate the provider, highlighting that the real failure lies within a broken health system, not an individual's hands.

Even within the hospitals, some audits are conducted as if we are on trial. We open the files, recount the moments, and the silence in the room is thick with judgment. It's true that there are times when health professionals could do better, handle things differently to save lives – and trust me, we are often the first ones to admit that and to challenge ourselves to change. But what is less often told is the story of the systems that failed long before those women reached our hands. No woman should give life and lose hers in the process, and no family should be left grieving a preventable tragedy.

The data speaks volumes. Kenya still loses far too many mothers. According to the Ministry of Health, approximately 355 women die per 100,000 live births—translating to over 5,000 maternal deaths each year. Nearly a third are due to postpartum hemorrhage



(PPH). Our blood banks run on empty: The Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service collects less than half the 500,000 units needed annually. We have fewer than 600 ICU beds for a population of more than 55 million.

These numbers are not abstract—they are the missing lifelines on nights like the one I described.

And yet, in the midst of loss, there are sparks of hope. I've seen colleagues improvise with makeshift balloons, catheters, or even use condoms to stop bleeding. I've seen boda boda riders mobilised to donate blood at midnight. I've seen teams cry together, then return to the ward, resolved that the next mother must live. These moments remind us why we stay in this fight.

Then comes the hardest duty – breaking bad news. Nothing prepares you to tell a husband that the woman who just gave him a child is gone. The silence that follows your words is heavier than any judgment. Later, you walk past headlines or social media posts that judge you without context. To survive such weight can leave you drained. Many colleagues burn out. Some leave the profession. Others carry invisible scars forever.



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Health workers are the frontline defenders to ensure no mother dies from a preventable cause, such as excessive bleeding after birth. We have made a binding commitment to save the lives of mothers and children. We are committed to providing an immediate response and escalating the situation to include referrals if it fails to improve, all while working as a team.

But we cannot win it alone. If Kenya is serious about ending maternal deaths, we must support health workers – not condemn them. Maternal death audits must be blameless, focused on learning. We need blood in our banks, ICU beds in our hospitals, functional referral networks, and counseling for the frontline staff scarred by loss. Let us keep raising the alarm, demanding answers, and championing prevention, awareness, and timely care—stopping the bleeding before it starts.

We must also recognise that a child's future begins with a healthy mother. A mother who survives childbirth in good health offers her child a better chance at thriving—physically, emotionally, and cognitively. Maternal health is not just about survival. It's about development, education, and dignity. Communities must be empowered to recognise danger signs, demand quality care, and support women before, during, and after childbirth.

Protecting mothers is a moral duty, a human right, and an individual promise to protect every family and every generation. Every life saved is a promise kept.

If Kenya is serious about ending preventable maternal deaths, we must move beyond blame. We must make Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response reviews blameless and learning-centered. We must invest in blood banks, build ICU capacity, strengthen referral systems, encourage community participation through increased public health awareness, and offer psychological support to health workers who carry these scars silently.

Because in the end, when a mother dies in our hands, a part of us dies too. And the only way to honor her is to make sure the next one lives.

New regulation

Kenya cannot afford to lose the EU coffee market



IRUNGU MAINA

Though coffee production has declined from an annual yield of 130 metric tonnes to the current average of 50,000 metric tonnes, it remains an important commodity benefiting many people in the country.

Lately, the coffee sector has been having discussions on the European Union Deforestation Regulation that is supposed to be implemented by December 30 this year. Under the regulation, the European Union countries have agreed not to buy any coffee that is grown on land that is demarcated to be a forest. This is one way of mitigating the environmental impacts that we are witnessing globally. The ban will also affect other commodities like palm oil, soy, cocoa, rubber and wood.

From next year, exporting countries must prove that their products are not as a result of deforestation. Compliance will mainly involve geo-mapping of all coffee farms where coordinates are taken for the small farms and polygons for the large estates. This data will be used to identify the risks of deforestation and the coffee produced as a result of deforestation will be rejected.

This matter has been subjected to debate by the coffee stakeholders. Some have argued that the emerging coffee markets will benefit the coffee farmer if the EU rejects the non-complying coffee. In the local market, when a commodity like milk is rejected by the cooperative or a buyer, the farmers easily use the milk to feed their own families as well as the animals like cats and dogs. It can also be preserved through processing products like sour milk and ghee. This may not apply in the coffee sub-sector.

This is majorly because ours is a country that doesn't consume coffee. It is estimated that Kenya consumes not more than 5 per cent of its coffee. Our neighbour, Ethiopia, consumes 49 per cent of the coffee that they produce.

We conducted a survey of the drinks we consume by positioning enumerators in a local supermarket. This was to compare tea, soft drinks and roasted and ground coffee. For the soft drink, we lost track due to the massive purchases.

The whole day no one purchased coffee. We cast no aspersion; this is our culture. Luckily the local consumption is increasing but by a microscopic percentage due to government strategies, increased middle class, increase in the coffee bars, among others.

It is therefore evident that we require the European markets. The EU countries have a high per-capita coffee consumption. In Finland each person consumes 12 kg of coffee, Norway 9 kg, and Denmark 8 kg. On average each Kenyan drinks 0.04 kilogrammes per year. European union countries buy about 56 per cent of the coffee produced in Kenya.

Experts advise businesses to protect their markets as they pursue other markets. It is evident that the EU is a vital market for the coffee that we produce and must be protected as we seek other markets including the local one that is highly unexploited.

In coffee studies, we learn that the crop benefits many parties including local businesses, service providers, the government and other parties not in the country. Of all these beneficiaries the farmer will lose most if our coffee is rejected by the EU. We must comply with the new regulation so that we do not lose this critical market.

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HOT ON X

Uhuru told off over Linda Mama

@Goddie_Ke: Gladys Wangari: Uhuru should stop spreading falsehoods, SHA has replaced Linda Mama.

@rgc99f2byt: How can SHA replace Linda mama? NHIF was there when Linda Mama was running.

@CorneliusMambi3: Linda Mama was one of the products of the healthcare system.

@dekermoses: It's not wise for the advantaged politically correct club to defend what doesn't affect them. Let the affected majority in the land speak for themselves.

@AllanFeliche: Nobody bragged about Linda Mama, they didn't go around praising the achievement. Linda Mama worked and we didn't ask for explanation, we experienced its goodness in fullness without drama.

@VMatiga: What a shame coming from a woman while mothers are stranded in some hospitals.

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FROM THE WEB

Why many Kenyan women are obese

Joe Tai: Most women associate being overweight with being successful and looking good, so it is a matter of awareness.

Mkenya Asili: Watching soaps all day without exercise.

Doc Samuel: The women think they are healthy and as they grow, that is the body shape to have. The main problem is awareness.

Victor Otieno Sibuur: Hormonal contraceptives are the major factors.

Masai Enock: Lack of exercise, snacking and most of all, late night dinner.

Manaseh Okinyi Jazàà: Industrial foods. CMO generated foods, lack of exercises and fatty foods, etc.

Sonia Cahya: Mostly health reasons, followed by family planning, diet and reduced physical movements.

Mwenda Mpole Ya Mashinani: They taste food most of the time while preparing it in kitchen.

ROAD CARNAGE

Ending spate of deadly crashes on our roads is a collective responsibility of all Kenyans

In 2024, a report by the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) showed that 4,748 Kenyans perished in road accidents. Even before this year ends, the statistics are already grim. The horrific accident that claimed lives last weekend at Kikopey, Nakuru County, adds to these statistics.

Needless to say, the responsibility for road safety lies with the government through its relevant agencies and institutions like NTSA, Traffic Department and so on. However, aside from the established government institutions, every other road user must take responsibility for creating a safe road use culture, including participating in awareness campaigns.

One of the most pervasive and damaging misconceptions is the mislabelling of road crashes caused by neglect as 'accidents'. Typically, road crashes are not accidents; they are devastating and preventable events, not chance mishaps. The use of that terminology must be adjusted accordingly.

There are more concerns about loss of lives involving trucks and tractors ferrying sugar cane in Western region. It is not uncommon to see trucks freewheeling on steep sections of roads, changing lanes recklessly or hogging the lanes. To make matters worse, whenever these trucks and tractors break down or jack-knife off the highway, no effort is made to warn other users of the danger ahead.

It is necessary that drivers undergo routine safety training and have them update their skills. Additionally, there is a need to increase awareness around driver distraction as a road safety issue since driver distraction poses a major road safety problem. There are too many reckless and negligent drivers who shirk their duty to be responsible motorists.

We need to ensure that traffic police officers are visible on our roads 24 hours a day, not just during day time. Most importantly, road safety doesn't only reside with traffic officials; the entire justice



system needs to be involved to ensure prospective offenders are made aware that there are punitive consequences for their actions. The ever-elusive strategy of installing cameras along the highways is also long overdue. Kenyan motorists become conscious on the road when they know they are being monitored.

Road accidents have also become a drain to national resources because of the cost associated with insuring persons as well as the motor vehicles. Strong, comprehensive, evidence-based and coordinated road safety strategies, which are regularly reviewed to take into account changing circumstances, remain as important as ever.

Michael Kasilon Chepareria, West Pokot

HEALTH

Sensitise public about good health practices

Besides national and county health policies and interventions, the basic perception of concepts that make up health in various communities plays a huge role in the success of the health sector. For example, some communities still perceive vaccination based on hearsay, believing that their opinions outweigh the benefits of polio, TB and HPV vaccinations, among others. Other communities have left the burden of planning families to women. Other beliefs that perpetuate poor health outcomes include religions that outlaw visits to hospitals or taking modern medication, and the practice of female genital mutilation, which promotes child marriages, resultant teen pregnancies, and increased cases of child mortality and maternal morbidity.

Community education remains a critical element to the success of any health system. Understanding that the systems are not built around urban centres alone, it is crucial to factor interventions tailored to meet the needs of educating communities and aid in improving health outcomes. Hence, the devolution of health should be treated as a stepping stone to the collective success of the national health outcomes, as counties present the power to bridge the community education gaps through policy and practice. **Ricky Samwell and Onyimbi Nelson, NAYA Kenya**

SANITARY PADS

What female leaders can do to end period poverty

For years, period poverty has been a convenient campaign tool; donate pads in schools, take photos, win votes. Yet the cycle never ends. Girls still miss classes, and still suffer in silence, yet women leaders in Kenya already hold a unique advantage.

The 47 Woman Representatives have a collective power base strong enough to change the story. Imagine women representatives coming together to establish a sanitary towel manufacturing plant.

A factory run at scale, producing pads not

necessarily to give away for free, but to sell at a fair, affordable price, accessible to all. Such an initiative would end period poverty, create jobs and restore dignity by employing women and youth in the supply chain while allowing girls to buy pads as customers rather than depend on handouts.

And it would preserve political leverage, since every packet would carry the legacy of women leaders who went beyond short-term charity to build an industry for the nation's daughters.

Gentrix Achenda

ELECTIONS

Electoral agency should shift to mass voter registration

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) started the much-awaited Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) yesterday throughout the country.

Yet, given the over three-year delay in registration, what Kenya urgently needs is a Mass Voter Registration (MVR) exercise. The electoral commission projects it will register between six and seven million new voters ahead of the 2027 general election.

Such a large number cannot be realised by routine CVR desks at constituency offices across the country. Only a nationwide MVR

campaign with mobile teams, schools, churches, markets, and public spaces turned into registration centers can deliver. The Constitution is unambiguous on this.

Article 83(3) requires that arrangements for registration must facilitate, not deny, the right to vote. By sticking to CVR alone, IEBC risks disenfranchising millions of young and first-time voters who have waited years for this opportunity.

For Kenya's democracy to thrive, IEBC must abandon peculiar habits and mount a robust, transparent, and accessible MVR drive. **Eric A Ambuche, Nairobi**



IMF in town again: Kenya's déjà vu dance with debt prescriptions begins



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They didn't call us, we called them. Yes, we aren't power players in the global aid-trade-debt-finance matrix, but when you want a loan, you go to the bank, the bank doesn't come to you, right?

In what was a very American week for Kenya with UNGA@80, Haiti, Meg Whitman et al, we also got to quietly learn that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is back in town (do they ever leave, they have an office here, right?). Last Wednesday's presser from Washington DC was short and sharp. Basically, an IMF team will spend a fortnight in Nairobi - between September 25 and October 9 - "initiating" discussions with the Kenyan authorities (government) on a "possible" IMF-supported programme.

This is obviously serious business for us, but let's begin with a lighter look at this communication.

Not "progressing" but "initiating"? Remember when our Treasury people told us they didn't want any gaps between the previous programme and any future one? That was over six months ago. Oh, and it's not a "new" (fresh), or "probable" (likely), but "possible" (maybe) programme? Or is it?

On the Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs) posted on the IMF website on the same day as this presser we are told "Kenya has formally requested a new IMF-supported programme, and preliminary discussions are underway". Ok, so it is "new", but what's then being "initiated" if discussions are underway? This may sound like semantics but it speaks to process transparency.

Especially when those FAQs then inform us that "the IMF is currently working with Kenyan authorities to review recent developments and update the macroeconomic assessment while awaiting details on the authorities' (new?) priorities for the (new) programme".

Recall, as the presser did, these discussions are "at the request of the Kenyan authorities". They didn't call us, we called them. Yes, we aren't power players in the global aid-trade-debt-finance matrix, but when you want a loan, you go to the bank, the bank doesn't come to you, right?

For this two-week visit, the IMF anticipates "constructive engagement with the authorities and other stakeholders during our visit to Nairobi." Again, for transparency, shouldn't we, through Parliament, demand a public participation report from this engagement? It isn't just with the IMF, but we (the people and parliament) are always in the dark on our debt/finance deals. Also, shouldn't this IMF team "engage" across Kenya, not just Nairobi?

Imagine a day in the future when engagements are held across our four broad economic geographies (regional economic blocs) - Nairobi that is 28 per cent of GDP, the North Rift Economic Bloc (Noreb) and Lake Region Economic Bloc (Lreb) also at 28 per cent, Central Region Economic Bloc (Cereb) at 24 per cent and The Rest (which I call The Beltway - Narok Kajiado Economic Block (Nakaeb), South Eastern Kenya Economic Bloc (Sekeb), Jumuiya ya Kaunti za Pwani Economic Bloc (JKP) and The Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) at 20 per cent! I digress, but shouldn't we see Kenya as more than "one big blob" in our debt discourse?



International Monetary Fund Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department Vitor Gaspar.
[Maxwell Agwanda, Standard]

Pushback

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THOUSAND

KENYANS who signed a written petition to the IMF in 2021 to halt the original \$2.3 billion programme that eventually became \$3.9 billion

Anyway, if we take a wild guess, this IMF team will probably meet 100 to 300 (if in groups) people during their visit, so you and I individually have a 0.0002 to 0.0006 per cent (that is, two to six in a million) chance of "engaging". Let's instead offer a couple more light reflections today.

Beginning those FAQs. First, we learn that "the authorities" want to "prioritise discussions on their programme request" and leave the 2025 Article IV "macro-economic health check" for later. We'll also get a full Debt Sustainabil-

ity Analysis "later". At the same time, as earlier noted, there is an ongoing review of developments and a macro update.

I'm not interested in procedural technicalities here - the sequencing is feasible - but overall logic. The tone of this request sounds like someone who goes to the doctor feeling sick, and then demands that the doctor dishes out fast-acting medicine, without a complete diagnosis.

In reality, it means we are probably desperate for new IMF funding, as well as the IMF "stamp of approval" as a signal to markets while unlocking other foreign funding, like the World Bank's.

You only need to look at government's huge appetite for domestic borrowing plus its new-fangled financial engineering to confirm this. Clearly, we are still "in receivership", as we learnt from civil society in 2021 when the last programme was launched. So much for "we have stabilised the economy"! The subtext here, as some suggest, is our overvalued shilling can no longer hold. The final FAQ notes that a draft report from the ongoing governance diagnostic assessment - which is not a corruption audit - will be made available to "the authorities" before the end of 2025, even

as civil society offers us its shadow version. It isn't rocket science to conclude that the findings of this "voluntary" assessment should feed into a new programme that starts after 2025.

We must speculate here, because we lack the full facts. Take the previous programme abruptly abandoned early this year. We forget that it kicked off in 2021 amid much public controversy. About 200,000 Kenyans signed a written petition to the IMF to halt the original \$2.3 billion programme that eventually became \$3.9 billion, but was abandoned at \$3 billion. If we recall, the Jubilee administration tried to convince Kenyans that the programme was a sign of our "economic health". Then we had "in-program" controversies relating to the 2021, 2023 and 2024 Finance Bills. To what extent did the IMF's fiscal consolidation, actually deficit, benchmarks drive revenue targets and these bills, especially in 2023 and 2024 (which is not to say that wasteful government - from Jubilee to Kenya Kwanza - was innocent in the matter)? What lessons have we all learnt here?

Finally, are we looking at a programme from the IMF "boilerplate" of macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability which ends up being another revenue (and tax) driven fiscal consolidation? Remember, the IMF is waiting to hear our priorities. Can we do a "home grown" programme?

If so, it might pick a few ideas from the World Bank's May 2025 Public Finance Review which proposes a third pathway for Kenya - away from "business as usual" or the political impossibility of severe austerity - that pursues a fiscal consolidation that "addresses fiscal imbalances and weak governance, low progressivity of the budget, and productivity and job challenges". The Bank, of course, is the IMF's Siamese twin, so you want to buy the ideas before you take the money.

But we might also go to the radical stance offered by Kenya's Institute of Economic Affairs (K Owino, M Barasa and P Doyle). It is impossible to do justice to their work in this short column, but they make good points on a new programme after noting that the previous one was badly designed, and its real collapse was the June 2024 Finance Bill protests. They offer three pathways.

First, give up growth potential and continue the IMF's (failed) debt sustainability programme framing, with revenue-led fiscal retrenchment. Second, forget the IMF and "go it alone". Third and preferred, push for a reimagined IMF programme oriented to growth potential, including a debt-write off. In their view, the first ignores political economy reality, the second market reality.

The bottom line is we need an IMF programme now, whether we like it or not. The only remaining question is if it is Wantam or Tutam that decides when the programme starts or vice versa!

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KWALE



NOTIFICATION OF VETTING OF NOMINEES

Pursuant to the provisions of the County Governments Act 2012 Section 14(3)(a) and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act Section 7, the Assembly Committee on Appointment shall hold public approval/ vetting sessions for the nominees for the position of **Selection Panel Member for the Recruitment of the Members of the County Public Service Board**. These sessions shall take place on **7th October 2025** at the **County Assembly of Kwale Complex**. The nominees will appear before the County Assembly Committee as scheduled below.

DATE	NAME	TIME
7 th October 2025	Patrick Yasisi	9.00 a.m.
	Pamela Mshai	10.00 a.m.
	Bwika Mwinyi Haji	11.00 a.m.
	David Kariuki Makumi	12.00 a.m.
	Bishop Dr. Peter Mwero Diki	2.00 p.m.

The above listed nominees are required to collect the requisite vetting questionnaire form **S.7(9)** from the Office of the County Assembly Clerk or from the County Assembly website www.kwaleassembly.go.ke. Officers currently serving in the County Government are also required to fill the General Questionnaire form **(G.Q.)**. Duly filled questionnaires should be returned to the Clerk's Office **on or before October 3rd, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

The nominees are also required to carry with them the following original documents during the vetting day:

- Academic certificates
- Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) clearance certificate
- National ID card or passport
- Curriculum Vitae and testimonials
- Accreditation from Commission of University Education for foreign degrees (if applicable)

Members of the public, Civil Society Organisations (CSO), Faith Based Organisations (FBO) and Community Based Organisations (CBO) are invited to attend the public hearing /vetting sessions and to submit memoranda, petitions or information under oath on the suitability or otherwise of any of the candidates for the appointment to the respective position. The memoranda may be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office at the County Assembly Complex adjacent to Kwale Water Offices or sent via e-mail to memoranda@kwaleassembly.go.ke so as to be received on or before **October 6th, 2025 at 4.00 p.m.**

Fatuma H. Mwalupa
County Assembly Clerk



REPUBLIC OF KENYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA OFFICE OF THE CLERK P.O BOX 25-30500, LODWAR

APPROVAL HEARING BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA OF THE PERSONS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT TO CHIEF OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSON TURKANA COUNTY BIASHARA FUND AND THE SELECTION PANEL ON RECRUITMENT OF CEO AND BOARD MEMBERS OF TURKANA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Pursuant to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Turkana County Biashara Fund Act, 2025, and the County Assembly of Turkana Standing Orders No. 55, the County Assembly of Turkana invites nominees for appointment to the under-listed positions to appear before the relevant Assembly Committees for vetting and approval hearings.

1. NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY CHIEF OFFICERS

The nominees will appear before the respective Sectoral Committees as scheduled below:

No.	Name	Department	Portfolio	Vetting Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Mana Agnes Ekiru	Health Services and Sanitation	Lodwar County Referral Hospital]	Health Services and Sanitation	Monday 06 th October 2025	9.00AM – 10.30AM	County Assembly Chambers
2.	Emase Dominic Lobwin	Office of the Governor	Office of the County Secretary	County Security, Administration and Disaster Management	Monday 06 th October 2025	11.00AM – 12.30PM	County Assembly Chambers
3.	Ikaru Eregae Peter	Office of the Governor	Strategic Delivery Unit, ICT & e-Government	County Security, Administration and Disaster Management	Monday 06 th October 2025	2.00PM – 3.30PM	County Assembly Chambers
4.	Ebel I. Winstone	Finance and Economic Planning	Partnership	Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT	Tuesday 07 th October 2025	9.00AM – 10.30AM	County Assembly Chambers

2. NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON, TURKANA COUNTY BIASHARA FUND BOARD

The nominee will appear before the Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT Committee (as scheduled below):

No.	Name	Position	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Mr. Moses Ikwel Achok	Chairperson, Biashara Fund Board	Tuesday 07 th October 2025	11.00AM – 12.30PM	County Assembly Chambers

3. NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF CEO AND BOARD MEMBERS OF TURKANA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

The nominees will appear before the **Committee on Appointments** as scheduled below:

No.	Name	Position in Panel	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Dr. Mathew Etabo Edung	Chairperson	Wednesday 08 th October 2025	9.00AM – 10.30AM	County Assembly Chambers
2.	Samson Omamo Ochuka	Member (Advocate)	Wednesday 08 th October 2025	11.00AM – 12.30PM	County Assembly Chambers
3.	Ms. Fatuma Ekai	Member (KUPPET)	Wednesday 08 th October 2025	2.00PM – 3.30PM	County Assembly Chambers
4.	FCPA Michael Ekai Aremon	Member (Accountant)	Thursday 09 th October 2025	9.00AM – 10.30AM	County Assembly Chambers
5.	Rev. Joshua Lemuya Lojock	Member (Private Sector)	Thursday 09 th October 2025	11.00AM – 12.30PM	County Assembly Chambers

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The County Assembly of Turkana, through the respective Committees, invites members of the public to submit written memoranda on oath, providing evidence regarding the suitability or otherwise of the nominees above.

All written submissions should be delivered to:

The Office of the Clerk, County Assembly of Turkana,
P.O. Box 25-30500, LODWAR
or via email to: clerk@turkanaassembly.go.ke

The deadline for submission of memoranda will be on **Friday, 3rd October 2025**

The Nominees should come with their original identity card, testimonials, clearance certificates from statutory bodies such as HELB, CRB, KRA, and a Certificate of good conduct. The Nominee should collect vetting Questionnaires from the Office of the Clerk on Wednesday, 1st October 2025 and return the duly filled questionnaire on or before **Friday, 3rd October 2025, at 5:00 PM**

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CLERK, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA

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How debt burden aggravates Africa climate calamity

► Report reveals countries face a stark imbalance between climate needs and financial realities.

► The 36 countries analysed spent Sh1.7 trillion on external public debt servicing in 2022.

CAROLINE CHEBET, NAKURU

Despite being classified among countries at high risk of debt distress, Kenya's climate finance gap continues to widen.

A new report titled State of Africa's Environment highlights how Africa's debt burden continues to constrain the continent's ability to finance climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.

Kenya requires an estimated Sh1.4 trillion (\$11.2 billion) annually to implement its climate plans. However, over the past decade, it has received only Sh12.7 billion per year in committed climate-related development finance.

The report underscores the stark imbalance facing the world's most climate-vulnerable countries—between their climate financing needs and the financial resources available.

“Over half of the low-and-middle-income countries with high climate vulnerability are either already in debt distress or at high risk of it.

“Their experiences offer a sharp lens into how debt burdens shrink fis-

cal space, deepen climate vulnerability, and how international climate finance still falls short of addressing this imbalance,” the report warns.

Kenya, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, and Ghana, are listed among those at high risk of debt crises while Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Zambia, and the DR Congo, are already in debt distress.

Debt distress refers to a situation where a country is unable to meet its financial obligations, necessitating debt restructuring. When a sovereign defaults, it typically loses access to international markets and faces higher borrowing costs in the future.

“All the while, damages from climate-related disasters continue to pile up. When we add the lens of sovereign debt to this situation, the picture becomes murkier. These countries are either already at high risk of debt distress or in debt distress.”

AT A GLANCE

- Debt has increased by over 180 per cent since 2010, and 21 countries are now at risk of, or in, debt distress
- African nations, like other developing and poor countries, face another debt crisis that limits their capacity to finance their climate adaptation and mitigation plans
- Amid the escalating climate crisis, these countries are grappling with severe economic and financial hardships



A marooned home at Mwariki estate on September 15 following the swelling of Lake Nakuru. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

The report warns that for many of these countries—despite facing worsening climate shocks, low levels of readiness, and mounting debt—there is little room left to invest in adaptation or recovery.

In 2022, the 36 countries analysed spent a combined total of Sh1.7 trillion (\$13.24 billion) on servicing external debt—an amount that exceeds what they collectively received for climate action.

“This is 1.8 times more than what they have received as climate-related development finance

in a year,” the report reveals.

In January, the UN projected that African nations would spend nearly 30 per cent of their revenues on debt servicing in 2025, leaving minimal fiscal space to address climate losses and damages.

Climate financing has been further undermined by current political headwinds—particularly foreign aid cuts and declining international cooperation from developed countries.

The United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement weakened global climate action, and major donors—including the US, UK, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Sweden—are cutting their foreign aid budgets. International financial institutions are also scaling back on earlier climate finance commitments.

“For much of the Global South, the financial landscape for development and climate looks bleak,” the report warns.

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NAIVASHA. TWO MEN SURVIVE HIPPO ATTACKS

■ Two fishermen escaped death narrowly after they were attacked by hippos in Lake Naivasha. The incidents brought to six the number of attacks reported around the lake in the past month. Water levels have risen flooding several estates and in the process displacing wild animals. According to Grace Nyambura, who represents the Beach Management Units, cases of hippo attacks were on the rise. “The men were fishing when the hippos attacked,” she said. [Antony Gitonga]

KISUMU. EX-MINISTER TO BE BURIED ON OCTOBER 2

■ Former Cabinet Minister Dalmas Otieno will be buried at his Kangeso home in Rongo on October 2. His son Eddy Otieno said they will fly his father's body from Nairobi to Lichota airstrip on October 1. Otieno, who served in the Cabinets of presidents Daniel arap Moi and Mwai Kibaki, died on September 7, aged 80. “A public viewing will be done at Lichota showground,” Otieno said. [Anne Atieno]

KAKAMEGA. RUTO'S ALLIES TELL OFF UHURU

■ President William Ruto's allies in Kakamega have defended him from criticism by his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta. Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa said many development projects in the region stalled under Uhuru's administration. Shinyalu MP Fred Ikana accused the retired President of inciting Kenyans against Ruto. “This is not just mere political rhetoric but incitement,” said Ikana. [Bernard Lusigi]

KERICHO

Governor Mutai's troubles mount as Magerer quits

The dramatic resignation of Magerer Langat as Kericho County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture has caused a new crisis in Governor Erick Mutai's administration.

Langat, who had served in the Cabinet for less than five months, quit on Sunday hours before the County Assembly was due to begin impeachment proceedings against him and five colleagues.

The six had been accused of complicity in the irregular payment of Sh85 million to 45 companies, a matter that was part of the issues that

triggered the impeachment of Governor Mutai in August. The Senate eventually rejected the second impeachment by MCAs.

In his resignation statement, Langat, a former Kipkelion MP, insisted that while he respected the Assembly's oversight role, the process against him was flawed.

“The committee lacks professional competence and impartiality and has failed to supply substantive evidence or allow me adequate time to prepare,” he said.

Langat accused Speaker Patrick

Mutai and several MCAs of being “captured by family and political interests.”

Analysts believe Langat's resignation was a calculated step to protect his eligibility for future political contests. Impeachment would have locked him out of public office for up to a decade. His decision, therefore, keeps alive the possibility of a comeback in 2027, either as Kipkelion West MP or as deputy governor.

Joel Soi, a lecturer at the University of Kabianga, argued that Langat should have allowed the Assembly to

proceed. “If he wants to run for the Kipkelion West seat or deputy governor, he has to go an extra mile to prove to residents that resignation was the only way out,” he said.

Governance expert Anthony Koskei, however, believes Langat's exit has worked to his advantage.

For Mutai, Langat's resignation worsens an already messy political environment. Twice impeached by the Assembly and twice saved by the Senate, Mutai is increasingly seen as presiding over a divided administration. [Nikko Tanui]

BOMET. STALLED ITARE DAM WORKS TO RESUME

■ The construction of the Itare Dam, which stalled seven years ago, will resume soon. According to Water PS Julius Korir, all issues surrounding the project have been resolved, paving the way for its completion. “Construction will resume soon,” he said during a meeting with Lorenza Maria Gambacorta, Italian deputy Ambassador and the contractor of the project. [Kiprono Kurgat]

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KBL sues taxman in protracted Sh740m tax refund row.
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Disquiet over State's rising surveillance

RATTLED: Recent policy moves, including a proposed bill that would require internet firms to monitor clients' online habits, have sparked growing public dissent and raised concern. **PAGES 24-25**

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MOBILITY



GPE Director Abid Ganatra shows some of the Royal Enfield motorbikes. [File]

Indian manufacturer eyes a slice of Kenya's mid-size motorcycle market

Kenya's mid-size motorcycle market has caught the attention of Indian manufacturer Royal Enfield, which is setting up shop in the country, eyeing the growing bikers' community.

Royal Enfield, the global leader in the mid-sized motorcycle sector, has announced the appointment of Ganatra Plant & Equipment (GPE) as the official distribution partner for Kenya in its quest to expand its market.

The retail business will start this October. While still nascent, unlike the bustling boda boda sector, there is scattered data on the market segment.

Whereas boda bodas are under the auspice of the Bodaboda Association of Kenya, private bikers fall under the Private Bikers Association of Kenya.

Mid-sized motorcycles are high-powered, about 300cc to 650cc, compared with boda boda motorcycles, which average 150cc. The high-powered units are popular with motorcycle enthusiasts.

Head of International Business EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) at Royal Enfield Arun Gopal said the appointment of GPE for the Kenyan market will help develop the firm's local retail network.

"It will ensure our brand experience and service standards are maintained while growing the customer community of Royal Enfield riders in Kenya," he said.

Director at GPE Abid Ganatra said the partnership will cater for motorcycle enthusiasts with an affinity for Royal Enfield products.

"Our first new showroom in Nairobi will feature the complete range of bikes, along with genuine apparel, accessories and spare parts. A fully equipped service centre with trained technicians will ensure expert support and after-sales care," he said in a statement.

[Graham Kajilwa]

CREDIT MARKET

Sasra warns Saccos on rising loans competition

Regulator cautions cooperatives no longer have the sole advantage of cheaper credit amid continued fall in the benchmark rate.

By Graham Kajilwa
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Saccos have been cautioned to expect stiff competition from banks in the wake of the falling interest regime by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), which is aimed at pushing credit to the private sector.

The Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra), in the Sacco Supervision Annual Report 2024, notes this competition, adding that for the first time in three years, Saccos paid dividends to members below the Central Bank Rate (CBR).

The regulator has proposed solutions, such as common bonds, to improve the liquidity of the institutions in order to provide more credit.

However, the authority has also warned Saccos not to use the low-interest regime to borrow further from banks, but to find ways to encourage more deposits from members through product

offerings. While Saccos have always been the go-to institutions for cheaper credit, most charging one per cent per month on reducing balance, the sustained lowering of the benchmark lending rate by CBK since August last year threatens to put both institutions on par.

Since August 2024, the CBR has moved from 13.0 per cent to the current 9.50 per cent. As such, weighted lending rates in the market have reduced from 16.0 per cent to 12.0 per cent.

And it could go further down for some borrowers as the banking sector implements the Risk-Based Credit Pricing Model spearheaded by the industry regulator.

It is against this backdrop that Sasra has warned Saccos that they might lose a portion of their credit market if the necessary steps are not taken.

"On the other side of the spectrum, the downtrends in the cost of borrowing as being signalled by the Central Bank of Kenya's base lending rates, with resultant consequence of low lending rates by other credit financial institutions, have



Sacco loans have traditionally been considered cheaper. [Courtesy]

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In this regard, regulated Saccos must take stock of their credit products and align them to the emergent members' needs to avoid losing their memberships' [credit] needs to other credit financial institutions.”

Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority report

the implication of bringing an additional layer of competition in the credit market,” says Sasra in the report.

Sasra says regulated Saccos have to contend with options of cheaper credit in the market, especially when dealing

with micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), even when their loans have traditionally been considered cheaper.

"In this regard, regulated Saccos must take stock of their credit products and align them to the emergent members' needs to avoid losing their memberships' (credit) needs to other credit financial institutions," the report says.

But while Sasra warns Saccos on competition from banks, it also cautions the institutions that they should not patronise the low-interest offers by banks to beef up their liquidity.

Cooperatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya, last week, warned Saccos against external funding without the express written approval from the Commissioner of Cooperatives.

Commercial banks are the major source of Saccos' external funding.

"The projected decrease in the commercial banking lending rates, due to the lowering of the Central Bank Rates (CBR), should, however, not be a panacea for regulated Saccos to increase their borrowing, but to still put more efforts towards mobilising deposits from members to fund their assets," Sasra says in the report.

The report notes that several regulat-

ed Saccos are still relying on external borrowings from commercial banks, with the industry owing Sh25.64 billion at the end of December 2024.

"The external borrowing by regulated Saccos will continue to be impacted by the Central Bank of Kenya's base lending rates (CBR)," the report says.

It adds: "Despite the projected improvements in the lending environment in the short to medium terms, regulated Saccos are still encouraged to avoid reliance on commercial bank loans but rather rely on their own internally sourced funds to finance their asset portfolios."

One way that Saccos have traditionally attracted membership and deposits is by offering higher interest on savings and share capital compared to banks.

The report notes that in 2024, the comparative analysis showed that, on average, the payments by regulated Saccos as dividends on members' share capital and interests on deposits were above the rate of what banks paid their customers.

This is with a difference of 6.32 per cent for dividends and 3.00 per cent for interest on deposits.

"... thereby underscoring the competitive advantages of patronising financial services offered by regulated Saccos," the report says.

CORPORATE

Kenya Breweries sues taxman in protracted Sh740m tax refund row

Brewer accuses KRA of collecting the money illegally despite Parliament annulling an upward adjustment of excise duty.

By Kamau Muthoni
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Alcohol manufacturer Kenya Breweries Ltd (KBL) has sued the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) in a row over a Sh740 million tax refund.

In its case filed before the High Court in Nairobi, the brewer claims the taxman illegally collected Sh564 million despite Parliament's rejection of an upward adjustment of excise duty.

At the same time, it alleged that KRA owes its sister company, UDV (Kenya Ltd), Sh176 million in tax refunds, which also remains unpaid to date.

In its court papers filed by Iseme, Kamau and Maema Advocates, KBL explains that on July 13, 2018, the commissioner general issued a gazette notice indicating that KRA had adjusted the excise duty by a 5.2 per cent margin, factoring in inflation.

The notice indicated that the upward adjustment was to kick in on August 1, 2018. According to the firm, the new levy affected its beer, cider, mead, opaque beer, spirituous beverages, and mixtures of fermented but non-alcoholic beverages by between Sh100 and Sh105 per litre. Further, it stated that the excise duty of its spirits of undenatured ethyl alcohol, spirits, liqueurs, and other spirituous beverages of alcoholic strength exceeding 10 per cent was increased from Sh200 to Sh210.40 per litre.

However, KBL argued that Parliament annulled the gazette notice, making it unenforceable.

According to the brewer, KRA did not remove the rates that were contained in the invalidated gazette notice, which forced the company to pay the new rates.

"The petitioners aver that the system operated by the respondent requires taxpayers to file returns online using the iTax system, which has preloaded tax rates. This then means that even where rates have changed, unless the rates on the iTax platform are amended to allow



Workers at Kenya Breweries Ltd's Nairobi plant. The brewer also claims the taxman owes its sister company, UDV Kenya Ltd, Sh176 million in tax refunds. [Elvis Ogina.Standard]

for application of new rates, the rates on the platform are the only ones a taxpayer can use," argued KBL, adding that KRA's failure to make changes in the system "was deliberate."

Its lawyers said that it overpaid taxes by more than Sh740 million, which KRA has declined to refund.

The court heard that KBL wrote to the tax agency twice on June 28, 2019, asking that KRA refund Sh613 million and further Sh173 million to UDV.

KRA then responded on July 11, the same year, claiming that KBL and UDV were not entitled to a refund under Section 29 of the Excise Duty Act.

The two companies formally raised their objection, arguing that KRA was supposed to adjust its system to reflect the previous taxes within 14 days after Parliament's rejection of its new levies.

It stated that it was further sent to KRA a spreadsheet detailing the overpaid money in the hope that it would get the money back or the authority would raise an objection as required by the law within 60 days.

KBL said KRA went quiet on the matter. "In the circumstances, the respondent has no lawful reason for withholding refunds due to the petitioner. By reason of the matters aforesaid, the continued retention of the overpaid excise tax by the respondent that was paid to it using

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This honourable court has the power, and in the circumstances of this case, the obligation to compel the respondent to comply with the law and process the petitioners' refunds."

Nadida Rowlands, legal director, KBL

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MILLION

KBL'S tax refund demand on top of Sh173 million owed to its sister company UDV.

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PER CENT

ADJUSTMENT in excise duty by KRA on July 13, 2018.

the rates that were rejected by the National Assembly amounts to imposing a tax obligation and collecting tax not authorised by law," said KBL.

KBL legal director Nadida Rowlands, in his supporting affidavit, said the firm paid the adjusted taxes from its coffers as the additional cost could not be transferred to the consumers.

According to Rowlands, there is

uncontroverted proof that KRA got money that it was not supposed to have demanded.

Parliament decided to annul the entire adjustment notice as KRA did not consult the stakeholders, nor was there public participation.

At the same time, it emerged that there was an unjustifiable delay in the gazette notice publication. It also

observed that KRA had made adjustments to only part of the items while leaving out others.

"However, the likely disadvantage of this adjustment for inflation is the risk of introducing potential frequent changes in prices of goods and services affected by the inflation change. This will most likely affect business and investment planning," a parliament's report filed in court reads in part.

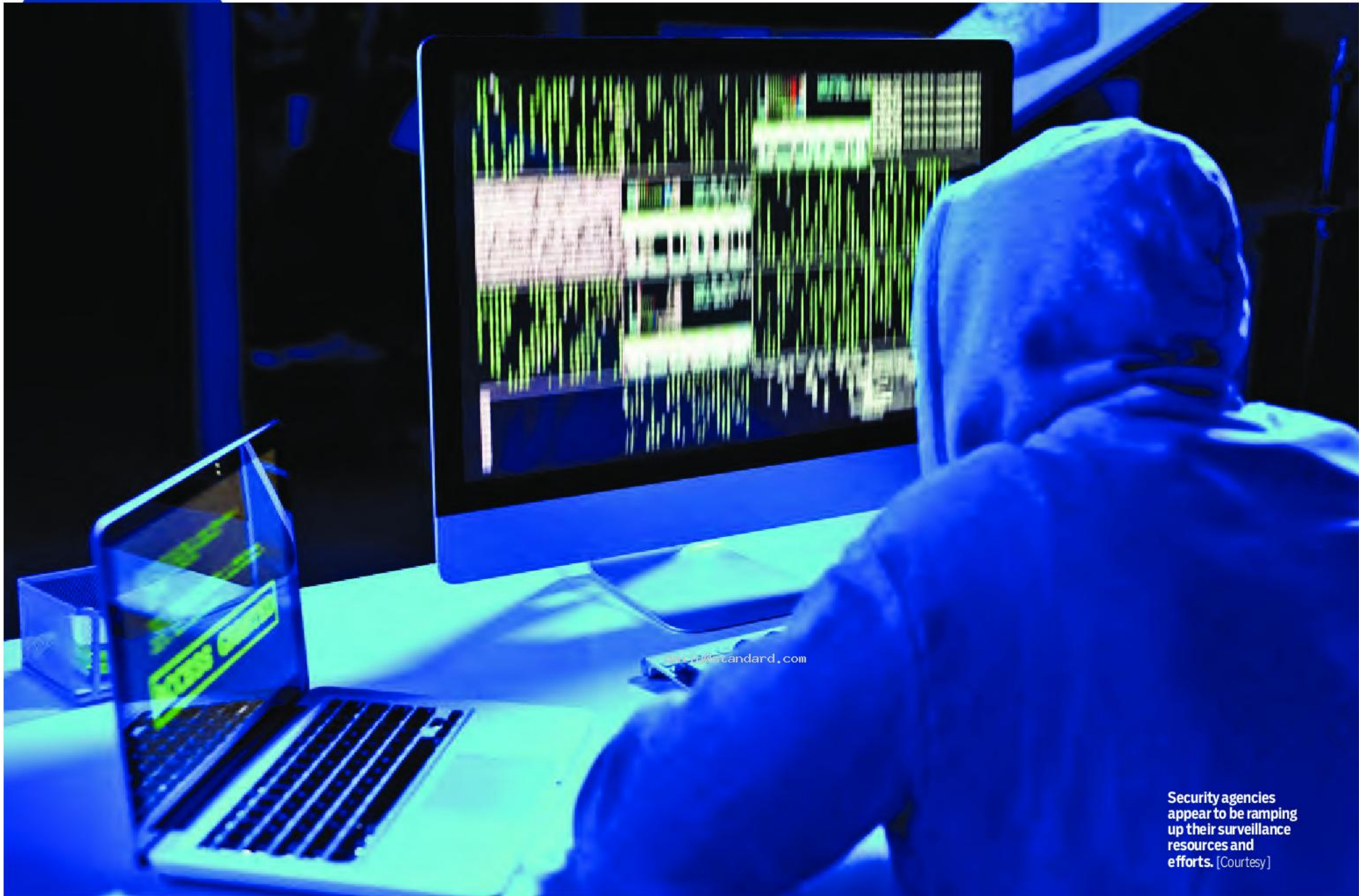
Rowlands said owing to KRA's alleged defiance, the brewer's rights have continued to be violated.

He stated that if KRA had responded within the stipulated timelines, then it would have pursued the amount before the Tax Appeals Tribunal.

However, according to KBL, the silence meant that the authority had owned up but deliberately refused to remit the money. According to KBL, the overpaid taxes have caused it and UDV irreparable loss and damage. I argued that denying it colossal amounts that would have funded its operation and forcing it to incur expenses in pursuing the refunds is unfair, unreasonable, illegal, and in bad faith.

"This honourable court has the power, and in the circumstances of this case, the obligation to compel the respondent to comply with the law and process the petitioners' refunds," said Rowlands.

SPECIAL REPORT



Security agencies appear to be ramping up their surveillance resources and efforts. [Courtesy]

Rising State surveillance casts long shadow over internet firms, users

Several policy manoeuvres in the recent past, amid rising public dissent, put the government on the spot.

By Macharia Kamau
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In April 2023, the Supreme Court shot down an appeal by the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) seeking to stop the Communications Authority (CA) from installing a Device Management System (DMS). The legal dispute, dating back to 2017,

also listed Safaricom, Airtel Kenya, Telkom Kenya, the Attorney General, ICT Cabinet Secretary, and activist turned senator, Okiya Omtata, as other respondents.

LSK lost the appeal on a technicality. The Supreme Court argued that the association should have joined the case at the High Court and not the Supreme Court, and thus was not a proper party to the

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MUGAMBI LAIBUTA, data privacy expert

appeal. This cleared the way for the CA to install the DMS despite serious concerns over the lack of public participation and possible violations of subscribers' constitutional rights to privacy.

In its submissions, for example, Safaricom said CA only communicated the specifications and design of the system developed by the Lebanese information technology firm Invigo Offshore Sal.

“The fears by Safaricom were that a technical assessment was still required to be done prior to installation so as to pave the way for the legal, regulatory and consumer affairs committees to discuss the impact on the networks,” said Safaricom in its court submissions in part. Safaricom further sought clarity and

assurance by the CA that it would not have unfettered access to consumers' call data records, location information, credit card and M-Pesa information, identification information and SMS information. This, argued Safaricom, would make subscribers wary of using their devices, reversing the progress made in growing mobile adoption.

The Supreme Court, however, downplayed fears by Safaricom, as well as other telcos and civic organisations challenging the DMS, paving the way for the government, through CA, to further entrench its digital surveillance capabilities.

Today, the implications of the Supreme Court ruling are coming back to

INTERNET LANDSCAPE UNDER THREAT



22.7 million
 ■ active internet users (2024 baseline, rising amid digital economy boom).



66 million
 ■ cellular mobile connections fueling 99% mobile internet access.



2.14 million
 ■ fixed broadband subscriptions (up 42.9% by June 2025), led by Safaricom (73.6% market share).



EFFECTS ON USERS

■ **Privacy Erosion:** Violates Article 31 of the Constitution and the 2019 Data Protection Act by creating centralised digital trails without judicial oversight or safeguards.



■ **Free Speech Clampdown:** Builds on 2024 protest surveillance, abductions, and Pegasus spyware use; risks stifling activism in a nation where 13 million are active on social media.



■ **Digital Divide Deepens:** Potential for higher costs via metered billing and device tracking (e.g., January 2025 tax compliance directive) could exclude rural and low-income users.



GOVERNMENT'S SECURITY SPEND

Sh285 billion

■ National security budget (FY 2025/26), including Sh89.8 million for surveillance systems and Sh7 billion for drones/helicopters—framed as anti-terror tools but fueling privacy fears.

■ Kenya Information and Communications (Amendment) Bill, 2025, sponsored by Aldai MP Marianne Kitany, mandates ISPs to implement metered billing with unique user identifiers, enabling real-time monitoring of online activity and annual reports to the Communications Authority of Kenya.



haunt Internet Service Providers (ISPs), telcos and their subscribers as the government moves to widen its scope of digital mass surveillance, amid growing dissent and public protests. In June, CIVICUS, a global alliance of civil society organisations and activists, downgraded Kenya's civic space rating from "obstructed" to "repressed," alongside countries like Ethiopia and Burkina Faso, which experienced a civil war and military coup, respectively.

Citing cases of at least 60 protestors and bystanders killed by live police bullets, 82 cases of enforced disappearances, censorship of creative arts and state repression in online spaces, CIVICUS warned that the state is weaponising the Kenyan policing and intelligence system to violently suppress dissent.

Mobile service providers, particularly Safaricom, which counts more than 50 million subscribers on its

network, have in numerous cases found themselves on the defensive, with calls to boycott its services routinely trending on social media.

In recent months, Safaricom has reiterated that it does not divulge the personal data of subscribers unless through a court-mandated process.

"A lot of it is about perceptions," Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa said in a recent TV interview.

"We do not give the location of customers, and we pride ourselves on providing services that are safe and secure. You cannot provide M-Pesa for 36 days a year, and it is always available if it is not secure and if it is not constructed in a safe way."

Earlier this month, however, the DCI admitted that it skirted legal procedure in obtaining personal subscriber details of a university student charged under the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act. The student was tracked to Eldoret through his

mobile subscription data.

In June, Albert Ojwang, a teacher and blogger, was picked up similarly from his home in Migori, but his case took a tragic turn when he died in police custody several hours later in Nairobi. Three police officers have since been charged with his murder.

Despite guarantees to the right to privacy under Article 31 of the constitution and expanded in the Data Protection Act, 2019 to include personal digital data, security agencies appear to be ramping up their surveillance resources and efforts.

Parliament's Budget and Appropriations Committee recently allocated an additional Sh150 million to the DCI for the procurement of Optimus 3.0, a system that can track social media users via GPS, for the National Police

At the moment, amendments in the Kenya Information and Communications (Amendment) Bill, 2025 proposed by Aldai MP Marianne Kitany will require internet service providers to develop and deploy metered billing systems capable of monitoring customers' usage and issuing invoices based on their consumption.

According to Mugambi Laibuta, an advocate and data privacy expert, the proposed amendments are an attempt by the government to circumvent the legal procedures laid out in obtaining subscribers' personal data.

"The proposed amendments are a reaction to increased dissent and protests that have happened in digital spaces and, in my view, are meant to make tracking and tracing easier," said Laibuta. "The proposals seek to give ISPs a policing role which is not their core business, and the cost of compliance is likely to increase operational costs for ISPs."

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) has also cautioned that the Bill, if passed, could open the door for wider mass surveillance, profiling and targeting while widening the country's digital divide.

"Linking individuals to traceable meter numbers and tracking their internet use in real-time enables the government to monitor citizens' online activity," states the ICJ in a review of the proposed Bill.

"With no clear data protection protocols, the collected data is at risk of unauthorised access, leaks, or commercial exploitation."

According to the ICJ, the amendments are an overreach in regulation and have the potential of widening the digital divide and suppressing online voices.

"High costs will reduce access to social media, educational content, e-governance services and economic opportunities," states the ICJ. "Fear of monitoring and retribution may lead to self-censorship, weakening democratic discourse and human rights defenders and civil society groups that rely on digital platforms may face operational constraints."

COMMENTARY

Digital trade key to sustainable growth in the Comesa region



Regina Ombam

As Kenya readies to host the 24th Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Summit in Nairobi from October 6-9, 2025 under the theme "Leveraging Digitalisation to Deepen Value Chains for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth," there is immense promise—and responsibility—ahead.

The region cannot afford to treat digital trade as a slogan; it must become the foundation of our economic integration.

Comesa's intra-regional trade currently stands at about \$14 billion (Sh1.806 trillion), a significant rise over past decades, but still modest relative to the region's potential.

Kenya's exports to Comesa countries have similarly grown, from about \$1.65 billion (Sh212.85 billion) in 2020 to \$2.2 billion (Sh283.8 billion) in recent times.

These gains testify to progress—but also point to missed opportunities where trade remains slowed by outdated systems, non-tariff barriers, and paper-based documentation.

When payments are fast, transparent, and low-cost, it becomes feasible for small and medium exporters to access regional markets without being overwhelmed by financial friction.

At the same time, digital trade must rest on a harmonised policy. Comesa has begun tackling this through initiatives to harmonise non-tariff barrier protocols, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) for agricultural commodities among member states. Kenya is part of a pilot project with Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to implement MRAs for key staples including maize, rice, beans, sorghum and groundnuts.

These efforts are critical, especially for our farmers, SMEs and women-led businesses, who often pay the heaviest price for delays, ambiguous standards, and fragmented regulations.

The upcoming Summit of the Heads of State and Government offers Kenya an opportunity to push for measurable change.

First, we must accelerate the deployment of electronic Certificates of Origin (eCO) across Comesa so exporters are not repeatedly delayed by the verification of paper documents.

Second, it is essential to strengthen digital financial inclusion programmes—ensur-

ing interoperability, lowering the cost of cross-border transactions, building trust in consumer protection and data privacy.

Third, Kenya will advocate for streamlined smart border procedures: border crossings where declarations, inspections and customs happen through interoperable digital systems, reducing both time and corruption risk.

For innovators, this is fertile ground. The Comesa market is over 680 million people—a market size that can absorb more processed foods, better agricultural inputs, affordable manufactured goods, and tech solutions.

Kenyan firms in agro-processing, logistics tech, fintech, and e-commerce platforms have a chance to scale. When regulations are predictable and digital trade systems robust, they can compete more effectively not only within the region but globally.

The management of agriculture value chains deserves special mention. Post-harvest losses, transport inefficiencies and market access issues are no longer intractable problems if we apply digital solutions: cold-chain tracking, online marketplaces, grading and packing technologies, payment guarantees, and real-time logistics data that link farmers directly to buyers while minimising waste.

We recognise that for trade to grow in scale and impact, digitalisation must move from pilot projects to fully systemic reform.

The summit should mark a pivot point: where member states commit to timelines for digital payments interoperability; where all willing nations adopt e-certificates of origin; where SMEs have confidence that crossing borders won't mean navigating dozens of regulatory checklists; and where trade facilitation is underpinned by smart logistics and safe, reliable digital infrastructure.

Kenya has laid much of the foundation. As hosts, we will work to ensure the Summit delivers substance over speeches.

Our goal is not merely to showcase Kenya's leadership, but to catalyse reforms that allow businesses, farmers, and innovators from all Comesa countries to flourish, not be trapped by paperwork or delays. If we succeed, the region moves closer to sustainable, inclusive economic growth—and shows what digital trade can do when given the space to lead.

As Kenya steps into its COMESA chairmanship, we do so with the resolve to advance trade facilitation, strengthen digital readiness, and safeguard the gains already made. This chairmanship is a commitment to drive reforms that will not be reversed, to deepen integration through practical solutions and to ensure that the region's traders, large and small, benefit from a seamless, modernised trading environment.

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COMMENTARY

Nairobi slowly turning into an 'economic rainforest'



XN IRAKI,

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An apartment block in the background along Gitanga Road in Nairobi's Lavington area. Residential buildings have joined the race to the top just like trees in the rainforest. [Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard]

Amazon and Congo are two of the world's biggest rainforests. The rainforests are a major part of the rain cycle and lungs of the planet. It does not matter if we believe in climate change or not.

One characteristic of the rainforests is the height of the trees. They grow tall, competing for sunshine.

After all, they have all the other ingredients in plenty: rich soil and water. Beyond trees, other plants and animals make rainforests their home.

It ranges from big mammals to insects; some, like mosquitoes, are enemies to our health. There are likely species in the rainforest that we have yet to discover.

Nature lovers find the rainforest closest to a paradise on earth on creation day, more so for the religiously inclined.

Where does Nairobi fit into the rainforest? Lately, the city, once dubbed the green city in the sun, is mimicking the rainforest.

I remember finding that signboard near Uthiru when I visited Nairobi for the first time. If we replace it today, it should read "the grey city in the sun."

More high-rise buildings are gracing our city. They used to be office or com-

mercial buildings. Residential buildings have joined the race to the top just like trees in the rainforest.

Living on the 20th floor is not unusual today, and soon on the 75th if bylaws allow. Other towns are not in the economic rainforest zone, building taller and taller houses.

They are still in the economic savannah or desert with uniform grasslands and shrubs. Have you noted that in your hometown?

The tall buildings compete for views and money. The more the floors, the better the view before it's blocked by others. Advertisers for the new high-rise buildings pretend that no other buildings will be put up next; they show only greenery.

Why has Nairobi turned into a rainforest of houses? Where does the "rain" come from?

The city's rainforest is being fuelled by prestige and ego. The owners of such buildings compete to see who has a taller building, just as we compete on who has

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a bigger car, either physically or in engine size.

The car size is only limited by the width of the road. If we made roads wider, cars would become bigger. You would see private cars the size of six-wheelers.

The rainforests of houses are limited in height by the laws, not technology. The skyscrapers in the Middle East demonstrate that we can keep pushing the frontiers of possibilities and technology in construction.

Two, is money. Just like trees in the rainforest need water, tall buildings need money. The money comes from pooled savings, such as from Saccos, pensions, and banks.

More money comes from abroad, from Kenyans in the diaspora and other investors seeking higher returns here. Some have boldly suggested nepotism and mysterious sources.

Three, real estate is lucrative, attracting lots of money and for the selected few. Forget the "maguta maguta" (prime)

plot sellers.

And it's a good place to "clean money" too. How much money does illicit money get into real estate? Why does real estate in Nairobi seem unresponsive to economic cycles?

Three, land is scarce in Nairobi, making it expensive. One easy way to recoup your land costs is to build as high as you can. You also benefit from economies of scale. Add the demand for housing from emigrants into the city, from rural areas and other countries.

Like rainforests, there is diversity of tall buildings in terms of design. There are even shrubs with an old building in between. The owners often hold on waiting for better prices or are sentimental about the house, often where they grew up.

The Nairobi rainforest deviates from real rainforests in terms of drainage. Clean rainwater drains into the ocean through rivers.

The drainage system in the Nairobi economic rainforest is poor. Visit Nairobi and other rivers in the city and report on the water colour.

Most drainages have been taken over by houses, even in the affluent suburbs, not just poor neighbourhoods like Mathare or Mukuru kwa Reuben and Njenga. Who were these characters who gave valleys their name?

How tall will trees grow? The affluent suburbs of Nairobi are slowly becoming economic rainforests too.

Think of Spring Valley and Lavington. Curiously, modest places like Githurai are getting taller "economic trees."

What next? As houses or economic trees grow taller, the affluent will leave for new hiding places in the countryside or abroad.

In the long run, I fear Nairobi will become like the US's inner cities. Devolution could have forestalled that, but it made Nairobi a better magnet. Make money anywhere, legally or illegally, and bring it to Nairobi.

It's as if there is Nairobi and Kenya. Unless bylaws change or Nairobi gets a competitor, the rainforest of houses will expand, and house trees will grow taller.

You'd better make money from the economic rainforest before it loses its attraction through overcrowding and lack of services. Where in Nairobi's economic rainforest do you live?

MARKETS

Stocks gain and gold hits record as Trump readies new tariffs

European and Asian stock markets largely gained Monday and gold hit a record high after US inflation figures met expectations, soothing concerns about President Donald Trump's latest tariff salvo.

Investors were keeping a wary eye on Washington, where lawmakers have failed to reach a funding compromise to keep the government running, which observers say could affect the release of key data.

The dollar dropped against main

rivals, while oil prices retreated on speculation that OPEC+ will increase output, fanning concerns of a glut.

The drop followed last week's rally on mounting tensions between NATO countries and oil producer Russia, increasing the possibility of fresh sanctions on Moscow.

"US (stocks) futures are pointing to a higher open, on track to extend gains after markets closed on a positive note on Friday," noted Victoria Scholar, head of investment at Interactive Investor. "Investors will be paying

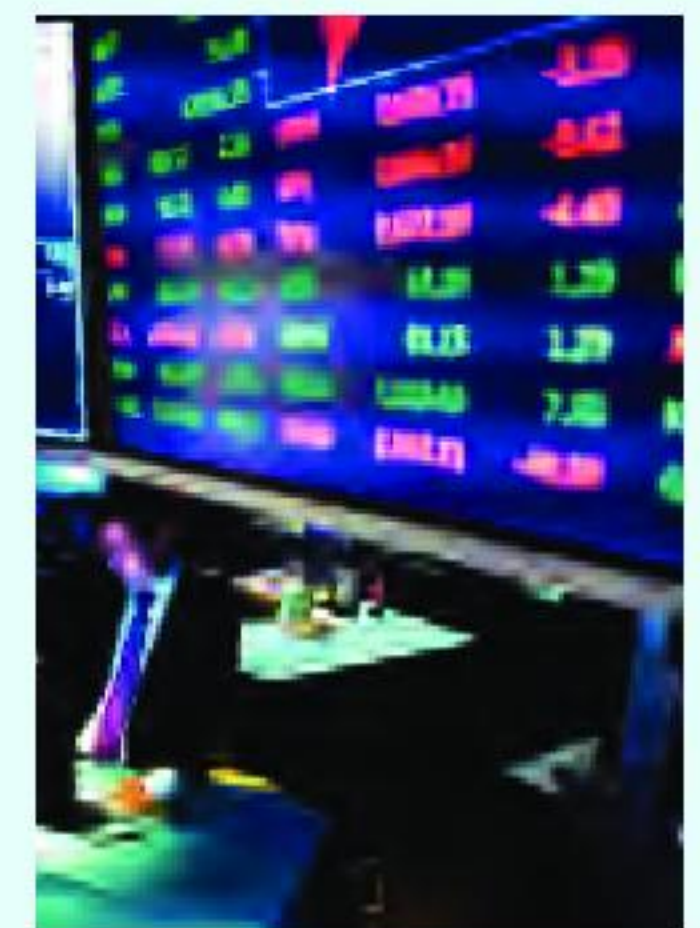
close attention to the latest nonfarm payrolls report on Friday for clues into the Fed's next move."

All three main indices in New York ended in the green Friday, snapping three straight losses, following news that the Federal Reserve's preferred gauge of inflation rose in line with expectations, giving the bank room to cut interest rates again.

While the 2.7 percent reading on the August personal consumption expenditures (PCE) index was up from 2.6 percent in July and well above the

Fed's two percent target, policymakers are focusing on supporting the labour market after a string of weak jobs readings. The Fed's rate cut earlier this month -- the first since December -- came as a closely watched guide indicated two more were in the pipeline before January.

The news helped investors look past Trump's announcement last week of 100 percent tariffs on pharmaceuticals set to kick in Wednesday, as well as for big-rig trucks, home renovation fixtures and furniture. [AFP]



The trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. [AFP]



Artist of The Floating World

Q: Those who betray others may eventually regret their actions. Referring to the novel 'The Artist of the Floating World', write an essay to validate the truth of this statement. **(20 marks)**



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Introduction:

Individuals may go against us but at the end all of it all they end up being miserable. Ono Masuji is an example of an elder who betrayed the young generation and he suffered the consequences of his actions. This is as illustrated in the novel The Artist of the floating world.

Ri Masuji Ono suffers for using his art to carry out propaganda for war that causes death and suffering to people. Ono was a painter and as an artist he paints work with nationalist, militarist and imperialist themes. Ono made propaganda art, he used art to create a patriotic spirit for the Japanese people to fight in the war. He is also the affiliate advisor of the committee of unpatriotic activities. Shintaro says he had misgivings and indeed went far to make his views known to Ono. Shintaro even wants to disassociate himself from Ono's influence before the war. Ono suffers. Ono's daughter Noriko finds it hard to get married because Mr. Miyake did not want to associate with Ono's past reputation, in fact, Mr. Miyake is happy that people who were involved in the war like the president are committing suicide. Ono is forced to try and clear his name among his old associate like Kuroda and Matsuda so that Norikos miai succeed and this stress him because he is even treated with hostility by Mitsuo a student of Kuroda. pg. 61, 116-117,133-135,176-179,210.

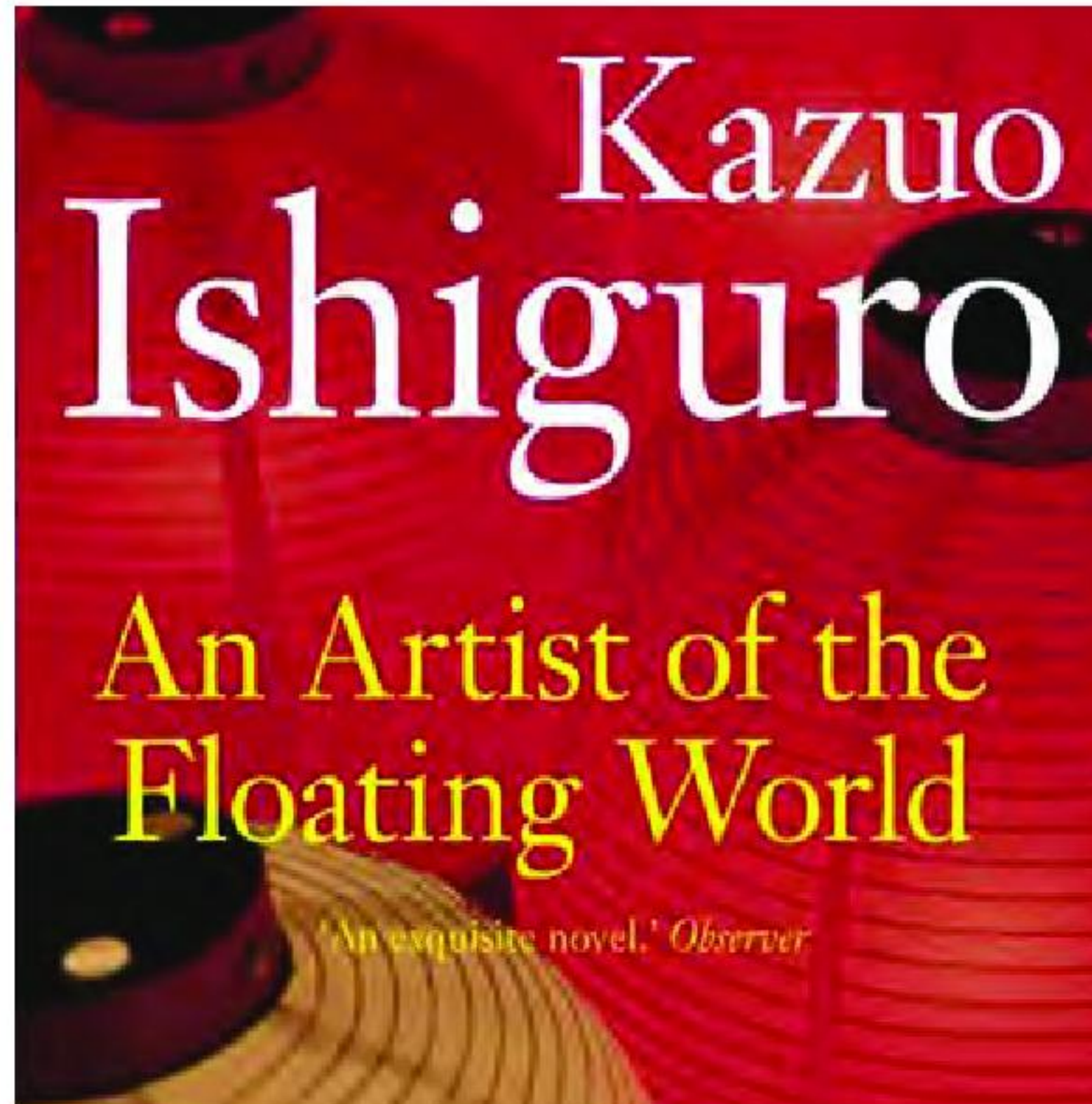
Rii Mr Kuroda suffers for betraying Japanese people using war propaganda Kuroda was a talented artist who hero worshipped his teacher Ono. They discussed art and the new spirit of Japan. Ono even has a painting by Kuroda depicting an evening at Migi-Hidari entitled the ' patriotic spirit

depicting soldiers matching Ono disapproved of the direction of Kuroda's art and reports him to the committee of unpatriotic activities, he betrays Kuroda, Kuroda is arrested by police and taken for questioning because his painting was seen to betray the spirit of the Japanese people. The police say that no one needs people like Kuroda around and his art. He insists it is their policy to destroy any offensive material which won't be needed as evidence. They burnt the rest as trash and calls it unpatriotic trash. This resulted in Kuroda being punished and painting burned. When Ono goes to visit Kuroda Mr Euchi tells Ono that Mr. Kuroda is in great pain, he was injured and the warder's deliberately forgot to report the injury on his shoulder it was never attended to until the end of war. He was also humiliated and called a traitor.

pg. 83-84, 87, 88,109-111,129-130,211.
Riii Naguchi suffers psychologically because of betraying the Japanese youths using songs

He was a composer of songs; his songs were sung all over in Japan. His songs became famous in the city and the whole of Japan. They were sung on radio and bars. People like 'Kenji sang Naguchi's songs when marching to war or after war. After the war. Naguchi feels he betrayed the people and his songs were a mistake because they psyched people to go to war. He suffers psychologically. He thought of all the people who had been killed. Boys of Ichiro's age who died during war and they are orphans, they no longer have parents. He felt perhaps his songs were a mistake and he should apologies to young boys whose parents died in war and to parents who lost their sons. He wanted to sorry and ended up killing himself pg.176.

Riv Ono suffers for betraying Kuroda. Kuroda was Ono's favorite and promising student. He was a remarkable young artist who hero worshipped Ono Masuji. Hey would share nights at the Migi- Hidari. Discussing art and the new spirit of Japan. However, Ono betrays him by reporting him to the committee of unpatriotic activities, he reports his unpatriotic painting to the committee, hence prompting the police to burn his paintings. They arrested him for questioning because his paintings betrayed the spirit of the Japanese people which is propaganda. He is beaten and his shoulder injured, no one treated him until after the war.



Kuroda as a result holds a grudge against Masuji Ono and refuses to meet him in his house when the latter tries to mend fences. Masuji Ono even fears Kuroda may not say a good word about his family and this may destroy Noriko's second 'miai'. Moreover, Kuroda's assistant Fuchi kicks Masuji Ono out of Kuroda house after learning his identity and this worries Masuji Ono that Kuroda may speak badly in case Saitos' detective approaches him. Masuji Ono has no peace of mind. Pg. 84, 85, 86-88, 96,129-130,107-109,211.

Rv The president of Kimura Company suffers for betraying the Japanese people

The president of Kimura Company felt responsible for certain undertaking they were involved in during the war. Out of guilt conscious he killed himself. He was gassed but it seems he tried Harakiki first since there were minor scratches around his stomach. By committing suicide, it was an apology on behalf of the companies under his charge. Two senior men were already dismissed by the Americans but the president felt it was not enough since he supported the enemies. His act of suicide was an apology on behalf of everyone and families of those killed in war. This somehow causes relief in the company according to Miyake. They feel they can now forget their past and look into their future. He gave up his life in apology. Pg. 60-61.

Rvi Suichi and other youths feel betrayed by elders who continued the war

The elders decided to continue the war long after it was clear that Japan would be defeated. Japan suffered terrible destruction during War and it is

blamed on the older generation who controlled the government, military and centres of culture. During the burial of Kenji who died in war, Ono saw Suichi, Setsuko's husband striding away angrily and setsuko said to Ono that such ceremonies upsets his friends and comrades and it makes him angry. Suchi is bitter that half of his high school graduation year have died courageous deaths and all for a stupid case and what makes him angry is that the old sent the likes of Kenji to war to die. The old people are going on with their lives. Miyake believes the old soldiers who left the country a stray during war including Ono should acknowledge their responsibility, he calls their mistake, 'the greatest cowardice of all' and recommends they commit suicide honourably to apologise. The youngsters beat up fifty year-old Hiri-yama "boy" at Kayandashi Bridge until hospitalized for broken ribs for singing old military songs and chanting regressive slogans. Ono is also uncomfortable with Mitsuo, Saito's youngest son, he did not like the way the young man kept looking at him and passes a bowl to him which made him sense hostility and accusation towards the older generations.

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In conclusion, those who acted against our best interest eventually face up to regret.

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MONEY ACADEMY

By Liz



The difference between savers and spenders

Here is their mindset about money. Savers think about the future. They always ask, "Do I really need this now?" Spenders think about the present. They ask, "Why not enjoy this now?" On spending habits, Savers prefer to wait and save for something big or meaningful (like a new phone or college fund). Spenders are more likely to buy things impulsively (like snacks, clothes, or games) as soon as they have money.

On how they use allowances or income, Savers put aside a portion of their allowance or part-time job income every week. Spenders often use most or all of their money quickly without saving any. Their reaction to discounts or sales is also different. Savers ask, "Do I need it, even if it is cheaper?" Spenders say, "It is on sale! I have to get it now!"

For example, Emma as a saver gets Sh2,000/week. She saves Sh1,000 and spends Sh1,000. After a few months, she can afford concert tickets or a new gadget. Jake as a spender gets Sh2,000/week. He spends it all on fast food, apps, and online games. He never seems to have enough when something big comes up.

Learning to balance both habits is key. You do not have to be extreme but just smart. Start saving now from your pocket money. Always apply the 50/30/20 rule; 50 per cent for your needs, 30 per cent for your wants, and 20 per cent for savings



Danny's Desk

Purity versus pressure



Dear Danny's Desk

My friends mock me because I am a virgin. My parents want me to keep myself pure until marriage. How do I get out of this dilemma?

What you're describing is an incredibly common but deeply painful struggle at

your age, caught between peer pressure and family expectations, and feeling like you can't win no matter what you do.

We acknowledge the weight of this because it's not easy to have your friends' mock you, creating shame and social isolation. You're being pulled in two directions while your feelings about your body get lost in between. This is not just about sex but also about autonomy, identity, and a sense of belonging.

To begin with, virginity is a social construct, not necessarily a moral grade. It's not a measure of your worth, "purity," or maturity. What matters is your readiness emotionally, physically, and practically when you choose to share intimacy. My advice is you finish school first then consider if you are ready, and if that is a priority for you or your goals.

Your friends' mockery should not bother you. Sometimes teens, from peer pressure, often use sexual bravado to mask insecurity and a fear of

feeling left out. Don't let their anxieties lead you to wrong decisions. Real friends respect boundaries.

Your parents' values come from love. Their emphasis on "purity" likely stems from protecting you from STIs, pregnancy, or emotional pain. It could also be deeply rooted in cultural/religious beliefs and their desire to see you finish school, and proceed to the next level of your life without any hurdles.

Going forward, reclaim your narrative by letting them know that you are capable of making right choices without pressure from others. This shifts power from their labels to your choices and life. With your parents, discuss how to forge healthy dating relationships after school. Don't dismiss their wisdom, as they have walked the same journey, before you.

Finally, seek better allies for mentorship and counselling. Be friends with trusted adults who won't shame you. Have friends who don't sexualize everything, and join youth



groups/clubs where values align closer to yours. Feeling caught in between is isolating. Journal, create art, or use mindfulness when the pressure builds. This won't last forever as school, and social dynamics

shift constantly. This is your life, not your friends' joke, neither your parents' mandate. Your journey deserves respect starting from yourself as it trickles to others. Take care of it and guard it every day.

Children's Corner

Imagine a life without phones or technology



Adriel Mungai, Grade 8,
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To me, life without phones would feel calmer and more meaningful. These days, our minds are glued to our screens and conversations have become rare. Too often, we drift into our phones and forget the people sitting right beside us. Even parents and children have lost precious bonding moments. When technology takes over, it feels like wandering through a desert, hearing only the wind instead of real voices.



Daniel Maina, Grade 8,

A world without phones and technology would feel refreshing because so much of our time is consumed by screens. These days, people spend hours scrolling endlessly through social media, often losing track of real life. Too much technology can even harm our health, from straining our eyes to affecting our well-being. Without it, life could be simpler and more joyful. We would have more time to play, laugh and share moments with friends and family.



Betsy Kiuna, Grade 6

Imagine waking up to a digital blackout, a dark and strange world where connections vanish and communication becomes a challenge. Yet, it could also be a blessing. Families might spend more time together, people could think more critically, and healthier, more active lifestyles might follow. Still, the mobile phone is a brilliant invention that keeps us connected worldwide. A world without it would be both a blessing and a dilemma.



Elizabeth Wanjiru, Grade 5

Without phones or technology, our lives would look very different. No more scrolling through social media over morning coffee, no endless hours wasted on television. Instead of obsession and distraction disguised as rest, we might find true rest. People would spend more time outdoors, enjoying conversations free from constant notifications. The real challenge, though, isn't to abandon technology completely but to decide when and how we let it into our lives.



Debra Njoki, Grade 5

Phones have transformed our lives, especially in communication. Long ago, before their invention, reaching someone was difficult. Even sending a letter took ages to arrive, especially if the person lived far away. Today's generation has solved these challenges through technology, making it easier to connect, research, and learn. Mobile phones have not only improved our world but become a part of daily life. Without them, life as we know it would feel almost impossible.



Joy Wanjiku, Grade 6

Mobile phones offer countless advantages that make daily life easier. Without them, many tasks would be difficult, from communication and research to entertainment, work and emergencies. Students rely on phones for studies, adults for work and banking, and everyone for reaching help in times of danger. In short, mobile phones are central to modern life, which is why it's hard to imagine living without them.

KJSEA

**AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION
PAPER 1**

- Grade 8 learners carried out caring practices on their tree seedlings. Which practice helped to protect the seedlings against physical damage?
 - Mulching.
 - Pruning.
 - Shading.
 - Weeding.
- Which one of the following activities carried out by learners in their school is more likely to pollute soil?
 - Applying artificial fertilizers in the garden.
 - Dumping animal droppings in the garden.
 - Collecting plastic bottles from the garden.
 - Dumping kitchen waste in the garden.
- Learners carried out some activities on soil and water conservation. Which activity is most suitable for harvesting surface run-off for farming?
 - Constructing gabions.
 - Constructing retention ditches.
 - Mulching with dry grass.
 - Planting cover crops.

During a field visit to study methods of soil conservation, Grade 8 learners took the following picture. Use it to answer questions 4 and 5.



- Identify the practice.
 - Cover cropping.
 - Relay cropping.
 - Mono cropping.
 - Strip cropping.
- The following are roles of the practice shown in the picture:
 - increasing organic matter content;
 - increasing water infiltration;
 - reducing evaporation of soil water;
 - reducing the speed of run-offs;
 - trapping soil.

Which two roles best help to conserve soil?

- (i) and (ii).
- (ii) and (iii).
- (iii) and (iv).
- (iv) and (v).

- A farmer uses a water pan to harvest and store water for domestic use. Which one of the following statements is true about water pans? Water pans
 - are found in high rainfall areas;

- are recharged by tap water;
- can lose water through seepage;
- retain water throughout the year.

The following picture shows a practice in poultry rearing. Use it to answer question 7 and 8.



- Identify the practice. Egg
 - collection.
 - sorting.
 - grading.
 - packing.
- Which hygiene practice should the farmer observe during the practice shown in the picture?
 - Dust the birds.
 - Provide laying nests and nesting materials.
 - Wash feeders and waterers.
 - Wash hands and wipe the eggshells.

The following picture shows a type of garden used by a farmer. Use it to answer questions 9 and 10.



- Identify the garden.
 - Suspended garden.
 - Raised bed garden.
 - Moisture bed garden.
 - Horizontal garden.
- Give the main reason why the farmer uses the type of garden shown in the picture. To
 - utilize limited space.
 - increase yields.
 - control crop pests.
 - control crop diseases.

Grade 7 learners wanted to establish a crop using the following planting material. Study and use it to answer questions 11 and 12.



- Identify the planting material.
 - Tubers.
 - Splits.
 - Seeds.
 - Vines.
- To establish the crop, the learners should prepare land to a
 - coarse tilth and broadcast the planting materials.
 - fine tilth and broadcast the planting materials.
 - fine tilth and drill the planting materials.
 - medium tilth and dig the planting holes.
- Grade 7 learners carried out thinning and gapping on their maize plot. At what stage of growth did the learners carry out the practices?
 - At planting.
 - After flowering.
 - After germination.
 - During weeding.
- A farmer inspected his vegetable crop and observed holes on the leaves. Which pest most likely damaged the leaves?
 - Aphids.
 - Birds.
 - Caterpillars.
 - Cutworms.
- Different types of crops are grown in a kitchen garden. Which one of the following crops is not likely to be grown in a kitchen garden?
 - Tomatoes.
 - Sorghum.
 - Kales.
 - Ginger.

The following picture shows value addition practice in crop production. Use it to answer questions 16 to 18.



- Which of the following pairs of crops is more appropriate for the value addition practice shown?
 - Arrow roots and potatoes.
 - Sweet potatoes and groundnuts.
 - Groundnuts and pumpkin.
 - Pumpkin and simsim.
- During the value addition process for the crop shown, water is used for
 - boiling.
 - cooling.
 - frying.
 - washing.
- The value addition practice shown was mainly carried out because of the following except
 - appealing to more consumers.
 - creating a unique brand.
 - increasing shelf life.
 - increasing the market price.



NIE Launch in Schools

Gibarori Primary School (Kuria)



Standard Group NIE Manager Christopher Gisiri (left) and Kuria East MP Marwa Kitayama (second left) hand over copies of *The Standard* to Gibarori Primary School. [Caleb Kingwara, Standard]



Learners from Gibarori Comprehensive School read *The Standard* during the launch of the NIE programme. [Anne Atieno]

Learners from Gibarori Comprehensive School read *The Standard* during the launch of the Newspapers in Education (NIE) programme at six schools in Kuria East Sub-County, Migori County. [Anne Atieno, Standard]



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Kenyans ditch ugali for rice and chapati as maize usage drops

► For years, ugali has been at the heart of many homesteads.

► However, many seem to be swapping it with other available alternatives.

GRAHAM KAJILWA, NAIROBI

Ugali, Kenya's long cherished staple dish, is losing ground on the nation's dinner tables. New data from Kenya's Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) reveals a dramatic shift in eating habits, with maize consumption plunging by over 600,000 metric tonnes, a sign that rice and chapatis are quickly becoming the new favourites in majority of Kenyan homes.

AFA details that while maize consumption dropped by 625,820 metric tonnes in 2024, rice consumption increased by 118,252 metric tonnes, wheat by 54,542 metric tonnes and sorghum by 7,986 metric tonnes in the same period.

Millet consumption is also at par with maize. Millet is the grain behind brown ugali while maize is known for the widely known white ugali. The drop in maize consumption is regardless of a reduction in price as a bag of 90 kilogram sold at Sh3,443 at the farm gate, compared to Sh4,094 in 2023.

The low prices are said to be also an effect of surplus production in 2023.

"This decrease is largely attributed to the government's decision to set the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) purchase price at Sh3,500 per 90 kg bag, lower than the Sh4,000 offered in the previous year," the authority says.

"While it intended to stabilise the market, this pricing adjustment coincided with increased supply in 2023 and declining market prices. As a result, the total value of domestically produced maize dropped from Sh199 billion in 2023 to Sh154.03 billion in 2024."

The report by AFA notes that maize production declined from 4,285,206 metric tonnes in 2023 to 4,028,320 metric tonnes in 2024, which is a six per cent drop. This drop mirrors the reduced size of land under plantation which dropped albeit by a small margin of one per cent, from 2,552,931 hectares in 2023 to 2,414,245 hectares in 2024.

But as maize production dropped, the area under rice cultivation increased from 31,671 hectares in 2023 to 40,681 hectares in 2024, a 22.15 per cent rise. Rice production consequently increased by 46,389 metric tonnes to 290,447 metric tonnes in 2024.

AFA says the increase in area under cultivation was as a result of favourable weather



Kenyans have swapped white ugali with rice, chapati and even brown ugali, causing a decline in maize consumption. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

conditions and government led initiatives to reduce reliance on imports. These initiatives are also mentioned behind the growth in production.

"Rice imports decreased from 930,930 metric tonnes in 2023 to 629,688 metric tonnes in 2024," the report says. "Meanwhile, rice exports increased from 1,372 metric tonnes in 2023 to 3,060 metric tonnes in 2024 driven by favourable prices in destination markets."

The data shows chapati is also becoming a favourite alternative for Kenyans with wheat consumption increasing to 2,249,533 metric tonnes in 2024 from 2,194,991 metric tonnes in 2023. There was a negligible increase in its production to 310,973 metric tonnes that year, compared to 309,483 metric tonnes in 2023. This also reflects the slight price change of Sh4,053 for a 90 kg bag in 2024 compared to Sh4,160 in 2023. The area under wheat cultiva-

tion declined from 104,200 hectares in 2023 to 102,287 hectares in 2024.

"This reduction is attributed to several factors, including a shift by farmers toward alternative crops, the growing threat of quelea bird infestations which have raised production costs and ongoing land subdivision driven by population growth," the report says.

Kenyans are also consuming more sorghum according to the data. Sorghum consumption in metric tonnes increased to 120,482 in 2024 from 112,496 in 2023 while millet dropped to 2,715,793 in 2024 from 3,341,613 in 2023.

For millet, the 2024 figures, while it is a drop, it is more compared to 50,623 metric tonnes recorded in 2022 which shows the diversification of how a typical Kenyan meal looks like.

Sorghum and millet are in some instances used as alternatives to maize flour or combined when making ugali.

"Millet imports increased significantly from 1,472 metric tonnes in 2023 to 10,520.62 metric tonnes in 2024, largely due to the influx of more affordable millet from neighboring countries. At the same time, exports increased from 4.80 metric tonnes to 20 metric tonnes, supported by favorable prices in international markets," the report says.

The report shows an increase in sweet potato production that stood at 862,724 metric tonnes in 2024 an increase from 669,141 metric tonnes in 2023 suggesting Kenyans' experimental palates.

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625,820

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MAIZE consumption reduced by more than 600,000 tonnes while that of rice, wheat and millet increased significantly.

INNOVATION

Adopting tech for tourism

Even though tourism industry has made major strides in recovering from the Covid 19 pandemic, the sector is still struggling with digital transformation.

This was revealed during the two-day Africa TravelTech Summit and Expo 2025 in Nairobi. The event aimed to chart a path for tech-driven growth in the continent's recovering tourism industry.

Sherif Riad, the Global Commercial Director at Tourmind says there is a massive opportunity in the African tourism market, but many players still lack the information and support needed to adopt technology. "We need targeted awareness efforts so operators can fully harness the benefits of digital transformation," he said.

Ben Peterson, CEO of Purple Elephant Ventures, emphasised that while travel technology has massive potential, the tools currently available are often not built for the African context.

"Tourism technology can help bring more visitors into the region and also streamline how tourism organisations operate," he said. "But most of the tools in the market were built for other regions and don't always fit our local realities."

He noted that although over \$12 billion has been invested in African startups across various sectors over the past five years, very little of that capital has gone into travel innovation. This lack of investment signals an untapped opportunity for innovation. Moreover, he noted that many tourism operators across Africa struggle with low digital literacy, making it essential for tech companies to provide user-friendly solutions along with hands-on support.

[Sofia Ali]

ENERGY

Kenya to host EV mobility forum

Kenya is expected to host the inaugural Africa electrical vehicle (EV) Mobility Expo in Nairobi this December, as the country positions itself as a regional hub for electric mobility. The announcement was made during a virtual launch last week, bringing together senior government officials, investors, and industry stakeholders to discuss the continent's growing interest in electric vehicle (EV) technology.

The organisers said the expo aims to accelerate Africa's transition to sustainable transportation and will feature exhibitors, policy forums, and trade facilitation programs.

"The launch marked a transformative moment for Africa's mobility future," said Edwin Masivo, Country Director at Global Exhibitions Inc. "By positioning Nairobi as the regional hub, we are creating unprecedented opportunities." [Sofia Ali]

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HOME AFRIKA	1.22	1.32	8.20%
STANDARD GROUP	5.54	5.98	7.94%
TOTAL	32.15	34.40	7.00%
EXPRESS	7.82	7.24	-7.42%
NATION MEDIA	13.80	13.10	-5.07%
HF GROUP	10.80	10.45	-3.24%
JUBILEE	320.25	315.00	-1.64%
KENYA POWER	13.95	13.75	-1.43%



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CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE	JAPANESE YEN (100)	86.4125
US DOLLAR	129.2472	SWEDISH KRONER	13.7124
STERLING POUND	173.1266	NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.9427
EURO	151.1158	DANISH KRONER	20.2450
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.4363	INDIAN RUPEE	1.4569
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.0257	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.6110
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	18.9946	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	99.9862
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.2279	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4613
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	22.7839	CHINESE YUAN	18.1155
AE DIRHAM	35.1885	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.5083
CANADIAN DOLLAR	92.6802		
SWISS FRANC	161.9639		

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL BANKS

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE	OTHER FUNDS	
Apollo Money Market Fund	9.60%	10.07%	Amana Balanced Fund	143.9683 143.9683
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.66%	9.05%	Amana Shilling Fund Class C	7.21 7.46
Jubilee Money Market Fund	10.27%	10.77%	African Alliance Balanced Fund	23.3811 22.0205
Jubilee Money Market Fund	4.91%	5.03%	African Alliance Equity Fund	211.3188 198.4508
African Alliance Money Market Fund	7.27%	7.52%	African Alliance Fixed Income Fund	11.9577 11.5720
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.10%	8.44%	Apollo Balanced Fund	160.86 154.43
Mali Money Market Fund	9.52%	9.52%	Britam Bond Plus Fund	11.15% 11.79%
GCIB Money Market Fund	11.55%	12.18%	Britam Fixed Income Fund (USD)	5.37% 5.52%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	9.43%	9.85%	Co-op Bond Fund	10.24% 10.78%
Stanbic Money Market Fund	6.23%	6.41%	Co-op Gratuity Fixed Income Fund	10.02% 10.54%
Stanbic Fixed Income Fund (USD)	4.89%	5.00%	Jubilee Fixed Income Fund	10.60% 11.13%
Madison Money Market Fund	10.27%	10.82%	GCIB Fixed Income Fund	11.91% 12.59%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	11.18%	11.83%	GCIB Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	6.93% 7.15%
Britam Money Market Fund	10.40%	10.95%	Zimle Fixed Income Fund	12.49% 13.23%
Britam Money Market Fund (USD)	4.48%	4.59%	Zimle Balanced Fund	16.7089 16.2223
CIC Money Market Fund	8.22%	8.53%	ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	150.47 150.47
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	10.16%	10.66%	ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	144.10 144.10
Old Mutual Money Market Fund (USD)	4.94%	5.05%	Enwealth Fixed Income Fund	9.02% 9.40%
Enwealth Money Market Fund	10.54%	11.06%	Old Mutual Special Fixed Income	10.89% 11.50%
Enwealth Money Market Fund (USD)	4.66%	4.76%	Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	15.73 15.73
Faulu Money Market Fund	9.42%	9.84%	CIC Fixed Income Fund	10.19% 10.68%
Mayfair Money Market Fund	8.05%	8.38%	CIC Wealth Fund	7.00% 7.00%
Kuza Money Market Fund	10.75%	11.34%	CIC Equity Fund	7.68 7.49
Kuza Money Market Fund (USD)	5.64%	5.80%	CIC Balanced Fund	7.12 6.96
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	11.37%	12.06%	Kuza Fixed Income Fund	11.14% 11.78%
Equity Money Market Fund	4.97%	5.08%	Kuza Momentum Special Fund	141.43 141.43
			Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	13.65 13.65

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
AGRICULTURAL					
23.00	10.00	Eagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	20.20	20.00	4,570
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	413.50	413.50	75
357.75	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	334.00	327.00	1,943
430.00	310.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME	380.00	376.00	244
32.60	13.60	Sasni Plc Ord 1.00	18.80	18.90	3,653
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	264.50	248.25	5,922
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	38.45	35.40	9,496
BANKING					
23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	20.75	20.60	316,205
42.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	38.25	38.60	1,409
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	104.25	104.50	4,963
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	57.75	58.00	55,873
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.45	10.80	75,127
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	43.00	42.95	34,687
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	56.75	57.00	172,002
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	69.25	69.00	6,060
190.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00	184.25	183.25	54,837
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	284.75	285.00	43,472
21.55	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	20.95	21.15	688,465
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50	0.45	-	-
1.88	0.59	Evereedy East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00SME	1.41	1.41	39,101
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.24	7.82	2,874
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME	4.66	-	-
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.97	3.99	195,093
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	2.99	3.01	10,015
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.62	1.61	140,257
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.10	13.80	5,696
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	15.70	15.70	224,081
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	5.98	5.54	1,190
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.35	15.45	3,108
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarkets Plc Ord 5.00, com	0.37	0.34	100,481
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.98	2.82	29,472
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	5.55	-	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00	54.00	-	-
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	57.50	57.00	660
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	59.25	59.50	7,096
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.40	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	8.72	8.82	1,325,615
14.90	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	13.75	13.95	1,485,674
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00	4.51	-	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	-	-
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	34.40	32.15	1,526
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.94	7.62	212,250
INSURANCE					
9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.86	8.94	39,629
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord 1.00	4.96	4.91	132,539
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	315.00	320.25	415
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.16	3.18	2,280,701
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.95	10.85	3,717
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	8.94	8.92	5,613
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.15	15.15	37,798
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.32	1.22	3,608,711
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	5.82	5.68	898
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	1.12	-	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	14.95	14.05	172,357
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	122.00	123.75	357
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	428.00	428.00	6,350
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	25.35	25.35	39,911
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	214.00	215.00	102,031
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.68	1.61	34,545
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricornp Plc Ord 5.00SME	65.00	-	-
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	-	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	24.90	24.25	10,980
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20SME	8.08	8.22	242,005
TELECOMMUNICATION					
31.00	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.00	29.40	192,953
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	4595.00	4535.00	148
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	831.00	831.00	43

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EXPORTS

Kenya rushes to meet EU coffee guidelines

With the clock ticking towards the December 31 deadline, Kenyan authorities are scrambling to digitally map the country's coffee farm in compliance with the new European Union Deforestation Regulations (EUDR) rules.

The high-stakes effort aims to demonstrate to the European Union that Kenya's prized coffee beans exported to its member states are not grown on land designated as forests, a requirement that could determine whether Kenya's coffee continues being exported to one of its most lucrative export markets or not.

Under the regulations, coffee grown on farms affected by deforestation after December 31, 2020, will be excluded from the lucrative EU market.

The exercise is being coordinated by the Agriculture Food Agency (AFA), county governments, Kenya Forest Services, and the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation, among other agencies.

AFA Director General Dr Bruno Linyiru said the EUDR requires all companies exporting agricultural products to the EU to prove they were not produced as a result of deforestation.

In a statement, AFA said that the EUDR would ensure that coffee traded and consumed within the EU, as well as globally, does not contribute to the degradation of forests.

"Kenya exports 95 per cent of its coffee, with approximately 55 per cent targeting the EU, mainly Belgium, Germany, Sweden, and Finland," he said.

Over the past five years, Kenya exported 122,699 metric tonnes (MT) of clean coffee to the EU, valued at \$695.7 million (Sh90.1 billion).

At least 80,211 coffee farmers have so far been cleared in Murang'a, Meru, Laikipia, Kericho, Nyeri, Embu, Nairobi, and Kajiado counties, meaning that they are eligible to export their coffee to the EU market.

By last week, Murang'a had enumerated 40,880 farmers, while Kericho listed 23,995, Meru 23,329, Nyeri 15,518, and Embu 16,388. Laikipia registered 447 farmers, with Nairobi and Kajiado recording just 10 and 27 farmers, respectively. In Laikipia, only 447 farmers have been registered. In Nyeri, there are 15,518 registered farmers, while Embu has 16,388. Nairobi and Kajiado have the fewest, with just 10 and 27 registered farmers, respectively.

Yesterday, Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata said since more than 60 per cent of the coffee is sold in Europe, the farmers need to abide by the regulations set by the buyers.

Kang'ata said Murang'a has engaged 600 enumerators to ensure farmers reap the benefits from the market through geomapping.

(Boniface Gikandi)



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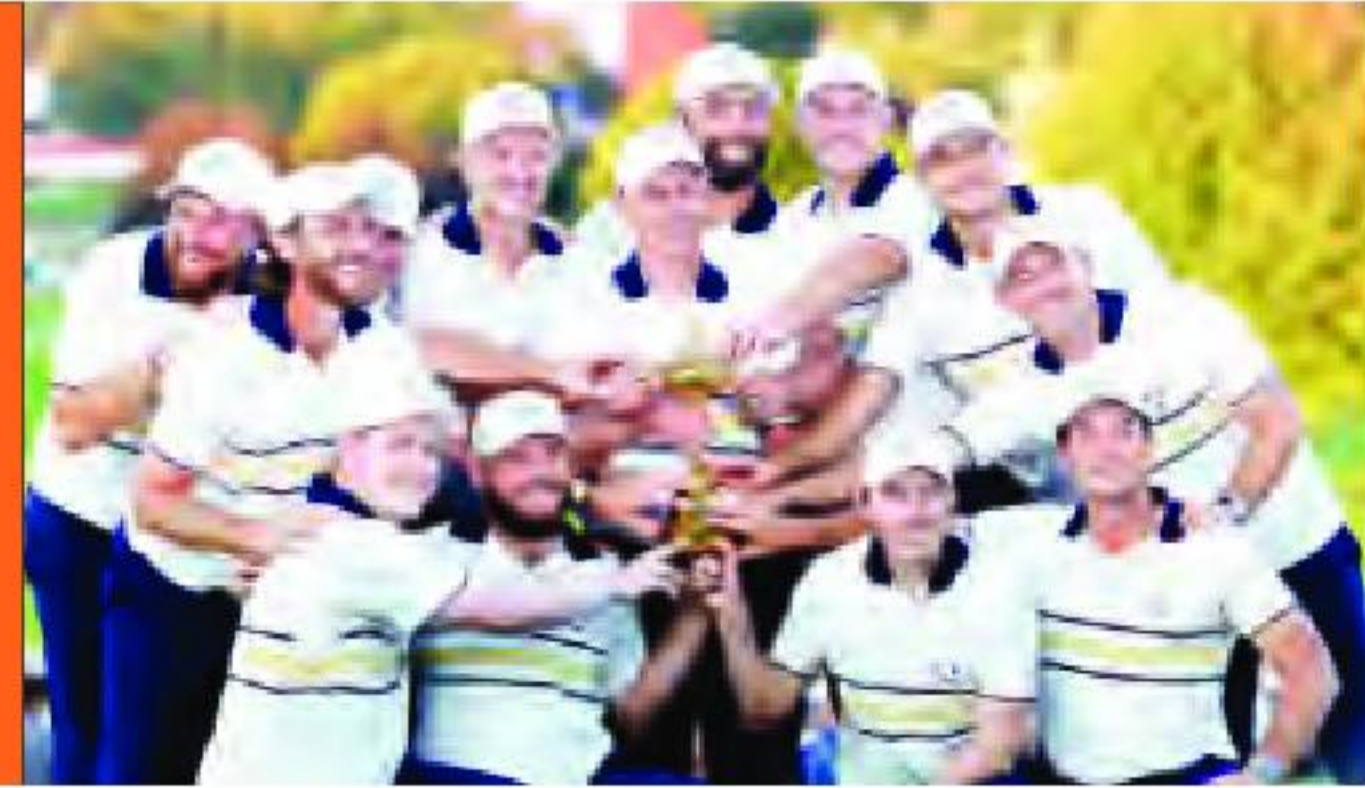
NUMBER OF THE DAY

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EQUITIES: The Bourse opened the week with 12 million shares valued at Sh151 million compared to 20.8 million shares valued at Sh454.6 million posted last week.

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Gunman kills four in attack on northern US Mormon church

► Shooter rams vehicle, opens fire and torches church packed with worshippers before being killed by police.

► FBI probes 'targeted violence' as Trump decries attack amid mounting US gun crisis.

AFP, GRAND BLANC

A man opened fire in a Mormon church in Michigan and set the building ablaze on Sunday, killing at least four people in the latest deadly tragedy that US President Donald Trump called part of a national "epidemic of violence."

Police in the northern US state said the shooter first rammed the church with his vehicle before opening fire with an assault rifle, and then set the building on fire.

The attacker was killed by police in the parking lot eight minutes after the first emergency call came in, Grand Blanc Police Chief William Renye told a news conference.

Renye said that, in addition to two deceased victims announced earlier in the day, two more bodies had been recovered among debris at the burned-down church, with search efforts ongoing.

He said earlier that eight people had also been wounded in the attack, one of whom was in critical condition.

AFP journalists in the adjacent



A family emotionally reunites at the Trillium Theater located across the street from the site of a shooting and fire at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on September 28, 2025 in Grand Blanc, Michigan. [AFP]

town of Burton saw a large police presence outside the home of the suspected shooter, whom Renye identified as Thomas Jacob Sanford, aged 40.

Renye and other officials did not provide any further details on Sanford. US media reports said he had grown up in the area and was a military veteran.

Images of the aftermath at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc, a suburb of the city of Flint, showed most of the building reduced to ashes.

Authorities said the suspect used an accelerant, believed to be gasoline, and set fire to the church

"deliberately."

Some suspected explosive devices were found but it was unclear if they were used to start the fire, they said.

Photos also showed the truck apparently driven by the attacker into the side of the building, with two US flags on poles in the vehicle's rear.

FBI Special Agent Reuben Coleman told the news conference that the FBI was now leading the investigation and was looking at the attack "as an act of targeted violence."

Renye said earlier that hundreds were inside when the attack began and that more victims might be found among the debris.

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Places of worship are meant to be sanctuaries of peacemaking, prayer and connection. We pray for peace and healing for all involved.”

Church statement

Trump called the shooting "horrendous" and said it was "yet another targeted attack on Christians in the United States of America."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints called Sunday's attack a "tragic act of violence."

"Places of worship are meant to be sanctuaries of peacemaking, prayer and connection. We pray for peace and healing for all involved," it wrote on social media platform X.

Founded in 1830, the Mormon church considers itself a Christian body but bases its doctrines on the Book of Mormon, a text its followers say contains a fuller version of the words of Jesus Christ than that recorded in the Bible.

Based in the western US state of Utah, there are Mormon churches all over the world, with millions of adherents.

The United States, where firearms are readily available, has a long history of gun violence.

Briefing

SEYCHELLES. TIGHT RACE FORCES ELECTION RUN-OFF

■ Seychelles will hold a run-off between the top two presidential candidates after neither won a clear majority in election results on Sunday. Opposition leader Patrick Herminie narrowly won the vote against President Wavel Ramkalawan by 48.8 percent to 46.4 percent, the electoral commission announced. But candidates must have more than 50 percent to secure victory. The commission said fresh elections would be held from October 9 to 11. Seychelles has the highest wealth per capita in Africa -- around \$18,000 according to the World Bank. But it lies on a key drug smuggling route between Afghanistan and East Africa that has fuelled one of the highest rates of heroin addiction in the world. Another key issue in the election has been concern over a Qatari hotel complex being built near the world-renowned Aldabra Atoll marine reserve. [AFP]

SWEDEN. RUSSIA LIKELY BEHIND AIRPORT DRONES

■ Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said Monday Russia was likely behind mysterious drone flights over several Scandinavian airports ahead of an EU summit in Copenhagen. Drone sightings across Norway and Denmark in particular since September 22 have prompted the closure of several airports. Speaking to broadcaster TV4, Kristersson said "the likelihood of this being about Russia wanting to send a message to countries supporting Ukraine is quite high" but stressed that "nobody really, really knows". He added that "we have confirmation" that drones that entered Polish airspace earlier in September were Russian. Drones were also observed over Danish military sites Saturday night for a second straight day. [AFP]

GAZA CITY

Hamas urges Israel to halt strikes as it searches for two hostages



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. [File]

Hamas's armed wing urged the Israeli military to temporarily halt air strikes and withdraw from part of Gaza City on Sunday as it tried to locate two Israeli hostages it said it had lost contact with.

"The lives of the two prisoners are in real danger, and (Israeli) forces must immediately withdraw to the south of Street 8 and halt aerial operations for 24 hours starting from 18:00 today to allow attempts to rescue the prisoners," the Ezzedine Al-Qassam

Brigades said in a statement.

In an earlier announcement, the armed group said the loss of contact was due to Israeli military operations over the previous 48 hours in two southern Gaza City neighbourhoods where Israeli forces have stepped up air and ground assaults.

In the past, the Islamist movement announced that it had lost contact with an Israeli-American hostage, who was released a few days after that announcement.

Since launching its offensive on Gaza City, the Israeli military has repeatedly ordered Palestinians to move south. On Sunday, Gaza's civil defence agency, a rescue force operating under Hamas authority, said 38 people had been killed by Israeli fire, including 14 in Gaza City.

Speaking at the United Nations, Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to "finish the job" against Hamas, despite sharp international condemnation following the intensification of the offensive.

The war in Gaza was sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people on the Israeli side, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally.

Of the 251 people taken hostage during the attack, 47 remain held in Gaza, including 25 the Israeli military says are dead. Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed at least 66,005 people, mostly civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run territory's health ministry, which the UN deems reliable. [AFP]

NEW YORK

Civil society vows to 'step in' to ease global crises

As countries across the world lose strength under the weight of overlapping crises, civil society organisations say they are determined to step in to alleviate suffering and uncertainty.

At the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) 2025, this pressing global reality took center stage during a session titled "Civil Society Filling the Gap," convened in New York.

The meeting was held at a critical moment, with a full diary for world leaders during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this year.

Moderated by Dr Kennedy Odede, founder and CEO of Kenya's Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), a panel brought together voices from vastly different worlds but united to deliver where governments cannot.

Panelists included Linda Lindborg, President and CEO of David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Dierdre Williams, Director of Grants at the Open Society Foundations, and Brandon Scott, the Mayor of Baltimore City, each offering insights into the role of nonprofits, foundations, and local governments in bridging society's most painful gaps.

"The world is becoming more imbalance. We are facing many challenges, but how did we find ourselves in the situation we are now?" Dr Odede posed, adding that the civil society is increasingly being called upon not just to respond to crises, but to fill chronic gaps in healthcare, education, clean water, social protection, and governance.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, the youngest mayor in the city's history, spoke about how his administra-

tion is leaning on civil society to transform urban governance.

"You cannot fix broken systems from the top down. You need people who are from the community. The people closest to the problem are closest to the solution.

"While growing up as a black kid in Baltimore, I used to be seen as a problem to be solved, not someone to be invested in. Our job as leaders is to make sure that we are aligned with the people. They have the power," he said.

Lindborg brought a funder's perspective to the conversation, highlighting how philanthropy must change its model to truly support grassroots power.

"Too often, civil society is expected to do more with less, in the shadows of shrinking state responsibility. Philanthropy must shift from project-based, top-down models to long-term, trust-based investments in community-led systems," Lindborg said.

She referenced the Packard Foundation's commitment to locally-led development, noting that community-led organisations often outperform larger institutions in adaptability, trust and sustainability.

Representing the Open Society Foundations, Dierdre Williams urged the stakeholders not to reduce civil society to mere service delivery agents. "Yes, we deliver services. But we also speak truth to power. If we are forced to choose between being efficient contractors and courageous critics, we all lose," William said. **[Agencies]**



A panel session at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) 2025. [Courtesy]

MUMBAI

Massive crowd, chaos preceded deadly India rally stampede that killed dozens

A stampede that killed dozens at a south India political rally happened after a crowd of thousands waited hours in baking heat without sufficient safeguards, officials and witnesses said Sunday.

Some 27,000 people thronged a public road in Tamil Nadu state in hopes of seeing popular actor-turned-politician Vijay on Saturday, but panic broke out and 39 were killed, authorities said.

Witnesses cited hours of delays, insufficient police presence and peo-

ple falling from a tree branch onto the audience as contributing to the tragedy.

Deadly crowd incidents happen repeatedly during mass gatherings in India, often blamed on lax safety measures.

Vijay, known by one name, was addressing the rally when the crowds surged suddenly, forcing him to halt his speech in Karur district. Videos on social media showed him tossing water bottles to supporters shortly before the panic broke out. **[AFP]**

Afghan burqa-clad women, having appointments for laser treatments, sit in a waiting room at a beauty clinic in Kabul, on August 31, 2025. [AFP]



Botox behind burqas: Lifting the veil of secrecy

▶ In Afghanistan, velvet-sofa clinics thrive as women seek beauty in secrecy.

▶ With salons banned, Botox and hair transplants offer an unlikely escape.

AFP, KABUL

Decked out with fake crystal chandeliers and velvet sofas, cosmetic surgery clinics in Afghanistan's capital are a world away from the austerity of Taliban rule, where Botox, lip filler, and hair transplants reign.

Despite the Taliban authorities' strict theocratic rule and prevailing conservatism and poverty in Afghanistan, the 20 or so clinics in Kabul have flourished since the end of decades of war in the country.

Foreign doctors, especially from Turkey, travel to Kabul to train Afghans, who equally undertake internships in Istanbul, while equipment is imported from Asia or Europe.

In the waiting rooms, the clientele is often well-off and includes men with thinning hair. But the majority are women, sometimes heavily made up and always covered from head to toe, more rarely in an all-enveloping burqa.

At 25, Silsila Hamidi decided to get a second facelift, convinced her skin had suffered from the stress of being a woman in Afghanistan.

"Even if others can't see us, we see ourselves: looking beautiful in the mirror gives us energy," said Hamidi, before she went under the knife to lift the upper part of her face, which "was starting to sag".

Skirting details, the medical school graduate said her skin suffers from the "many pressures" faced by Afghan women.

Under Taliban government re-

strictions, women's access to work has been severely constrained. They can no longer travel long distances without a male guardian, must not raise their voices outside the home and are banned from universities, parks and gyms.

Salons banned

While surgical cosmetic interventions may be booming, hair salons and beauty parlours catering to women have been banned.

"If they were open... our skin wouldn't be in this state, we wouldn't need surgery," said Hamidi, who, at 23, had work done on the lower part of her face.

The Taliban authorities, who ordinarily forbid altering physical characteristics in accordance with their interpretation of Islamic law, did not reply for multiple requests for comment on cosmetic surgery.

Those in the sector said it is allowed as it is considered medicine.

The government does not interfere with their work, clinic workers told AFP, but morality police check that gender segregation is respected: a male nurse for a male patient, a female nurse for a female patient.

Some claim that even Taliban members are clients.

"Here, having no hair or beard is considered a sign of weakness," said Sajed Zadran, deputy director of the Negin Asia clinic, which boasts state-of-the-art Chinese-made equipment.

Since the Taliban ordered men to

grow their beards at least the length of a fist, transplants have become fashionable, said Bilal Khan, co-director of the EuroAsia clinic, which is about to open a second facility.

And because not all clients are wealthy, some "borrow money to have hair before their wedding", Khan added.

In the four-storey villa transformed into a clinic, the methods are the same as those used abroad and pose "no risk", said Abdul Nassim Sadiqi, a dermatologist.

At his clinic, it costs \$43 to \$87 for Botox and \$260 to \$509 for hair implants.

The sums are a fortune for many Afghans -- nearly half of whom live in poverty, according to the World Bank -- but a boon for those like Mohammed Shoab Yarzada, an Afghan restaurateur based in London.

Put off by the thousands of pounds (dollars) required in Britain for the same operation, he took advantage of his first visit to Afghanistan in 14 years to have his scalp replenished.

"When I enter the clinic, it's as if I am abroad, in Europe," he said.

To attract new customers, each clinic floods its social media pages with promises of beauty: smoothed skin, plump lips and abundant hair.

Afghanistan, like the West, is not exempt from the sway of social media influencers, said Lucky Khaan, 29, co-director of Negin Asia, which registers dozens of new patients every day.

"Many patients come without real problems but want to have surgery because they have seen trends on Instagram," said Khaan, a Russian doctor of Afghan origin, whose face is wrinkle-free.

While according to the UN, 10 million Afghans suffer from hunger and one in three lacks access to basic medical care, some, "who lack money for food, prefer to invest in their beauty", added the surgeon.

“Even if others can't see us, we see ourselves: looking beautiful in the mirror gives us energy,”

Silsila Hamidi, patient



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- 7:00 PM KABUREITO



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- 7:00 PM AFTER HOURS



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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
Maintenance or upkeep can be in the spotlight. Feeling grounded is important, and transits now encourage not only moderation and attention to long-term benefits, but also a committed, dedicated approach.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
You are ready to apply yourself to mental and learning pursuits destined to work for you in the long term. Pacing yourself comes naturally, and studies, training, or skills development can be in favor.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
You can be motivated to work on strengthening your life—even doing so in small ways can be good for you now. You might get something done behind the scenes, helping you regroup and renew your spirit.



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21
You're inclined to make smart moves with business and money, as well. Your money situation, valuables, and comfort needs assume more importance as the Moon transits the second house of your solar chart all day.



Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
Taking care of old business or tying up loose ends makes sense now, and it can be a freeing experience. You're also in good shape for sharing ideas with others, and you recognize the practical benefits of focusing on the future.



Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
You could come across wise advice, or you're motivated to work on a meaningful project. It's not the best time to "go hard" in your life, but a steady pace works well with today's energies, and you can find yourself quite contented.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
There can be a happy focus on a special task, and you can feel great about pouring special attention and energy into it. You're currently in a reflective Sun cycle, and today, you can be in a position to secure or organize an area of your life, and it boosts your confidence to do so.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
It's an excellent time to take on tasks you might have put off on other days, as your sense of responsibility is well-developed at the moment. Some distractions aside today, you're motivated to do your best.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Getting on top of the little things in your life can boost your confidence and general outlook. When you're not procrastinating or avoiding things, you feel more in control, empowering you to steer your day in the direction you desire.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
You're readier than usual to take on your responsibilities today. Dedicating yourself to a special pursuit or person can be rewarding. Mutual understanding with someone can also be heartening now. You may find yourself in the position to play detective, and this can be quite welcome and pleasant.



Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
Taking charge comes naturally now, especially when it comes to working harder to make tangible improvements in your everyday life. You're taking more pride in the functionality of your domestic world and daily routines.



Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
A good conversation can be part of the picture and strengthen a bond. Being committed feels good today. You're picking up a variety of information these days, and you're in a position to apply it. You could communicate your dedication or make a verbal promise.
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CHESS

Easy puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle
Black mates in 3 moves.



Monday's solution

Easy:
1. Qxa8+ Rxa8
2. Rxa8#

Intermediate:
1... Qb1+
2. Nd1 Qxd1+
3. Kxd1 Rcl#

SOLVIT

C	E	D	H	21
J	A	G	D	26
B	F	H	A	16
C	B	F	G	20
18	20	20	25	

Difficulty

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

Today's Clues

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
				5				2

Monday's solution

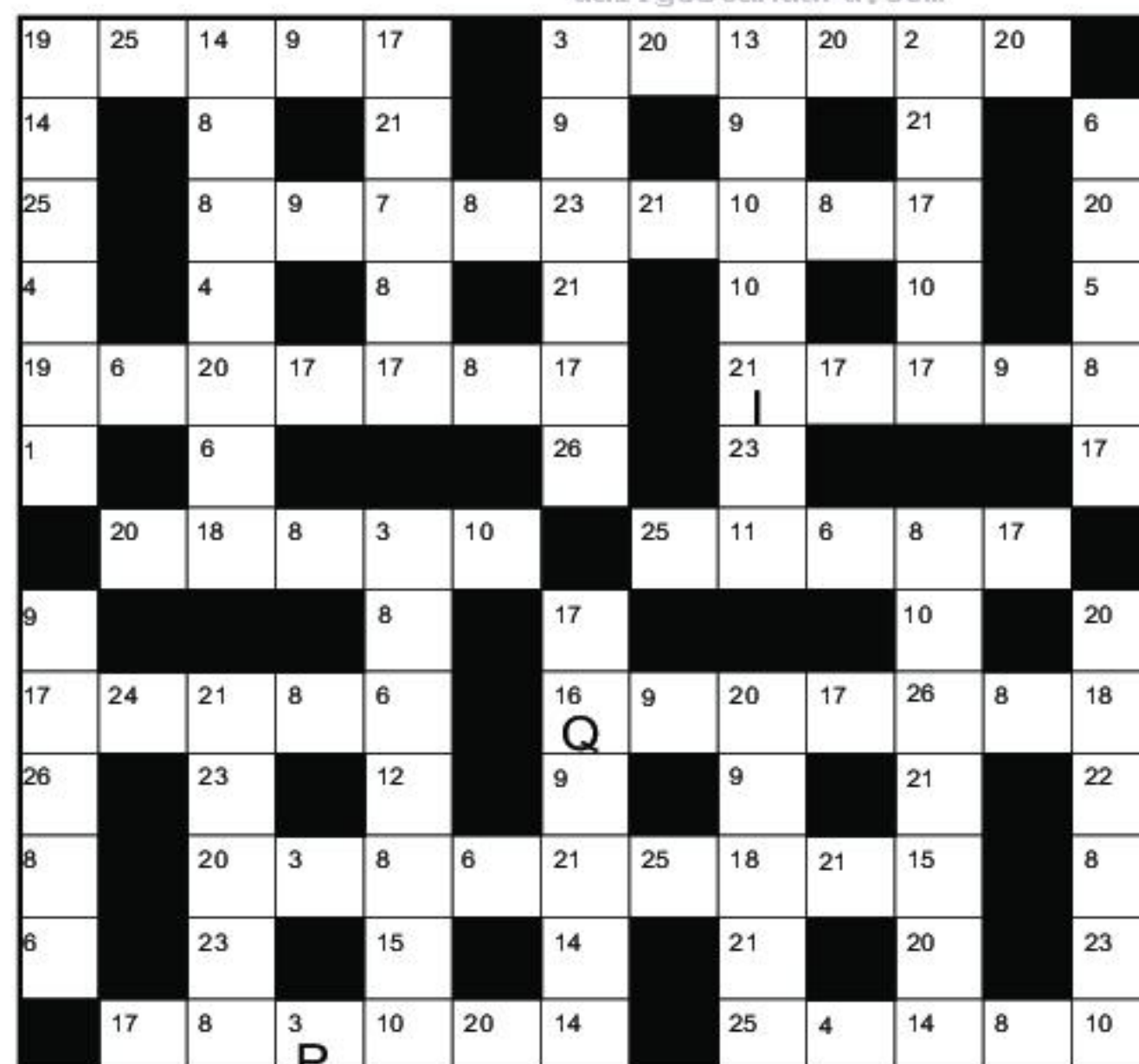
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
1	6	4	7	9	2	5	8	3

CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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

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

Monday's solution

1	S
2	L
3	X
4	K
5	W
6	G
7	A
8	Z
9	J
10	P
11	R
12	Q
13	E
14	M
15	I
16	V
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25	C
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KAKURO

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

Monday's solution

		3	1	3	1
	3	7	3	8	6
	14	4	8	2	
	6	3	2	4	12
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	1	8	9	4	3
	21	5	7	9	

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	8	5					6	7

Monday's solution

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

By Kham



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LOST title No:Kisumu/kajimbo/986. Thomas obuya

LOST Title No: Gem/ Kajulu/275. Marengo Akach (deceased).

LOST title: EM/Chepsigot 'A'/948 for Tapyotin Chesaina 'alias' Tabiotin Chesaina

LOSS of title for LR No 28800/294 for Roda Mary Njoki

LOSS of title for LR No 9663/17 In Nakuru

LOST title deed no.Abogeta/U-Kiungone/2574 of George Kimathi Magambo

LOST title deed Aguthi/Mungaria/868 of Joice Wamaitha Githaiga

A22/NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical and Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Plot No. South Wanga/Musanda/1757, 1788 & 1884 located along Mumias-Musanda road at Musanda area, Mumias West Sub County within Kakamega County proposes to amalgamate and change use from Agricultural Use to Public Purpose Use (Hospital) subject to approval by the County Government of Kakamega. Individuals, Institutions etc. with comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: **The C.E.C.M Lands, Housing, Urban areas and Physical planning County Government of Kakamega P.O. Box 36-50100, Kakamega Name of Registered Planner: Plan. Peter Kabere Reg No. PP0287**

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The registered owner of Plot No. Kisa/Doho/1228 located along Kisumu-Busia road at Dudi area, Kwisero Sub County within Kakamega County proposes to Change use from Agricultural Use to Commercial Use subject to approval by the County Government of Kakamega. Individuals, Institutions etc. with comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: **The C.E.C.M Lands, Housing, Urban areas and Physical planning County Government of Kakamega P.O. Box 36-50100, Kakamega Name of Registered Planner: Plan. Peter Kabere Reg No. PP0287**

FORM PLU/PA/DC/3 (R.3(3)(1)) PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Plot No. NAI VASHA/MARAIGUSHU BLOCK 7/1913 located off Naivasha-Kinangop Road, Kinamba Township, Naivasha Sub-County, Nakuru County, intends to apply for permission to change its use from Agricultural to Residential (Multi-Dwelling Units-Flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: **The C.E.C.M- Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development County Government of Nakuru P.O Box 2870-20100 NAKURU Name of the Registered Planner: Kelvin Ritho, Reg No: 0270**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Parcel reference S/Kabras/Chemuche/3981 situated along Kakamega - Webuye Highway, Malava town, within Malava Municipality, Kakamega County, proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Light Industrial (Petrol station) subject to approval by the County Government of Kakamega. Individuals, Institutions etc. with comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to: **County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Housing, Urban Areas & Physical Planning, County Government of Kakamega, P.O Box 36-50100, Kakamega. Dated: 30th September, 2025. Name of the Registered Planner Isaac Nyamwano Reg. No. RPP0131**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No 13 of 2019. CHANGE OF USE

The registered owners of Plot no. South Sakwa/ Barkowino/ 12578 within Bondo Subcounty, Siaya county proposes to change use from agricultural to residential, subject to approval by the county government of siaya. Individuals, institutions or organisations with comments or objections to the proposed development should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of the notice to **The CECM Lands, Physical Planning Housing And Urban Development Siaya County P.O Box 803, 40600, Siaya Registered Planner Dr. Frederick Owino Reg No: 0123**

FORM PLU/PA/DC/3 (R.3(3)(1)) PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner/s of Parcel Lr. No. 1870/222, situated along Eldama Ravine road, in Westlands sub-county, wishes to Change the Use from Single dwelling unit to Multi-dwelling units (Apartments) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to: **The CECM - Built Environment and Urban Planning Nairobi City County, P.O Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi Physical Planner: Onesimus Musyoki, Reg No. 0223**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Parcel Number Cis-Mara/Oleleshwa/21501 situated at Mara Concrete (TM area), off Narok-Bomet Highway, 500M East of Chester Boys School, Narok Municipality, Narok Central Sub County, Narok County, would like to change the user of the Parcel from AGRICULTURAL USER TO RESIDENTIAL USER (Multi Dwelling Units- Flat) subject to approval by the County Government of Narok. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the Proposed Development are requested to forward the same in writing within Fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Narok. P.O BOX 898-20500, Narok. Name of Registered Planner: James Michoma. Reg. No: RPP 0062.**

THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ALLOCATE LAND To The General Public and any other interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that at the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, the National Land Commission (NLC) on behalf of the County Government of Machakos, intends to regularize tenure of parcels of land Machakos/ Mavoko Municipality Block 98/2-286 in Machakos County for various land uses (subject to terms, covenants, conditions and reservations which shall be included in the conveyance document) in accordance with section 14 of the Land Act 2012.

Any interested person wishing to raise any comments may do so to the Chairman, NLC within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

In the absence of any valid objections, the allocation shall take place at the Commission's office in Nairobi (316 Upper Hill Chambers 2nd Ngong Avenue) as from 2.30 p.m on the next working day following the expiry of this notice.

The terms of allocation are available at the Commission's offices in Nairobi and the office of the Coordinator, NLC Machakos County.

The parcels are planned and surveyed and ownership details may be inspected at the offices of the CECM in charge of Lands, Machakos County, Director of Surveys, Nairobi and NLC offices during working hours.

Gerdem Otachi Dwa'Omwa CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of LR. NO. 32738, situated in Mavoko Subcounty (Quarry Road) proposes to change its use from residential use to Light Industrial (Go down) Use subject to approval by Machakos County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Organisations, etc. with comments or objections are requested to forward them in writing within 14 Days of this notice to: **CECM Lands, Urban Development & Housing, Machakos County Government P.O BOX 1996-90100 Machakos Physical Planner Shadrack Mbuta Reg. Number 0332**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USER

The owner of the plot no 209/2389/65 located at Miango Kubwa area, along Agoi road proposes to change its user from single dwelling unit to commercial cum multi-dwelling units (shops & Flats) subject to approval by Nairobi City County government. Individuals, organisations and institutions etc. with objections or comments are required to forward them in writings within 14 days from the date of this notice to: **THE CECM, LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT P.O BOX 30075-00100, NAIROBI**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

THE OWNER OF PARCEL NO. NDUMBERI/NDUMBERI/T.1003 KIAMBU SUBCOUNTY, KIAMBU COUNTY WISHES TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO RESIDENTIAL MULTIDWELLING (APARTMENTS) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT. INDIVIDUAL(S), ORGANIZATION(S) AND INSTITUTION(S) WITH COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS (14) TO: **CECM-LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT, P.O. BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.**

NAME OF REGISTERED PLANNER: MARVIN MUGAMBI REG NO. PPO323

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner(s) of Title number L.R. 86310/1 located in Juja area, off Thika-Road Highway is proposing to Extend its Use to include a BASE TRANSCIEVER STATION (BTS) subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individual(s), Institution(s), Organization(s) etc. with concerns(s) and/or objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU, KENYA

PHYSICAL PLANNER: JAMES GACHANJA RPP NO. 0173

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

THE OWNER(S) OF PARCEL DAGORETTI/ UTHIRU/2621 LOCATED OFF WAIYAKI WAY IN UTHIRU PROPOSE TO CHANGE ITS USE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS (Flats) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE KIAMBU COUNTY. ANY INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS ETC. WITH OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS TO THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THEM WITHIN 14 DAYS OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO:

THE CECM, LANDS HOUSING & PHYSICAL PLANNING, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O.BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU

J. M. OHAS (RPP.0016)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of Land Title Number NDUMBERI/RIABA/8344 located in Kiambu town, Kiambu Sub County is proposing to change its use from AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL (SHOPS AND OFFICES) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, organizations, 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 COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER (CECM) LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT P.O BOX 2344-00900 KIAMBU.

PHYSICAL PLANNER: MARVIN MUGAMBI R.P.P: 0323

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: INVITATION TO A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON PLOT TITLE NUMBER NAIROBI/BLOCK 21/218 ALONG RIVERSIDE GROVE, OFF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, RIVERSIDE AREA, NAIROBI COUNTY.

BROOKSIDE BLOSSOM LIMITED is proposing to develop a project involving Construction of an 18-storey Block of Apartments on plot title No. Nairobi/Block 21/218 along Riverside Grove, Riverside Area, Nairobi County.

Pursuant to regulation 17 of the environmental management and coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, we the proponents of the subject project invites the public to a public consultative meeting to be held on **Wednesday the 8th October, 2025 at 10.00am.** The venue of the meeting shall be at the proposed site plot title No. Nairobi/Block 21/218 along Riverside Grove, Riverside Area, Nairobi County.

For any enquiries/comments please contact:

BROOKSIDE BLOSSOM LIMITED,
P.O. BOX 18682-00100,
NAIROBI.
Tel. 0795448866/0722796282
Email: menglin.h22@gmail.com
justinedlife@gmail.com

THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ALLOCATE LAND
To The General Public and any other interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that at the expiry of **30 days** from the date of publication of this notice, the National Land Commission on behalf of the County Government of Laikipia intends to allocate **L.R NO. 23114** in Laikipia County measuring **20.35 Ha** for Agricultural use (Subject to terms, covenants, conditions and reservations which shall be included in the conveyance documents) in accordance with section 14 of the Land Act 2012.

Any interested party wishing to raise any comments may do so to the Chairman, National Land Commission within **15 days** of publication of this notice.

In the absence of any valid objections, allocation shall take place at the Commission's office in Nairobi (316 Upper Hill Chambers 2nd Ngong Avenue) as from 2.30 p.m. on the next working day following the expiry of this notice.

The terms of allocation are available in the Commission's Office in Nairobi and the office of the NLC County Coordinator in Laikipia County.

The land is planned and surveyed, and ownership details may be inspected at the offices of the CECM in charge of Lands for Laikipia County, Director of Surveys Nairobi and the National Land Commission Office during working hours.

Gershom Otachi Bw'Omanwa
CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of **L.R. NO. MACHAKOS/KITANGA/2220** situated in Machakos Subcounty (Along Kyumbi-Machakos Road near Kathome Market) proposes to change its use from **Agricultural use to Commercial use** subject to approval by Machakos County Government.

Individuals, Institutions, Organisations, etc. with comments or objections are requested to forward them in writing within **14 Days** of this notice to:

CECM Lands, Urban Development & Housing, Machakos County Government P.O BOX 1996-80100 Machakos Physical Planner Shadrack Mbuta Reg. Number 0332

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of property **L.R.no. Nairobi /Block 137/111** located along Marula lane in Karen, Nairobi County intends to **Change the user from Residential to Cottage Industries (headwork)** subject to approval from Nairobi County Government.

Those with objections can forward them within **14 days** in writing to:

The CECM, Planning Nairobi City County P.O BOX 30075- 00100 Nairobi

FORYEARS AUCTIONEERS
KENYA POST BANK PENSION FUNDING
MOMBASA 4th FLOOR SUITE 11
P.O BOX 12146-80200 NAIROBI
TEL: 020 479 879 1079 AND 888
Email: foryears@foryears.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

'Duly instructed by our principal, the Financier, we shall sell by Public Auction the vehicles mentioned below on **Tuesday, 7th October, 2025 at 11:00a.m.** at Startruck Storage Yard, off Kiambu road.

REG NO.	MAKE	COLOUR	STORAGE
KCC938U	TOYOTA VITZ	GREY	Startruck Yard
KDB784J	NISSAN CARAVAN	WHITE	Startruck Yard

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. Sale subject to reserve price.
2. All interested purchasers are requesting to view prior arrangements.
3. Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

THE FAMOUS GEORGE AUCTIONEERS
The Famous George Auctioneers
Repossession, Debt Collection, Private Investigation & Realization Of Charged Securities
Tel: 0723656687

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed and in the exercise of the charges statutory powers of sell, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned vehicle on **8th October 2025** at our offices, **Victoria court 3rd floor Suite 4 starting at 11AM.**

No.	REG. NO.	MAKE	TO BE VIEWED AT
1	KBA 155Z	TOYOTA VITZ	VALUERS YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Viewing can be done from Monday to Friday during working hours.
2. All interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of Kshs.50, 000/= before the auction to obtain a bidding number.
3. The declared purchaser must pay by fall of hammer.
4. This unit will be sold on "as is where is" bases

WAYSTONE AUCTIONEERS
Court Brokers, Court Bailiffs, Repossessor, Commission Agent & Debt Collectors

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals and the financier, we shall sell the under-mentioned Motor vehicle by public auction on **Tuesday 7th October, 2025** Starting at 11.00 am.

M.V REG. NO.	MODEL/MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KDH 483U	Toyota Passo	Startruck Auctioneers

CONDITIONS

1. The vehicle is being sold on an "as is where is basis".
2. Cash at the fall of the hammer.

WAYSTONE AUCTIONEERS
Kasarani Biashara Center, 3rd Floor, Suite D58, Kasarani Mwiki Road
P.O. Box 36170-00200, Nairobi | Cell: 0704 975 242
Email: waystoneauctioneers@gmail.com

LAR AUCTIONEERS
Law Auctioneers
Stratford House 2nd floor 209
P.O. Box 40385-00100
Nairobi
Kasarani Court Mwiki Road
P.O. Box 36170-00200
Tel: 0722 551 10732 257 161

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **08th October 2025** at our yards starting **10.30 a.m.**

DISTRESS FOR RENT LANDLORD V/S IVONE ADHIAMBO AKOKO

White tv stand, gold tv stand, jbl sound bar, premier dispenser, premier 2 pcs heater, electric kettle, meko gas, fire place, 13kg total gas cylinder, assorted sheers and curtains, von 6 burner cooker, Samsung microwave, 2 plastic chairs, Lg fridge, tcl 85 inch, hisence 55 inch, 7 sofa, 8 carpets, 11 mats, 3 mattress and pillows, iron box and kitchen rack.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MIGORI
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

MIGORI COUNTY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON DRAFT 2024/25 COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER

Pursuant to the provisions of section 118 of the Public Finance Management Act (2012), every county government shall prepare a County Budget Review and Outlook Paper in accordance with article 220(2) of the constitution. The County Government of Migori hereby invites the public, private organizations, interested parties and key stakeholders to participate in Public Consultative Forums on the validation of 2024/25 Migori County Budget Review and Outlook Paper as follows:

SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS

DATE	TIME	SUB-COUNTY	WARDS	VENUE
2 nd October, 2025	10AM	Kuria East	Nyabasi East, Nyabasi West, Ntinaru East, Ntinaru West, Gokharaka/Getambwega	COF Hall Kengonga
	10AM	Kuria West	Masaba, Tagare, Bukira East, Bukira Central, Isebania, Makerero, Nyamosense/ Komosoko	COF Offices Kehancha
	10AM	Nyati	North Kadem, Kanyasa, Kachieng	Sori
	10AM	Nyati	Muhuru Bay, Kaler, Got Kachola, Macalder/ Kanyarwanda	Wath orger
	10AM	Rongo	North Kamagambo, East Kamagambo, South Kamagambo, Central Kamagambo	Rongo Town hall
3 rd October, 2025	10AM	Awendo	Central Sakwa, North Sakwa, West Sakwa, South Sakwa	Awendo Sub-County Office
	10AM	Uriri	North Kanyamkago, East Kanyamkago, South Kanyamkago, West Kanyamkago, Central Kanyamkago	Uriri Town Hall
	10AM	Suna West	Wasimbete, Wasweta II, Wiga, Oruba Ragana	Kababu Center
	10AM	Suna East	Kwa, God Joje, Kakrao, Suna Central	ICT Hall

Written memoranda may be forwarded to the County Government of Migori, Finance and Economic Planning Department email address finance@migori.go.ke on or before **3rd October, 2025**. The draft County Budget Review and Outlook Paper may be downloaded from the County Website: www.migori.go.ke.

Dr. Achiuwa John Odoyo
Chief Officer - Finance and Economic Planning
Migori County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of **Plot No. Kiambaa / Kihara / 7103** located at Kiambaa Sub-County, is proposing Change of Use of this property from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions and any other interested parties with any material objections to the proposed development are requested to forward them in writing within **Fourteen (14) days** from the date of this notice to:-

County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Land Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development County Government of Kiambu, P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu. RPP: Kelvin Ritho Gitonga; Reg. 0270

FIRST CHOICE AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Debt Collection/ Commission Agent
Allimex Plaza Suite 407, Mombasa Road
Tel: 0722358920/0717609773
P.O.Box 1494-00600 Nairobi. Email: kkarago@firstchoiceauctioneers.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT GATUNDU SUIT NO. E067 OF 2024 SIMON MUGWE MUGURE -vs- ROSE WANJIKU NJIHA we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KCJ 953D TOYOTA HIACE**

2. Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT GATUNDU SUIT NO. E068 OF 2024 GRACE MUGURE MUGWE -vs- ROSE WANJIKU NJIHA** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KCJ 953D TOYOTA HIACE**

3. Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUIRU SUIT NO. E617 OF 2025 JAMES KIRIMI MUTESI -vs- ISAAC MWANGI GATUGI** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KCP 532V TOYOTA WISH**

4. Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT THIKA SUIT NO. E353 OF 2024 ANTHONY KIRIBA NJOROGE -vs- NELLY MWENDE MBAKA** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by **PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 10.30 A.M AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO KCP 650J TOYOTA PROBOX**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- a) All interested bidders are required to view the property/items and verify details for the auctioneer does not warrant these
- b) Sale is subject to reserve price. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
- c) Cash at the fall of the hammer

COLINET AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Private Investigators, Court Process, Servers, Debt Collectors and General Commission Agents

Milimani Estate, Ring Road Opposite Pandipieri Catholic Centre
P.O. Box 3004(40100) Kisumu, Kenya Tel: 0202021209
Call: +254 722 381 089 / 733 381 089 Email: colinetuctions2013@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

PRIME RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN LUKOLIS MARKET, BUSIA COUNTY, ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025 STARTING AT 12.00 NOON OUTSIDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN BUSIA TOWN.





All the parcels of land known as **L.R. No. SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/2953, SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/3358 and SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/3359** all registered in the name of **OPET ENTERPRISES LIMITED P.O. BOX 194 - 50403 AMUKURA**. The properties are situated within **Lukolis Market Centre** along the Busia - Malaba tarmac road approximately 10.25km from Malaba town in Amukura west ward, Teso South Sub-County in Busia County. The measurements are as follows: - **SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/2953** measures approximately **0.125Ha** or **0.309Acres**, **SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/3358** measures approximately **0.086Ha** or **0.213Acres** and **SOUTH TESO/OSURETTE/3359** measures approximately **0.10Ha** or **0.247Acres**. The three parcels are developed together with a mix of commercial and residential buildings. The titles are freehold interest.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchasers are requested to view the properties and verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or client.
2. A deposit of 10% must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer. The balance will thereafter be payable to the chargee within ninety (90) days from the date of sale.
3. The sale is subject to a Reserve Price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable).
4. Conditions of Sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property is possible during normal working hours by prior arrangement with us.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
STATE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING
LANGATA TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

Tel: 0799933022
Email: langatatvc2022@gmail.com
Website: www.langatatvc.ac.ke

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026-2027

Langata Technical and Vocational College is a government college under the Technical Vocation Education Training Authority (TVET) Located in Nairobi County -Langata Constituency Madaraka West Estate.

The institution wishes to register suppliers in different categories for provision of goods and services and therefore invites eligible candidates for the supply of goods, services and works for the next financial years 2025/2026-2026/2027.

Interested bidders may obtain tender documents from the Institute's Procurement Office located at administration block during working hours upon payment of **Non-Refundable Tender Fee of Ksh. 1,000** deposited to Institute account or in a Banker's Cheque payable to Langata Technical and Vocational College or may be downloaded free of charge from the Institute's website: www.langatatvc.ac.ke or from the public procurement information Portal <http://www.tenders.go.ke>.

Duly completed and paginated Tender documents to be submitted in plain sealed envelope properly marked with Tender Number and Tender Name and should be addressed to:-

**The principal
Langata Technical and Vocational College
P.O. Box 5665-0506
NAIROBI**

All Tender Documents should be deposited in the Tender Box or Registration Box at the Main Administration Block entrance on or before **Tuesday 14th Oct 2025 at 10.00Am**. Tenders opening will be done immediately thereafter in the Principal's Board Room in the presence of Tenderers who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

Youth, women and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.

IMPEX AUCTIONEERS
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Muthaiga Suites, 2nd Floor, Suite 15, Off Thika Superhighway, near Cool Breeze Gardens, Nairobi P.O. Box 106335-00101, Nairobi-Kenya | Cell: 0738 450 457 / 0721 450 457 Email: impexauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor Vehicles by public auction on 9th October 2025 starting 10:00am at the respective yards.

M/V REG. NO.	MAKE / MODEL	LOCATION
KB1198P	TATA VAN/PICK UP	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD MOMBASA
KB6786A	TOYOTA VOXY	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD MOMBASA

Conditions of Sale.

- Viewing at the respective yards.
- To be sold on where is as it is basis.
- The highest bidder to pay by close of business of the day.
- Sale is subject to reserve price.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor Vehicles by public auction on 8th October 2025 starting 10:00am at the respective yards.

M/V REG. NO.	MAKE / MODEL	LOCATION
KDA 383F	TOYOTA PROBOX	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD MOMBASA
KCA 688P	TOYOTA AXIO	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD

Conditions of Sale.

- Viewing at the respective yards.
- To be sold on where is as it is basis.
- The highest bidder to pay by close of business of the day.
- Sale is subject to reserve price.

BRIGHT SEASONS AUCTIONEERS
REPOSSESSION, REALIZATION OF CHARGED SECURITIES, DEBT COLLECTION AND INVESTIGATION.

FORMER CDF OFFICES BALOZI ROAD
P.O. Box 22926-00400, Nairobi
Cell: 07 22 17 48 16
Email: brightseasonsauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicles through public auction on 8th October, 2025 starting at 11.00 AM.

FINANCIER -VS- DEBTOR

REG	MODEL	STORAGE YARD
KDS174F	EK WAGON	CHUI YARD
KDT851J	SIENTA	CHUI YARD
KDN861J	VITZ	CHUI YARD
KDJ271B	EK WAGON	CHUI YARD

Conditions of sale.

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

ELIMONYACO AUCTIONEERS
AUCTIONEERS, PROCESS SERVICES, REPOSSESSIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, DEBT COLLECTORS

KISumu OFFICE
KEBIRIGO GENERAL STORES bldg.
Along Ogembo street 4th floor RM 7
PO BOX, 4143 KISUMU
0726 - 926890
Email: mogenielijah@gmail.com

NAIROBI OFFICE
AFYA CENTRE bldg.
TOM MBOYA STREET 11th floor
NAIROBI CITY

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by Chief Magistrate Ngong E072 and E 073 Elisha Ogare & Irene Wambui vs Kongasis Investment and Muraga SCCC E007 of 2025 JEREMIAH WAKAMU THUKU VS JAMES MUCHIRI MACHARIA We shall sell under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 11:00 am at our offices

REG No	MAKE & MODEL	B/TYPE	VIEWING LOCATION
KDJ034M	ISUZU FVZ	TIPPER	Flamingo auction YARD Nakuru
KAV166X	ISUZU	TRUCK	JOGOO ROAD YARD

In the Matter of Distress for Rent; LANDLORD -VS- DAISY JEPCHUMBA we shall sell the under mentioned properties at a public auction to be held on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 11.00am at Jogoo Auction Yard along Jogoo Road opposite church army. Sofa set (four seater), fabric bench, wooden table and stool, round dining table rolling office chair, shelf, washing machine, curtains (3) colored TV 55 inch.

CONDITION FOR SALE

- Cash at the fall of hammer
- Sale is subject to reserve price.
- The auctioneer has the right to reject and bid without giving any reason

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN GILGIL BLK 1/26159 EBURURRU AREA NAKURU COUNTY

Duly instructed by ADJUDICATOR we shall sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on FRIDAY 24/ OCTOBER/ 2025 AT 9:00 AM Venue: OUR OFFICES AT AFFYA CENTRE.

ALL that PROPERTY Title No. GILGIL BLK 1/26159 KIKOPEY I.N.O BENJAMIN NDEGWA NGANDU measuring about 0.0702Ha or 0.173467Acres.

THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED in Eburru area Gilgil, Nakuru county it is situated about 5.3 km off and to the left of Nairobi-Nauru highway deviating at Gilgil highway stage via Eburru road. It also lies about 2.5km to the west of Mizpah house of prayer, Gilgil within GPS coordinates 0° 3'52.2" S, 36°17'42.4" E.

Condition for sale

- All interested purchaser is required to view and verify the details of the properties for themselves and these are not warranted by the auctioneer or our client.
- A deposit of 25% must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at a fall of hammer and balance be paid within 90 days to the charge.
- The sale is subject to reserve price and applicable to land control board consents.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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

TO BE SOLD ON MONDAY 13th October 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT H.H. HUSSAIN MOTORS CAR YARD ALONG NGONG ROAD, OPPOSITE NGONG HILLS HOTEL, NAIROBI.

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CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Sale of the motor vehicle is subject to reasonable reserve price
- The motor vehicles will be sold on 'AS-IS - WHERE - IS' basis.
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Under instructions received from our principal, the charges, in exercise of their statutory power of sale, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property.

ON THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2025 AT NYAHURURU TOWN NEAR POST OFFICE COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM.

- All that piece of land known as TITLE NUMBER NYANDARUA / BLOCK 2 (MUNGETHO) 293 (0.810 Ha) OR (2.0 Acres) formerly Dam view High School registered in the name of STEPHEN KIBOI MUCHEMI GURANTOR TO HISOPE HOLDINGS LTD. Measuring approximately (0.810) Hectare. The property is situated within the Mungetho Farm area about 500 meters off to the right of Nyahuru - Nyeri Road in Ndaragwa Sub county. It is easily identifiable as Dam View Primary School and is located 9 Kilometers to the East of Nyahuru Town.

It lies within the GPS Co-ordinates Latitude: 0° 01'12.1"N and Longitude: 36°25'58.9"E SERVICES: Electricity is connected into the subject property. Rain water is collected from or rooftops and stored in masonry reservoirs supplement the water supply. Shops, churches and public transport are available in the area. Drainage would be into septic tank/Pit latrine.

DEVELOPMENT. The parcel is developed with a school is developed with a double storey office /classroom block. 2No. masonry water tanks, an ablation block and few semi-permanent buildings use as a school and related activities. **TENURE: FREEHOLD**

- All that piece of land known as TITLE NUMBER NYANDARUA /OL JORD OROK SALIENT /5928 (NYAKARIANG'A AREA) registered in the name of SAMMY KAROKI MUCHEMI GURANTOR TO HISOPE HOLDINGS LTD. Measuring approximately (0.046) Hectare or 0.1137 Acre. The property is situated along and to the left of Nyahuru - Olkalou, Gilgil Road within Berea Shopping Centre about 150 Meters to the East of Jacaranda Primary School and 140 Meters to the west of A.I.C Berea Church in Nyandarua County. It is located about 10 Kilometers to East of Nyahuru Town. The property fronts Nyahuru-Gilgil Road which is made to bitumen standards.

It lies within the GPS Co-ordinates Latitude: 0° 03'02.4"S and Longitude: 36°21'45.1"E SERVICES: Mains Electricity and piped water are connected into the subject property. Rain water is collected from or rooftops and stored in plastic reservoirs supplement the water supply. Shops, churches and public transport are available in the area. Drainage would be into septic tank/Pit latrine.

DEVELOPMENT. The plot is developed with a U-shaped single storey commercial cum residential block comprising shops at the frontage and bed sitters at the rear. **TENURE: FREEHOLD**

CONDITION OF SALE

- All interested purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or chargee.
- The highest bidder so declared at the public auction sale shall be required to pay 25% of the purchase money in cash or bankers cheque and pay the balance within Ninety(90) days from the date of sale.
- The sale shall be subject to reserve price and land control board consent (where applicable)

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

Under instructions received from our principal, the charges, in exercise of their statutory power of sale, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property.

ON FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 2025 AT KARATINA TOWN NEAR POST OFFICE COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM.

All that piece of land known as TITLE NUMBER KONYU / BARICHO /4356(0.050 Ha) registered in the name of ROSE NJOKI MWANGI. Measuring approximately (0.050) Hectare or (0.1235 Acre) The property is situated to the rear of old Muthua Shopping Centre across Mathaithi village hill, within Muthua area in Karatina Town, Nyeri county. It lies within the GPS Co-ordinates Latitude; 0° 28'38.1"N and Longitude; 37° 07'19.8"E SERVICES: Mains Piped water and electricity are available within the neighbourhood. Shops, churches and public transport are available in the area. Foul drainage would be into municipal sewer line.

DEVELOPMENT. Vacant. **TENURE: FREEHOLD**

CONDITION OF SALE

- All interested purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or chargee.
- The highest bidder so declared at the public auction sale shall be required to pay 25% of the purchase money in cash or bankers cheque and pay the balance within Ninety(90) days from the date of sale.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, the chargees, in exercise of their statutory power of sale, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties and all the improvements erected thereon.

1. SALE ON WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M IN OUR OFFICES AT CPF HOUSE 3RD FLOOR ALONG HAILESELASIE AVENUE NAIROBI.



All those properties known as MAISONETTE B - 29, APARTMENT E3 NUMBER 010, APARTMENT F1 NUMBER 001, APARTMENT F3 NUMBER 008, APARTMENT B1 NUMBER 002, APARTMENT B3 NUMBER 007, APARTMENT E2 NUMBER 008, APARTMENT C2 NUMBER 006, APARTMENT C3 NUMBER 007, APARTMENT C3 NUMBER 008, APARTMENT C2 NUMBER 005, APARTMENT C2 NUMBER 009, SITUATED ON L.R. NO. 12916 (ORIGINAL NO. 7149/24), LONEVIEW DEVELOPMENT, SYOKIMAU ESTATE, OFF MOMBASA ROAD, SYOKIMAU - MLOLONGO WARD, MAVOKO CONSTITUENCY, MACHAKOS COUNTY registered in the name of LONEVIEW DEVELOPERS LIMITED. They are leasehold interests for a term of 99 years w.e.f 1st December, 2009 at an annual ground rent of Kshs. 16,250/= (revisable). Maisonette No. B - 29 is a three bed roomed apartment; Apartment Nos. E3 NUMBER 010, F1 NUMBER 001, F3 NUMBER 008, E2 NUMBER 008 are three bed roomed Apartments and Apartment Nos. B1 NUMBER 002, B3 NUMBER 007, C2 NUMBER 006, C3 NUMBER 007, C3 NUMBER 008, C2 NUMBER 005 & C2 NUMBER 009 are two bed roomed Apartments. All mains are connected.

Conditions of sale.

- All interested bidders are requested to view the property and verify the details for Themselves as the auctioneers or the chargees do not warrant these.
- Interested bidders must deposit **Kshs. 500,000.00** for The Maisonette and **Kshs. 300,000.00** for EACH of the 3 & 2 Bed roomed Units in **CASH OR BANKERS CHEQUE** with the auctioneer before being allowed to bid.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons for doing so.
- Interested bidders are requested to view the property between 10.00 am and 5.00pm and our office will assist the bidders to point out the property subject to prior arrangement.
- 10%** of the purchase price must be paid to the auctioneer at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid in **90 days** to the chargees.

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AUCTION OF DISTRESSED ITEMS

Under instructions received from the chargee, we shall sell the following motor vehicle.

ON 7TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR OFFICES AGIP HOUSE 3RD FLOOR HAILE SELASSIE AVENUE, NAIROBI.

BANK - VS - KELVIN MAWEU MUTHUSI



REG NO.	MAKE	TO BE VIEWED AT
KDM 738U	DAIHATSU MIRA	VALLEY AUCTIONEERS STORAGE YARD - MEMBLY ROAD, RUIRU

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details as the financiers/chargees or the Auctioneers do not warrant these. A 25% Deposit must be paid in Banker's Cheque or RTGS during the day of the auction and the balance within 10 days. Interested purchasers will be required to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh. 100,000 to be allowed to bid. Sale is subject to a reserve price.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the court, we shall sell the under mentioned properties by public auction on **14th October, 2025** as from **11.00 A.M** o'clock, at **Blessed House 5th flr, Rm 82, Thika Road**

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MURANG'A
ELC CASE NO. 36 OF 2019
ALISON WACHEKE KAMARU & ANTHONY MICHORI KAMARU -VERSUS- KENYAN MACHARIA KAREMA & BRILIANT VENTURES LTD.

Location: The subject property is located along Community Close 11 within Community Boulevard court A, Syokimau, Machakos County. It is approximately 22 kilometers south east of Nairobi City Centre. PS Coordinates within the subject property are 1°21'22.1"S 36°57'10.9"E (-1.356137, 36.953018).

Plot Sizes: The property is developed on two plots; LR Nos. J2715/9514 & 9515

LR NO.	Ha	Acres (approximately)
LR NO. 12715/9514	0.0408	0.0008
LR NO. 12715/9515	0.0399	0.0986
Total	0.0807	0.1994

Titles and Tenure: Each of the LR Nos. 12715/9514 & 9515 is held on a leasehold interest for a term of **99 years** with effect from **1st November 1983** at an annual revisable ground rent of **Kshs 805/=** and **Kshs. 790/=** respectively.

Developments: The development, which is set on two plots comprises of an incomplete maisonette having four (4) bedrooms master ensuite and a DSG. The development is in final stages of construction and the stage of construction reached is estimated to be approximately **75% complete**. Only the internal fittings and finishes are pending.

Services:
- Mains electricity is connected
- Piped water if from a neighboring borehole, storage tanks are provided
- Sewer and foul drainage is into a septic tank within the property
- Access road is murrum surfaced

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested to vary the details of the properties by themselves.
- Bidders to do a refundable deposit of Kshs. 500,000/- by way of cash or bankers' cheque.
- 25% of the sale value to be paid by fall of hammer and balance in 90 days.
- Sale subject to reserve value.

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PUBLIC AUCTION (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, THE CHARGE, WE SHALL SELL THE UNMENTIONED PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW AUCTION DATE IS 15TH OCTOBER, 2025 AND NOT 14TH AS EARLIER ADVERTISED.

ALL THAT FREEHOLD PROPERTY KNOWN AS L.R NO. LOC.11/MARAGI/9035, registered in the name of **JOHN KAMAU NDUNGU**, measuring **0.05HA/0.124 of an acre.** The property is located about 3.1 Kilometers past Mukuyu Trading Centre in the neighborhood of Benedito Highway Complex Academy within Maragi Residential Area, Kiharu Sub-County, Muranga County. It is a developed residential bungalow and incomplete servant's quarters.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchaser(s) are required to view and verify the details of the property by themselves for these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our client.
- A deposit of **25% MUST** be paid by **CASH** or **BANKERS CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid to the **chargees** within a period of **ninety (90) days** from the date of sale.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and Land Control Board consent (where applicable)
- Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property is possible during normal working hours by prior arrangements.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the below mentioned Motor Vehicles on **TUESDAY 2nd October 2025** starting from 10:30am.

IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION.
THE FINANCIER - VS - DAVID MWANIA MUANGE

NO	REG NO	MAKE	SHOWROOM
1.	KDH 803E	NISSAN NOTE	ALAKH TRADING LIMITED
THE FINANCIER - VS - MANGUTU SYENGO			
2.	KDH 943T	TOYOTA PORTE	ASGHAR CO. LIMITED
THE FINANCIER -VS- ANO WATO GUBO			
3.	KDG 752R	TOYOTA SUCCEED	JAMSHAD MOTORS LIMITED

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price
- Interested bidders are requested to verify details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers nor the instructing parties
- Viewing can be done during working hours with prior arrangement through mobile No 0722 695093
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the below mentioned properties.

1. A TWO (2NO.) BEDROOMED BUNGALOW WITH A GUEST WING WITHIN ELGON VIEW ESTATE IN UASIN GISHU COUNTY

ON MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE KCB BANK (K) LIMITED BUILDING (Main Branch) IN ELDORET TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. ELDORET MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 13/794 - UASIN GISHU COUNTY** situated within previous "Rivatex Estate" on Plateau Road in Elgon View Estate within GPS Coordinates 0°29'46.5"N 35°16'43.3"E in Uasin Gishu County. It measures 0.2686 of a Hectare or 0.6637 of an Acre and is developed with a Two (2No.) Bedroomed Bungalow on a built-up area of 2,038Sq.Ft., a Guest Wing comprising 1No. Bedroom on a built-up area of 427.71Sq.Ft. approximately with a Carport extension. Mains services water and electricity are connected to the property while foul drainage is into a septic tank. The immediate access road is earth surfaced with tarmacked Plateau Road approximately 250m away. The Title is held on a Leasehold Interest for a term of 99 years w.e.f. 1st February 1982 at an annual ground rent of Ksh.5,000/= and is registered in the name of **MAURICE MGHENDI MWAMBURI and LIZZY RUTH ALUOCH** guarantor to **MAURICE MGHENDI MWAMBURI.**

2. A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED WITH TWO (2NO.) RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WITHIN TANAKA AREA IN BUSIA COUNTY WITH AN ESTIMATED GROSS MONTHLY RENTAL INCOME OF KES.68,000/=

ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE BUSIA POST OFFICE IN BUSIA TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. BUKHAYO/MUNDIKA/4262 - BUSIA COUNTY** situated approximately 700m off and to the left of Busia-Kisumu Highway deviating onto the murrum Road to Tanaka Nursing Home about 340m South of the said Nursing Home in Tanaka area which falls within GPS Coordinates 0°26'58.8"N 34°07'25.3"E in Busia County. It measures 0.05 of a Hectare or thereabouts and is developed with a Two (2No.) Residential Block (A&B) with accommodation details as follows: - **Block A** comprising Four (4No.) Two (2No.) Bedroomed Units and **Block B** comprising Four (4No.) One (1No. Bedroomed Units, a gatehouse and an ablation block comprising 2No. pit-latrines and 1No. bathroom. Mains services piped water and electricity are connected to the property while foul drainage is into a septic tank or pit-latrines. The immediate access road is earth surfaced. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest and is registered in the name of **PATRICK KAMANJA KIRAGU.**

3. A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED WITH A SINGLE STOREY RENTAL BLOCK IN TUNGUTU AREA, KITUI COUNTY WITH AN ESTIMATED GROSS MONTHLY RENTAL INCOME OF KES.42,500/=

ON THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF (K) LIMITED IN KITUI TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. KYANGWITHYA/TUNGUTU/4048 - KITUI COUNTY** situated within Tungutu area approximately 850m off and the left of Kibwezi-Kitui Road at Signal Garden Hotel and a further right turn at Marie Garden Hotel for about 250m to the property which falls within GPS Coordinates: 1°21'33.0"S 38°00'08.3"E in Kitui County. It measures 0.036 Hectares or 0.0889 Acres and is developed with a Single Storey Rental Block comprising of Seventeen (17No.) Single Rooms on a built-up area of 2,685Sq.Ft. and an ablation block. Mains services electricity is connected and water is sourced from a borehole within the property while foul drainage is to a soak pit. The immediate access road is murrum surfaced joining tarmac 850m away. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest registered in the name of **SAMMY NGUTHU** guarantor to **SAMMY NGUTHU & LILIAN MUENI SAMMY** trading as **AKILI NI MALI STORE.**

4. A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED WITH A SINGLE STOREY RENTAL BLOCK - "LILIAN TOWERS" IN KALUNDU AREA, KITUI COUNTY WITH AN ESTIMATED GROSS MONTHLY RENTAL INCOME OF KES.46,500/=

ON THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF (K) LIMITED IN KITUI TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. KYANGWITHYA/MISEWANI/2135 - KITUI COUNTY** situated within Kalundu area approximately 600m off Kibwezi-Kitui Road to the left at Riverside Hotel for about 350m and falls within GPS Coordinates: 1°21'20.0"S 38°00'29.4"E in Kitui County. It measures 0.039 Hectares or 0.096 Acres

and is developed with a Single Storey Rental Block comprising of Fourteen (14No.) Single Rooms on a built-up area of 2,513Sq.Ft. and an ablation block. Mains services electricity is connected and water is sourced from a borehole within the property while foul drainage is to a soak pit. The immediate access road is murrum surfaced. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest registered in the name of **SAMMY NGUTHU** guarantor to **SAMMY NGUTHU & LILIAN MUENI SAMMY** trading as **AKILI NI MALI STORE.**

5. A 17.0 ACRES AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN KATHUNGU AREA, KITUI COUNTY

ON THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF (K) LIMITED IN KITUI TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. MUTOMO/KATHUNGU/3996 - KITUI COUNTY** situated within Kathungu area approximately 1.2Kms from Yaathi Shopping Centre approximately 11.8Kms off Kitui-Kibwezi Road with the turnoff to the left about 7Kms from Ikanga Shopping Centre and lies within GPS Coordinates: 1°40'32.0"S 38°06'23.5"E in Kitui County. It measures 6.94 Hectares or 17.142 Acres or thereabouts. Mains services electricity and water are available for connection within the neighbourhood while foul drainage is into a pit-latrines. The immediate access road is earthen joining murrum surfaced a few meters away. This is an agricultural property zoned in an area commonly cultivated with crops such as pigeon peas and pawpaw. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest and is registered in the name of **SAMMY NGUTHU** guarantor to **SAMMY NGUTHU & LILIAN MUENI SAMMY** trading as **AKILI NI MALI STORE.**

6. A VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN KATYETHOKA AREA IN THE LARGER KAVETA AREA, KITUI COUNTY

ON THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. OUTSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF (K) LIMITED IN KITUI TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. KYANGWITHYA/KAVETA/2785 - KITUI COUNTY** situated within an area popularly known as "Katyethoka" of the larger Kaveta area approximately 1.8Kms off Kitui-Kibwezi Road with the turn off to the right at Signal Garden Hotel for about 1.5Kms turning right for 300m and is approximately 450m to the South of Katyethoka Primary School and lies within GPS Coordinates: 1°20'36.6"S 38°00'30.5"E in Kitui County. It measures 0.081 of a Hectare or 0.2Acres or thereabouts and is vacant. Mains services water and electricity are available in the neighbourhood while foul drainage would-be to a septic tank or soak pit. The immediate access road is murrum surfaced joining tarmac 50m away. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest and is registered in the name of **SAMMY NGUTHU** guarantor to **SAMMY NGUTHU & LILIAN MUENI SAMMY** trading as **AKILI NI MALI STORE.**

7. A VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN KONGASIA AREA IN ELEMENTAITA, NAKURU COUNTY

ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M. AT OUR OFFICES IN NACHA PLAZA, 3RD FLOOR ROOM 19 ALONG KIJABE ROAD IN NAKURU TOWN

All that piece or parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. NAIKASHA/OL JORAI PHASE II/2775 - NAKURU COUNTY** situated approximately 580m to the South West of Crosspower Academy and 1.12Kms to the South West of the intersection of the access and Kiambogo-Gilgil Road in Kongasia area in Elementaita, within GPS Coordinates: 0°32'22.5"S, 36°09'04.3"E in Nakuru County. It measures 0.0430 of a Hectare or 0.1063 of an Acre and is vacant. Mains services electricity and water are in neighbourhood for connection while foul drainage would-be into septic/soak pits or a pit-latrines. The immediate access road is earth-surfaced. The Title is held on a Freehold Interest and is registered in the name of **MAUREEN WANJIRU NYANJUI.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All intending Purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details for these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our Clients.
- Interested bidders are required to deposit **KES.1,000,000/= for Property No. 3 & 4, KES.500,000/= for Property No. 2, KES.200,000/= for Property No. 3 & 4, KES.100,000 for Property No. 5 & 6 and KES.20,000/= for Property No. 7 by way of CASH or Banker's Cheque to the Auctioneer before the auction date in order to obtain a bidding number.**
- The Declared Purchaser **MUST** pay a **DEPOSIT of 10% by CASH or BANKERS' CHEQUE** before close of business of the auction day and the balance be paid to the Chargee's Advocates within a Period of **Ninety (90) Days** from the date of sale.
- The Sale is subject to a Reserve Price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable).
- Conditions of Sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the properties is possible during normal working hours by prior arrangements with ourselves.

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KMFA904C	LDOROT BRANCH KAPSOYA	40,000	2019	Evalast Kuga 150
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DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, WE SHALL SELL UNDER MENTIONED MOTOR VEHICLE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON **9TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT FEMFA STORAGE YARD, KITALE.**
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PUBLIC AUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Under instructions received from our Principals / Chargee in exercise of the Chargees power of sale we shall sell the under mentioned Property by Public Auction.

1. ON FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 12.30PM AT THIKA POST OFFICE

All that parcel of land known as **Ruiru/Ruiru East Block 2/7265 Measuring**
0.044 Ha or Thereabouts, Registered in the names of **Purity Kaimuri Wakarutu** of P.O. Box **18583-00500, Nairobi.**
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TENURE:- Freehold interest.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Chargees.
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BONAYA GODANA – Deputy Secretary General, Kenya African National Union (KANU)

All that parcel of land known as **Nakuru Municipality Block 9/31** containing by measurements **0.0539 Hectares** or **0.1332 Acres** approximately or thereabouts, registered in the name of **Kenya African National Union (KANU)**. The property is situated along **Kenyatta Avenue** opposite **Total** petrol station, and on the property stands a three storey commercial building at the heart of Nakuru town. Electricity, water and sewer are connected to the property.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchasers are requested to view the property and verify all the details by themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers.
2. The highest bidder at the auction shall be declared the purchaser and will be required to pay **25%** of the purchase price at the fall of the hammer and the balances within **90 days** from the date of sale hereof to the **High Court of Kenya, Civil Division, Nairobi.**

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned Repossessed Motor Vehicles by Public Auction.
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2025, At 11.00 AM AT GREYPOST LIMITED, RIDGEWAYS, KIAMBU ROAD, NAIROBI.

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3. KDM 427N	AUDI A3	2016	STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are required to view the unit and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or the principals.
2. Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.
3. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
4. Viewing can be done on prior arrangement with our office during working hours.

KAKAMEGA COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT.



Mr. Stanley Wamakobe Wetende
 Sunrise 23/11/1993
 Sunset 20/09/2025

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Mr. Stanley Wamakobe Wetende, who departed on 20th September 2025. Until his demise, Stanley faithfully served as a Human Resource and Transport Officer at Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company (KACWASCO), where he was known for his dedication, professionalism, and commitment. Stanley was the beloved son of Benard Wetende and Pamela Ingosi. He was a cherished brother to; Praxides Milemba (County Government of Kakamega), Trevor Chidi (County Government of Kakamega), and Raul Gonzales (USIU, Africa). He was the first grandson of the Late Stanley Wamakobe Wetende and the Late Truphena Amunga Wetende, as well as the Late Joseph Amuram and Flora Ingosi. Stanley was a loving brother-in-law to Patrick Watani and a devoted uncle to Zidon, Zolan, and Angel. He was also a dear cousin to Brenda, Racheal, Miriam, Gloria, Achungo, Stanley, Tracy, Lewis, Lelity, Nevine, Lavina, Joy, Marlvn, Noela, Kalusha, among many others.

The cortege will leave Kakamega County Referral Hospital Funeral Parlor on Friday, 3rd October 2025 for his home in Lurambi Sub-County, Butso East, Indangalasia Sub-location, Emusala Village, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday, 4th October 2025.

Rest in Peace Stanley, your kindness, humility and dedication will forever be cherished in our Hearts.

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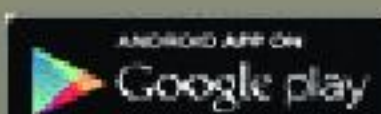
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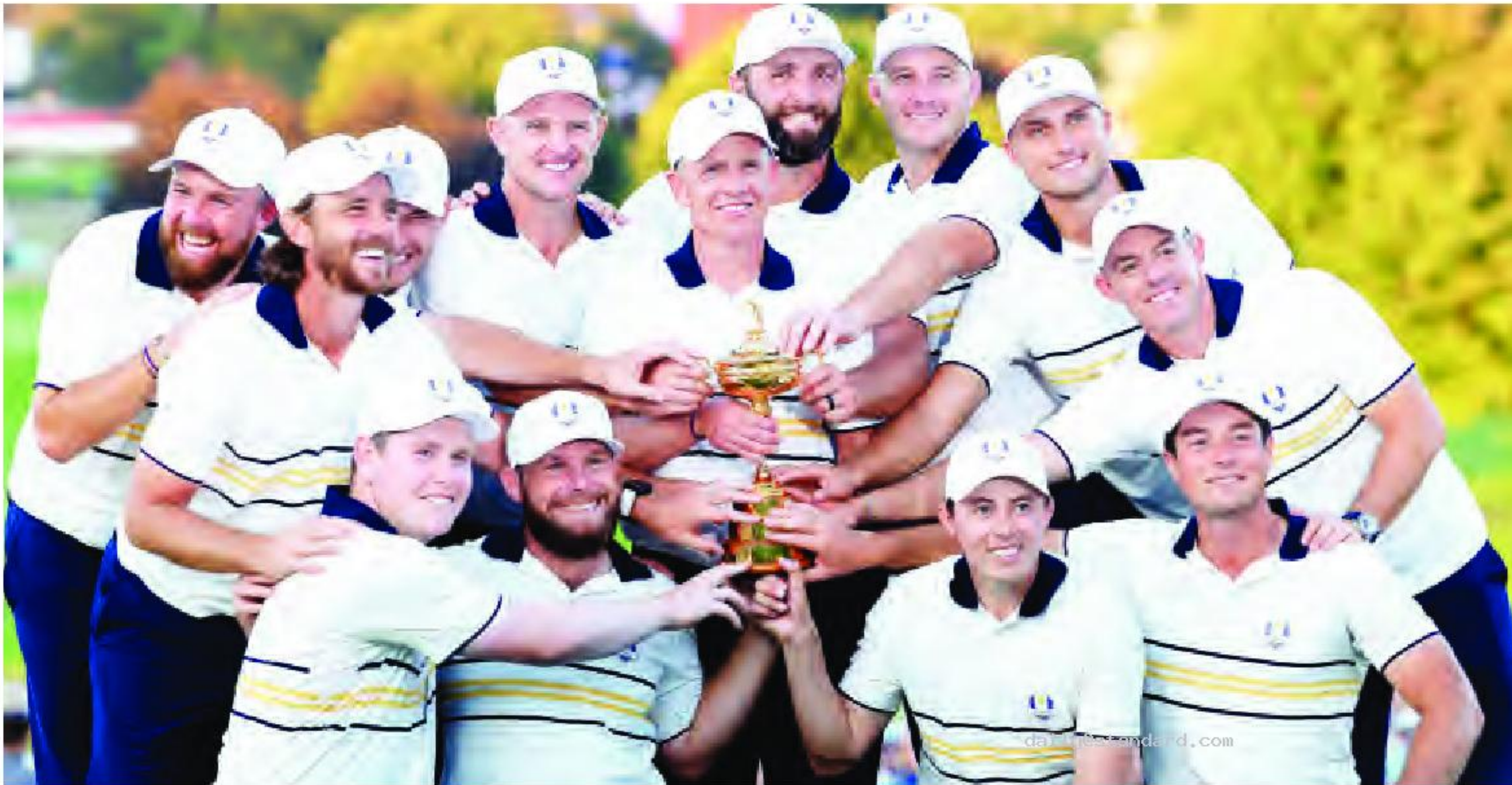


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Europe Captain Luke Donald, Shane Lowry, Rasmus Hojgaard, Justin Rose, Jon Rahm, Sepp Straka, Ludvig Aberg, Rory McIlroy, Viktor Hovland, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tommy Fleetwood, Robert MacIntyre and Tyrrell Hatton celebrate after the 15-13 win over USA in the Ryder Cup on Sunday. [AFP]

How Team Europe held off US fightback to win to Ryder Cup

► Lowry's putt lifted him into a tie with American Russell Henley for the half-point that clinched the title.

► Europe's triumph was their 11th in the past 15 Cup showdowns and their fourth on the road.

AFP, FARMINGDAL

Europe fought off a thrilling United States rally to win an emotional Ryder Cup on Sunday with Irishman Shane Lowry securing the trophy on a dramatic six-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

Lowry's tension-packed putt lifted him into a tie with American Russell Henley for the half-point that clinched Europe the trophy and two late ties gave the visitors a 15-13 victory.

"That was the hardest couple of hours of my whole life," a tearful Lowry said. "I just can't believe that putt went in. I stood over it going 'This is it.'"

"I said walking down 18, 'I have a chance to do the coolest thing in my life.' The Ryder Cup means everything to me... To do it out there today in front of everyone -- it was so hard out there."

Europe's triumph was their 11th in the past 15 Cup showdowns and their fourth on the road in that span, the first away victory since Europe's 2012 "Miracle at Medinah."

"It was probably the most stressful 12 hours of my life," Europe captain Luke Donald said. "I didn't think they'd be this tough on Sunday. They fought so hard. But we got it done."

Americans lead the all-time rivalry 27-16-2 but Europe lead 13-9-1 since the roster was expanded beyond Britain and Ireland in 1979.

"I'm extremely

proud to be a part of this team," said second-ranked McIlroy, who went 3-1-1.

"This was an unbelievable collective effort. It has been an amazing week."

Europe seized a record 11.5-4.5 lead after the conclusion of the pairs sessions, which became 12-5 after Norway's Viktor Hovland withdrew from singles due to a neck injury and his match with Harris English was declared a draw.

Early losses by McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Tommy Fleetwood and Justin Rose had Europe reeling.

But Sweden's Ludvig Aberg beat Patrick Cantlay 2&1 for the only Europe singles win of the day and Matt Fitzpatrick, despite squandering a 5-up lead after seven holes, tied Bryson DeChambeau to put Europe on

the brink.

Having won the Cup in Rome in 2023, Europe needed only 14 points to keep it while the Americans needed 14.5 point to recapture it, which would have taken the greatest last-day comeback in Cup history.

It nearly happened and tensions grew to epic levels before Lowry's heroic finish.

With Henley 1-up at the 18th tee, Lowry found the fairway and Henley a left bunker, but the American's approach landed 10 feet from the hole.

Lowry dropped his approach six feet from the hole, then watched Henley miss a putt to win the match.

The Irishman sank his putt to win the hole, tie the match and secure the Cup -- then started dancing on the green.

England's Tyrrell Hatton tied Collin Morikawa to ensure a Europe triumph and Scotsman Robert MacIntyre tied Sam Burns to create the final margin.

It was only four years ago that the US team inflicted the most lopsided rout in Cup history on Europe, winning 19-9 at Whistling Straits.

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Luke Donald, Europe captain

Briefing

CRICKET. NO HANDSHAKES AS INDIA WIN ASIAN CUP

India defeated Pakistan by five wickets for a record-extending ninth Asia Cup title on Sunday but skipped the trophy presentation in a tournament without handshakes between the two rivals. India finished unbeaten to retain the Asia Cup title -- they won the last edition in the 50-over format -- but Suryakumar Yadav's team did not collect the trophy in Dubai. The presentation ceremony took more than an hour to get going with media reports saying India did not want to get the trophy from Pakistan Cricket Board chief Mohsin Naqvi. [AFP]

GOLF. MCILROY SLAMS RYDER CUP HECKLERS AFTER WIN



Rory McIlroy of Team Europe after the win on Sunday. [AFP]

Rory McIlroy was not shy about his dislike for Ryder Cup hecklers after a week that included taunts, insults and a beer thrown at his wife Erica. The ugly situation got so bad that extra police with dogs walked alongside McIlroy over the weekend as he helped Europe beat the United States 15-13 at Bethpage Black in the biennial team golf showdown. "I wish they had of let the dogs off the leashes," McIlroy joked on Sunday following Europe's nail-biting victory. Raucous fans created an intense and unsafe atmosphere. [AFP]

TENNIS. SINNER REACHES CHINA OPEN SEMI-FINALS

Jannik Sinner beat Fabian Marozsan in straight sets yesterday to secure a third straight China Open semi-final as Iga Swiatek reached the last 16 when her opponent retired hurt. The Italian Sinner beat the world no. 57 Hungarian 6-1, 7-5 in one hour and 19 minutes in Beijing and next plays third seed Alex de Minaur. "Generally I'm very happy with today's performance," said Sinner, the world number two, who boasts a 10-0 record against the Australian De Minaur. "Every match is different," added the 24-year-old Italian. [AFP]

GOLF

Karanga hoping for win in Tanzania Open and third Goty title



2025 Nanyuki Open winner Michael Karanga. [Mose Sammy, Standard]

Kenya's top amateur golfer, Michael Karanga has set his sights on winning the Tanzania Open after winning the 2025 Nanyuki Open over the weekend.

Karanga, whose final score of 1-under-71, 68, 76 (251) was enough to clinch the victory, acknowledged the challenging course set-up conditions, particularly on the final day even as he eyes Golf of the Year (Goty) title.

He recovered from a difficult five-over on the front nine on the final day, rallying with a brilliant one-under on the back nine to seal the win.

"The course was definitely a challenge, especially with some tough pin positions on the final day. You want a fair course for everybody, and we must get that to ensure enjoyable and competitive play," he said.

The victory in Nanyuki has intensified the competition for the prestigious Kenya Golf Union

(KGU) Goty award. Karanga has narrowed the gap with the current leader, John Lejirma of Royal Nairobi Golf Club, closing a nearly 1,000-point deficit from two months ago to just 163.

Karanga, who already secured the award in 2023 and 2024, is now aiming for a three-peat.

"My aim is to win the Goty award for three years in a row," he confirmed, adding that he is also competing with Lejirma for the distinction.

It was a great accomplishment for the host players, who included Cyprian Bundi, Daniel Mwangi, John Mutaha, Jediel Muriungi, Gabriel Miungi and Charles Rob, who made the cut out of the eight who entered the Nanyuki Open.

Bundi finished second overall with a stellar performance, shooting 1-over-72, 72, 73, (217), attracting accolades from his home course's legion of fans who were in tow as he came down the final stretch.

The new week will see no rest for the champion. Karanga is scheduled to depart today to play in Tanzania Open. Following the tournament in Tanzania, he will return to Kenya to compete in the Nyanza Open - Hippo Pot tournament, opting to skip the Tea Fields Open, set for Kericho next weekend.

"At the moment, I'm focused on closing the gap in the KGU points chase. It's also a big honour for me to be given the chance to represent this great nation in the upcoming Africa Region IV tournament in Madagascar."

Karanga will represent Kenya in the Region Four tournament to be held at the Golf du Rova Luxury Hotel, in Antananarivo, on November 25-29.

Chris Kinuthia, the KGU Chairman, named the team, which includes Lejirma, Karanga, Elvis Muigua and Junaid Manji. [Mose Sammy]

World Mountain Running star Kiriago says he was inspired by Tokyo team

► Kenya's to the World Mountain Running and Train Championships bagged five individual medals.

► The country had a team of 18 athletes at the global showpiece that ended on Sunday.

STEPHEN RUTTO, ELDORET

The country's sole gold medallist at the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships which concluded in Spain on Sunday has said he was inspired by Team Kenya's success at the World Championships in Tokyo.

Philemon Kirago, who powered to the Classic Up and Down title at the Mountain Running show said the motivation from the Tokyo squad which bagged seven gold medals, two silver and two bronze in their heroic exploits was alive in Spain.

The Mountain Running team brought home five individual medals and three team titles from the showdown that was staged in Spain's picturesque Canfranc.

Kenya managed to win the team titles in men's uphill, women's classic and men's classic.

From the five medals, Kiriago bagged an individual title in the individual Classic (14.3km) Up and Down contest, the last race of the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships.

Ruth Gitonga bagged silver in the women's Classic while Paul

Machoka secured bronze in the men's category.

Richard Omayo and Patrick Kipngeno bagged silver and bronze

respectively in the individual uphill on



Philemon Kiriago crosses the finish line of the men's Classic 14km at the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships in Spain on Sunday. [Courtesy]

TEAM KENYA IN SUMMARY:

- Number of athletes: 18
- Medals: 5 (1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze)
- Events that Kenya participated in:
 - Uphill: 6km
 - Classic: 14km
 - Short trail: 45km

September 25. The men's Classic was a fast race which kicked off with huge expectations and eventually Kiriago triumphed.

"I am so happy that I won a gold medal for Kenya. Last week I was motivated by the performance in Tokyo. I saw Beatrice Chebet, Faith Kipyegon and other athletes winning gold medals at the World Championships," said Kiriago. The Classic champion went on to say: "I wanted to

win gold so that I get the reception that athletes get when they make the country proud."

Kiriago went neck-and-neck with Uganda's Martin Kiprotich throughout the race and finally overpowered the neighbour on the race's final downhill.

He won his maiden World Mountain and Trail Run gold medal in 62:30 while Kiprotich, who led most of the race, was second in 63:14.

The women's classic went first with 50 different countries racing, and it was a very blistering start for Kenya's Gloria Chebet.

Chebet was initially in the company of three Ugandan teammates as the race turned to forest paths four minutes into the race, before the trio of Saibi Chebet, Rispa Cherop, and Kerine Cherop dropped the Kenyan star for the early lead.

The leading pack could not stick for long as Nina Engelhard of Germany surged to the front after about nine minutes of racing.

Engelhard crossed the 3.8km point in 21:17 with a big 21-second lead.

Finally, the German took the gold medal while Rispa Cherop of Uganda won silver as Kenya's Ruth Gitonga settled for the bronze.

Engelhard won in 71:00, almost two minutes faster than any other woman.

Kenya placed three women inside the top eight to win team gold.

The 14.3 kilometers course had a 767m (2,516 feet) elevation gain on a two-loop route.

Analysts say the course was less punishing and included longer sections on paved and gravel roads.

On top of the medals and team titles, athletics stars left Spain smiling as a number of them pocketed part of the Ksh3.6 million prize purse with Sh753,000 going to the gold medalists and cash payouts through to fifth place.

Kenya sent a team of 18 athletes to the global mountain run show. The squad competed in uphill 6k, classic 14km, and short trail 45km.

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Police plot how to shoot down Al-Hilal in Champions League

► FKF Premier League champions will host Al-Hilal during first leg on October 18.

► Striker Omalla says Nairobi United qualifying for second round in Confederation Cup was big for the team.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

Kenya Police are bracing for a tough battle against Sudan's Al-Hilal Omdurman in the second and final round of the CAF Champions League preliminary stage after narrowly advancing past Mogadishu City.

Police, the reigning FKF Premier League champions, scraped through on a 3-3 aggregate score despite losing 2-0 in the second leg at Nyayo National Stadium on Sunday.

The 3-1 win in the first leg at the same venue proved crucial, cushioning them from the weekend's poor showing for head coach Etienne Ndayiragije side.

The law enforcers will now have to regroup quickly before facing Al-Hilal, one of Africa's seasoned clubs. The Sudanese giants sealed their slot after edging South Sudan's Jamus 1-0 on aggregate, and they will be eyeing a return to the group stages.

For Police, however, the tie presents an opportunity to make history by qualifying for the lucrative group stage in their debut in the CAF Champions League.

Meanwhile, Kenya's second representatives, Nairobi United, also lived dangerously but managed to reach the second round of the CAF Confederation Cup on away goals rule.

The FKF Cup winners drew 1-1 with Uganda's National Enterprises Corporation (NEC) at Nyayo Stadium on Saturday, thanks to a decisive strike from forward Duncan Omalla.

Omalla, a former Kisumu Day star, equalised late in the game after NEC had taken the lead, ensuring a 3-3 aggregate result.

Nairobi had drawn 2-2 in the first leg in Kampala last week, and their two away goals turned out to be the lifeline they needed to advance.

Speaking after the game, Omalla said the qualification meant more than just progression.

"This is a big moment for us because it shows



Kenya Police coach Etienne Ndayiragije (left) and his assistant during the match against Mogadishu City at Nyayo Stadium on September 20. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

OCTOBER 18 FIRST LEG FIXTURES

CAF Champions League

■ Kenya Police v Al Hilal (Sudan) 6pm

CAF Confederation Cup

■ Nairobi United v Etoile du Sahel (Tunisia) 6pm

that we can compete at this level. It gives us the confidence we need to believe in ourselves ahead of the next round," he said.

The striker, who has made a rapid rise from the National Super League (NSL) to continental football, admitted the pressure has been intense.

"It is not easy to play in such a big tournament straight from the NSL, but pressure is part of football. We are learning with every game, and

we will keep improving," Omalla said.

Nairobi United now have a huge task ahead against Tunisia's Etoile du Sahel, who qualified after a 3-1 aggregate victory over Sudan's Madani.

The North African giants boast vast experience in the Confederation Cup, and the City Boys will need to step up their game to stand a chance of progressing to the group stages.

For both Kenyan clubs, the next assignments will be defining moments. Police will need to show resilience against Al-Hilal's physical and technical play, while Nairobi United must overcome nerves and inexperience when facing Etoile Sahel.

Whether they can go a step further and break into the group stages will depend on how quickly they can adapt to the demands of playing against Africa's best.

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SPORTPESA LEAGUE

KCB eye win against Sharks as league action picks up pace

The 2025-2026 SportPesa League is slowly picking up the pace week in week out as wounded KCB will kick off round three of the new campaign today when Robert Matano will be seeking to redeem themselves when he plays Kariobangi Sharks at Kasarani Annex from 3pm.

The bankers had the perfect start of the campaign when new signing Boniface Omondi hit a brace in the 2-0 win over Tusker before Matano's momentum was slowed down last Friday after a 1-0 defeat to Mathare United.

The mixed results has left KCB fifth with three points same as Gor Mahia (4th), Murang'a Seal (6th), Bidco United (7th), and Mathare United (8th).

On the other hand, Kariobangi Sharks have had a slow start following identical 0-0 draws in their opening two matches against Bandari and Ulinzi Stars.

Both teams will be hoping to catch up with early season leaders Shabana and Posta Rangers.

Tomorrow, champions Kenya Police and newcomers Nairobi United will kick off their league season international duty.

Police face Ulinzi Stars at Police Sacco from 4pm while Nairobi travel to play winless Mara Sugar in Awendo from 2pm.

Winless Tusker who have lost all their two matches of the season will seek redemption against Mathare United.

The brewers lost 2-0 to KCB and 2-1 to Posta Rangers. [Washington Onyango]



Posta Rangers coach Sammy 'Pamzo' Omollo with Trevor Omondi after the win over Tusker. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

WORLD CUP

Rising Starlets shift focus to Tanzania clash

After a successful second round campaign, Rising Starlets have now shifted focus to the third round of the 2026 Fifa Under-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers.

The Kenyans kept their World Cup dream alive with a 5-1 aggregate win against Ethiopia to advance to the next round and inch closer to the global event to be staged in Poland from September 5 to 27, 2026.

Rising Starlets played to a 1-1 draw away in Addis Ababa in the first leg and got the job done at home with a resounding 4-0 victory at Ulinzi Sports Complex on Sunday.

With the win, they booked a third-round date with neighbours Tanzania who they play in February next year. The Tanzanians on the

other hand had a fruitful outing home and away for an impressive 7-0 aggregate score.

They thrashed Angola 4-0 at home and crowned their flawless run with a 3-0 conquest away in Luanda.

Rising Starlets who are looking to follow in the footsteps of Junior Starlets and secure their first global appearance displayed a brilliant show against Ethiopia.

The team comprises secondary school learners and players from local clubs save for captain Fasila Adhiambo who plays in Tanzania for Simba Queens.

Archbishop Njenga Girls High School striker Elizabeth Mideva starred in both legs scoring Kenya's lone goal away and bagged a brace

at home. Valarie Nekesa of Madira Girls was also impressive scoring the opening goal.

The squad's composition was also an indicator of a promising future for women's football following transition of players from the Junior Starlets to the team.

Coach Jackline Juma emphasised that players will get opportunity based on their readiness and not age. "If a player is ready, they will get a chance even in the senior team because it's not about their age," Juma said.

Juma underscored the need for good preparations. "We must prepare very well. We hope to play friendly matches with foreign teams as well as local teams because they will also help us analyze our game." [Elizabeth Mburugu]



Rising Starlets Valerie Nekesa celebrates her goal against Ethiopia on Sunday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

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Newcastle United's Sandro Tonali and Arsenal's Eberechi Eze battle for ball control at St James' Park on Sunday. Arsenal won 2-1. [AFP]

Arsenal eye top spot as they end history of defeats at Newcastle

► Gunners show champion spirit as Arteta says they had to learn from the past.

► Amorim on thin ice, champions Liverpool's luck runs out as they suffer first defeat.

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Arsenal closed in on Premier League leaders Liverpool with a dramatic late fightback to end their history of recent defeats at Newcastle with a 2-1 win at St. James' Park.

Liverpool opened the door to the chasing pack in the title race by losing 2-1 at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

Manchester United also endured another miserable weekend after a 3-1 defeat at Brentford raised more questions over the future of Ruben Amorim.

AFP Sport looks at the talking points from the Premier League weekend:

Arsenal show champion spirit

The Gunners were facing down the barrel of a familiar tale on Tyneside after falling behind to Nick Woltemade's header.

But Arsenal provided a resounding answer to questions over whether they are ready to take the next step after finishing second for the past three seasons.

Mikel Arteta threw caution to the wind and his substitutes made a massive impact in turning the game around.

Mikel Merino headed in the equaliser before Martin Odegaard provided the cross from

which Gabriel Magalhaes powered in a 96th-minute winner.

"You have to learn from the past and certainly we take some lessons and very sore different and sore moments in this ground," said Arteta after losing in Arsenal's previous three trips to St. James' Park.

After facing three of last season's top five in their opening six games, Arsenal have the chance to leapfrog Liverpool in their next five against West Ham, Fulham, Crystal Palace, Burnley and Sunderland.

Man Utd's Amorim on thin ice

Amorim's wait for back-to-back Premier League wins goes on nearly a year into his reign at Old Trafford after United were bullied and well beaten 3-1 at Brentford.

The Red Devils' glaring deficiencies at the back and in goal were exposed by the Bees, who won for just the second time under Keith Andrews.

United have won just 34 points from Amorim's 33 league games despite another summer of big spending to improve on finishing 15th last season -- the club's worst league placing since they were relegated in 1974.

The Portuguese insisted after another demoralising defeat in west London that he is "never concerned about my job" as it is "not my decision".

However, the pressure is not only rising on Amorim but United's hierarchy.

Co-owner Jim Ratcliffe and CEO Omar Berrada championed the appointment of the 40-year-old and have so far continued to back him despite 11 months of woeful results.

Failure to beat high-flying Sunderland at Old Trafford next weekend before a two-week international break could prove the final straw.

Liverpool's luck runs out

Liverpool clean sweep of seven consecutive victories in the Premier League, Champions League and League Cup to open the campaign had masked a series of flaws in Arne Slot's new-look set-up.

The Premier League champions overhauled the squad that cruised to the title last season during the transfer window.

Flashes of brilliance, often in the dying minutes, were enough for victories over Bournemouth, Newcastle, Arsenal, Burnley and Everton.

But Liverpool's weaknesses were ruthlessly exposed by a Palace side that have now not lost for 18 games, stretching back to April.

The visitors were nearly bailed out again by a late goal when Federico Chiesa equalised.

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CHAMPS LEAGUE

Jose Mourinho Chelsea return prompts old memories

It was upon Jose Mourinho's arrival at Chelsea in 2004 that he proclaimed himself a "special one", although that sheen has worn away two decades on as he returns to Stamford Bridge today with Benfica.

The Portuguese coach claims he is more "humble" and "altruistic" these days, but at his Benfica presentation he still made the point that even though he is considered to have struggled in recent years, he has led two teams to European finals.

Bringing those big nights and silverware to Benfica is the 62-year-old's new mission, after he was sacked by Turkish side Fenerbahce in August.

Mourinho won the Champions League with Porto and Inter Milan, as well as three Premier League titles in two spells at Chelsea and La Liga with Real Madrid, and is a bigger 'celebrity' than Portuguese sides are accustomed to having on their benches.

Benfica president Rui Costa is believed to have turned towards Mourinho to give himself extra weight in upcoming club elections in October, although he denied that.

"Mourinho is Benfica's coach because we believe he has all the credentials to lead a club like ours," insisted Costa.

A comfortable 3-0 win at AVS on his second debut at the helm, 25 years after he first coached Benfica, was followed by a 1-1 draw at home against Rio Ave, and a 2-1 victory against Gil Vicente on Friday.

Chelsea fans are looking forward to seeing the coach once again, and the club -- cashing in -- put the game in the top tier of ticket pricing even though Benfica are not the most illustrious opposition.

"Stop exploiting our loyalty," said the Chelsea Supporters Trust in a statement but the game is set to sell out.

Like Mourinho, Chelsea have lost their way in recent years, with Manchester City and Liverpool dominant in England. [AFP]



Benfica coach Jose Mourinho. [AFP]