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Handout masters

BUYING LOYALTY As schools shut down and hospitals falter, Deputy President Kindiki spearheads a lavish, campaign-style handouts drive—dishing out as little as Sh64 to desperate villagers while crisscrossing the country in choppers and fuelling political patronage. Critics call it a cynical ploy to buy loyalty with public funds in a nation on the brink. The decision to kick off early campaigns two years before the election reeks of misprioritisation and insensitivity. **PAGE 4**



IN THE NAME OF EMPOWERMENT

SH64

IN KISII, a woman was asked to mobilise widows and brought 31 of them, but they were given only Sh2,000 in total, meaning each received just Sh64.

SH250

IN SOME INSTANCES, residents have been forced to share just 2kg of beans among themselves. In others, each attendee receives 2kg of maize flour and an additional Sh250.

Tanzania ban on foreign businesses rattles Kenyan entrepreneurs

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Regulation: Why days are numbered for rogue clerics and cult-like churches

NATIONAL The Cabinet has approved recommendations from a presidential taskforce on religious organisations, setting in motion a process to regulate church operations. **PAGE 6**



Scholar Din-Kariuki launches book on migration, culture

Kenyan scholar Dr Natalya Din-Kariuki has launched a new book aimed at helping migrants understand and appreciate art and culture.

Titled *Crossings: Migrant Knowledges, Migrant Forms*, the book was launched on Tuesday. Dr Din-Kariuki said it will help readers conceptualise culture and society through various art forms such as music, photography and theatre.

The book also explores how food, cultural boundaries and anticipated change manifest across different cultures around the world.

"We're really thinking about how the knowledge that migrants bring with them changes all of us, it transforms the people migrating as well as the societies and cultures that they move into," said Dr Din-Kariuki during the unveiling of her book at the British High Commissioner's Residence in Nairobi.

According to Dr Din-Kariuki, the book features contributions from 38 experts, especially from the civic and activism sectors. It is co-edited by Professor of Early Modern Literature and Culture Subha Mukherji and Bishop Rowan Williams.

"Our main aim was to get people to think differently about migration, to move away from the headlines, sort of stereotypes often seen in public discourse and tabloids and to appreciate migration as something deeply human, something we have always done," she added.

The book brings together the knowledge and experiences of activists, artists, scholars and migrants with diverse backgrounds and histories.

Irungu Houghton, the Amnesty International's Executive Director and one of the contributors, urged the audience to rethink migration not as a threat but as an important and defining part of the human experience, especially within Africa. "The book reminds readers that movement is not just a headline or a statistic," Houghton said. It is history. It is family. It is power."

Co-editor Dr Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, noted that the idea for the book was born during a 2019 conference held in Cambridge.

"The editors discovered a shared interest in connecting academic and historical studies on how cultures, knowledge, art, music, cuisine, and individuals migrate across contexts, with the lived experiences of migrants from diverse backgrounds. The result was a memorable and distinctive collection in which a real diversity of voices could be heard," said Dr Williams in a message delivered by British High Commissioner Neil Wigan.

The launch brought together diplomats, academics, creatives and civil society leaders who engaged in rich intellectual discussions on migration, contributing to the making of the book.

Dr Din-Kariuki is an Associate Professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies at the University of Warwick.

[Okumu Modachi]

Duale warns of tobacco laced with drugs imported by 'powers that be'

► Health Cabinet Secretary cites corruption as weakest link in fight against drug abuse.

► He reveals that several containers imported by 'big people' had been seized.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale has said several containers bearing tobacco laced with dangerous drugs imported into the country by "big people" have been seized.

Mr Duale told the National Assembly Committee on Delegated Legislation that corruption is the weakest link in fight against illegal substances, coupled with people abusing the judicial system.

The CS also proposed stringent laws to regulate tobacco use and presented submitted to the committee, the Graphic Health Warnings for Tobacco Products for tabling in line with the Statutory Instruments Act (Cap. 21).

"The 2025 graphic health warnings are designed to address the current and very emerging nicotine and tobacco products that were not covered by the previous sets of warnings which we had," the CS said.

Duale said corruption has seen harmful substances brought in, noting that the regulations will go address majority of challenges in the sector, which ultimately destroy young people.

"Right now, as I speak to you, there are containers I have seized and directed they should not be released because after engaging the government chemist for forensic audit, the narcotic team at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations have confirmed to me in writing that these substances contain dangerous drugs against what the importer is saying," he said.

The CS said that many harmful products, which are not regulated have been brought and when he took a move, people went to court to seek an injunction, coming in the way of reforming the sector.

"But that does not stop me, we have public health officers at the point of entry because we have said we will not allow harmful products. There are some connected to very powerful people in the country and there is a lot of unregulated stuff in the name of tobacco. That is why we see many of our young people fall victims so we are under obligation to protect the next generation," Duale said.

But Committee Chairman and Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga sought an explanation on why the ministry cannot just destroy the



Health CS Aden Duale flanked by PS Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni before the Committee on Delegated Legislation at Bunge Towers, Parliament, Nairobi yesterday. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]



dangerous substances and whether the CS must go to court every time he wants to take that move.

"Since you have come to the conclusion that these are very dangerous products, what prevents you from destroying them because we can accompany you in this," Chepkonga wondered.

But Duale responded: "I am the first Minister who destroyed 5.5 tons in Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret and another in Mombasa after obtaining consent from the courts, so I am destroying and will continue to destroy more."

He said the destruction necessitated introduction of fresh legislation, since some individuals moved to court to stop the process.

"The weakest link after corruption is that there are people who have abused our judicial system. When I said I want to clean and weed out those bringing dangerous products, somebody went to court to stop... and you know they have a lot of money," he said.

Duale said in 2007, Kenya domesticated the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) through the enactment of the Tobacco Control Act (Cap. 245A) for purpose of controlling production, manufacture, sale, labelling, advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco products, to provide for the Tobacco Control Board, to regulate smoking in specified areas and for connected purposes.

The CS also said Section 21(2) of the Act requires every package containing a tobacco product to have at least two warning labels of the same

2007 YEAR

KENYA domesticated the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control through the enactment of the Tobacco Control Act (Cap. 245A)

health messages, in English and Kiswahili.

It should comprise not less than 30 per cent of the surface area of the front panel and 50 per cent of the total surface area of the rear panel, and both located on the lower portion of the package directly underneath the cellophane or other clear wrapping.

Similarly, he said labels should bear the word 'warning' appearing in capital letters and all text should be in conspicuous and legible 17-point type, unless the text of the label statement would occupy more than 70 per cent of such area, in which case the text may be of a smaller but conspicuous type size, provided that at least 60 per cent of such area is occupied by the required text.

"The labels should bear text that is black on a white background or white on a black background in a manner that contrasts by typography, layout or colour with all other printed material on the package," Duale said.

He stated: "Section 21(4) of the Act subsequently mandates the Cabinet Secretary for Health to, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe that the warn-

ing required under Section 21(2) be in the form of pictures or pictograms."

It is against this backdrop that Duale said, he has developed and published the Graphic Health Warnings for Tobacco Products vide Legal Notice No. 107 of 12th June, 2025.

In exercising the powers conferred by section 21(4) of the Tobacco Control Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Health has since prescribed pictures and pictograms set out, to be the form in which the warning labels required under section 21 of the Act shall appear.

Director General in Health, Dr Patrick Amoth said the Ministry has moved towards this direction to alert on the dangers posed by tobacco and other tobacco products, also in tandem with what has been happening globally, imposing stringent regulations regarding use.

"Tobacco is one of the substances that have been proven to be a risk factor for a various number of diseases, including cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cardiovascular diseases like hypertension, and chronic renal diseases amongst others.

He also said the move is informed by the fact that non-communicable diseases in the country is increasing, and by 2030 is going to outpace communicable diseases, which is just five years away.

Amoth said studies have shown dire consequences of tobacco use including putting pregnant mothers who smoke are at risk of having preterm delivery, infertility, erectile dysfunction and hypertension among others.

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Below 21? No alcohol for you as State adopts new regulations

► Nacada has proposed changes to safeguard Kenyans from substance abuse.

► Agency warns that the burden of drug addiction is weighing heavy on the nation.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, ESTHER DIANA AND MOURICE ODIWUOR

If you are under 21, the government says you should be nowhere near alcohol, not in the bar, not even in a wines and spirit shop.

That is one of the proposals outlined in a policy document spearheaded by the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA), a policy that could reshape the alcohol landscape.

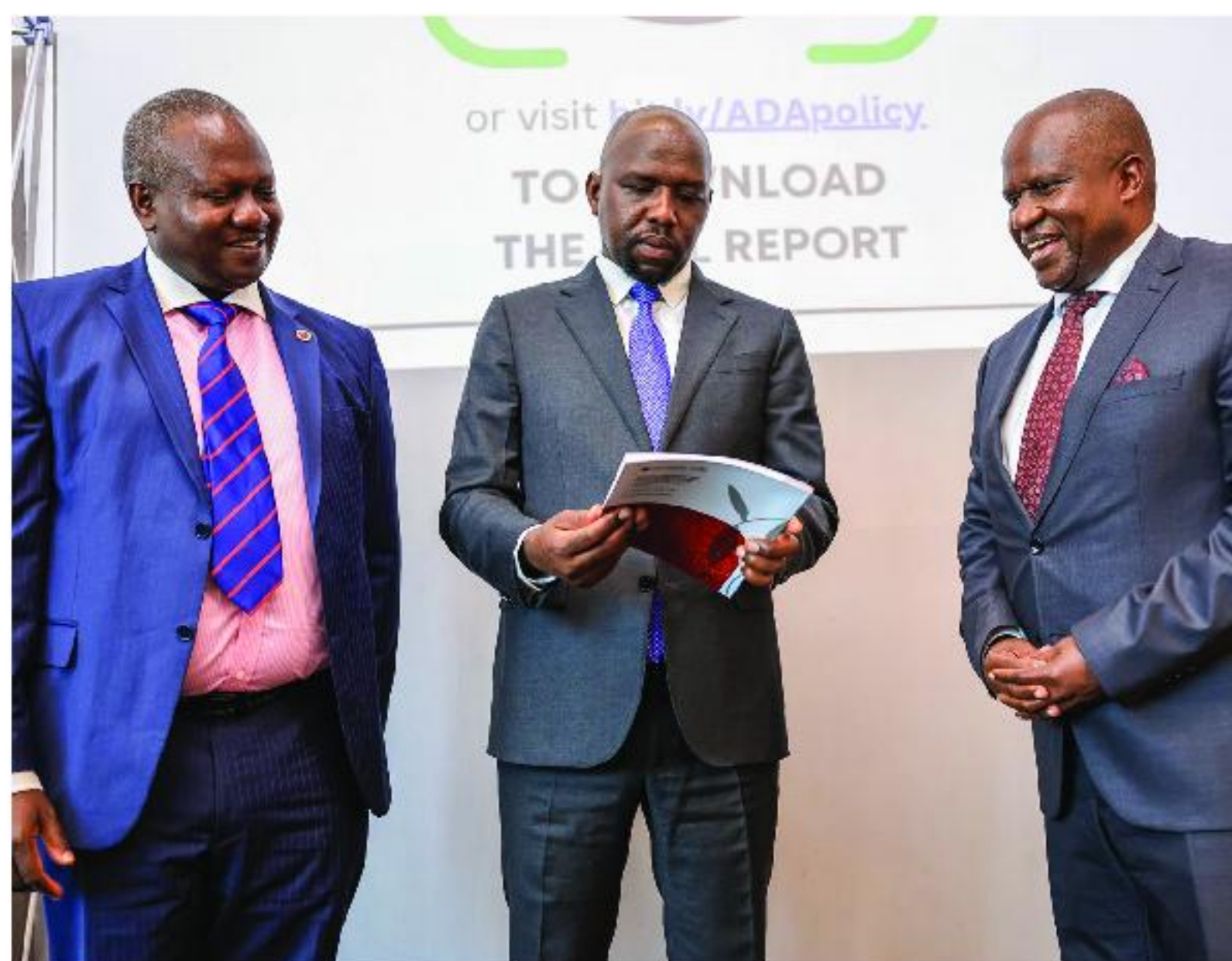
The new National Policy for the Prevention, Management and Control of Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Abuse raises the legal drinking age from 18 to 21, part of what NACADA describe as an effort to safeguard society from the harmful effects of alcohol. "There should be no person below the age of 21 allowed to access or enter any alcohol selling outlets

whether alone or accompanied," the policy states. According to a 2022 national survey by NACADA in partnership with KNBS, children as young as seven are now consuming alcohol. Among the 15-24-year-old age group, 1 in every 11 youth is using at least one drug or substance, while 1 in every 20 consumes alcohol.

The figures are starker for 25-35 year-olds, where 1 in every 7 is an alcohol user. "The burden of addiction in Kenya is severe. Without immediate action, the public health and socio-economic consequences will continue to escalate," the policy states.

According to Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen, the policy is a renewed commitment by the government to secure the health, safety and future of every citizen, particularly the youth. "Drug and substance abuse and illicit trafficking fuel crime, compromise public health, undermine the potential of our youth, destabilize families and erode the very fabric of our communities," said Murkomen.

But raising the legal drinking age is just the beginning. The policy bans sale of alcohol in supermarkets, online platforms, vending machines, restaurants, home deliveries, and even bars located within 300 metres



Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen (centre), Nacada chairperson Stephen Mairori and CEO Anthony Omerikwa in Nairobi yesterday. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

of a learning institution.

Public consumption will also be tightly restricted. Drinking in public parks, beaches, hospitals, bus stops, petrol stations, and even restaurants and clubs will be prohibited if the proposals are adopted.

Additionally, advertising and marketing will take a major hit. The policy



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Kipchumba Murkomen, Interior CS

seeks to ban all forms of alcohol promotion targeting people under 21, including celebrity endorsements, social media campaigns, and even outdoor billboards near learning institutions.

This means you might soon stop hearing catchy jingles about your favorite drink during sports broadcasts, or seeing influencers posting about happy hour on social media. That content could become illegal.

Even alcohol advertisements on television and radio between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. will be banned, regardless of where the broadcasts originate.

The policy document makes clear why these changes are being considered. It paints a grim picture of a nation in the struggle of a youth-driven substance abuse crisis. 632,846 youth (aged 15-24) currently use at least one drug or substance. Some 267,454

youth are engaged in polydrug use, which means consuming multiple substances simultaneously.

Among alcohol users, 42.4 per cent are already addicted. Cannabis use has surged by 90 per cent in just five years. According to Murkomen who was speaking during the launch of the policy in Nairobi, the government will now target the assets and financial networks of those profiting from the illegal trade in drugs and adulterated alcohol.

He said enforcement efforts will be expanded to include asset seizures through collaboration with the Asset Recovery Agency under the Office of the Attorney General.

"We will be engaging the Asset Recovery Agency to see how best to make it more punitive first for those who are engaged in these acts, especially because they get very lenient fines. So maybe the best way is to take away the lorry, the car, their equipment, their businesses; the assets they have built over time," said Murkomen.

NACADA CEO Antony Omerikwa said that the policy addresses access and availability, expressing belief that it is a bold step to stop the crisis.

"The policy before us is not just a technical document; it is a living commitment—a moral and constitutional duty—towards the realisation of the Bill of Rights, as enshrined in Chapter Four of our Constitution.

Our Constitution guarantees every Kenyan the right to the highest attainable standard of health, dignity, security, and protection from harmful cultural practices," he said.

The proposed policy by NACADA is still in its formative stages and will necessitate amendments to the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act and other related laws before implementation.

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NAIROBI

Liquor traders reject Nacada's proposals

Liquor traders and alcohol manufacturers have raised concerns over proposals contained in the National Policy for the Prevention, Management and Control of Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Abuse.

The lobby groups criticised the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Nacada), for developing the draft policy on alcohol consumption, sale and distribution without adequate consultation.

According to Metropolitan Small and Medium Liquor Traders Association (Melta), the proposals are sweeping and punitive. Melta chairperson Francis Mbogo warned of job losses and disruption to small businesses already struggling in a tough economy.

"The policy, if passed in its current form, would severely hurt small businesses, disrupt legal and regulated trade, cause mass unemployment, and worsen the illicit alcohol crisis in the country," said Mbogo.

He noted that the alcohol industry is a major employer. "Thousands of small business owners, distributors, retailers, waiters, security staff, cleaners, transporters, and entertainment professionals depend on the safe, regulated sale and consump-

tion of alcohol. The majority of these are young people and women whom the government seeks to empower through employment," he said.

He argued that it is counterproductive for the state to pursue a policy that could force many legitimate businesses to close, trigger mass job losses, and drive previously regulated trade into the black market, where abuse is harder to control.

The Alcoholic Beverage Association of Kenya (Abak) criticised Nacada for developing the draft policy without consulting alcohol manufacturers.

The association, however, anticipates opportunities for stakeholder and public participation during the legislative process in Parliament and county assemblies.

"Abak is supportive of responsible consumption of alcohol beverages, fight against illicit and prevention of underage drinking. However, it is unfortunate that the policy was developed without the input of alcohol manufacturers who could have added valuable inputs to the policy," Abak noted in a statement.

The Association noted that there are currently adequate restrictions in national and county government laws to curb the

abuse of alcohol. This follows the draft Nacada's policy on alcohol, sale, consumption and supply.

According to the association there are sufficient laws to regulate manufacture, distribution, advertising, and sale of alcohol at both the national and county levels.

The association acknowledged that inadequate enforcement has led to a prevalence of illicit alcohol in the market, with 60 per cent of alcohol consumed in Kenya being illicit, as per a study by Euromonitor International commissioned by Abak.

"This means, regardless of the current legal drinking age of 18 years, Kenyans have more access to illicit alcohol than they do to legal alcohol," Abak stated.

Melta said they support responsible drinking, regulation that protects minors, public awareness campaigns, enhanced rehabilitation services, and crackdown on illicit and unregulated alcohol.

"However, regulation must not mean eradication of an entire legal industry that contributes to tax revenue, tourism, urban growth and employment. The best way forward is to strengthen enforcement of existing laws," said Melta. [Emmanuel Kipchumba, Esther Diana and Mourice Odiwuor]



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AVAILABLE FROM BRANCHES AND STOCKISTS COUNTRYWIDE

Eyes on Kindiki as he traverses country dishing out handouts

► Government claims it is an empowerment programme, but amounts given are as little as Sh64

► Critics say the move is misplaced as Treasury is running on empty and the money could put to better use elsewhere.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

In one of the greatest ironies of recent times, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki is spearheading a controversial handouts programme where billions are being used in early campaigns, even as schools are forced to close early due to lack of funds.

The handouts spree, guised as empowerment programmes, is steered by Prof Kindiki and chaperoned by government supporters led by President Ruto's aide, Faruk Kibet.

The campaign programme is taking place at a time when Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi has confessed that the government is running on empty. Treasury can no longer fund free education, the university funding model is in shambles, and the health system is staggering.

In a desperate attempt to raise revenue—most of which is going towards debt repayment—the government has resorted to raising loans using taxes as collateral, a move experts have said is akin to mortgaging the country's future.

While government allies are hailing the new approach as a way of giving hope to the less fortunate in society, critics see this as a new trick by the government to lure locals to their meetings to wait for handouts while listening to President Ruto's re-election campaign.

The platforms have become a theatre of 're-engineering development', even in regions where key infrastructure such as schools are mud-walled and roads are impassable, all while advancing two-term political sloganeering aimed at campaigning for Ruto's re-election in 2027.

Prof Peter Kagwanja, a policy advisor and strategist, has slammed the Kenya Kwanza administration for misplaced priorities, saying Ruto, through the economic empowerment programmes, will end up producing more hustlers than he found.

"This is the first time the country is experiencing a failed system in its history: education, health, sanitation and security sectors are in turmoil. The

country has lost its soul," Kagwanja noted. He said the millions used in the social forums ought to be pumped into development and sectors such as education, since using the funds for political expediency will only serve short-term objectives.

"The social forums will only create increased levels of illiteracy, poverty and a high dependency rate, while the levels of the middle classes will reduce, thus leading to the highest number of hustlers in the country."

On his part, Prof Gitile Naituli, a political analyst, equated the empowerment programmes with stealing from the poor for political mobilisation, saying it was a crime and against humanity.

"When leaders divert resources meant for the most vulnerable in order to fund political campaigns, buy loyalty, or sustain patronage networks, they are not merely engaging in corruption—they are committing a crime against humanity," he said.

The campaign events have seen Kindiki and government allies traverse the nation, dishing out money to hastily organised groups and promising a better country.

Fuel guzzlers

While cruising to these events aboard choppers and fuel guzzlers, the villagers flocking to the events do so with hope that their groups will be empowered—only to troop back home almost empty-handed.

The disappointment of some Kenyans was captured in a recent event in Kisii, where disillusioned women and youth groups expressed their dismay after being given approximately Sh64.

"I was tasked with transporting widows and widowers for an economic empowerment programme—a group consisting of 31 members—but after the event, I was only given Sh2,000, which I did not know how to subdivide. Instead of achieving the intended purpose of uplifting our living standard, the government sowed seeds of discord in our group," said Serah Gecebe, a women's leader.

In some instances, residents have been forced to share among themselves 2kg of beans, and in others, the attendees are given 2kg of maize flour and an extra Sh250.

Critics have accused the government of keeping the country in campaign mode, as it is during the empowerment forums that government allies respond to the Opposition—even as the police have been used to stop government critics from holding political meetings and engaging with the public.



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki is welcomed by a women's group in Kanyangi, Kitui County on June 27, 2025 during a women empowerment drive. [Philip Muasya, Standard]

Naituli opines that dishing out funds in the social forums is misappropriating public money allocated for healthcare, education, food relief, or social protection schemes—a move he said poses devastating effects, such as denying children education, patients life-saving treatment, and families the basic dignity of survival.

"When such theft is channelled into political mobilisation—whether through bribing voters, hiring crowds, or funding propaganda—the consequences are even more grotesque. It weaponises poverty and transforms suffering into a tool for securing power," he observed.

Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro claimed the monies being directed to the economic programmes had been sourced from the confidential budget, which he said ought to support free secondary schools—now at risk of suspension.

"When you have the authority of Kenyans, your work is to implement and not promise. After realising that Kenyans are angry over the intention to scrap free education, they claim they are in support of it—but we want them to release the money, not engage in mere public talk. The government must reorganise the

budget, cut endless State House renovations, and remove money from the confidential funds and the political management kitty leaders use every weekend for empowerment—then direct the money to free basic education," he said.

On Sunday, former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's allies were stopped from holding a political rally in Kigumo by police officers who dispersed them using teargas, while goons who seemed to side with the police pelted stones at the government critics.

"The government only wants its allies to hold political meetings as they are afraid we have the people behind us—it's a drawback to the democratic gains that our country has fought for," said former Kigumo MP Jamleck Kamau.

Health sector

Gachagua has accused the government of misplaced priorities, saying that instead of improving the health and education sectors, it has opted to bribe Kenyans. He further alleged that monies have been diverted to strategic institutions to finance the programmes.

"There is no money for capitalisation in our schools, and principals are subjected to a game of musical chairs by the government. They are torn between admitting auctioneers to settle unpaid bills or sending pupils home for levies. Our hospitals are mere shells, crippled by a failed healthcare system and hollow promises from the government," he said.

Despite the criticism, pro-government leaders have defended the move, describing the programme as a well-thought-out initiative aimed at uplifting communities and enhancing government-citizen engagement.

Kindiki said the programmes are tailor-made for mama mbogas and boda boda riders and will not stop any time soon.

"Those criticising the empowerment programme are used to hoodwinking voters during campaigns but disappear once elected."

But even as Kindiki continues dishing out handouts, a section of MPs from Mt Kenya allied to Ruto have devised a new strategy to counter the government's dwindling popularity.

The strategy entails launching a community engagement programme at the grassroots level, where members of the public will be allowed to air their grievances against the Kenya Kwanza administration and vent frustrations toward their representatives in a forum expected to reconcile them with the electorate.

Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri will lead the group and has been tasked with political messaging aimed at ending the hostility between the electorate and their representatives—believed to have been worsened by Gachagua's 'misinformation'.

Kiunjuri said the grassroots meetings will allow their electorate to express themselves on various government policies and programmes, while elected leaders will respond in a bid to create common ground.

"It's akin to retracing our footsteps and separating politics from development as we undo the misinformation that has made our people hostile to us," Kiunjuri noted.

He said during the meetings, which will cascade to the ward level, the MPs will push the government agenda and highlight development projects being undertaken in Mt Kenya as they debunk the 'lies' spread by Gachagua and his allies.

"It is evident that our people have been incited against us, but we shall take the opportunity to give our story—even as we enumerate water, market and tarmac road projects that have been watered down by reckless politics," Kiunjuri added.

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Serah Gecebe, Kisii leader

Kenya, Uganda sign eight bilateral deals



President William Ruto with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni at State House in Nairobi, yesterday. Museveni was on an official visit to Kenya. [PCS]

- President Ruto says trade, energy, security pacts to boost regional integration.
- Museveni praises Kenya, Uganda for prioritising East African trade markets.

BRIAN OTIENO, NAIROBI

Kenya and Uganda have signed eight bilateral deals, spanning trade, energy, security and infrastructure development sectors, a move that President William Ruto said would enhance integration between the two nations, and, by extension, the East African region.

Ministers from the two nations signed the deals at State House in Nairobi, where Dr Ruto hosted Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni on an official visit.

The visit comes amid increasing tension in the region, following Tanzania's ban on foreigners from some 15 small-scale business activities, which include retail, mobile money services, hairdressing, among others.

The eight memoranda Ruto and Museveni oversaw add to 17 bilateral agreements between Nairobi and Kampala.

"Our cooperation in these areas aims to catalyse economic development, foster people-to-people ties and ensure our engagements translate into tangible benefits for the peoples of our two countries," said Ruto.

The two nations committed to jointly undertake projects aimed at enhancing local infrastructure and developing economies, with such a plan including a Busia Metro project that should run from this year to 2025.

The more significant project would be accelerating the development of a transport corridor between Nairobi and Kampala, which also targets the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic.

Ruto said this would feature the extension of the Standard Gauge Railway from Naivasha to Malaba, eventually connecting to regional railway networks. "We intend, with all programmes being in place, to begin that programme (extension of the SGR) before the end of this year,"

added Ruto, who highlighted the dualling of the Nakuru-Mau Summit highway, which will also be extended to Malaba.

Ruto, who also announced plans to collaborate on security, said Kenya and Uganda would work to resolve an issue on incarceration of Kenyans in Uganda. He added that they had agreed on a plan to share resources between the Karamojong and Turkana communities from Uganda and Kenya, respectively, "to facilitate greater harmony."

A cooperation agreement on trade, involving standards and quality assurance entities from the two nations, the President said, would address cross-border smuggling and enhance movement of people, "and to eliminate illicit goods finding their way into our markets."

Other areas of cooperation include tourism, involving joint destination marketing, cultural exchange and ecotourism, as well as mining, agriculture, and the blue economy. Ruto said discussions had begun on sharing resources around the disputed Migingo Island in Lake Victoria.

Museveni lauded Kenya and Uganda for "waking up" and emphasised the need for the region to find markets for its goods and services, even as he expressed his encouragement in the fact that the two nations were focusing on East Africa, and, by extension, Africa, as key markets.

"Modern economies are built on the production of goods and services. The more goods and services you produce, especially industrially, in agriculture and so on, the wealthier you are," said Museveni, who also urged neighbours of landlocked nations to grant more access to the sea.

President Ruto called for fast-tracking a political federation to boost East African unity, while expressing concern over non-tariff barriers that continue to hinder trade within the regional bloc.

"The EAC continues to demonstrate its potential as a good model of effective regional integration. We emphasised the centrality of unity, economic convergence and shared prosperity as guiding principles for deeper integration," added Ruto.

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SANLAM INVESTMENTS EAST AFRICA LIMITED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

A) STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	30 JUNE 2025 KSHS'000	30 JUNE 2024 KSHS'000
Income		
Fund management fees	1,339,318	708,918
Interest income	30,900	16,166
Other income	2,812	68
Total Income	1,373,030	725,152
Expenses		
Direct expense	(321,351)	(81,565)
Professional fees	(8,020)	(6,135)
Legal fees	(3,363)	(1,706)
Employee costs	(406,965)	(277,995)
Director's emoluments	(3,826)	(3,218)
Operational and administrative expenses	(116,572)	(146,867)
Depreciation expenses	(4,603)	(3,645)
Amortization expenses	(367)	(1,069)
Total Expenses	(865,067)	(522,200)
Operating Profit	507,963	202,952
Finance costs	-	-
Profit before tax	507,963	202,952
Current tax provision	(151,628)	(60,886)
Profit after tax	356,335	142,066

B) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	30 JUNE 2025 KSHS'000	30 JUNE 2024 KSHS'000
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property plant & equipment	24,040	19,462
Intangible assets	14,709	21,361
Deferred tax	11,347	-
Right of use assets	30,760	32,366
Total Non-Current Assets	80,856	73,189
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	409,556	256,482
Clients debtors	450,043	275,135
Prepayments	27,554	16,423
Tax receivable	-	25,720
Amounts due from related parties	12,976	3,951
Other current assets	37,914	46,716
Total Current Assets	938,043	624,427
Total Assets	1,018,899	697,616
Current Liabilities		
Trade payables	22,383	120,597
Accrued expenses	321,718	142,203
Tax payable	26,404	-
Amounts due to related parties	3,344	2,154
Total Current Liabilities	373,849	264,954
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liability	-	1,539
Lease liability	35,040	35,239
Total Non-current Liabilities	35,040	36,778
Share capital and reserves		
Paid up ordinary share capital	38,500	38,500
Share premium	137,030	137,030
Revenue reserves	434,146	219,913
Revaluation reserve	334	441
Total Shareholders' funds	610,010	395,884
Total Equity and Liabilities	1,018,899	697,616

C) OTHER DISCLOSURES

1. Capital strength		
a. Paid up capital	175,530	175,530
b. Minimum capital required	10,000	10,000
(a-b) Excess	165,530	165,530
2. Shareholders' funds		
a. Total shareholders' funds	610,010	395,884
b. Minimum shareholders' funds required	10,000	10,000
(a-b) Excess	600,010	385,884
3. Liquidity		
a. Liquid Capital	421,883	228,442
b. Minimum liquid capital required (the higher of Kshs 5M and 8% Liabilities)	29,908	21,320
(a-b) Excess	391,975	207,122
4. Clients Funds		
a. Total clients' creditors	-	-
b. Total clients' cash and bank balances	-	-
c. Excess/Deficiency	-	-

The above are extracts of the company's unaudited financial statements as at 30th June 2025.

J.D. Stichbury,
Managing Director & Chief Executive

SANLAM UNIT TRUST FUNDS UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Sanlam Money Market Fund		Sanlam Fixed Income Fund		Sanlam Balanced Fund		Sanlam USD Fixed Income Fund	
	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024
Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income	KShs' 000	KShs' 000	KShs' 000	KShs' 000	KShs' 000	KShs' 000	USD' 000	USD' 000
Income								
Investment income	4,691,721	1,995,782	3,221	2,262	2,609	1,946	4,829	1,240
Fair value gain	-	-	2,143	398	2,393	176	-	-
Total Income	4,691,721	1,995,782	5,364	2,660	5,002	2,122	4,829	1,240
Expenses								
Operating expenses	(823,212)	(223,665)	(723)	(565)	(547)	(458)	(1,378)	(330)
Profit before taxation	3,868,509	1,772,117	4,641	2,095	4,455	1,664	3,451	910
Income tax expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit for the period	3,868,509	1,772,117	4,641	2,095	4,455	1,664	3,451	910
Statement of Financial Position								
Assets								
Investments	92,710,667	31,476,239	58,516	31,285	37,512	25,227	160,966	46,950
Total assets	92,710,667	31,476,239	58,516	31,285	37,512	25,227	160,966	46,950
Liabilities								
Accrued expenses	218,436	46,562	475	508	420	385	321	78
Liabilities excluding unit holder balances	218,436	46,562	475	508	420	385	321	78
Unit holder balances	92,492,231	31,429,677	58,041	30,777	37,092	24,842	160,645	46,872
Total liabilities	92,710,667	31,476,239	58,516	31,285	37,512	25,227	160,966	46,950

The above are extracts from the unaudited financial statements as at 30th June 2025.

► Government could now insist on registering all churches and sects afresh.

► The Mutava Musyimi-led taskforce has already presented the draft Bill to President Ruto.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

The Cabinet has approved recommendations from the presidential taskforce on religious organisations, setting in motion a unique process to regulate church operations.

The latest development, which has created an uproar among religious groups, could pave the way for government to have all religious institutions including churches, sects and denominations register afresh.

Presenting the draft Religious Organisations Bill, 2024 to President William Ruto last year, the Reverend Mutava Musyimi-led taskforce on the review of legal and regulatory framework governing religious organisations recommended a one-year grace period for all religious organisations to align themselves with the proposed new order entailing new laws and regulations for the sector.

The soft language deployed by the taskforce composed largely of religious men is that “all religious institutions shall update their particulars” under the proposed law.

This could mean all religious institutions including churches, sects and denominations having to register afresh under a strict regimen.

Section 70(2) of the draft law presupposes that religious institutions which do not register within a year will be deemed unlawful by the operation of the law. An existing religious institution that does not apply for registration within the one year shall equally not be recognised.

All the registrations and updating of particulars will be handled by the proposed Religious Affairs Commission (RAC). This Commission will “consider and verify the authenticity of every application” and collaborate with “relevant government agencies” to vet applications.

It has the power to reject an application for among other reasons, if the applying institution is closely connected with a political organisation, where the Commission is apprehensive that the organisation will be used for unlawful purposes or where its registration will threaten national security.

Registration may also be refused for non-compliance with regulations, repugnancy to written laws, or where applicants have given false information. The refusal will however be communicated within 28 days and applicants accorded the right to appeal.

The Commission will also have the powers to cancel a registration where it finds that it was obtained through misrepresentation or nondisclosure of material facts, where the religious institution fails to file returns for three consecutive years or where the institution defies Commission lawful directives.



Rev Mutava Musyimi, who led the Presidential Taskforce on the Review of the Legal and Regulatory Framework Governing Religious Organisations, speaks at Juwaba Social Hall in Kilifi on June 13, 2023. [Robert Menza, Standard]

Cabinet okays taskforce's proposals to regulate churches after Shakahola

The proposals could slam the doors on briefcase churches, doomsday cults and false prophets. Established in the wake of the Shakahola massacre in Kilifi County where hundreds of Paul Makenzi's followers fasted to death, the task force concluded that time had come to balance the scales between individual freedoms and public good. “There is a need to undertake policy, legal, institutional and administrative reforms to ensure that the exercise of the freedoms of religion and association is not used in a manner that is detrimental to individual health and safety, the public interest and national values,” says the draft report.

Church and Clergy Association of Kenya Chairman Hudson Ndeda yesterday said the Cabinet's move is not final but the official start of discussions on what the task force led by former National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK) Secretary General, Mutava Musyimi's report recommended.

He also explained that it triggers a conversation between religious organization and Government, and will then go through a procedure, comprising public participation to Parliamentary process but currently, the institutions are still under the old Act.

“We will have discussions, give and take and we agree, it will go out for public participation and then we come up with a bill that will go to Parliament. When Parliament works on it, we come up with an Act,” Ndeda explained.

He said the current Societies Act

AT A GLANCE

- Cabinet approved recommendations from the presidential taskforce on religious organisations
- The move seeks to safeguard the integrity of religious practice while curbing exploitation.
- The proposed reforms place religious leaders at the centre of accountability efforts
- They emphasise self-regulation over State control
- Proposals include enacting a legal framework to govern religious organisations
- Establishing a religious affairs commission and strengthening umbrella organisations for coordination.

has never been reviewed despite being in use since 1968 and time has come to have it re-looked, the process having been triggered by the Shakahola saga.

According to Ndeda, the Cabinet tabled the recommendations of the report but that process has been misunderstood, with some Kenyans believing that it has already been agreed in its current form.

He said religious organisations will be seeking to come up with a co-shared document on regulations and operations, which involves Parliament and also improves umbrella bodies. “Umbrella bodies have not been empowered, but this Act will empower them so that we can do self-regulation. But of course, the process of registration will be with the Government. They have proposed for a commission, we will we also agree on

something,” he said.

Ndeda also explained: “What has gone out is not what it is. There is that general belief that it has almost become law, which is not the case. The Mutava Musyimi report had never been tabled in the Cabinet, so that is what they did.”

But the religious organisations have insisted that the church must be allowed to regulate itself.

When the Cabinet held a meeting on Tuesday, chaired by President William Ruto, it approved recommendations from the presidential taskforce on religious organisations, a move it said will safeguard the integrity of religious practice while curbing exploitation.

“The proposed reforms, developed in response to Shakahola tragedy, place religious leaders at the centre of accountability efforts, emphasizing self-regulation over State control,” a Cabinet dispatch stated.

Key proposals include enacting a legal framework to govern religious organisations, establishing a religious affairs commission and strengthening umbrella organisations for coordination. Similarly, the model blends institutional autonomy with supportive oversight and calls for leadership standards, reforms to religious broadcasting and civic education to promote tolerance and prevent extremism.

Although Murang'a Bishops Forum, Chairperson Stephen Maina said they need to revisit the recommendations before they can make their final communication, they still hold

the opinion that they gave when the taskforce report was first publicized.

“Our stand was that the church should regulate itself, that is what we recommended earlier. It was our view that the church is not part of Government so it should regulate itself. I may wish to go through the recommendations again,” he said.

According to Maina, the Constitution exists to take care of extremes, particularly when it comes to cults or way word churches, noting that the church should be independent from the State and other organizations.

Reverend Dr Kamau Thairu, a Parish Minister at Presbyterian Church of East Africa in Thamanda, Kiambu said the broad idea for regulating religious institutions is a ‘good thing’.

“Any institution where people are involved, it is important to have regulations otherwise there maybe exploitation. The question is what exactly are they controlling, is it what we preach on Sunday or registration and management of the institutions,” Thairu said.

He added: “Because they are not controlling what you say on Sunday on the pulpit, then we are fairly safe. What the proposals intend to do is in terms of management, who can become pastors and who cannot and the accountability processes.”

The taskforce, which was established to review laws governing churches recommended that all religious institutions in Kenya undergo fresh registration as part of strict vetting procedures. The task force also advised revision of the education curriculum to include instruction on recognising and countering sects, religious extremism, violent extremism, and cultism.

The taskforce was established in May, 2023 in the wake of the Shakahola saga in Malindi, Kilifi County, where over 400 people died reportedly after Paul Makenzi of Good News International Church ordered his followers to starve themselves.

The taskforce was tasked with identifying gaps that have allowed extremist religious organisations to set shop in the country, in addition to formulating a legal framework preventing radical religious entities from operating locally, and table proposals on civic education to sensitise Kenyans on the need to avoid religious cults.

It was also to identify the legal, institutional and governance challenges that could lead to the growth of religious extremist organisations, sects and cults, and make proposals to prevent such entities from actions detrimental to public health and safety and national values.

President Ruto has constantly assured the church that his government will not allow the freedom of worship to be obstructed amid a proposal to introduce a code of conduct for Kenyan religious centres.

The President said he will ensure churches are protected from freely and responsibly practising their faith.

“We will make sure we protect the freedom of worship. We will defend the right and freedom of worship in Kenya and it will not be compromised in whichever manner,” Ruto said.

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East African Breweries PLC

CONDENSED AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025



The Board of Directors of East African Breweries PLC (EABL) is pleased to announce its audited results for the year ended 30th June 2025



Our business continued to demonstrate resilience and strategic focus against a backdrop of mixed macroeconomic conditions across the region. While the broader East African economy showed signs of recovery and relative stability, external pressures persisted marked by shrinking disposable income and rising input costs.

Despite these challenges, EABL delivered a solid performance, anchored on strong strategy execution. Revenue grew 4% to Kshs 128.8 billion and profit after tax grew 12% to Kshs 12.2 billion.

The EABL Board has declared a final dividend of Kshs 5.50 per share, bringing the total dividend to Kshs 8.00 per share, 14.3% above last year.

The Board remains committed to guiding the company with a focus on long-term value creation. We remain prudent and optimistic about the growth prospects for our business.

Dr. Martin Oduor-Otieno – Group Chairman



EABL delivered a strong set of results marked by topline growth and double-digit profit expansion. All our markets recorded growth, fortifying our business position across the region.

During the year, we remained focused executing on our strategy, setting the right foundation for the results achieved and for sustainable long-term growth. We continue to invest in our brands, so they remain relevant for today's consumers, and to broaden our portfolio to cater for a greater variety of occasions. This strong portfolio supported by brilliant commercial execution is key to our continued growth and profitability.

Further, we continued to make progress on our long-term Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) goals, prioritized a people first culture and drove innovations and productivity across the business to mitigate inflation.

I am deeply grateful to our people, the Board, shareholders, consumers, customers, suppliers and other partners for their unwavering support and commitment.

Ms. Jane Karuku – Group MD & CEO

Net Sales

Kshs 128.8 bn

+4% vs LY

Profit After Tax

Kshs 12.2 bn

+12% vs LY

Total Dividend Per Share

Kshs 8.00

+14% vs LY

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended:

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M
Net revenue	128,791	124,131
Cost of sales	(74,713)	(70,483)
Gross profit	54,078	53,648
Operating costs	(29,220)	(24,830)
Foreign exchange gains / (losses)	313	(3,921)
Earnings Before Interest and Taxes	25,171	24,897
Net finance costs	(5,859)	(8,126)
Profit before income tax	19,312	16,771
Income tax expense	(7,114)	(5,901)
Profit for the year	12,198	10,870
Other comprehensive income	515	(3,959)
Total comprehensive income	12,713	6,911
Basic earnings per share	11.97	10.30

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Share capital & share premium	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Proposed dividends	Non-controlling interest	Total
	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M
At 30 June 2023 & 1 July 2023	3,273	2,569	14,186	1,384	10,332	31,744
Total comprehensive income	-	(3,870)	8,146	-	2,635	6,911
Employees share based ownership plan	-	253	-	-	-	253
Dividends:						
- Final for 2023	-	-	-	(1,384)	(1)	(1,385)
- Interim for 2024	-	-	(791)	-	-	(791)
- Proposed final for 2024	-	-	(4,745)	4,745	-	-
At 30 June 2024 & 1 July 2024	3,273	(1,048)	16,796	4,745	12,966	36,732
Total comprehensive income	-	510	9,477	-	2,726	12,713
Employees share based ownership plan	-	64	-	-	-	64
Dividends:						
-Final for 2024	-	-	-	(4,745)	(500)	(5,245)
-Interim for 2025	-	-	(1,977)	-	-	(1,977)
-Proposed final for 2025	-	-	(4,349)	4,349	-	-
At 30 June 2025	3,273	(474)	19,947	4,349	15,192	42,287

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended:

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M
Cash generated from operations	35,651	34,615
Net interest paid	(5,859)	(8,031)
Income tax	(6,025)	(4,486)
Net cash generated from operating activities	23,767	22,098
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,441)	(7,236)
Other investing activities	(39)	(24)
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,480)	(7,260)
Dividends paid	(6,830)	(2,176)
Net movement in borrowings	(8,817)	(9,709)
Net cash used in financing activities	(15,647)	(11,885)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,640	2,953
At start of the year	10,815	9,043
Foreign exchange impact of translation	289	(1,181)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,640	2,953
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	12,744	10,815

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at:

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
	Kshs 'M	Kshs 'M
Share capital and share premium	3,273	3,273
Retained earnings	19,947	16,796
Other reserves	(474)	(1,048)
Proposed dividend	4,349	4,745
Non-controlling interests	15,192	12,966
Total equity	42,287	36,732
Borrowings	36,885	43,290
Other non-current liabilities	8,124	8,085
Non-current liabilities	45,009	51,375
Total equity and non-current liabilities	87,296	88,107
Property, plant and equipment	75,563	75,935
Other non-current assets	6,875	6,738
Non-current assets	82,438	82,673
Inventories	15,871	12,630
Trade and other receivables	16,497	12,650
Cash and bank balances	12,745	11,716
Other current assets	3,539	4,577
Current assets	48,652	41,573
Trade and other payables	37,597	28,354
Borrowings	5,405	6,376
Bank overdraft	1	901
Other current liabilities	791	508
Current liabilities	43,794	36,139
Net current assets	4,858	5,434
	87,296	88,107

Operating Environment

The macroeconomic environment across the region remained stable, with steady economic growth recorded. In Kenya, interest rates declined while the Kenya Shilling appreciated against major currencies, reversing the depreciation experienced in the prior year. In Tanzania, interest rates remained stable while the currency depreciated against major currencies. Uganda remained largely stable.

The business continued to navigate external pressures, including proliferation of illicit alcohol, sustained input cost inflation and declining consumer spending driven by reduced disposable income. These factors underscore the need for stronger regulatory enforcement and collaborative action to safeguard consumers and legitimate players within the sector.

Business Review

- Net revenue grew 4% to Kshs 128.8 billion while volume grew 2% as both beer and spirits registered growth across markets.
- Profit after tax grew 12% to Kshs 12.2 billion, driven by topline growth, foreign exchange gains and lower finance costs realized through reduction of both debt and interest rates. These offset the impact of one-off costs during the year.
- Cash and cash equivalents of Kshs 12.7 billion increased by Kshs 1.9 billion, driven by revenue growth and lower cost of debt.
- Total debt (including overdraft) reduced by Kshs 8.3 billion contributing to lower finance costs.

Looking Ahead

We remain focused on executing our strategy with discipline to continue building on the underlying growth momentum and deliver long-term sustainable growth.

Dividend

The Board of Directors recommend a final dividend of Kshs 5.50 per share subject to withholding tax. This dividend is scheduled for payment on or about 28th October 2025 to shareholders who are duly registered at the close of business on 16th September 2025. If approved, the total dividend for the year will amount to Kshs 8.00 per share (FY 2024: Kshs 7.00).

By order of the Board

Ms. Angela Namwakira

Group Company Secretary

Date: 30 July 2025

Public officers now barred from State contracts

► New law requires public officers to declare wealth of their spouses and children.

► President Ruto also signs into law Bill creating a board to manage cash transfer programme.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

Public servants will be barred from conducting business with the government, according to a new law.

President William Ruto yesterday assented to the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2025, marking the end of a protracted push and pull between the National Assembly and the Senate.

The law prohibits public officers from offering special treatment, accepting job offers that may influence decisions, or engaging in contracts that present a conflict with their official duties.

Officials are also barred from holding interests in companies that do business with their departments or work in other jobs that interfere with their public responsibilities.

It also requires persons holding public offices to declare the assets, liabilities and sources of income of their spouses as well as children under the age of 18 after every two years.

They will further be required to disclose their personal or joint businesses and accounts and whether they are located within or outside the country.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has also been empowered as the sole institution that will be in charge of enforcing the new law. The watchdog will also institute forfeiture proceedings for undeclared or unexplained assets, and ensure compliance.

The law provides that one can file a complaint with EACC or any other relevant authority. It, however, prevents the same matter from being investi-



President William Ruto assents to the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2023, and the Social Protection Bill, 2025, at State House, Nairobi, yesterday. [PCS, Standard]

“

We are now making it much more difficult for people to take advantage of the offices they occupy,”

William Ruto, President.

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gated by two agencies.

“We are now making it much more difficult for people to take advantage of the offices they occupy,” said President Ruto.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki noted that the law not only sealed the loopholes traditionally exploited by corrupt officials to steal money from public coffers but also makes it much more difficult for them to use proxies to advance corruption.

In April, Ruto referred the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2025, back to Par-

liament for reconsideration on key issues of integrity and corruption measures, and urged members to ensure it sets high standards for accountability and integrity.

However, after a standoff between the National Assembly and the Senate on issues such as the definition of “conflict of interest”, a consensus was reached and the Bill passed by both Houses on June 3 and July 23 respectively.

At the same time, the Head of State signed into law the Social Protection Bill, 2025, which sets out a clear framework to shield vulnerable citizens from poverty. It replaces the Social Assistance Act, and creates the National Board for Social Protection to coordinate, monitor, and improve service delivery under a centralised registry to track beneficiaries and reduce duplication.

The board will also determine the terms and conditions of under which social protection benefits may be granted and handle grievances.

The law also expanded the bracket of the cash transfer programme from the old and orphans but also to persons living with disability, those in extreme poverty and those affected by shocks.

During the debate on the Bill, MPs argued that it would introduce the much needed change and oversight in the administration of the programme.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA



INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2025/2026 DRAFT FINANCE BILL

Pursuant to requirements of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and the Public Finance Management Act (2015), the County Government of Mombasa wishes to invite the general public, civil society, community-based organizations, interested persons and all other stakeholders to give their views on the draft Finance Bill 2025/2026.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE DRAFT FINANCE BILL 2025/2026

S/NO	DATE	SUB COUNTY	VENUE	TIME
1	Tuesday, 12 th August 2025	Mvita	Tononoka Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm
2		Nyali	Frere Town Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm
3		Kisauni	Mtopanga Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm
4	Wednesday, 13 th August 2025	Changamwe	Changamwe Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm
5		Jomvu	Mikindani Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm
6		Likoni	Likoni Social Hall	9.00 Am – 12.00 Pm

The draft Finance Bill 2025/2026 can be accessed through the County website www.mombasa.go.ke. Please note that the only amendments introduced from the finance act of 2024 relates to transport which seeks to provide for USD as currency to for charging of trucks /toll fees entering the Kenya Ports Authority and also bringing on board importers of grain into the the tax bracket.

Memoranda/inputs should be sent via email to cecm.finance@mombasa.go.ke OR in writing to:

The CECM, Finance and Economic Planning
P.O. Box 90440-80100
Mombasa

The submissions should reach our offices on or before **13th August, 2025.**

SHAKAHOLA MASSACRE

Court told how Makenzi sped up followers' deaths

A 15-year-old witness narrated to the court how Paul Makenzi of Good News International and his allies forced them to fast while in Shakahola Forest, leading to the death of his brother.

The court also heard that Makenzi's followers were kept in a fasting bay made of black polythene bags to hasten their death.

The boy, who is under witness protection, recounted he and his brother had attempted to escape but were apprehended.

“He (His brother) was weak from lack of food and water. They were instructed to fast so that they could hasten their journey to heaven. Makenzi had indicated that there were messages that Jesus had indicated that he wouldn't come back, but his people should follow him through death,” the witness told Mombasa Chief Justice Alex Ithuku.

The witness said these messages were communicated during meetings held on Saturdays, and he could recall attending one with his mother and brother. The children were required to fast from the youngest to the oldest, followed Makenzi's.

After the children, women would follow, with the last being Makenzi's wife. The last group to fast and die were men, and Makenzi was to be the last in line.

Makenzi and 92 others are accused of manslaughter in the death of 238 peo-



Paul Makenzi and his co-accused at the Mombasa Law Courts yesterday. [Kelvin Karani, Standard]

ple. The court was told that during burials, Makenzi would praise the deceased as heroes, and that crying or sadness was considered unholy.

The worshippers had been assigned roles like village elder, and disciplinary and security teams.

According to the witness, the security teams comprised individuals he recognised, including Manu wa Tuk Tuk, Titus, Stefano, Hallelujah, Robert, and Charles.

They could provide intelligence in case of a police ambush so that the residents could escape. Armed with whips and pangas, they also prevented people from escaping. [Kelvin Karani]



MORE NATIONAL STORIES

Court to today rule if Kindiki is legally in office.

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Ex-KDF officer jailed 20 years for raping woman at police station

► Arektum Kibet Benjamin had appealed after he was jailed for seven years.

► The woman took photos of the rapists after they fell asleep after the assault.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

A former Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) officer jailed for gang rape at the Nairobi Central Police Station will now spend more time behind bars.

Arektum Kibet Benjamin and a civilian, Julius Juma, sexually assaulted a Congolese registered as a refugee in Kenya on August 14, 2018. The two were jailed for seven years by the trial court, but Kibet filed an appeal against the conviction and the sentence.

In his judgement on Tuesday, Justice Alexander Muteti described the incident as a "regrettable abuse of state authority" and ruled that the earlier sentence of seven years issued was illegal and insufficient.

"In the end the appeal on conviction is dismissed and the appeal on sentence succeeds to the extent that the illegal sentence of seven years imprisonment is set aside and substituted therefore with a prison term of 20 years," he said.

"The sentence is informed by the fact that the appellant (Kibet) was an officer entrusted with the security of this country as a Kenya Defense Forces officer, he decided to abuse his position and committed an offence within the police lines, a place where all go to seek help against criminals thus defiling the police station."

Justice Muteti termed the sentence as a warning to state officers who misuse their power.

According to the prosecution, the victim, a mother of two, had gone to Eastleigh to buy clothes for resale. After her shopping, she went to pick a matatu at the Kencom Stage in

the Nairobi Central Business District around 7pm.

The woman testified that she was accosted by four men, two in police uniform. Among them, she identified one man who she later recognized as the KDF officer.

The four men demanded her identity and insisted that she opens the bag she was carrying.

Complying with their demands, the woman produced her refugee identification document, which she acknowledged had expired on March 26, 2017.

Events quickly escalated. She was forced into a white car and driven to the Nairobi Central Police Station. "They told me to wait in a wooden room. They took my Sh10,000 and said their boss would deal with me," she told the court.

During that time, she was sexually assaulted multiple times by different men, including the two accused.

About 20 minutes later, two men dressed in police uniform returned. They demanded that she remove her clothes. She refused.

One of the officers slapped her across the face and brandishing a small firearm, threatened her with death if she did not comply.

Terrified and fearing for her life, the woman gave in. "They raped me and said, 'If you speak, we'll kill you,'" the woman testified. "I was afraid because no one knew where I was, and they told me I could be deported."

Later that night, Kibet and his co-accused Juma returned. "Accused one (Juma) started. He used a condom. Then accused two (Kibet) followed."

The two later come drunk in the morning, raped her again, and then fell asleep next to her.

Seizing the moment, she took photographs using Kibet's phone, including a selfie of herself, Kibet, and Juma on the same bed, which later became key evidence in the case.

"I sent the photos to my neighbours. I thought I would die, so I wanted people to know who did this," she said.

She then fled.



A woman was gang raped at the Central Police Station in Nairobi on August 14, 2018. [David Gchuru, Standard]

Rule of law

7 YEARS

PERIOD The two convicts were jailed, which the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions said was contrary to Section 10 of the Sexual Offences Act, which prescribes a minimum of 15 years for gang rape.

A neighbour paid for her treatment before they reported the incident to the Refugee Affairs Secretariat, which involved the UNHCR and HIAS Kenya to ensure her safety and medical attention.

While direct DNA evidence did not link Kibet to the act, the court found that his co-accused Juma's DNA matched semen stains collected from the bedding. "The victim's evidence was consistent and truthful," Justice Muteti said.

"The photographs taken by the complainant, along with witness and medical testimony, left no room for reasonable doubt."

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IMPUNITY

Court orders arrest and prosecution of five Forest officers

A High Court in Kabarnet has ordered the arrest and prosecution of five Kenya Forest Service (KFS) officers linked to the destruction of Sh700,000 property belonging to a Kenya Defence Forces personnel.

Justice Rachel Ngetich also ordered the National Police Service Commission and the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) from terminating the intended prosecution of the five, who are accused of breaking into a building and stealing in September, 2022.

The court issued the orders following an application by Johana Kiptoo, the military man, against the Officer Commanding Station Timboroa, Chief Conservator KFS and the DPP.

The judge further barred the police from issuing threats to Kiptoo and his family with the intention of coercing him to drop his complaint.

The defendant s are Nelson Ayodi, Erick Obare, Willy Mutai, Richard Kirui, and Charles Masai.

Kiptoo said he went to court after the DPP in Eldama Ravine failed to file the case despite police investigations pointing a finger at the accused.

The office of the Attorney General, Nakuru, on April 17, 2023, allegedly directed the OCS Timboroa to defy the directive of the DPP to conduct an inquiry before charging and prosecuting the KFS officers.

The OCS, as per the suit, declined to honour the directive of the DPP.

Kiptoo said he received threats from the OCS. According to the KDF man, the OCS warned him that he could not direct him on what to do.

[Julius Chepkwony]

WELFARE

Teachers union officials protest new pay deduction

Teachers have protested the introduction of a new deduction in their payslips.

Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers, Nakuru organising secretary, Joseph Chebukaka, said the deduction was illegal.

"Teachers were expecting to smile to the bank due to the Collective Bargain Agreement increment, unfortunately, there is a new deduction called KUPPET SWAL on the teachers' payslips. This has never been in existence," he said.

He asked the union's national executive board to explain the remittance, saying that they were not consulted before it was introduced.

Nancy Chelangat, Nakuru Kuppet Gender Secretary, said the new deduction is a shock to members. "As officials, we are clueless, we don't know what the deduction means, and members are demanding answers," she said.

[Julius Chepkwony]

ACCOUNTABILITY

KWS urged to boost services after raising park fees

Homa Bay residents have agreed to a proposal to raise park fees but with a condition.

Speaking at a public participation forum at the Tom Mboya University, they told the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to improve services to make the increment meaningful.

According to KWS Senior Assistant Director in Western Conservation Area, Josphat Erupe, the agency has not reviewed the park charges since 2007.

Simon Ojwang of Rachuonyo South Sub-County, said victims of human, wildlife conflict should be

compensated promptly.

"KWS reviewed the park fees 18 years hence we agree that the fees should be reviewed. But we don't want a situation where park fees are increased yet services are not improved," he said.

"We want the victims to be compensated properly and promptly when the fees are increased."

Silius Odhiambo, a resident of Suba South where Ruma National Park is situated, said they expect the KWS to improve corporate social responsibility so that people living around the parks can benefit.

KWS Trustee, Francis Chachu, emphasised that

the agency was committed to serving the welfare of Kenyans.

"Compared to our neighbouring countries, it is only in Kenya where the KWS compensates people who are killed by wild animals. This is a friendly agency," he said.

Erupe explained that the increase was necessary due to inflation over the years. "The inflation has affected the park fees because the last review took place in 2007. The people of Homa Bay have seen the sense and given us green light for the review," he said. [James Omoro]

Fuming teachers left counting shillings after 'better' pay deal

► Educators shocked by pay rise as low as Sh36 reported in July salaries.

► Unions, TSC under fire for unclear deductions and poor communication.

MIKE KIHAKI, NAIROBI

Teachers across the country have expressed outrage after their July payslips revealed meagre salary increments, despite the recent signing of the 2025-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), which had promised better pay and improved working conditions.

Educators are sharing payslips that show increases as low as Sh36 for some senior teachers, raising concerns about the sincerity of the teachers' unions and the Teachers Service Commission (TSC).

Samples shared with *The Standard* show that teachers in Job Group C1 received a net increment of Sh996, while those in C2 got Sh600. Increments further dwindled up the ranks: C3 received Sh289, C4 got Sh143 and C5 saw an increase of only Sh72. Teachers in D1 received the lowest, Sh36.

One teacher in Job Group C1 who earned Sh37,234 in June now earns Sh38,900, a 4.47 percent increase.

However, deductions also rose: pension rose from Sh2,792.55 to Sh2,917.50, union dues from Sh744 to Sh778, PAYE from Sh4,840.10 to Sh5,281, SHIF from Sh1,293.45 to Sh1,339.25 and Housing Levy from Sh705.80 to Sh730.50.

"This is not just disappointing, it's humiliating. We were told this CBA would be transformative. Instead, we



Kuppet Secretary General Akello Miori addresses the press on budget cuts in the education sector recently. [David Gichuru, Standard]

got a salary top-up that can't even cover a litre of cooking oil. This is not the respect we were promised," said James Otieno, a high school teacher in Kisumu.

In a letter to Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) Secretary General Akello Miori, Migori County Executive Secretary Orwa Jasolo criticised the union for lacking transparency regarding the CBA contents.

"Our members are in disbelief. The July payslips reflect shockingly low increments, despite the signed CBA having promised meaningful

SH36 TEACHERS

IN JOB GROUP D1 received the lowest pay rise at Sh36 while those in Job Group C1 received a net increment of Sh996, those in Job Group C2 got Sh600. Deductions also rose.

change across job groups," Jasolo wrote. He also raised concern over a new, unexplained deduction labeled "SWAL:KUPPET-Union," which appeared on teachers' payslips without prior notice.

"Teachers are now demanding a clear breakdown of the implementation matrix, an explanation for the new SWAL deduction and immediate clarification from the unions and TSC," Jasolo added.

Many teachers feel betrayed and claim that neither the unions nor the TSC have offered any formal communication to clarify the implementation structure or the deductions.

"The least they could have done is offer clarity. But silence is what we got. Truly, the teaching profession remains the heartbeat of the nation, underpaid, overworked, but still expected to perform miracles," said Muthoni, a teacher based in Nairobi.

The CBA, signed earlier this month, outlines a phased salary increment over four years, with Sh33.7 billion allocated for its implementation. Speaking in Kariobangi, President William Ruto praised the deal and promised salary increases of between six and 29 per cent to improve teachers' welfare.

Union leaders also praised the agreement. Miori stated: "This CBA marks a shift towards fairness. In the last agreement, school heads benefited the most. This time, the ordinary teacher, the one carrying the daily burden, is at the center."

He acknowledged the negotiation process was "intense and full of intricacies" and admitted the outcome fell short of expectations.

Education expert Majani Baridi warned that if the concerns aren't addressed urgently, teachers morale may suffer.

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COURTS



Director of Public Prosecutions Renson Ingonga. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Trader opposes bid to drop Sh300m land fraud case

A businessman has opposed an attempt by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Renson Ingonga to withdraw a Sh300 million land fraud case, insisting that the trial must proceed to its logical conclusion.

The DPP had sought to terminate the proceedings against Abdirahaman Muhumed Abdi under Section 87(a) of the Criminal Procedure Code.

However, the complainant, Parminder Singh Sethi, a Director of Pansiba Limited, represented by his lawyer Ben Musundi, argued in court that the prosecution had failed to provide any credible reasons for the sudden withdrawal.

"This is not a minor dispute; it involves deliberate forgery and fraudulent acquisition of land worth hundreds of millions," the complainant's lawyer told trial magistrate Geoffrey Onsarigo.

"My client, a legitimate businessman, is present in court today and ready to give his testimony."

According to the charge sheet, Muhumed is accused of forging land documents in an attempt to unlawfully acquire two parcels, LR No. 209/10848 and LR No. 209/10849, by merging them into LR No. 209/16790, all valued at Sh300 million.

Magistrate Onsarigo will rule on August 8, 2025 whether the DPP's application to withdraw the case will be allowed. [Nancy Gitonga]

KAJIADO

Maa leaders praise government for Amboseli National Park transfer

Some leaders in Kajiado have applauded the government's decision to approve the transfer of Amboseli National Park to the local community.

Led by Governor Joseph ole Lenku, they said the move was long overdue and hailed it as a major milestone for the community, which has coexisted with wildlife for decades.

Speaking at a press conference in Kajiado town, the leaders praised President William Ruto and his administration for fulfilling a pre election promise to the Maa people.

"People have been accusing the President of not keeping his promises. We are here to confirm that he does. This gift is not only for the people of Kajiado but for the entire Maa community," said he said.

The governor was referring to a Cabinet decision made on Tuesday that approved the park's transfer, following a petition by the Maa community. "This marks a major step in Kenya's conservation policy and fulfills a presidential directive responding to our petition. We now look forward to full implementation," he added.

Governor Lenku, accompanied by his deputy Martin Moshisho, said the community had already donated an additional one million acres to expand the park.

The handover will be carried out under Article 187 of the Constitution, which allows for the transfer of functions between different levels of government.

Under the new arrangement, the county will manage the park's daily operations, while Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) will retain conservation oversight.

[Peterson Githaiga]

DEVELOPMENT

Bungoma's Phase 3 water project receives Sh1.8b lifeline from Korea through Koica

The Republic of Korea, through its development arm, Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica), has announced a Sh1.8 billion investment to launch Phase 3 of an ambitious water infrastructure project in Bungoma County.

The announcement was made during a visit by the Korean Ambassador to Kenya, HE Kang Hyung-Shik, who was hosted by Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka.

The new phase, set to be implemented in Kaptama Ward of Mt Elgon Sub-county, will extend water supply to the neighboring areas of Kamukuywa, Tongaren and Webuye. As part of the joint venture, the county will contribute

Sh150 million towards the project.

Governor Lusaka praised the Korean government for its unwavering support in transforming water access in the region. "Access to clean and reliable water is a game-changer, not only for domestic use but also for agricultural productivity," he said, noting that the earlier phases of the Koica-funded initiative have already borne fruits.

During a tour of earlier project sites including the Terem Water Project Phase I in Kapkateny Ward and Kapkewa Water Project Phase II in Chepyuk Ward, Amb Kang reaffirmed Korea's commitment to improving livelihoods through sustainable development.

[Juliet Omelo]

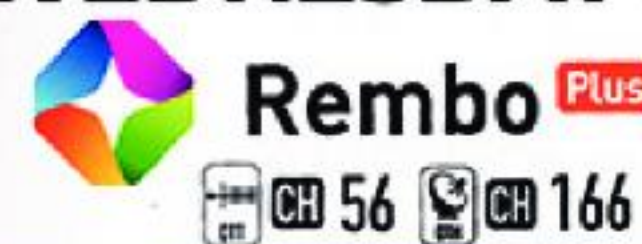


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Suluhu's ban on foreign traders rattles EAC

► Mudavadi says he has asked President Ruto to initiate talks with Tanzania.

► Trade CS warns the move undermines EAC protocol and would hurt both economies.

OKUMU MODACHI, NAIROBI

Tanzania's decision to bar foreigners from engaging in some businesses has not only sparked outrage in Kenya but has also raised doubts about its commitment to the East African Community bloc.

The move, which seeks to prohibit non-citizens from engaging in 15 small businesses, has experts now warning that the policy may jeopardise cross-border trade and diplomatic relations.

The directive has left the EAC Common Market Protocol hanging in the balance. Dr Edgar Githua, an international relations expert, believes the directive signals Tanzania's unwillingness to implement the East African Protocol as Dodoma "has been grossly afraid" of the treaty.

"They feel they are not yet ready to integrate their society and economy

fully with what the protocol dictate because they are left behind and that they are going to be overshadowed by their neighbours like Kenya and Uganda," he says.

"They have begun this protection using their businesses and jobs because they feel Kenya and Uganda's human resources are more educated."

According to Dr Githua, this will come "at the cost of and risk of messing up with the integration we are building in the region."

The move has rattled Nairobi, with Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi urging dialogue.

"I have personally called the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania and President William Ruto as the chair of the EAC summit have also had a conversation with both President Samia Suluhu and Tanzania's Minister of Trade. We are using diplomatic channels to address that issue," he said yesterday.

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry Lee Kinyanjui described the directive as discriminatory tax measures threatening the regional trade gains.

"The measures taken by Tanzania are substantive and undermine the core objective of regional economic integration under the Common Mar-



Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan. [File, Standard]

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ket Protocol," he said.

The CS said the order seems to criminalise lawful EAC investments and "will hurt both our economies," calling for bilateral engagements to resolve these issues.

Githua concurs, suggesting this matter can be taken up by other East African states and discussed at the East African Legislative Assembly.

According to the Tanzania order, foreigners are prohibited from engaging in wholesale and retail sale of goods, excluding supermarkets, specialised product outlets, and wholesale centres for local products as well as repair of mobile phones and electronic devices.

Dodoma has also barred foreigners from trading in mobile money transfers, salon businesses - unless conducted in a hotel or for tourism purposes, and home, office and environmental cleanliness services.

Small-scale mining, postal activities and parcel delivery within the country, tour guiding, publishing and operation of radio and television, operation of kiosks or small shops, brokerage of agency in business and real estate and clearing and forwarding services are also now preserves of Tanzania citizens only.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ACT, 2012 THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (COUNTY ASSEMBLIES APPROVAL) ACT, 2017 AND THE NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS

NOTICE TO THE NOMINEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON APPROVAL HEARINGS

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and the Nyandarua County Assembly Standing Orders, the County Assembly's Committees on;

1. Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Development and Partnership
2. Public Service, Administration and Devolution;

shall conduct approval hearings (Vetting) of the nominees to the positions of **Chief Officers for**; Partnership, Diaspora and Resource Mobilization and Public Administration and Devolution as per the schedule below;

S/No.	NOMINEE	POSITION	TIME
FRIDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2025			
1.	Mr. Henry Kimani Kungu	Chief Officer for Public Administration and Devolution	10:00 AM
2.	Mr. Daniel Gitau Mburu	Chief Officer for Partnership, Diaspora and Resource Mobilization	12:00 PM

Any person who wishes to make submissions contesting the suitability of the nominees to the positions mentioned above may submit sworn submissions/affidavit to the Committees through the office of the Clerk, Nyandarua County Assembly.

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SUPREMACY WARS

High Court to rule if Kindiki is lawfully in office, Koome case

A three-judge Bench will today deliver a ruling on whether Deputy President Kithure Kindiki is legally in office.

Justices Eric Ogola, Anthony Mrima, and Freda Mugambi of the High Court will also determine the status of two earlier court orders that halted the implementation of former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's Senate impeachment, following a recent judgement that declared the previous Bench illegally constituted.

The judges are also expected to render two other decisions, one regarding Gachagua's request to refer the impeachment matter to Chief Justice Martha Koome for the formation of a new Bench, and another on his formal application to withdraw four pre-impeachment cases.

The decision on Kindiki's legitimacy follows a request by Kerugoya Woman Rep Njeri Maina and MCA David Mathenge for clarification whether two court orders issued in 2024 by Justices Chacha Mwita and Richard Mwongo remain in effect.

They argue that the earlier court orders may have been invalidated following a May 9 Court of Appeal ruling that the three-judge Bench appointed to hear the impeachment matter was "illegally and unlawfully constituted" by Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwili.

On the application filed on June 18 to withdraw four pre-impeachment petitions, Gachagua argued they had been overtaken by events.

However, activist Fredrick Mula has filed a counter-application seeking to substitute himself as the petitioner in one of the cases.

But Gachagua has accused Mula of attempting to hijack the petition, describing the move as "hostile and irregular."

"Your Lordships will recall that we previously appeared before you to request withdrawal of Petition 522 to allow amendments. Now, an unknown individual has filed to take over the case under the guise of public interest. That cannot and should not happen without my client's consent," senior counsel Paul Muite told the court.

He warned that allowing substitution would open the door for the petition to be prosecuted in a manner prejudicial to Gachagua.

"We now seek directions on the prosecution of our withdrawal request. If Mr Mula insists on substitution, let that be addressed separately, but not at the expense of our rights."

Muite further argued that Mula's application has frustrated the court's earlier directions allowing the amendment of Gachagua's petition.

A separate application filed by 41 petitioners, including Gachagua, his father Eddie Waiguru and Thomas Kamotho that seeks to have the current Bench disqualified from hearing the case will also be determined.

The petitioners want the matters referred to the Chief Justice to appoint a new, expanded Bench.

Appearing for a different group of petitioners, lawyer Kibe Mungai argued that the Chief Justice's reappointment of the same three judges contradicts the spirit of the Court of Appeal's ruling. **[Nancy Gitonga]**

County contests claims that new safari camp is obstructing wildlife

- ▶ County Secretary says all developments in the reserve are strictly regulated.
- ▶ But a petitioner claims the new camp was not subjected to all requirements.

GEORGE SAYAGIE, MAROK

Narok County has dismissed claims that the new Ritz-Carlton Maasai Safari Camp is obstructing critical wildlife migration corridors in the Maasai Mara-Serengeti ecosystem.

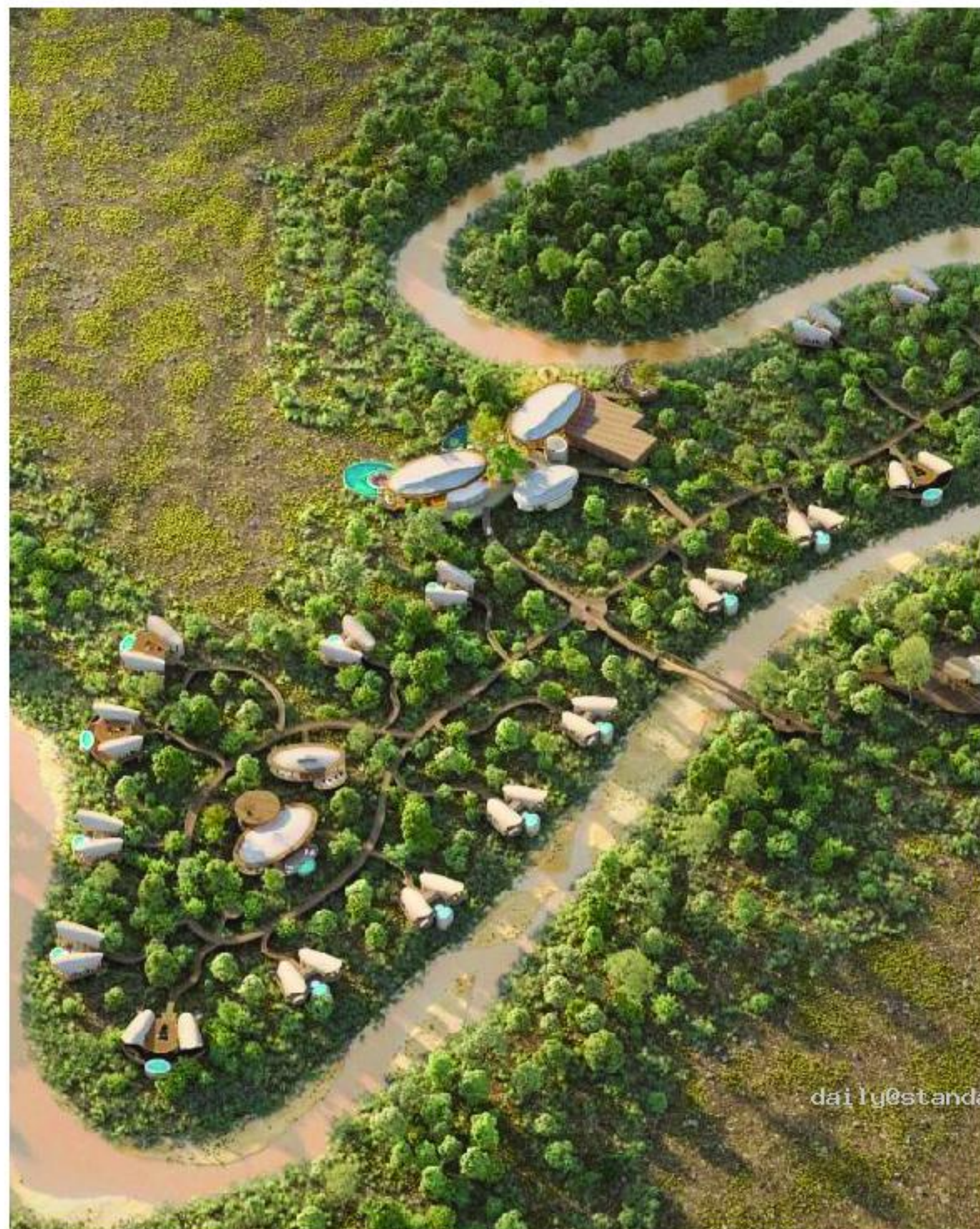
In response to a formal complaint by Meitamei Ololdapash, Director of the Maasai Education, Research, and Conservation (MERC) Institute, County Secretary Mayiani Tuya dismissed the allegations as “unfounded and misleading.”

He said the luxury safari project has not interfered with the annual wildebeest migration routes or endangered species’ habitats. “The Ritz-Carlton Maasai Mara Safari Camp does not block any wildlife migration corridor nor does it interfere with the habitat of endangered species,” Tuya stated.

According to Tuya, the camp is operating lawfully under a lease agreement with the Narok County, and in compliance with the Maasai Mara National Reserve Management Plan 2023–2032—a policy document formulated under the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (2013) and adopted through public participation.

Environment Cabinet Secretary, Governor Patrick Ntutu, Director General of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Erastus Kanga, and National Environment Management Authority (Nema) Mamo B Mamo, have all endorsed the management plan.

This plan outlines zoning, migration corridors, and conservation protocols to ensure ecological integrity.



A section of the Ritz-Carlton safari camp in Maasai Mara. [Courtesy]

The management plan includes collaborative conservation efforts with KWS and Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) and outlines key actions such as protecting black rhinos and preserving migration routes within the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem.

The camp, Tuya noted, has created jobs for the local community and promotes cultural tourism and social responsibility programmes, generating much-needed revenue.

As controversy brews, tourism stakeholders have welcomed the Ritz-Carlton brand, viewing it as a strategic shift in Kenya’s tourism

narrative—from mass-market to high-end experiences.

Mohammed Hersi, Director of Operations at Pollmans Tours & Safaris, stated Ritz-Carlton’s first safari lodge in Africa signifies a bold repositioning of Kenya as a premium tourism destination. “In choosing Kenya, Ritz-Carlton bypassed formidable contenders such as Botswana, Tanzania, and South Africa. This decision confirms Kenya’s growing stature on the global luxury travel map,” Hersi said.

With only 20 bespoke tented suites, the camp promises exclusivity, intimacy, and an authentic safari experience—all complemented by the legendary Ritz-Carlton hospitality.

The luxury safari camp, reportedly charges between \$3,500 (Sh451,000) and \$26,000 (Sh 3.3 million) per person per night. It features 21 high-end tents, wellness facilities, and private game drives, making it one of the most exclusive wilderness escapes in East Africa.

Despite reassurances from the county government, Ololdapash remains unconvinced. In a letter dated July 24, he issued a 14-day ultimatum to Marriott International, demanding full disclosure of the project’s legal, environmental, and community documentation. “Failure to respond in a timely and complete manner will trigger the escalation of our advocacy, legal, and international reporting measures,” Ololdapash warned in the letter addressed to Marriott President and CEO Anthony Capuano.

The deadline—August 7, 2025—comes just days before the official launch of the camp, slated for August 15, 2025. Central to his concerns is the camp’s location near Sand River, a protected wildlife corridor that serves as a vital crossing point for the Great Wildebeest Migration between the Maasai Mara and the Serengeti.

The situation has drawn international attention, with critics labeling it one of the most controversial tourism developments in Kenya’s recent history.

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COST of the most expensive room per night in the new luxury safari camp inside the Masai Mara reserve.

VIHIGA

Residents raise alarm over stalled granite factory

Frustration is growing among residents over the stalled construction of a long-promised granite factory expected to transform the region’s rocky landscape into an economic powerhouse.

Vihiga County, famously dotted with massive rock outcrops, has nearly a third of its land covered in stone. Hopes were high in 2018 when Vihiga Governor Wilber Ottichilo announced the county had acquired a 10-acre parcel of land at Buyangu in Luanda Sub-County for the factory.

The ambitious project, launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, was to process stone into cement, tiles, terrazzo, and other products for local and export markets.

It was scheduled for completion by June 2019, but the government was unable to fund the project.

An investor was luckily found in 2024, and the project was scheduled to take only 12 months for completion and processing of the stones to begin.

However, progress has stalled, reportedly due to the failure of the investor contracted to execute the Sh2.5 billion project. No tangible development has occurred at the site since July 2024, when construction was expected to begin following the awarding of the contract to a foreign investor.

This has shattered the dreams of many residents who had hoped to benefit economically by putting the rocks on their land to productive use.

For Reagan Sagala, 75, a resident of Mahanga village, land has become increasingly scarce. Passed down from his father, the once sizeable family farm has been subdivided among his four sons—who have further divided it among their children—leaving the family crowded on a much smaller piece.

Nearly two acres of his remaining land are covered in rocks. Like thousands of residents, Sagala was initially optimistic when both national and county governments announced plans for the granite factory—a project that promised to turn the region’s rocky terrain into economic gold.

[Brian Kisanji]

Briefing

MURANG'A. NYORO SLAMS STATE PRIORITIES

■ Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro has criticised the government for wrong priorities in the national budget at the expense of facilitating free education. Speaking at Kiaguthu Boys High School during a prize-giving day, he said not remitting capitation of Sh22,000 for each learner in secondary school has exposed principals to myriad challenges. “The CSs should stop blame games and release the balance when schools open for the third term,” said Nyoro. Parliament, he said, would not allow manipulation of the education sector owing to its importance to children. [Boniface Gikandi]

KAKAMEGA. MP DECRIES RISING TEEN PREGNANCIES

■ Matungu MP Oscar Nabalindo has raised alarm over rising cases of teenage pregnancies, blaming parental neglect and lack of accountability. Speaking at Emuberi Primary School Nabalindo urged parents to ensure their children, especially girls, are in school and not forced into early marriages. “Parents must stop turning a blind eye when their children engage in early marriages or relationships that lead to pregnancies. Some are encouraging it, which is unacceptable. We won’t tolerate it,” he said. [Mary Imenza and Benard Lusigi]

MIGORI. SUGARCANE FARMERS SEEK SH300M

■ Sugarcane farmers now want the government to clear Sh300 million arrears owed to them. The arrears were accrued between October 2024 to April this year. The farmers claim they lack funds to pay school fees and other basics. Kenya Association of Sugarcane and Allied Products chairman Charles Atiang’a pleaded with the government to clear the arrears accumulated during the milling company’s former management which was in office for 10 months. “Our concern is that during the transition, the government said the old debts belonged to it,” Mr Atiang’ said. [Anne Atieno]

TRANS NZOIA. GEN Z DEMAND CABINET SLOT

■ Youth leaders have urged the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy, and Sports to secure a Cabinet slot for young people. They argue that youth deserve direct representation in top government decision-making tables. Speaking in Saboti, youth representative Peter Kwemai said young people are no longer satisfied with being sidelined in national matters. “We demand that the President of the National Youth Council be granted a Cabinet position. This is the only way our issues will be heard at the decision-making table,” said Kwemai. They also called for inclusion of NYC presidents elected in all 47 counties to the Cabinet. [Martin Ndiema]



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EDITORIAL

Stop gambling with our country's future through risky financing models

President William Ruto rode to power on his criticism of his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta over excessive borrowing, which he explained crippled the economy and complicated life for Kenyans.

Positioning himself as a Kibaki student, Dr Ruto convinced Kenyans that if elected President, he would establish policies that would attract the investors to create a more vibrant economy and thus put money into people's pockets.

Three years down the line, public debt which stood at Sh8.7 trillion by August 2022 has ballooned to over Sh11.5 trillion - rising from Sh10.4 trillion as recorded in May 2024, equivalent to a 10.3 per cent increase.

Despite Kenya Kwanza's pledge to create a more conducive environment for business, the regime has caused intensified closures and scaled-down operations among firms, leading to job losses and eroded confidence in Kenya as an investment destination.

This trend has been driven by a mix of factors, including escalating operational costs due to high taxes, regulatory overreach, policy unpredictability, and perceived political instability.

The administration's approach, such as the controversial securitisation model, a financial mechanism that allows an institution to raise funds by leveraging predictable future income, has elicited concerns by financial experts who have likened it to mortgaging the country's assets and warned that the model poses complex legal and constitutional questions that demand urgent attention.

While the government maintains that the model provides immediate liquidity, ensures efficient use of predictable revenue, and helps to reduce accumulation of public debt, finance experts and financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund have raised transparency concerns on the securitisation of fuel levy, citing potential bypassing of parliamentary oversight and constitutional safeguards.

Legal experts and private auditors warn that the use of Special Purpose Vehicles for the arrangement may breach debt sustainability principles and lock revenues for investor payouts in future.

There is a need for the government to adhere to constitutional principles such as public consultation and the rule of law before embracing financing approaches which might hurt Kenyans in future.

The government should also implement the promises it made during the campaigns, which include revamping the economy so that the country may generate enough revenue to provide services and infrastructure as opposed to over-relying on borrowing.

This will foster long-term economic stability and avert potential debt crises. This can be achieved through increased revenue collection, fiscal consolidation, diversifying funding sources, and promoting responsible borrowing practices.

Reliance on borrowing has made the local economy more vulnerable to external shocks, such as changes in global interest rates or commodity prices, as debt servicing costs continue to increase. It's time for government to change tack.

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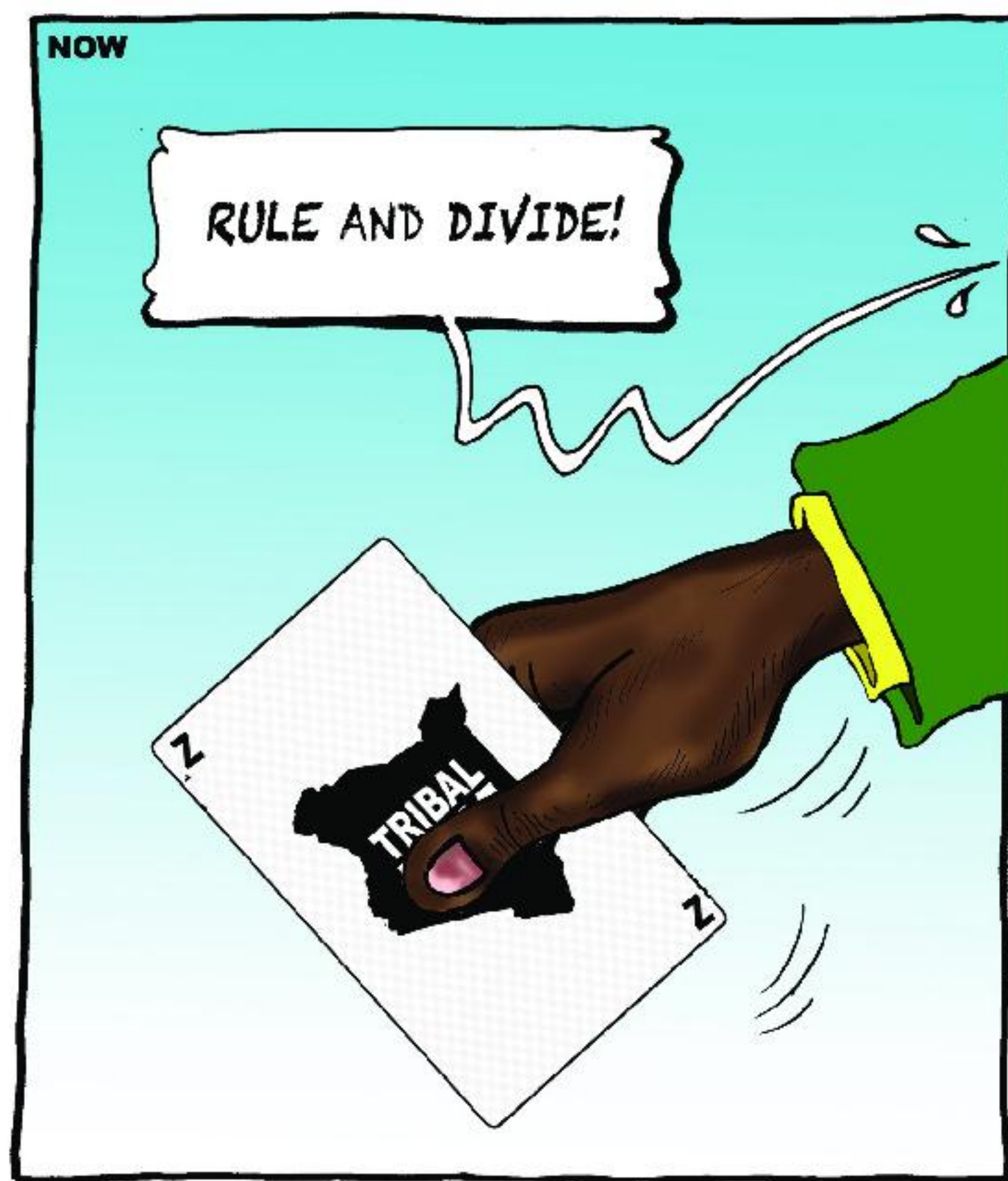
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Key freedoms are guaranteed by Constitution, not ODM and UDA



ELIAS MOKUIA

The ODM-UDA "merger" raises interesting questions. What is the common denominator between the two? Who benefits from the strengthened relationship between the two parties? The broad-based government, as is known, is meant to "stabilise the country and create an enabling environment for Kenyans to address their concerns through democratic and constitutional means," as per the Tuesday ODM's Central Committee press statement.

In and beyond these words, there is a whole thesis to write. However, the limited space does not permit me to.

So, the country was going South until ODM came in to help the government stabilise it? The occasional protests since last year, tellingly, must have begun to show signs that their impact would make it impossible for the Kenya Kwanza government to remain in power if ODM didn't lend a helping hand. That is what the ODM presser essentially meant.

This is a noble cause. For those of us who do not have the privilege of accessing classified government security briefs, we can only take it as true that for the Kenya Kwanza

government to have bent backwards to seek help from ODM to steady the country, the national security must have been extremely precarious. Of course, we need peace, and if that were the most reasonable option, then we would be grateful that ODM managed to ensure peace and stability.

There was more from the press conference. The partnership between the two parties has the aim to "create an enabling environment for Kenyans to address their concerns through democratic and constitutional means." This is a loaded statement. It justifies every ODM-UDA action without specificity. It includes and excludes nuanced meanings at the same time. It is a diplomatic language that conceals a thousand motives. So let us deconstruct it.

Kenya has a solid constitution which is praised as one of the most progressive in the world. In it, we have a range of freedoms that citizens ought to enjoy. Among them are freedom of expression and association. It goes further to list demonstrations and protests as fundamental rights that Kenyans are entitled to. It is ironic, therefore, that a partnership between ODM and UDA should provide a conducive environment for Kenyans to address their concerns. This is a technical gaslighting of legitimate protests. It would be more justified for the two buddy parties to focus on how to ensure genuine protesters are protected from sponsored infiltrators out to cause chaos, including violence and loss of property. ODM should know better how politically advantageous protests have been to its growth as a national party.

To run the Gen Z out of town and now begin to sound like the protests were a bad

idea after all is being dishonest with ourselves. During last year's Financial Bill protests, the government repeatedly said that the protests meant well until thugs joined in with ulterior motives. This is where the government needed to invest itself. However, its fear, I would imagine, is that the protests would grow louder and bigger to a point where they could push through their agenda in an uncontrollable manner. I would argue that it was and still is within the government's power to allow protests as they are a constitutional right. We have seen many protests in the world against governments that do not end up violent to the extent we see in Kenya.

Most importantly, I think the ODM-UDA collaboration should focus on why Parliament has abdicated its mandate of overseeing the Executive. A lot of Executive excesses would have been checked by Parliament. Mega corruption, nepotism, tribalism in government appointments, land grabbing, insecurity, lack of job opportunities for graduates, among other many social ills, would have been mitigated if only Parliament faithfully stuck to its core functions of oversight, representation and timely legislation. But, who oversees who in the current arrangement?

For the broad-based government to bear fruit, it should focus on ensuring freedoms of people at all levels of governance. By providing security for citizens to address their concerns constitutionally, the government stands to gain credibility, legitimacy and positive press locally and internationally.

Dr Mokuia is Executive Director of Loyola Centre for Media and Communication

"The hostility by Tanzania towards foreigners is directed at Kenyans, because we do not see Tanzanians treat other nationals from other countries the way they treat Kenyans."

Joe Nyutu, Murang'a Senator



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PALAUVER

When the County Government of Busia replaced an 'analogue' water pumping system with 'digital' solar powered system in Budwamboko Village, Ageng'a Nanguba Ward, the residents celebrated, according to James Ryan Kange [jameskange718@gmail.com]. "But the celebration was short-lived as it led to more problems. As a result, locals have had no pumped water for a year now," he says and urges Governor Paul Otuoma to intervene.



A country, says Limo Eliakim Esquire [limoeliakim@gmail.com], is referred to as a stable state when its institutions perform their duties and there is general law and order. "A country starts collapsing when state institutions' authority is undermined by a few rogue powerful individuals. When public transport is infiltrated by businesspeople who operate like criminals since their minibuses are not registered with ational Transport and Safety Authority, do not display licences and are driven with impunity, then those are birth pangs of state failure. Have a stable day."

Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com] Phoebe Asiyo, Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com], will be accorded a State burial. "The decision was arrived at after Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga, in her own words, spoke to President William Ruto who granted the wish. I am just wondering: Would the Central government have thought of that had Wanga, who is close to the President, not made the request?"



The ongoing contradictions among Kenyan leaders on critical matters like education highlight a worrying lack of unity, according to Valyn Omito [omitovalyn@gmail.com]. "From conflicting policies to public disagreements, this disarray not only confuses citizens but also undermines national development. When those entrusted with shaping our future cannot agree, the result is stalled progress and lost trust. Education, a pillar of any thriving nation, suffers the most. The youth, our future, are left in uncertainty."

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Should Kenya also ban Tanzanian traders?



YES

HELLEN MUTHONI,
SALES LADY



Ruto should retaliate quickly

Kenya should also impose sanctions on Tanzanian nationals with small businesses in various places of our country in retaliation to President Samia Suluhu's directive. The directive by Ms Suluhu is bad and against the existing diplomatic protocols of the East African Community. When a president issues such a directive, s/he must be alive to the fact that similar sanctions may

be imposed against her citizens running similar businesses in neighbouring countries. It is shocking that a president can make such a decision. But because Tanzania has shown us the way, we should not hesitate to do the same on our side. The government should sit pretty while Kenyans are being deprived of their livelihoods in Tanzania. President William Ruto should also expel all Tanzania nationals - and there are many of them - with small businesses in Kenya. Tanzania will eventually learn that it needs Kenya more than Kenya needs it.

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NO

KIMEU KIMEU,
CITY ENTREPRENEUR



Solve this problem amicably

I will not root for a retaliatory approach on Tanzania's directive to ban foreign small traders from doing business in the country. Instead, I call for a diplomatic approach to address the issue and ensure that it does not arise ever again. The Kenyan government should avoid the invitation to engage in such a petty exchange with Tanzania. I find it strange that Tanzania made this decision, yet its citizens are all over in our

cities and towns working as barmaids, shamba boys and second-hand clothes traders, among others. Kenyans have always coexisted with foreigners and one wonders why Tanzania shouldn't do the same. We should coexist as good neighbours and reject any attempt to sow seeds of discord based on colonial boundaries because we are one people. Kenya is a bigger economy and as the big brother, we should not do what Tanzania has done. However, there is need to resolve this labour dispute in order to ensure fair play in the East African region.

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JOURNALISM

Revised code for media practice is repugnant and should be withdrawn

The true ill intentions of the framers of the revised Code of Conduct for Media Practice 2025 lies in the Objects of the Code. It matters not that the Code was arrived at through a "multisectoral" forum that included many stakeholders because the outcome of all the workshops and lobbying is a poisonous outcome.

Clearly, these regulations were inspired by ideologies from a bygone era and orchestrated by the State and "stakeholders", carefully, assembled and prepped to validate and rubber-stamp a fait accompli that, if enforced will, negatively, redefine journalism, free expression, creative design and convert the media into a promoter of vague and politically motivated concepts like "national values", "responsible and credible reporting" and "public interest".

Alternatively, media stakeholders, including the Media Council of Kenya, Kenya Union of Journalists and Kenya Editors' Guild sleepwalked into this fiat without knowing and should retrace their steps and walk away from this travesty.

The stringent objects in the Code required of print and broadcast journalists create a new but easy avenue for one to be struck of the Roll of practitioners for non-compliance and an avenue for the State and its allies to impose a pliant media populated by "patriotic" journalists.

For what purpose does a law require journalists to be patriotic? For example, the requirement that journalists must make "all efforts" to verify every incident for "accuracy and authenticity" before publishing or broadcasting is too wide to understand, capable of elastic interpretation and is prone to abuse.

It is trite ethical policy for all journalists, since historical time, to verify before publishing, but



David Ochami,
Journalist and advocate
of the High Court

the idea that they must "verify" for "authenticity" and "fact" means they will not publish or broadcast anything, until it is proved to be factual in the eyes of the state or quasi state agencies. That creates a new obstacle of obstructive and unreasonable delays in dissemination of information for the media imposed by the state and quasi state bodies and not by journalists' own judgment.

Journalism, since historical times is not designed or intended to promote "national values" as part of its conscious role in society as required by this Code. Journalists should be allowed to self-regulate based on best practices, training and their own judgment without the requirement to promote any values. Journalists are led by objective facts, however inconvenient and unpalatable. They should not be pressured to advance politically motivated or ideologically laced values, acceptable to the state or the majority in society.

Often, the media is compelled to go against the majoritarian thinking to protect the same public. The state or individual actors should not use statutory power or regulations to impose and propagate a version of public interest and expect the media to follow suit as it is attempting via this loaded Code.

What happens if state officials deny what is factual or deploy their own alternative facts? Are journalists expected to cower in surrender? Occasionally, journalists have an ethical duty, not to publish fact when such fact is inflammatory but they may also publish inflammatory or inaccurate material when uttered by leaders when doing so is necessary to expose such leaders' true character, ignorance or capacity for propaganda so that the public can judge.

Such judgment should be left for editors and the media to make and not for the law or regulation to dictate. Imagine a situation where a president threatens genocide or lies in public. Should journalists receive a blanket ban not to report or should editorial judgment be the sole basis of what should be published?

Often reporting the so-called inaccurate reports or inflammatory matters spurs public reaction, criminal investigations and political sanctions for errant politicians and policymakers. The Objects of these regulations is to impose fear or repercussions for behaviour the state and some state and non-state actors consider to be false news unpatriotic and distasteful. The Code, without pretense, seeks to revise free expression, journalism and impose a new moral code and foster a "patriotic" press. It must be withdrawn or be outlawed by the constitutional court for its unreasonable overreach.



HUSSEIN KHALID,
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East Africa is now a community of repression, not cooperation

On Wednesday May 23, 2025, Mwabili Mwagodi, a Kenyan activist living and working in Tanzania, was abducted in the capital Dar es Salaam under highly suspicious circumstances. According to his own account, he was approached by unidentified security agents and taken into custody without a warrant. He was blindfolded and transported to an undisclosed location. For several days, he was held incommunicado, subjected to interrogation, and most disturbingly, kept in handcuffs both day and night, even while sleeping and using the toilet. His captors offered no official charges, no access to legal representation and no information to his family or colleagues.

Eventually, and with no legal process, Mwabili was handed over to Kenya authorities. Traumatized and disoriented, he later revealed that when he was handed over to Kenyan authorities, they confiscated his three mobile phones, his passport, his work permit and other personal effects. He has not been able to recover them to date. No receipts were issued, no records filed. Only silence and intimidation. No government, Kenyan or Tanzanian, has publicly taken responsibility. Yet both were clearly complicit. This illegal cross-border rendition was not the result of rogue officers; it was a coordinated action between two states determined to punish a young man for daring to speak truth to power.

Sadly, Mwabili's case is not unique. In May 2025, Boniface Mwangi, one of Kenya's most prominent human rights defenders and Agather Atuhairi, a fearless journalist and activist from Uganda, were both abducted in Tanzania. They had travelled there to attend the case of Tundu Lissu, Tanzania's opposition leader. Instead, they were seized by plainclothes officers, detained for days and subjected to torture both physical and psychological. When they were finally released following a regional outcry, they bore visible signs of abuse and deep emotional trauma. To date, no accountability has been offered and no one has been prosecuted for the crimes committed against Boniface and Agather.

Around the same time in May 2025, I landed in Tanzania together with Chief Justice Emeritus Dr Willy Mutunga and Activist Hanifa Adan to attend the same court session for opposition leader Tundu Lissu, whose tireless struggle for democracy and justice has inspired many across East Africa. Our visit was peaceful, legal and open. Yet within minutes of landing at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, we found ourselves being treated not as observers, but as threats.

Tanzanian immigration authorities detained us without cause or explanation. Despite identifying ourselves and explaining the purpose of our visit, we were held in a restricted area at the airport for several hours, denied legal counsel and then forcibly deported to Kenya without being allowed to step out of the airport terminal. No formal reason was given, no documents were served. Just silent hostility and a coordinat-



ed push-back against transparency and solidarity.

Then there's the case of Kizza Besigye, Uganda's opposition leader. On November 16, 2024, while temporarily in Kenya, Dr Besigye was abducted by Kenyan security officers believed to have been working in collusion with Ugandan authorities. He was unlawfully transferred across the border into Uganda, where he was immediately slapped with trumped-up treason charges. His arrest, just like Mwabili's, violated every tenet of due process and human dignity. It was a cross-border political hit, executed with surgical precision and cynical coordination.

These incidents are not random. They are part of an emerging and disturbing pattern across East Africa - where borders are used not to protect citizens, but to facilitate the illegal persecution of activists, whistleblowers and opposition leaders. What unites these cases is the deliberate collapse of legal procedure, the use of force over law and the targeting of individuals who dare to challenge state excesses. What is unfolding before our very eyes is a regional crisis of justice. The Constitutions of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are unequivocal in their pro-



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tection of basic rights and liberties. Kenya's Constitution, under Article 49, guarantees arrested persons the right to be informed promptly of the reasons for arrest, to remain silent and to be brought before a court within 24 hours. Uganda's Article 23 offers similar protections and Tanzania's Bill of Rights in Article 13 explicitly forbids arbitrary arrest and detention. Yet these laws are being flouted with impunity by the three governments.

Moreover, such actions violate the East African Community (EAC) Treaty, particularly Article 6 (d), which commits partner states to principles of good governance, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights. When state agents abduct individuals in one country and render them to another without judicial oversight, they reduce the EAC to a network of repression, rather than a community of cooperation.

International law is no less clear. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which all three countries are signatories, prohibits arbitrary arrest, enforced disappearance, and the denial of fair trial guarantees. The UN Convention Against Torture bars the transfer of individuals to countries where they risk torture or cruel treatment - a safeguard that is blatantly ignored in these renditions. What we are witnessing is not just a breakdown of law. It is state-sanctioned terror.

As East Africans, it behooves us to tell President William Ruto, President Samia Suluhu Hassan and President Yoweri Museveni that we see what they are doing. They may believe that coordinating repression makes them more effective. They may believe that regional silence gives them cover. However they are mistaken. East Africans are watching, organising and remembering. The cross-border brutality will not be buried. The crimes will not be forgotten. Sooner or later, justice will come and it will come for them.

Hospitality industry

What can be done to reduce high number of labour disputes



LAURA ACHIENG

The hospitality sector is a cornerstone of Kenya's economy, directly employing over 1.1 million people and supporting millions more through indirect channels such as agriculture, manufacturing, and transport. As Kenya positions itself as a premier tourist destination supported by increased international arrivals and infrastructure investments such as the Dongo Kundu bypass, the need to align labour laws with sectoral growth remains pivotal.

Hospitality is uniquely people-driven, the quality of service, the warmth of a welcome, and the smoothness of a guest's stay are all dependent on frontline staff including chefs, waiters, housekeepers, and receptionists who interact directly with customers. However, the industry also operates under tight margins and seasonal fluctuations. These competing elements often bring labour laws, staff welfare, and business efficiency into question.

In recent years, the Employment and Labour Relations Court has handled a growing number of disputes within the hospitality sector. Many of these are linked to violations of Kenya's Employment Act, 2007, particularly around issues such as poor working conditions, non-payment of statutory dues, and lack of adherence to minimum wage standards. According to statistics from the Kenya Union of Domestic, Hotel, Educational Institutions, Hospitals and Allied Workers, almost 40 per cent of grievances originate from unclear employment terms and unpaid overtime.

On the other hand, employers also cite real constraints. Hotel owners and managers grapple with high utility bills, cost of goods, and currency fluctuations, all while delivering exceptional service. During low seasons or unexpected downturns like the recent pandemic or political unrest, labour becomes one of the more challenging costs to sustain. Some properties are forced to downsize or restructure rapidly, which if not handled lawfully, creates legal exposure.

The path forward requires proactive alignment and clarity in employment terms. Every employee, whether casual, part-time, or full-time, must have a contract that clearly defines working hours, duties, benefits, and grievance procedures. These terms must be explained to the employee and made accessible in a form the recipient understands.

Second, consistency in HR practices is the co-driver behind these employment terms. A good staff handbook, periodic training on rights and responsibilities, and fair dispute resolution mechanisms can reduce tension and build trust. Employers must invest in ongoing HR capacity building both as a business imperative and a legal requirement.

Collaboration with regulatory bodies is equally vital. The Ministry of Labour, National Industrial Training Authority, and Tourism Regulatory Authority all have roles to play in creating platforms for training, dialogue, and enforcement. These agencies should continue to partner with private sector players to ensure that compliance is constructive and enabling and not deemed punitive.

We must also acknowledge the role of guests and the market force. With rising global awareness on ethical tourism and sustainability, hotel brands that uphold good labour practices are more likely to win the trust of socially conscious travelers. Labour compliance in this case serves as both a legal requirement and a brand enhancer.

When employee welfare and operational efficiency are aligned, the result is a more resilient, ethical, and competitive sector for all.

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FROM THE WEB

Why officer defied shooting order

Standard Digital: Police officer stated his actions weren't planned. "It came from the heart. I wanted to tell Kenyans that not all police officers support brutality," Hiram Kimathi said.

David Ruto: Let this man seek divine guidance to help him understand the view of his situation and his career as a police officer.

Okoth Lostpoet Wyclef: I know a lot of police officers who are like this. Good job officer!

Kim Ng'ash: That's a good officer. May God bless him.

Gerishom Magolo: Now that you have talked, I will now decide to love some of you because my question was or is, are police human beings?

Gabriel Ochieng Angina: Congratulations brother. This is the kind of police we want in this country who work according to the law. Be blessed Sir.

Wai Thira: God bless Hiram, such souls deserve love.

Esther Kimani: A true gentleman with a human heart. God will open new amazing doors for him.



EDUCATION

More targeted and realistic financing needed to end current woes in the education sector

The country's education sector is facing growing strain. Rising enrollment, shifting curriculum demands, and economic pressures have exposed long-standing weaknesses in how schools are financed and supported. While policy frameworks appear aligned with global goals such as SDG 4 and national ambitions under Vision 2030, implementation gaps, particularly in funding, are creating serious risks for learners, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

At the centre of this challenge is a persistent shortfall in financing. The 2023/24 education budget rose to Sh597.2 billion, yet actual capitalisation for secondary students dropped below the recommended KSh 22,244 per learner to approximately Sh17,000. This adjustment followed a surge in secondary enrolment to 4.2 million students. As a result, nearly a million students are receiving less than what is needed for tuition, learning materials, examinations, meals, and boarding support. A February 2025 review placed the basic education funding gap at Sh43.4 billion, with secondary education accounting for Sh21.85 billion of the shortfall. Primary education, school meals, and infrastructure also remain critically underfunded.

These financial pressures directly affect learning outcomes. Delays and arrears in disbursements impact teaching, exam preparation, and learner welfare.

The Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) adds further pressure. While CBC aligns well with 21st-century skills and inclusivity, it demands new investments in teacher training, infrastructure, digital tools, and continuous assessment systems. Without adequate funding and planning, the gains envisioned under the CBC risk being lost in implementation gaps.

This situation calls for a more targeted and realistic financing approach. Aligning education budgets with current enrollment and the demands



of ongoing reforms would help ensure that schools operate above the minimum threshold required for quality learning. Timely and predictable disbursement of funds would strengthen planning, support learning continuity, and reduce strain on school administrators.

In addition, prioritising school meals, learning infrastructure, and teacher development as core components of education delivery would make a significant impact. School feeding programmes, in particular, should be expanded in high-need areas, given their proven effect on learner retention, concentration, and performance.

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Good, bad side of Nairobi hosting more UN offices

The planned relocation of major United Nations offices to Nairobi by late 2026 will mark a significant shift for Kenya, East Africa, and the continent at large. While this move is expected to enhance Kenya's international profile and strengthen the diplomatic status of Nairobi, it also raises concerns about gentrification.

The anticipated influx of international staff, diplomats, and supporting organisations will likely increase demand for housing, services, and infrastructure in Nairobi. This may drive up property values and rental prices, particularly in areas surrounding the new UN offices such as Gigiri, Runda, Muthaiga, and other nearby neighbourhoods.

Although gentrification can lead to modernisation — including improved roads, security, schools and healthcare, the key challenge lies in ensuring these benefits are equitably distributed. Without thoughtful planning, low-and middle-income residents risk being priced out of their own communities, further widening inequality.

On the positive side, the relocation is expected to create jobs, stimulate the tourism sector, and attract foreign investment. Local businesses are likely to thrive due to increased demand for hospitality, transport, and housing services.

Collins Kibet Bii, Nakuru

STIGMA

Stop demonising NIS; they work for all of us

In Kenya today, there are three phrases that instantly change the tone of any conversation: "He works for NIS," "she's an NIS agent," or "that guy is being followed by NIS." Once spoken, suspicion rises, people shift in their seats, and silence takes over. But the question we must now ask seriously and soberly is: when did national service become a stigma?

The National Intelligence Service (NIS), by law and by function, exists not to haunt us but to protect us. Yet public discourse often treats it like some underground,

rogue outfit as if working in intelligence is the same as being part of a secret cult. This narrative is not only misleading it is dangerous, unfair, and unpatriotic.

We must remember: The NIS is not a vigilante group. It is a fully recognised, state-sanctioned security organ under the Constitution. It gathers intelligence to keep the country safe — from terrorism, cyber threats, criminal networks, and yes, even internal sabotage. Why, then, do we treat every mention of it like a warning sign? **Ibrahim A Issack, Nairobi**



ENVIRONMENT

Mau Forest conservation efforts have borne fruit

Over the past few years, the Mau Forest—Kenya's largest water tower—has witnessed an encouraging environmental shift: Increased rainfall and greener vegetation. While some may see this as just a stroke of nature, the real driver behind this transformation lies in strict government conservation policies.

The eviction of illegal settlers, enforcement of forest boundaries, a moratorium on logging, and increased community sensitisation have all played a key role in reviving the Mau ecosystem. What once looked like a dying forest is now showing visible signs of recovery.

Areas adjacent to the Mau Forest, like Mau Summit, Kuresoi, and parts of Bomet, have reported heavier and more consistent rains over the last two rainy seasons. Farmers are already feeling the benefits with improved crop yields.

These gains are not by accident but they are the result of difficult but necessary choices. The government's willingness to stand firm against encroachment, despite political and social backlash, is now being validated by nature itself. Rivers that had dried up are flowing again and tree cover is improving. **Eric Kipngeno Yator, Bomet**

NAKURU

Civil societies sue State over protest crackdown

Four civil rights groups have sued the government over unlawful arrests, detention and prosecution of peaceful demonstrators.

Midrift Human Rights Network, County Governance Watch (CGW), Foundation for Dialogue (FFD) and Youth, Arts, Development and Entrepreneurship Network (Yaden), have filed a case against the Inspector General of Police, the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General and the Cabinet Secretary for Interior.

Through lawyer Wambugu Wanjohi, the organisations want the arrests, where alleged peaceful protesters have been charged with terrorism and other charges, to be declared unlawful, null and void.

In the case filed before Justice Lawrence Mugambi, the organizations want the court to bar the government, through its security agencies, from making further arrests or prosecuting the protesters.

"The court should also suspend all ongoing proceedings before the Kahawa Law Courts or any other court where terrorism charges have been instituted against protestors," reads the petition.

Wambugu submits that the arrests and prosecution followed the June 25, 2025 demonstrations and the Saba Saba protests on July 7.

"Over 70 individuals have already been charged under Section 4(1) of the said Act, in proceedings initiated and sustained without satisfying the statutory threshold for terrorism," reads the petition.

The organizations note that the prosecutions ongoing before the Kahawa Law Courts do not meet the threshold for terrorism charge and exposed the accused persons to life imprisonment among other capital punishments.

"Notwithstanding the absence of requisite elements such as ideological intent, mass harm, or use of prohibited weapons, this is a misuse of anti-terrorism law," reads the petition.

They add that the protestors had already suffered irreparable harm through prolonged detention and their reputations had been damaged.

The groups want the petition to be heard by a three-judge bench, noting that it raises urgent constitutional issues concerning the misuse of counter-terrorism law.

The case will be mentioned on August 11. **[Daniel Chege]**

NEW LOOK



Ushiriki Wema Foundation chair Tessie Musalia (left) with M-PESA Foundation Safaricom PLC Trustee Patricia Ithau during the handover ceremony of Chekombero Special School for the Hearing Impaired in Vihiga County yesterday. The school was renovated at a cost of Sh50 million by The Safaricom Foundation in partnership with Mudavadi Memorial Foundation Trust. Tessie urged the government to make basic sign language a subject to be taught in schools. **[Brian Kisanji, Standard]**

Spouses must divorce to reclaim loans, court rules

► Magistrate rules loan recovery must wait until marriage is dissolved.

► Woman sued husband over Sh108,000 loan to start wines and spirits business.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

Have you loaned your husband or wife money, expecting it to be paid back?

What happens if they fail to honour the agreement and you want your money back?

Well, the answer is simple: You must wait until the marriage is dissolved.

A court has ruled that the only barrier to recovering a loan issued during the course of a marriage is that the couple is still legally together.

"In the result, the court declines to order release of this money (which is property) for the legal roadblock that their marriage is still pending," ruled magistrate Temba Sitati.

A woman, codenamed CML, sued her husband, BSK, demanding he repay Sh108,000, part of a loan she gave him to start a wines and spirits business.

Testifying before Magistrate Sitati, CML said she loaned her husband Sh158,000 in 2023 based on an oral agreement that he would refund the money. She told the court that BSK paid back Sh50,000 in June last year but failed to settle the remaining Sh108,670.

CML, a civil servant, said her repeated requests for repayment were

ignored, prompting her to take legal action. She backed her claims with an M-Pesa statement and formal demand letter.

CML called her brother, code-named BML, as a witness. She admitted she was still married to BSK but noted that a divorce case was already pending in court.

BML told the court he was present when his sister loaned BSK the money as capital for the wines and spirits business. However, he conceded that he did not witness her physically hand over the cash.

In his defence, BSK claimed CML also owed him Sh500,000, which he said he had loaned her. Yet, he could only produce evidence of a Sh4,400 transfer sent via mobile money.

BSK told the court that the divorce case his wife cited had been dismissed, although he confirmed they were now living separately.

He said the Sh4,400 and another Sh29,779 sent to CML were not debts but remittances made in his role as a husband. He denied ever borrowing



While the court declares the money was a loan from wife to husband, the prayer for recovery of Sh108,670 is held in abeyance until the marriage is dissolved.

Temba Sitati, Magistrate

money from her during their marriage, arguing that any funds given to him were part of matrimonial property.

However, in her submissions, CML maintained there was a clear lending agreement, pointing to his earlier repayment of Sh50,000 as proof. She insisted that BSK must refund every coin she had lent him.

In his counter-submission, BSK urged the court to treat the money as matrimonial property, claiming the wines and spirits business was a family investment, not a personal venture.

BSK also argued that oral agreements are not legally enforceable, claiming CML failed to prove that she had made him an offer, that he had accepted it, or that any formal consideration was given.

But in his judgment, Magistrate Sitati ruled that the money CML gave BSK was her personal property, acquired before their marriage.

The court noted there was testimony from a third party who heard them discussing the loan, and that BSK's repayment of Sh50,000 served as acknowledgment of the agreement. Still, Sitati said the loan cannot be recovered until the marriage is formally dissolved.

"The parties have no decree absolute dissolving their marriage, so the declaration cannot be enforced," he ruled. "While the court declares the money was a loan from wife to husband, the prayer for recovery of Sh108,670 is held in abeyance until the marriage is dissolved." The magistrate also dismissed BSK's claim for Sh500,000, citing lack of evidence.

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Justice Lawrence Mugambi. **[File, Standard]**

CONSERVATION

State unveils ambitious plan to grow forest sector to Sh137b industry by 2050

The government has unveiled an elaborate plan to transform the forest sector to a Sh137 billion industry by 2050.

The plan by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry also seeks to have the industry, currently valued at Sh5 billion, employ 85,000 people. Statistics show that there are 15,000 individuals working in the sector.

The expansion of the sector aims at meeting growing demand for wood, enhance the availability of quality seeds and seedlings, improve forest management practices and support

forest certification schemes.

State Department for Forestry secretary Gitonga Mugambi said the analysis on the expansion will give a robust sector economic model, integrating micro and macro level perspective of growers, processors and value chain actors.

"With an enabling environment, industrial wood sector contribution to Gross Domestic Product GDP could grow from 5 billion to Sh137 billion by 2050," said Mugambi during the launch of Kenya Industrial Wood Sector Vision 2050 on Tuesday.

[Clare Ochieng]

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Traders at a gas outlet in Nyeri town. The High Court has stopped enforcement raids on such premises until the hearing of a pending court case. [File, Standard]

Briefing TRANSFERS. SBM BANK, PESALINK INK DEAL

■ SBM Bank Kenya and the Integrated Payment Services Ltd (IPSL) have signed a partnership that will see the Bank offer one of the lowest transfer fees for money transfer services in the market. Through the partnership, customers using IPSL's Pesalink money transfer on the SBM Mfukoni app and online banking will send between Sh1 and Sh1,000 for free. Amounts between Sh1,001 and Sh999,999 will attract a flat rate of Sh20. In 2024, Pesalink facilitated transactions worth over Sh1.1 trillion. **[Claire Ochieng]**

EXPANSION. VIVO OPENS 336TH STATION IN IMARA



■ Vivo Energy Kenya has expanded its retail network with its 336th Shell service station at Imara Daima, Nairobi. Speaking during the launch ceremony, Executive Vice President Retail and Commercial of Vivo Energy Arnaud Guichard said the move is driven by increased demand for petroleum products. "The Shell brand has stood firm, adapting to changing circumstances while maintaining our promise of quality and reliability to consumers. Opening a 336th station demonstrates our strategy of identifying and capitalising on opportunities," said Mr Guichard. Vivo Energy Kenya Managing Director Peter Murungi assured customers of quality products. "Today, I'm particularly proud to announce that this station will feature the new and improved Shell FuelSave formulation that gives you an extra 15 kilometres, without forgetting our differentiated fuel Shell V-Power." **[Claire Ochieng]**

COFFEE. FARMERS NET SH553M AT AUCTION

■ Farmers netted Sh553.1 million from the sale of 10,494 bags of coffee to 12 buyers at this week's Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) auction. This was up from Sh190.5 million realised from the auction last week, NCE said. The firm in its weekly report said farmers from cooperatives and estates offered 1,210 bags of AA grade coffee, which fetched Sh70.6 million. **[Boniface Gikandi]**

Epra on the spot for 'siding' with big oil firms in cooking gas row

► Regulator accused of surrendering its compliance and enforcement role to major players.

► Small LPG dealers accuse marketers of trying to squeeze them out of business through alleged illegal raids and arrests.

MACHARIA KAMAU, NAIROBI

Local small and medium-sized gas dealers have won the first round in a battle pitting them against major oil marketing companies.

The dealers claim the oil majors have been trying to squeeze them out of business through alleged illegal raids and arrests.

The fight has also drawn attention to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) for seemingly leaving its enforcement mandate to private sector players.

The court on Tuesday issued an order stopping the large oil marketers from carrying out enforcement actions until a case filed in court is heard and determined.

The independent gas dealers claim the Petroleum Institute of East Africa (PIEA), a lobby for large oil marketers, has been illegally conducting raids at their premises and confiscating equipment, including gas cylinders.

The larger companies, through PIEA and its enforcement officer – Mr Clive Mutiso – have also al-

legedly been using police officers to conduct what they said were illegal arrests and harassment of staff of the members of the Independent Gas Dealers Association of Kenya.

In the suit, the independent Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) companies had asked the court to issue an order prohibiting Mr Mutiso, PIEA and the Inspector General of Police from conducting inspections, arbitrary arrests, endless raids, illegal closure and confiscation of gas cylinders from the premises of the small cooking gas companies.

In a suit filed at the Milimani High Court on July 17, the petitioners – a group of 13 small and mid-sized LPG companies – also say Epra has the mandate of carrying out enforcement actions but appears to have delegated this to PIEA.

Legal action

13 OPERATORS

SMALL and medium-sized LPG companies that have filed a suit seeking to stop larger players from interfering with their operations.

The court on Tuesday issued an order prohibiting PIEA and Mr Mutiso from carrying out enforcement actions.

According to the court, "the alleged actions by the first and second respondents (Mutiso and PIEA) against petitioners must be stopped."

Justice Lawrence Mugambi granted the companies their prayers, prohibiting Mr Mutiso, PIEA together with the police from conducting raids, making arrests and confiscating equipment at their premises until the matter is heard and determined.

"This will ensure no further or future alleged violation takes place before the court settles the question of alleged arrests and prosecutions that are subject to this petition, which the regulator has questioned as usurping its roles. If these actions are allowed to go on, it will be difficult to grant redress should the petition succeed," said Justice Mugambi.

The court further noted that Epra, together with police and DCI officers seconded to it, are mandated with enforcement but appears to have conveyed this to PIEA and Mr Mutiso.

PIEA has in the past raised concerns about alarmingly high instances of illegal refilling of gas cylinders owned by its members and called for the strict enforcement of the 2019 LPG regulations.

The regulations make it illegal for one marketer to handle the gas cylinders of a competitor.

The independent dealers now claim that PIEA has taken matters into its own hands in a bid to root out illegal industry players.

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Exchange rates

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE RATE	JAPANESE YEN (100)	87.3746
US DOLLAR	129.2401	SWEDISH KRONER	13.4062
STERLING POUND	172.5291	NORWEGIAN KRONER	12.6793
EURO	149.3240	DANISH KRONER	20.0090
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	7.2314	INDIAN RUPEE	14.818
KES / UGANDA SHILLING	27.7391	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.4640
KES / TANZANIA SHILLING	19.8855	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.4587
KES / RWANDAN FRANC	11.1747	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4567
KES / BURUNDIAN FRANC	23.0652	CHINESE YUAN	18.0127
AE DIRHAM	35.1860	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.1612
CANADIAN DOLLAR	93.8801		
SWISS FRANC	160.5068		
		SOURCE:COMMERCIAL BANKS	

Unit Trusts

MONEY FUNDS	DAILY YIELD	E. A. RATE	CIC Equity Fund	7.03	6.85
CIC Money Market Fund	8.42%	8.75%	CIC Balanced Fund	6.82	6.67
Mayfair Money Market Fund	8.16%	8.50%	Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	15.20	15.20
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	11.96%	12.71%	NCBA Fixed Income Fund	7.92%	8.21%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund (USD)	5.24%	5.37%	NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	3.28%	3.32%
Kuza Money Market Fund	11.61%	12.30%	NCBA Equity Fund	204.72	204.72
Kuza Money Market Fund USD	5.37%	5.52%	Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	12.38%	13.10%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	10.57%	11.06%	Kuza Fixed Income Fund	11.94%	12.68%
Old Mutual Dollar Money M Fund	5.08%	5.20%	Kuza Momentum Special Fund	134.42	134.42
Enwealth Money Market Fund	10.32%	10.83%	Enwealth Fixed Income Fund	6.79%	7.01%
Enwealth Dollar Money Market Fund	4.93%	5.05%	Old Mutual Special Fixed Income	10.55%	11.19%
Faulu Money Market Fund	9.80%	10.26%	ICEA LION (KES) FIXED INCOME FUND	117.48	117.48
ICEA LION MONEY MARKET FUND	8.98%	9.39%	ICEA LION EQUITY FUND	142.17	142.17
Britam Money Market Fund	10.61%	11.19%	ICEA LION BALANCED FUND	137.25	137.25
Britam Money Market Fund USD	4.59%	4.70%	ICEA LION USD FIXED INCOME FUND	104.34	104.34
Madison Money Market Fund	10.50%	11.07%	Britam Bond Plus Fund	11.44%	12.11%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	9.60%	10.04%	Britam Fixed Income Fund USD	5.76%	5.93%
Dry Associates Money M Fund USD	5.16%	5.28%	Britam Balanced Fund	156.77	161.84
Co-op Money Market Fund	8.88%	9.28%	Britam Equity Fund	120.27	124.46
Stanbic Money Market Fund	6.26%	6.44%	Madison Fixed Income Fund	11.81%	12.53%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	10.81%	11.37%	Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	12.36%	13.60%
Equity Money Market Fund	4.96%	5.08%	Co-op Bond Fund	10.25%	10.79%
Mali Fund	9.19%	9.19%	Co-op Gratuity Fixed Income Fund	10.32%	10.87%
Genghis Money Market Fund	8.64%	9.02%	Stanbic Fixed Income Fund US Dollar	4.51%	4.61%
OTHER FUNDS			Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)	5.28%	5.41%
CIC Fixed Income Fund	10.52%	11.04%	Jubilee Fixed Income Fund	11.17%	11.76%
CIC Wealth Fund	7.00%	7.00%	Equity Balanced Fund	161.75	163.12



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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED: The sector totalled Sh61 million (9 per cent of the day's trades).

Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH52WK LOWVWAPPREVIOUS PRICEVOLUME					
AGRICULTURAL					
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 SME	11.70	12.40	100
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00		439.00	-
350.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00SME	345.00	339.50	5,900
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00SME		310.00	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	15.20	15.05	7,000
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	245.00	245.25	11,600
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	24.05	24.05	1,100
BANKING					
20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	19.50	19.50	5,219,700
38.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	35.90	37.10	2,700
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	77.50	76.50	16,500
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	50.25	50.25	466,100
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.80	7.82	388,300
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	36.95	36.90	9,200
48.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	47.35	47.30	1,842,100
66.50	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	66.00	65.75	73,000
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	177.00	177.00	321,500
320.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	315.00	310.25	192,700
18.35	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	17.00	17.00	355,500
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00SME	0.90	0.92	41,900
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	4.20	4.18	3,900
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50SME		4.66	-
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	5.10	5.14	222,600
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	2.46	2.68	1,900
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50SME	1.83	1.80	38,200
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.70	13.55	11,300
7.78	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	7.76	7.08	76,300
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00		6.60	-
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	14.50	14.50	1,000
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.29	0.29	156,300
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.55	2.51	109,400
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburl Cement Plc Ord 5.00		54.00	-
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	39.60	40.10	100
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50		1.71	-
55.75	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	44.60	43.25	4,100
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
7.52	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	7.40	7.34	592,200
12.40	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	11.35	11.00	457,600
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.10	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	25.45	25.35	65,600
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	9.58	9.52	1,079,400
INSURANCE					
8.98	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.54	8.52	55,700
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	3.39	3.39	164,300
247.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	239.00	231.75	7,400
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.22	2.21	2,448,600
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.90	10.95	8,500
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.98	7.96	3,800
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	11.50	11.55	136,200
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.61	0.63	494,100
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00SME		1,500.00	-
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	4.03	4.00	400
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
10.00	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	9.66	9.96	26,600
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
95.00	65.00	B.Q.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		89.50	-
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	402.00	399.75	35,800
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	21.60	21.95	3,40

FINANCE

Family Bank secures Sh2.6 billion facility for SME lending

Family Bank has secured a \$20 million (Sh2.6 billion) facility from British International Investment (BII) for onward lending to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in trade-related sectors. BII is a United Kingdom-based development finance institution and impact investor.

This partnership, which seeks to bolster trade financing in the country, will have a minimum of 75 per cent of the funds directed towards financing trade for MSMEs.

At least 50 per cent of these will go towards supporting women-led businesses and agribusiness-related enterprises. These businesses include those engaged in agricultural production, processing, logistics, infrastructure, and broader value chain activities.

This facility is a 2X-qualified investment, part of a global initiative to drive women's empowerment in developing economies.

Family Bank Chief Executive Nancy Njau said SMEs in Kenya continue to grapple with foreign currency liquidity constraints, which hamper their ability to access affordable financing and transact seamlessly.

"With SMEs forming over 80 per cent of our customer base, it is crucial for us to roll out innovative, friendly and cost-effective ways of doing business," she said. She said the partnership is part of the bank's five-year strategy that has a focus on SMEs.

"This partnership not only supports our five-year strategy to scale SME lending and deepen market segmentation but also accelerates our ambition to bridge financing gaps for vital businesses, particularly those led by women and those in the trade and agriculture sector," said Ms Njau.

BII East Africa Regional Director and Kenya Head of Office Seema Dhanani said MSMEs contribute 40 per cent to Kenya's gross domestic product and are vital for youth, women, and vulnerable groups. She said the partnership with Family Bank enables BII to support these small businesses, particularly agri-focused and women-led ones, with essential trade and working capital finance.

"This is aligned with our support to Kenya's goal of building a vibrant MSME sector that drives economic and social transformation," she added.

Family Bank has unveiled a plan to list on the Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE) next year as it eyes to be a tier one financial institution by 2029.

Board Chairman Lazarus Muema also hinted on growing the institution's tentacles beyond the Kenyan market, saying a holding company has already been formed that will drive the expansion.



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Customs agents fight to stay afloat in choppy logistics sector waters

Digitisation of cargo clearance at the Mombasa port has edged many of them out.

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“A rope to climb or a noose if we fail” is how Kenya International Freight and Warehousing Association (KIFWA) described its new five-year strategic plan for customs agents, whose numbers have shrunk in recent years due to operational difficulties.

It is against this backdrop that the lobby launched its strategy last week, with the hope that it would bolster its members’ relevance in the logistics value chain.

“This is not just another plan. It’s our contract with Kenya’s logistics future. We’re done with firefighting. This is about leading from the front,” said KIFWA National Chairman Fredrick Aloo.

The 2025-2030 strategic plan focuses on digitising processes, shaping policy, promoting sustainability, and securing value for the agents, also referred to as custom agents.

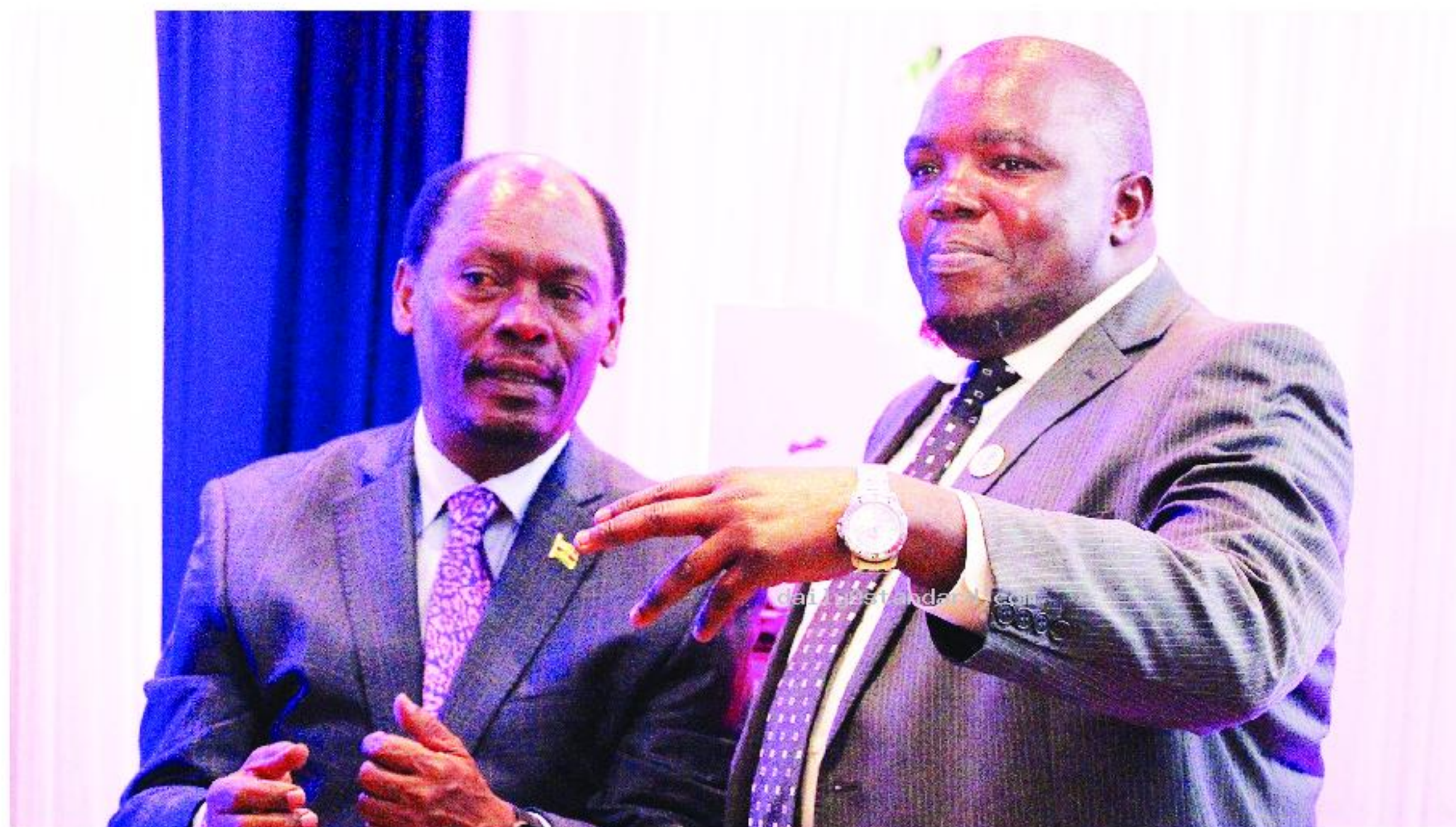
Mr Aloo stressed the critical role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing logistics competitiveness, particularly in supporting just-in-time production and delivery.

“Traders need fast, predictable, and timely release of goods,” he said, adding that improved transport infrastructure is essential to reduce high transaction costs.

The logistics sector also grapples with frequent changes in customs procedures, complex documentary requirements, and high information-processing costs, which create an unpredictable business environment.

In recent years, the number of agents has shrunk from 2,000 in 2004 to 1,200 due to the digitisation of cargo clearance at the port of Mombasa and ethical questions among some agents.

KIFWA hopes the plan will also enhance efficiency and cut costs across



Information, Communications and Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo (left) with Kenya International Freight and Warehousing Association Chairman Fredrick Aloo at the launch of the lobby's 2025-2030 strategic plan in Nairobi last week.
[Jonah Onyango, Standard]

the entire value chain to enable its members to compete with multinationals that have established one-stop shops at the Mombasa port.

Following the successful court battles against Section 16(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009 (Cap 389), shipping lines are offering clearing and forwarding and other logistical services.

These provisions, which barred the shipping lines from providing land-based services, were, however, challenged and declared unconstitutional by the High Court following cases filed by the liners.

The agents’ services were also affected by the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) online cargo processing and clearance at the Mombasa port.

The strategy, unveiled by the Cabinet Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy William Kabogo, marks a turning point for KIFWA, signalling its shift from a reactive role to a sector leader with a clear agenda.

At the heart of the plan are professional self-regulation and compliance, introducing strict ethical and operational standards for industry players and transparent and member-centred governance.

Others are fostering inclusive and accountable leadership, institutional and financial sustainability, and ensuring that

Capacity

35
MILLION

THE value of cargo in tonnes handled by KIFWA members annually.

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The future of customs lies in smart systems, data-driven risk management and fully automated processes.”

Humphrey Wattanga, Commissioner General, Kenya Revenue Authority

the organisation is well-resourced to grow membership.

The lobby will also encourage the use of evidence-based advocacy and policy engagement, positioning it as an influential voice in national and regional logistics policymaking.

In keeping with the industry trends, KIFWA will also promote environmentally sustainable practices to reduce the sector’s carbon footprint and digitisation of operations by embracing new technology to streamline workflows, boost transparency, and enhance competitiveness.

Each pillar comes with clear deliverables, timelines, and performance indicators—laying a foundation for what Aloo called “a bold and measurable revolution” in freight and warehousing.

KIFWA’s confidence is rooted in a solid track record. The association has over 1,200 freight firms handling more than 35 million tonnes of cargo annually, contributing an estimated nine per cent to Kenya’s GDP, valued at \$11.3 billion (Sh1.4 trillion) as of 2024.

“I applauded KIFWA for aligning its strategy with the government’s Digital Economy Blueprint. ICT is no longer optional in trade facilitation. KIFWA’s plan is timely and smart,” said CS Kabogo.

KRA Deputy Commissioner of Customs

and Border Control Chege Macharia said KIFWA’s plan promotes predictability, transparency, and efficiency in cargo clearance.

The customs and clearing agents collected Sh879 billion in revenue last year, nearly a third of the taxman’s national collections.

Shippers Council of East Africa (SCEA) Chief Executive Agayo Ogambi said: “The plan is a rope to climb—or a noose if we fail. It offers a scorecard not just for KIFWA but for the entire East African logistics ecosystem.”

Federation of East Africa Freight Forwarders Association (FEAFFA)’s technical advisor and KIFWA’s founding CEO John Mathenge urged other regional associations to emulate the initiative.

“This is what leadership looks like. Let’s build stronger internal systems and pursue transformative agendas.”

FEAFFA includes freight associations from all EAC Partner States, except Somalia and DR Congo, and represents over 2,500 licensed firms in the region.

KRA Commissioner General Humphrey Wattanga said they are encouraged by the plan’s emphasis on professionalism, policy advocacy, digital transformation and stakeholder collaboration.

“The future of customs lies in smart systems, data-driven risk management and fully automated processes. As part of our modernisation agenda, we plan a major upgrade of the iCMS in the Financial Year 2025-2026,” said Mr Wattanga.

In response to the association’s challenge with the business environment, KRA has said KIFWA and its members are equally instrumental in creating a more predictable, transparent and efficient trading environment.

In the financial year ended June, KRA collected over Sh2.57 trillion in revenue. Customs revenue accounted for more than Sh879 billion of this amount.

“This achievement is partly attributable to the diligence and accuracy of freight forwarders in customs declarations,” said the KRA boss.

As global trade and logistics continue to evolve, KRA has urged the logistics agents to position themselves as a responsive and forward-looking institution.

As of 2024, the industry’s estimated value stood at \$11.3 billion (Sh1.4 trillion), compared to the country’s GDP of \$124.5 billion (Sh16 trillion).

The sector has over 1,200 registered clearing and forwarding firms, the majority being SMEs.

Kenya fights to maintain its grip on global shipping lobby

The country has launched its candidacy for re-election to the International Maritime Organisation Council.

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Kenya is looking to maintain a grip on the leadership of a cluster of maritime nations after its fight for the top slot at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) flopped.

IMO is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping to ensure it is safe, secure, and environmentally sound.

The country launched its candidacy for re-election to the IMO Council under category (C) for the biennium 2026-2027 during the 134th session slated for December 3 this year. Principal Secretary for Shipping and Maritime Affairs Aden Millah says if re-elected, Kenya will contribute to maritime policy development in advancing sustainable and innovative solutions.

In 2023, Kenya lost in the IMO secretary general poll to Panama, the world's largest ship register, in what analysts blamed on the government's failure to master global maritime politics.

Last week, Millah launched the bid to retain Kenya's position at the IMO headquarters in London, saying the country's re-election to the council under category C would bolster the country's standing.

"It will bolster the nation's efforts to serve and contribute actively to maritime policy development in advancing sustainable and

innovative maritime solutions," he said.

The PS expressed the country's commitment to continue serving on the IMO council of 40 member states to enhance the UN agency's mandate.

Kenya has had a grip on the IMO council since 2001, providing a solid voice at the IMO for Eastern Africa and the Great Lakes region, putting the country on the world map. The country made its bid to clinch the position of IMO secretary general on July 18, 2023, through former principal secretary and maritime lawyer Mrs. Nancy Karigithu, but it flopped after Mr. Antonio Domingue Velesco of Panama won the election.

Panama is the world's biggest ship register and hence attracts the attention of maritime states in the world.

In 2015, the then IMO director in the technical cooperation division Juvenal Shiundu announced his bid for the IMO top slot, but this did not materialise.

He retired in December 2019 after working for 22 years at the world body. PS Millah was flanked by Kenya's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Catherine Karemo.

"Kenya's firm commitment in support of IMO's objectives makes the country well positioned to enhance the IMO mandate in collaboration with other member states," she said. The IMO assembly is set to elect 40 members of the council during the 134th session of the assembly on December 3, 2025, under categories (a), (b), and (c).

Category (a) constitutes 10 states with

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It [re-election] will bolster the nation's efforts to serve and contribute actively to maritime policy development in advancing sustainable and innovative maritime solutions."

Aden Millah, Principal Secretary, Shipping and Maritime Affairs

the largest interest in providing international shipping services.

They are Greece, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Norway, Panama, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

Category (b) has 10 states with the largest interest in international seaborne trade. They are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates.

Category © consists of 20 states that are not elected under categories (a) or (b), which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the IMO council will ensure the representation of all major geographical areas of the world.

Kenya was last reelected to category © in December 2023 for the biennium 2024-2025. Members in this category are the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, and Türkiye.

To date, 10 countries have presented their interest to vie for category (a), 11 countries for category (b), and 26 countries for category (c).

If re-elected this year, Kenya will be part of the executive organ of the IMO and will

be responsible, together with other elected member countries, under the assembly, for supervising the work of the IMO and supporting its initiatives.

Kenya's re-election bid to the IMO council comes at an opportune time when the government has reinforced its efforts to progress the country's blue economy and maritime sector.

The country's re-election to the IMO council is viewed as an advantage to the region and the wider international maritime community.

Speaking separately, Millah reaffirmed the government's support for the new leadership at the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA). "As a government, we reaffirm our full support to the Kenya Maritime Authority and its leadership. We will continue to provide an enabling environment, invest in infrastructure, and strengthen regional cooperation to ensure the authority's success," he stated. He spoke when he witnessed the takeover of Mr. Justus Omae Nyarandi as KMA secretary general after years of acrimonious exit of his predecessors following alleged lack of government support. Mr. Nyarandi replaced Engineer Martin Munga, who was sacked early this year after falling out with the KMA body and the ministry. He had stayed at the authority for barely one year.

Mr Ahmed Kolosh also took over as the KMA board of directors chairman this year after his predecessor, Mr Hamisi Mwaguya, left.

GOVERNANCE

Auditor General questions State's hefty funding of KNSL

Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu has identified a series of irregular expenses, unexplained loans, and blatant disregard of the law by Kenya National Shipping Line's (KNSL) management.

She reveals that the firm also received funds from the Exchequer despite the 2018 changes in shareholding structure that greatly reduced Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) equity ownership in it.

The latest report by the Auditor-General shows that in the 2023-24 financial year, the National Treasury pumped a Sh118 million grant into the firm, Sh65 million in the previous year, and Sh68 million in the 2021-2022 financial year.

"It is not clear why grants are sent directly to the company, whose government shareholding is through Kenya Ports Authority," says Ms Gathungu in her report tabled in Parliament recently.

It says KNSL failed to disclose the grant in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, yet it was intended for operational support for recurrent expenditure.

"This is contrary to the requirements on treatment of government grants and the matching principle," says the report, also questioning the write-back of capital grants from the government.

The Auditor-General says the changes in equity reflect a write-back for capital grants from the

government to the accumulated deficit of Sh450m, meaning the grants were to cover operational expenditure.

"It is not clear why the company continues to receive significant budgetary allocations from the National Treasury despite generating its own revenue through commercial activity," she says in the report.

In the 2018 shareholding structure of KNSL, KPA equity ownership dropped from 75 per cent to 53 per cent, while that of Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) increased to 33 per cent.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding, KNSL was to operate from the port of Mom-

basa. An agreement was signed to manage the Container Terminal 2 (CTS).

However, a case was filed to stop the transfer of the operation and management of CT2 to KNSL.

The Auditor-General now questions the deal, saying no evidence was provided on how MSC was selected as an equity holder in KNSL, and it was not provided for audit review.

The company received government grants of Sh118 million during the period under review... in the circumstances, the company (KNSL) equity shareholding could not be confirmed," says the Auditor-General.

[Marion Kithi]



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Millions told to flee as massive quake triggers tsunami alerts

► Walls shook, oceans surged as Pacific nations scrambled to escape the waves.

► From Kamchatka to Waikiki, panic rippled across coastlines in the wake of the quake.

AFP, CHIBA

One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded struck Russia's sparsely populated Far East on Wednesday, causing tsunamis up to four metres high across the Pacific and sparking evacuations from Hawaii to Japan.

The magnitude 8.8 quake struck off Petropavlovsk on Russia's Kamchatka peninsula, and was the largest since 2011 when one of magnitude 9.1 off Japan caused a tsunami that killed more than 15,000 people.

Almost two million people in Japan were told to head to higher ground and tsunami warnings were issued across the region, before being rescinded or downgraded -- though scientists warned of the danger of powerful aftershocks.

A tsunami had already hit and flooded the port town of Severo-Kurilsk, crashing through the port area and submerging the local fishing plant, officials said. Russian state television footage showed it sweep buildings and debris into the sea.

Authorities said the population of around 2,000 people had been evacuated.



People leave the beachside area at Inage Seaside Park after much of coastal Japan went on tsunami alert following a 8.7 magnitude quake in the sea off eastern Russia, along Tokyo Bay in Chiba City, Chiba prefecture on July 30, 2025. [AFP]

The waves reached as far as the town's World War II monument about 400 metres from the shore-

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It's good that we packed a suitcase, there was one with water and clothes near the door. We quickly grabbed it and ran out... It was very scary,

Kamchatka resident

line, said Mayor Alexander Ovsyanikov.

Several people were injured in Russia by the quake, state media reported, but none seriously.

"The walls were shaking," a Kamchatka resident told state media Zvezda.

"It's good that we packed a suitcase, there was one with water and clothes near the door. We quickly grabbed it and ran out... It was very scary," she said.

Later Wednesday, the authorities in the Kamchatka peninsula announced the tsunami warning had been lifted.

Officials from countries with a Pacific coastline in North and South

America -- including the United States, Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia -- issued warnings to avoid threatened beaches and low-lying areas.

In Japan, nearly two million people were advised to evacuate, and many left by car or on foot to higher ground.

One woman was killed as she drove her car off a cliff as she tried to escape, local media reported.

A 1.3-metre high tsunami reached a port in the northern prefecture of Iwate, Japan's weather agency said.

By Wednesday evening, the agency had downgraded its tsunami alerts -- issued for much of the archipelago -- to advisories.

In Hawaii, governor Josh Green said flights in and out of the island of Maui had been cancelled as a precaution.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center later downgraded the alert for Hawaii to an advisory and local authorities cancelled a coastal evacuation order.

Earlier, tsunami sirens blared near Hawaii's popular Waikiki surf beach where an AFP photographer saw gridlocked traffic as Hawaiians escaped to higher ground.

Wednesday's quake was the strongest in the Kamchatka region since 1952, the regional seismic monitoring service said, warning of aftershocks of up to 7.5 magnitude.

The epicentre is in roughly the same location as a 9.0-magnitude quake that year that caused a Pacific-wide tsunami, according to the USGS.

Briefing

ANGOLA. TWENTY-TWO KILLED IN FUEL HIKE UNREST

► Unrest in Angola following protests against a fuel price hike has killed 22 people since Monday, the interior minister said, as calm returned to the capital. Sporadic gunfire was heard across Luanda and several other cities on Monday and Tuesday as people looted shops and clashed with police when violence erupted during a taxi strike. The strike was the latest in a series of protests after the price of fuel was hiked from 300 to 400 kwanzas (Sh43-Sh56) a litre on July 1, squeezing living costs for the millions of poor in one of Africa's top oil producers. "We regret 22 deaths, including one police officer," Interior Minister Manuel Homem told reporters in a press conference on Wednesday. Nearly 200 people were injured in the violence, he said, and more than 1,200 people had been arrested. [AFP]

THAILAND. AGENCY IMPOSES DRONE BAN

► The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) on Wednesday imposed a temporary nationwide ban on all drone operations, citing national security concerns amid tensions along the border with Cambodia. The measure aims to prevent drone interference with security forces' operations and will be in effect from July 30 to August 15, or until further notice, the CAAT said in a statement. This prohibition is a necessary step to mitigate risks to national security and public safety arising from the situation at the border, said Manat Chavanaprayoon, director general of the CAAT. [Xinhua]

BENIN. US GRAMMY WINNER CIARA BECOMES CITIZEN

► US singer Ciara has become one of the first public figures to be granted citizenship of Benin, under a new law offering nationality to the descendants of slaves. In an Instagram post the Grammy award-winner said she was "honoured", adding "thank you Benin for opening your arms and your heart to me". The citizenship scheme is part of an initiative by the small West African country to build ties with the African diaspora and boost cultural tourism. Ciara, known for R&B and pop hits such as Goodies and 1,2 Step, officially became a citizen at a ceremony in the city of Cotonou. [BBC]



UNITED STATES

Epstein 'stole' young women from my spa: Trump

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he fell out with Jeffrey Epstein because the convicted sex offender had poached staff from his club's spa, including the woman at the center of an underage sex scandal involving Prince Andrew.

The White House has said previously that Trump threw Epstein out of his Mar-a-Lago club two decades ago "for being a creep" and US media has reported that they became estranged over a Florida real estate deal.

Speaking to reporters on Air Force One while flying home from Scotland, Trump gave some of his most expansive public comments yet about

his falling out with Epstein, the wealthy and well-connected financier who died in a New York jail in 2019 while awaiting trial for sex trafficking underage girls.

"People were taken out of the (Mar-a-Lago) spa, hired by him, in other words gone," Trump said. "When I heard about it, I told him, I said, 'Listen, we don't want you taking our people.'

"And then not too long after that, he did it again. And I said, 'Out of here.'"

Trump also confirmed that one of the Mar-a-Lago spa attendants taken by his longtime friend Epstein was Virginia Giuffre, who brought a civil

case against Epstein friend Prince Andrew, accusing him of sexually assaulting her when she was 17.

Giuffre, who accused Epstein of using her as a sex slave, committed suicide at her home in Australia in April.

"I think she worked at the spa," Trump said. "I think that was one of the people. He stole her."

Before taking office in January, Trump promised to release more information about Epstein, who right-wing conspiracy theorists allege trafficked young girls for VIPs.

[AFP]

African armies turn to drones with devastating civilian impact

► For decades, wars in Africa had been fought on land by light and mobile infantry units.

► Drones offer sub-Saharan African militaries more affordable and flexible access to air power.

AFP, PARIS

The Easter period usually offers a rare respite in Gedeb, in Ethiopia's deeply troubled north, but on April 17 death rained from the skies in this sleepy town caught up in a war between rebels and the army.

On this important holiday for Ethiopian Orthodox and Protestant Christians, many families had gathered in the morning to repair the local primary school. But out of the blue, shortly before 11:00 am (1400 GMT), "a drone fired on the crowd and pulverised many people right in front of my eyes", a resident told AFP.

Ethiopia and many other African nations are increasingly turning to drones as a low-cost means of waging war, often with mixed military results but devastating consequences for civilian populations.

Last year, Ethiopia carried out a total of 54 drone strikes, compared to 62 attacks in Mali, 82 in Burkina Faso and 266 in Sudan, according to data collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED), a US-based monitor.

According to one of two Gedeb residents contacted by AFP, the strike killed "at least" 50 people, and according to the second, more than 100 -- a figure corroborated by several local media outlets.

It is one of the deadliest in a series of drone attacks since the conflict began in August 2023, pitting the Ethiopian army against the Fano, the traditional "self-defence" militias of the Amhara ethnic group.

A shoe seller at the scene, whose nephew was killed instantly, also blamed an armed drone that continued to "hover in the air" some 20 minutes after the strike.

"The sight was horrific: there were heads, torsos and limbs flying everywhere and seriously injured people screaming in pain," he recalled.

Ethiopian authorities have not released any information about this attack in Amhara, where the security situation makes some areas very difficult to access and communications are subject to significant restrictions.

The Ethiopian army's use of drones, which began during the bloody Tigray War (2020-2022), has since spread to the Amhara and Oromia regions amid multiple insurgencies.

In the Amhara region alone, now the hardest-hit, at least 669 people have been killed in more than 70



A Baykar Bayraktar Akinci drone aircraft presented by Turkish defence company Baykar Defense displayed during the 55th edition of the International Paris Air Show at the Paris-Le Bourget Airport, on June 15, 2025. [AFP]

drone strikes since 2023, according to ACLED data analysed by AFP.

Remotely piloted aircraft used for reconnaissance and strikes -- low-cost technologies now ubiquitous in current conflicts and particularly in Ukraine -- are generating massive interest in Africa.

Some 30 African governments have acquired drones, according to data cross-referenced by AFP from the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) "Military Balance" and the Center for a New American Security's Drone Proliferation Dataset.

For decades, wars in Africa had been fought on land, conducted primarily by light and mobile infantry units.

"Drones offer sub-Saharan African militaries more affordable and flexible access to air power, which has been out of reach until now due to its cost and operational complexity," said Djenabou Cisse, a west African security specialist at the Foundation for Strategic Research.

Countries like China, Turkey and Iran have the advantage of selling drones "without attaching any political conditionality related to respect for human rights", she added.

Among African military commands, the most popular is undoubtedly

the Turkish Bayraktar TB2 drone, which, along with its big brother, the Akinci, has dethroned the Chinese Wing Loong in recent years.

The TB2 made a notable appearance in 2019 in Libya, the first African theatre of drone warfare, between the Ankara-backed Government of National Accord and its eastern rival, Marshal Haftar, equipped with Chinese weapons supplied by the United Arab Emirates.

The following year, its deployment in the Karabakh region during the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and then in Ukraine starting in 2022, boosted its popularity.

Orders soared and waiting lists grew. While contract details are kept secret, experts consulted by AFP estimate that a "system" of three drones costs nearly \$6 million -- significantly less than the several tens of millions for a fighter jet or combat helicopter.

This offsets its rather average performance, with a range limited to 150 kilometres. The TB2 is produced by private company Baykar, headed by the son-in-law of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

It "is now an integral part of Turkey's foreign policy, whose strategy is to export its military products worldwide," said Batu Coskun, a researcher at the Sediq Institute in Tripoli.

The growing footprint of Turkish drones in Africa is partly due to the fact that unlike the West, Ankara is free from the cumbersome export control procedures for military equipment.

"It's essentially at the president's discretion," he said.

After severing ties with former colonial ruler France, the military regimes of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger have turned to Turkish drones to attack jihadist fighters as well as separatists. In December last year, the Malian army eliminated a leader and several members of the Azawad

Liberation Front (FLA), a pro-independence coalition, in a drone attack.

In November 2023, drones played a decisive role in the recapture of the northern Malian city of Kidal from predominantly Tuareg rebels.

A senior Malian officer praised the "discretion" of Turkish military cooperation.

"When you pay for military equipment in the West, it has to go through political agreements, negotiations," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"With Turkey, we have a speed that we don't have elsewhere, not even in Russia or China," two countries that also supply military equipment, he added.

According to a young Malian surveillance drone pilot, who also wished to remain anonymous, the Turkish aircraft "are easy to pilot, which means we don't need a long training period". In Chad, four Turkish drones have replaced French fighter jets at the forward bases they occupied until N'Djamena ended its military cooperation agreements with France at the end of 2024.

The latter had repeatedly provided air support to help the Chadian government halt the advance of rebels threatening the capital.

The capital N'Djamena is equipped with only five Russian Sukhoi aircraft and as many ageing Mi-24 helicopters.

Contrary to Franco-Chadian relations, "there is no military cooperation agreement (between N'Djamena and Ankara) but a trade agreement that allows us to acquire military equipment", a Chadian officer told AFP.

Turks are present to provide technical assistance and the former French bases are "entirely in the hands of the Chadian military", the same source added.

This flexible cooperation on drones clearly illustrates the desire of some

African leaders to "assert their sovereignty and greater strategic autonomy", said researcher Djenabou Cisse.

On the ground, however, the tactical and strategic gains from the use of drones do not always materialise, several experts said.

"Drones alone cannot defeat an adversary," Cisse said, adding: "We saw this in Libya, where both sides had sophisticated drones, and more recently in Sudan, where each side uses drones, but with very unequal capabilities."

"Not only have these countries failed to fully stabilise but conflicts have often become entrenched or even escalated," the researcher added.

Drones are proving especially decisive in open terrain, when the enemy is unable to disperse and hide as is the case with jihadists in the Sahel, according to a detailed study by the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP).

In Ethiopia, they helped turn the tide of the conflict in Tigray at a key moment, giving a decisive advantage to federal forces without, however, securing a definitive victory.

In the summer of 2021, a large column of Tigray rebel forces, which reached within 200 kilometres of Addis Ababa and threatened to seize the capital, was stopped by the arsenal of drones deployed by the government.

Analysis of satellite images by Dutch peace organisation PAX at several Ethiopian air bases confirmed the presence of TB2s and, more recently, the Akinci, as well as Chinese Wing Loongs and Iranian Mohajer-6s.

These drones have "significantly increased the Ethiopian army's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, as they can prow for nearly 24 hours, track enemy movements, identify their positions, provide targeting information or directly strike targets," Wim Zwijnenburg, a drone specialist for PAX, told AFP.

While the fighting subsequently focused primarily on Tigray, it continued into 2022 and high tensions remain in the region despite the conclusion of a fragile peace agreement, while other hotbeds of violent insurrection have spread to Amhara and Oromia.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, winner of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his peace efforts with neighbouring Eritrea, is now regularly accused of indiscriminate abuses against the population.

"The drones continued to target civilians despite the presence of sophisticated sensor systems, high-definition cameras and night vision," supposedly allowing for better threat identification, said Zwijnenburg, deploring "a lack of operator training or, in the worst case, a deliberate decision".

In Gedeb, the small Amhara town targeted during Passover, residents contacted by AFP said there had been no fighting in the area in the run-up to the attack.

They live in constant fear now. "We are ready to flee to the bush at any moment in the event of a sudden drone strike," said one of them. "We live in extreme fear."



The sight was horrific: there were heads, torsos and limbs flying everywhere and seriously injured people screaming in pain.

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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
There could be a conversation about a personal matter or simply some extra thinking about the past that stands out now. A surprise meeting or venue, smell, or situation can bring back powerful memories. You are coming to a new understanding of a past matter through new information, or looking at something with new eyes.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
Ideally, a new understanding of an old problem can be reached. Ideas emerging now can be significant ones for you in the long term, especially regarding future new endeavors. A friend from the past may reappear in your life, or you could come to a new understanding of an old friendship.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
There is considerably more impact or punch to what and how you communicate today, so be extra choosy when it comes to your words, manner, and even whether or not to make a statement or observation at this time. Still, your observations today can be invaluable later, even if it's not yet the best time for major decision-making.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
You can find it especially easy to relax and find ways to enjoy yourself now. The things you read and hear about today can be helpful for future projects. This can be a time of drawing upon experience and creating something new from it.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
Aim to take advantage of the wonderful energy with you for delving into your own psychology, intimate thoughts, and feelings. You could be coming to important revelations or gaining clues to a mystery or other investigation now. New insight into an old relationship or into your own psyche can ultimately be helpful and enlightening.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
With a little extra thought put into how you phrase questions and the tone of conversations, life tends to smooth over. In fact, there can be an opportunity to see new layers of a situation. Counseling and advice can be in focus and helpful.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
You're learning much about what you're getting from your work and daily routines or health routines, and news that points you in the right direction can arrive. It's a turning point of sorts, moving you from a state of indecision to increased clarity, although your path is not yet fully illuminated.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Reviewing old ideas can lead to new methods that can be very important in the coming months. This might also involve renewed opportunities, as someone from your past could reappear, or a past issue might wrap up. Whether this happens in your thoughts or in the flesh, it's helpful and serves a valuable purpose.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Your communications, as well as those of others, have more impact than usual. As such, it's essential to be mindful of what you're saying, while also allowing your intuition to guide you. This may be a good day for releasing a problem through conversation with someone you trust. You see things in a new light.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
You can be looking at things in a new light. Your advice can be sought and appreciated. You could greatly benefit from reflecting on recent ideas or decisions now, as new perspective and energy are available for doing so. As rational as the day feels, you're also strongly intuitive now.



Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
Looking to the past for answers makes sense now, and might even be profitable. For example, money that you had written off could now come in. Not everything is likely to make sense, as is often the case with new beginnings; however, what emerges from conversations and thoughts today can be significant later.

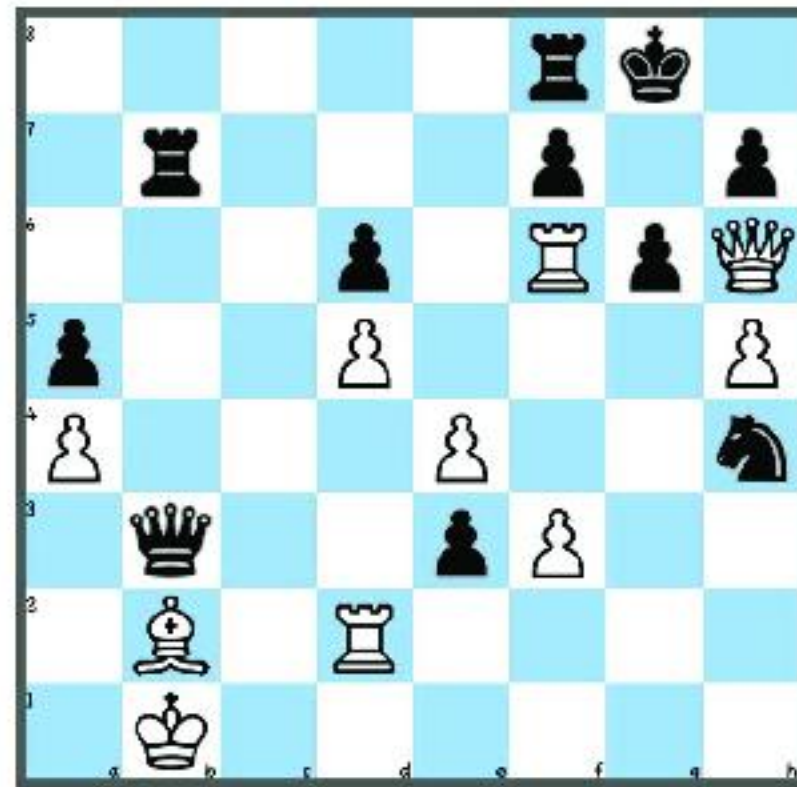


Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Aim to clear out the mental clutter to make room in your mind for positive thoughts and new ideas. After all, your observations can lead to significant and long-term improvements. It can also be a time when you rethink a matter that has been weighing you down. Cafeastrology.com

CHESS

Easy puzzle

White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

White mates in 3 moves.



Wednesday's solution

Easy:
1. Qg6+ Rxc6
2. hxg6#

Intermediate:
1... Ng3+
2. Rxc3 Rxc3+
3. Kxg1 Re1#

SOLVIT

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Difficulty

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

Today's Clues

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Wednesday's solution

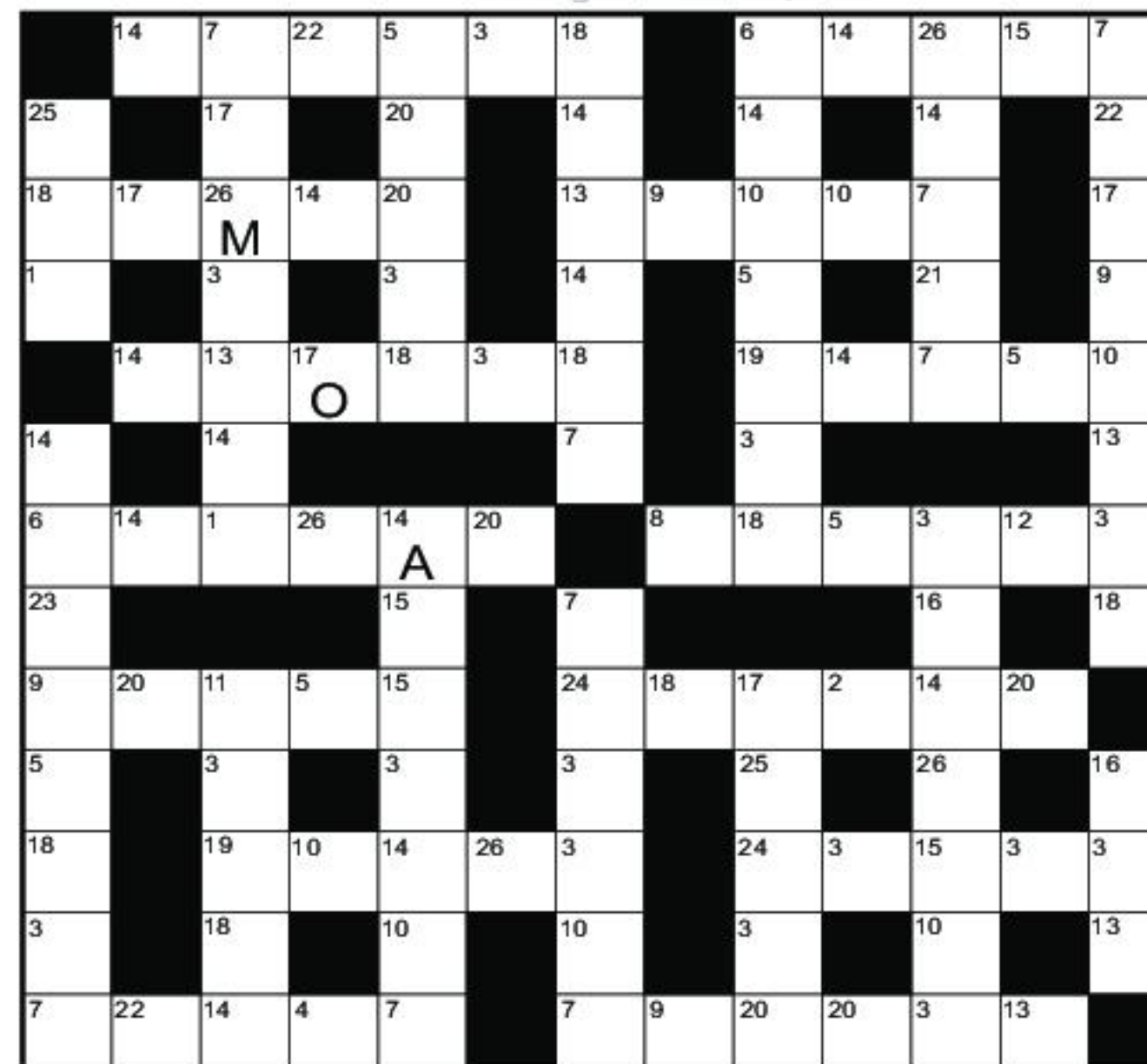
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CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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Wednesday's solution

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Wednesday's solution

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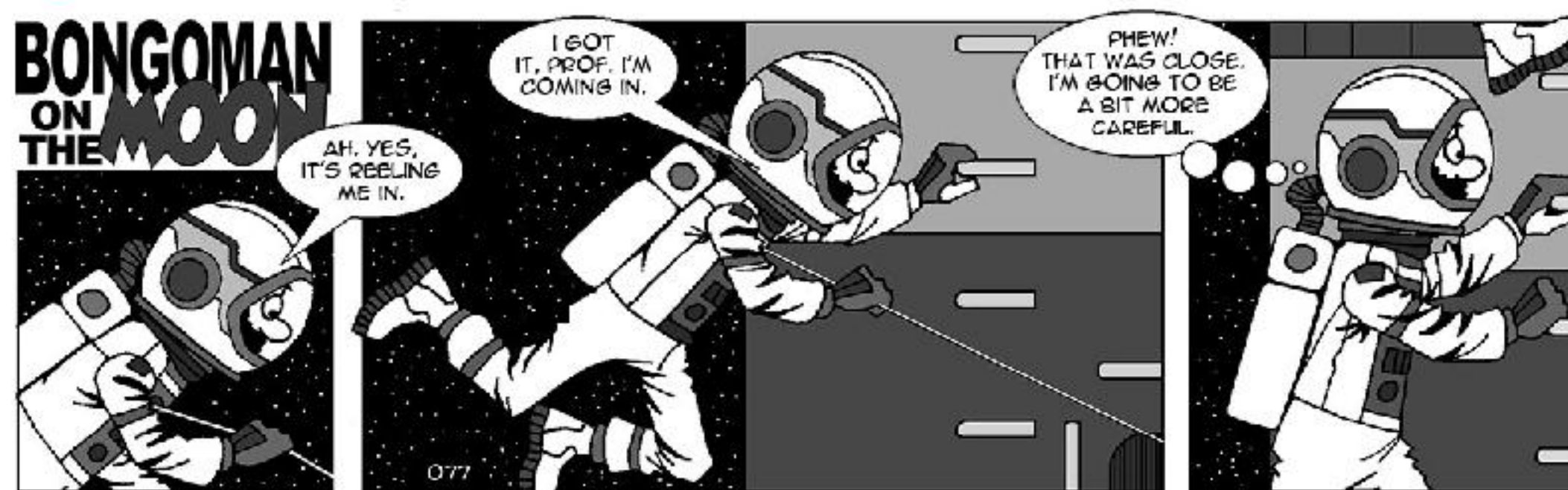
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By Kham



QUOTE OF THE DAY

The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

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High-end wood to cost more in new State plan

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INSURANCE

Architects and engineers to get indemnity cover after new pact

The Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) will soon start providing professional indemnity cover to its members.

This follows a partnership with Old Mutual that will enable over 5,000 AAK-licensed architects and engineers access to comprehensive insurance solutions tailored to their professional needs at competitive terms.

The cover will shield AAK-licensed members and consulting engineers from professional negligence or errors of omission and commission or breach of duty. Speaking during the signing of the memoran-

dum of understanding, Old Mutual General Insurance Kenya (OMGIK) Managing Director Japheth Ogalloh said the partnership marks a significant step in addressing the unique risks faced by professionals in the built environment sector.

"We are proud to introduce a solution that not only meets industry standards but also empowers AAK members to practice with greater confidence and peace of mind," said Ogalloh.

"Built environment professionals play a critical role in shaping the spaces we live and work in; however, their work comes with considerable profes-

sional risks and significant responsibility."

Through the partnership, Old Mutual and AAK will also focus on jointly researching and identifying emerging risks within the construction industry.

It will also co-develop innovative insurance solutions tailored to the unique needs of professionals in the built environment and implement targeted marketing to boost insurance uptake among members.

"This collaboration is a milestone for the association," said AAK President George Ndege. OMGIK has rolled out similar professional indemnity solutions for doctors and advocates. [James Wanzala]



AAK President George Ndege (left) and Old Mutual General Insurance Kenya MD Japheth Ogalloh sign the pact. [James Wanzala]

RECLAMATION

Monaco's Sh300b neighbourhood rising out of the sea

Built on reclaimed land, the new Mareterra district blends cutting-edge sustainability with scenic sea views.

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It was just past noon in Mareterra, Monaco's newest neighbourhood, and a crowd swelled on the terrace outside Marlow, the principality's first British fine-dining restaurant.

Nearby, office workers stretched out on wide steps by the water for their lunch break. Promenade Prince Jacques, the 800 million pedestrian walkway that sweeps around the sea-facing perimeter of Mareterra, was busy with parents pushing strollers and joggers pounding the concrete pavement.

I paused to soak up the view across the expanse of blue sea towards the leafy Roquebrune-Cap-Martin headland and Italy beyond.

The area blended so seamlessly with the surrounding landscape that I struggled to remember how, six months ago, this was still an unfinished construction site – and that eight years ago, where I stood was the Mediterranean Sea.

This reclaimed district, a €2 billion

(about Sh300 billion project unveiled in December 2024, is Monaco's latest answer to a question it has faced for more than 150 years: how do you expand when you've already run out of land?

I walked along the promenade and ducked through a door along the path, entering a dark, concrete antechamber.

Another door led through to the hollowed interior of one of 18 caissons, the 10,000-tonne, 26-metre-high chambers that sit side by side like giant Lego bricks on the seafloor to create the maritime infrastructure of the new neighbourhood.

In the dark, unlit space, it took a while for my eyes to catch up to what my ears immediately recognised: waves, crashing against a wall, then flopping back onto the water's surface.

I peered over a thick railing separating me from the drop into the sea below. The Mediterranean surged up as if reaching for my attention, while the reinforced concrete chamber remained silent and immobile as it soaked up the impact of the swell.

The top of the upper section of each caisson, which is known as the Jarlan chamber, is above the waterline to allow water to flow in and out through thin, vertical openings on the outward-facing side. The design has been engineered to act as a breakwater to absorb and disperse the energy of the waves.

"That means, even during 100-year storms, they won't rise too high nor submerge (Mareterra)," said Guy Thomas Levy-Soussan, the managing director of SAM L'Anse du Portier, the developers of Mareterra, as we stood in La Grotte



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When the sun shines through the openings in the Jarlan chamber in the morning, there's a slightly blue hue to the space,”

Guy Thomas Levy-Soussan,
MD, SAM L'Anse du Portier

A quarter of Monaco is built on reclaimed land, including beachfront Larvotto and the new Mareterra district. [Chrissie McClatchie]

ous for a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the technical ingenuity involved in reclaiming land from the sea.

Land reclamation is nothing new in Monaco, the world's second-smallest country after the Vatican City, where 38,000 residents cram into a territory just more than 22sq km in size.

While a high proportion of that figure are millionaires, they're still living in the most densely populated country in the world. Hemmed in by France, Monaco's default solution to its space issue is to extend out into the water.

Continuing tradition

Since 1907, 25 per cent of Monaco's territory has been reclaimed, including the principality's beachfront, Larvotto, the superyacht-lined Port Hercules and the Fontvieille district to the west of the Prince's Palace of Monaco.

If Prince Rainier III, who came to power in 1949, carved out a reputation as "the builder prince", his son and current sovereign, Prince Albert II, is continuing the tradition. It was in 2013 when he announced plans to reclaim these six hectares just off the coast near Larvotto at Monaco's eastern extent, later naming it Mareterra to reflect its connection to the sea and the land.

The neighbourhood has increased the principality's territory by three per cent and comprises two residential apartment blocks (including one designed by

celebrated Italian architect Renzo Piano), 10 villas and four townhouses, a small marina, 14 commercial spaces and three hectares of public space.

In line with the Prince's commitment to make the principality carbon neutral by 2050, Mareterra has also been imagined as Monaco's greenest corner.

Nine thousand square metres of solar panels, 200 EV charging stations and 800 trees are among the eco-friendly initiatives in the district. Just inside the entrance to La Grotte Bleue, a five-minute-long video plays on a loop, an introduction to how the project addressed the inevitable marine disruption that comes with such construction.

The caissons hold a key role here, as well; reliefs and grooves were moulded into their construction to encourage marine flora and fauna colonisation. Segments were even sanded by hand to add texture. The Jarlan chambers have an additional bonus, recreating shallow areas where fish can dart in and out.

The most delicate of challenges, however, involved transplanting 384sq m of Posidonia oceanica, an endemic seagrass that plays a critical role in the Mediterranean ecosystem and is protected by EU legislation.

A pioneering technique used a modified tree spade to scoop Posidonia sods into baskets, which could then be replanted 200m away in the Larvotto Marine Protected Area.

CONSTRUCTION



Ongoing construction of the Ruring'u affordable housing project.
[Amos Kiarie, Standard]

Bricks and dignity: Nyeri's jua kali rises with housing boom

Beyond direct employment, the projects are also proving to be job incubators with the State launching pre-qualification clinics to help artisans be tender-ready.

By Amos Kiarie
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The sight of cranes piercing through Nyeri Town's skyline has become more than a sign of construction—it is now a symbol of progress.

But beyond the scaffolding, cement mixers, and dust clouds, a far more powerful transformation is underway - the rise of local opportunities and economic inclusion.

In the estates of Ruring'u and Blue Valley, two major government-backed affordable housing projects are doing more than changing the physical landscape.

They are reshaping a future for artisans, youth, and small enterprises. For them, these are not just construction sites—they are bridges to dignity, income and entry into Kenya's evolving formal economy.

The Ruring'u development is a high-rise

residential estate rising across four 11-floor blocks. Once completed, the estate will host 468 housing units, five commercial blocks, a school, and an early childhood development centre.

Just a few kilometres away in Blue Valley, another 381 housing units are under construction across three residential blocks, accompanied by two commercial complexes. But beyond the walls and beams, the heartbeat of these projects lies in the people building them—welders, carpenters, electricians, masons, and painters—many of them from Nyeri's juakali sector, now finding a place in formal development projects.

Erick Karaba, a veteran welder and member of Nyeri's Grogon Welders Association, said the Affordable Housing Programme has opened a new chapter for artisans who were previously sidelined.

"In the past, you'd hear tenders were awarded, and you knew you had no chance. They went to people from Nairobi or those with government links," he said.

Although he has not yet been contracted, Karaba recently attended a government-organised forum where local artisans were briefed on tender requirements and guided on how to prepare their bills of quantities.

"For the first time, we're being told exactly what is needed to qualify. That never used to happen. We were always on the outside, watching tenders go to people with connections," he noted.

Alex Nyoro, another welder from Nyeri, echoed similar sentiments. He said the juakali sector has waited too long for this kind of recognition. "Before this, the Juakali sector was rarely involved in government construction projects, they said

we didn't have the papers. They doubted our capacity. But now, they're calling us in," he said.

Nyoro's team is now preparing to submit a Bill of Quantities for upcoming installations. He hopes that the current level of recognition will lead to long-term inclusion in national development programmes.

"This project has proved we can work at the same standard as big companies. If we're supported with tenders and training, we'll go far," he said.

Nyeri Town Member of the National Assembly Duncan Mathenge, who has championed youth participation in the affordable housing programme, believes the shift is both economic and cultural.

During a recent tour of the Ruring'u site, now on the eighth floor, he encouraged the youth to rethink how they pursue opportunities. "We have told the young people not to put finance ahead of their ability to deliver. If you have the skills, the money will come," the MP said.

Mathenge said the government, through structured programmes under the Governor's Office, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, and the Enterprise Development Fund, is committed to supporting skilled artisans and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs in entering public procurement spaces.

"Let's focus on proving we are skilled and ready. Once the skill is visible, support will follow—be it from Sacco or friendly banks," he said. According to Mathenge, several financial institutions have already begun tailoring products for artisans in the construction and manufacturing sectors.

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Alex Nyoro, a welder from Nyeri

Ruring'u affordable housing project

- 468 housing units
- 5 commercial blocks
- One school
- One Early Childhood Development Centre



Blue Valley housing project comprises:

- 381 housing units
- 3 residential blocks
- 2 commercial complexes
- Each floor in Block B of Ruring'u has 10 units, with each unit requiring six timber doors.
- More than 2,000 workers (skilled and unskilled) have been engaged across the two sites.
- Ruring'u construction has reached the 8th floor

Family Bank are offering customised financial packages for MSMEs, while Saccos such as Taifa, Biashara, and New Forties have introduced group-based lending models to support artisans collectively bidding for contracts.

This financial backing is crucial. At Ruring'u, tenders are already open for window and door installation.

Each floor has 10 units, with each unit requiring six doors. That amounts to over 1,000 doors and 1,200 windows across just three blocks, most of which can be locally fabricated and supplied.

John Mwangi, the site manager at Ruring'u, confirmed that the fabrication phase is now active. "We are sourcing timber doors—roughly six per house, 10 houses per floor, 11 floors, across three blocks, the quantities are high. We want local artisans to take up this work. We are already seeing good quality from local suppliers," he said.

Still, the transition from informal to formal systems presents significant challenges for many Juakali artisans.

Many lack business registration, tax compliance certificates, capital to purchase materials upfront, and experience with government procurement systems. Some worry that larger firms may undercut them with lower bids and better logistics.

Pre-qualification clinics

To address these barriers, the Nyeri office of the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA) has launched pre-qualification clinics to help Juakali artisans become tender-ready. These workshops guide groups like the Ground Shapers Association and Grogon Welders on how to fill the Bills of Quantities, organise compliance documents, and strengthen their group capacity.

"We are trying to ensure our people are not left out just because of paperwork; the work is there. They just have to organise themselves," MP Mathenge said.

According to Seth Amollo, the lead engineer for both Ruring'u and Blue Valley, beyond direct employment, the projects are also proving to be job incubators.

Over 2,000 workers—both skilled and unskilled—have been engaged across the two sites. Many are learning on the job, gaining technical skills in masonry, scaffolding, painting, electrical work, and plumbing. "These are not just buildings—they are economic engines, each door, tile, window, or railing is a chance for someone to earn and grow," he said.

The projects are also reshaping how Nyeri locals think about urban housing. Rather than separating commercial and residential zones, both Ruring'u and Blue Valley are embracing mixed-use design.

Grocery stores, salons, cyber cafés, day-care centres, and eateries will be integrated into the estates, allowing residents to access everyday services without leaving their community.

"We're building estates that are small cities, you can work, shop, eat, and live in the same space," Amollo added.

This mirrors emerging trends in Nairobi and other urban centres where convenience and proximity are becoming major drivers of real estate design. With land in Nyeri's urban core becoming scarce and expensive, vertical construction is proving to be the most viable model.

The 12-storey towers in Ruring'u mark a significant shift away from the traditional bungalow-style homes toward high-density, space-efficient housing.

SPECIAL REPORT

Move is attributed to the government's intention to privatise public forests.

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The cost of processed wood for furniture and construction purposes is expected to double as the government unveils a Sh176 billion plan to improve the commercial forestry sector.

The plan contained in the Kenya Industrial Wood Sector Vision 2050, and prepared by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, bets on the government's intention to privatise public forests.

The plan unveiled on Tuesday highlights a shortage in the country's wood supply, with 50 per cent of the country's needs currently met by imports.

It says the current prices of round wood (timber in its log form) are inflated due to supply challenges associated with moratoriums placed on forests by the government.

"While basic roundwood prices are expected to fall slightly in future (correcting today's inflated prices resulting from the logging moratorium), quality differentiation, particularly on timber and panels, means that growers accessing higher-value markets could see more lucrative returns," the document says.

It adds that higher quality sawn timber (clears), for example, are expected to fetch more than three times the current price of ungraded timber. According to the plan, with the privatisation of forests through concessions, the price of industrial round wood per cubic metre is expected to drop from Sh8,100 to Sh6,300 due to increased supply.

While ungraded sawn timber now goes for Sh28,300, quality differentiation will see sawn timber (structural) fetch Sh46,000 and sawn timber (utility) go for Sh29,900.

Low-quality panels now go for Sh54,900. This price could go up to Sh64,500 if quality improves - an increase of 17 per cent.

Forestry operations

Wood-based furniture that now goes for Sh59,700 is expected to go up to Sh115,000 (an increase of 92 per cent) while wood-based construction that fetches Sh58,900 will bring in Sh86,000 per cubic metre (an increase of 46 per cent).

"Such prices are expected to more than reward the increased level of investment required to upgrade to upgrade growing and processing," the document says.

"While many forestry operations are currently expected to be loss-making overall, future profit margins could range from 30 to 40 per cent (for growers of all scales)."

The document states that processor margins are also expected to grow, particularly for sawmilling. It notes that this business is loss-making at the moment due to insecurity of supply and lack of quality differentiation in the market.

"Production of wood-based panels is expected to see more than a 50 per cent increase in profitability (from 18 per cent to 28 per cent), making it the most profitable



Illegally harvested cedar posts ready for market near the Cherangany Hills water tower. [Fred Kibor, Standard]

High-end wood to cost more as State unveils Sh176b revamp plan

primary processing operation," the ministry says in the document.

The document notes that due to the challenges associated with the moratorium, small growers have become the major suppliers of roundwood.

"Though the quality is low, supply is thinly dispersed across wide landscapes, and smallholder preferences for short-rotation, small-diameter trees are unsuitable for most existing sawmilling infrastructure," the ministry says in the document.

While calling for an expedited forest concession process, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) Chair for the timber and furniture sector Kaberia Kamencu pointed out that the deficit of industrial wood has put Kenya in a challenging position, considering increased urbanisation that raises the demand for housing. Mr Kamenchu, who spoke at the launch of the document, said steel is now competing with wood in the housing sector.

"Even with our engagement with the State

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The largest investments in processing would correspond with new and improved wood supply coming online in the mid-2030s."

Environment ministry

Department for Housing on affordable housing, wood is in competition with concrete, steel or competitors like Uganda, who have expanded its plantation base to 200,000 hectares through public-private partnerships," he said.

Mr Kamenchu referenced data that claims by 2050, the continent is looking at about 850 million Africans moving from rural to urban.

"If you have been attentive, if you are driving towards the North, Nairobi Metropolis ends at Kenol. Going towards the East, it ends in Machakos. Towards the South, it ends in Ngong, and towards the West it ends in Naivasha. And it is happening right in front of our eyes," he said.

He noted that expanding the industrial wood sector is an opportunity to replace imports, tap the export markets and create thousands of green jobs.

"If we fail to act, we risk losing these opportunities to alternative materials like steel and concrete with larger environmental (carbon) footprint," he said. Principal Secretary in the

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THE document foresees the contribution of the industrial wood sector expanding from the current Sh5 billion to Sh137 billion by 2050.

State Department for Forestry Gitonga Mugambi noted how the moratorium on logging, while necessary, hurt businesses and caused people to lose their livelihoods.

"That is why the government decided to deal with the issues head-on and allow businesses to continue," he said.

The ministry in March published Draft Forest Conservation Management (Concessions on public Forests), Regulations, 2025.

He said the intention of the government is to make the forestry sector a key contributor to the country's gross domestic product (GDP), mimicking what South Africa is doing.

"We are trying to bring in the private sector in a big way. And that is the reason why we are trying to push the commercialisation regulations," he said. "I was in South Africa and I could not believe what I saw. The type of industries, the level of export, but in it all, they said they cannot meet their own demand."

The PS, however, lamented the hiccups associated with activism when ideas such as the privatisation of forests are introduced.

"This is one area where there is a lot of activism. The worst thing is internal activism," he said. "When we talk about commercialisation, we are talking about opening areas in our forests for the private sector to do concessions and add value."

The document foresees the contribution of the industrial wood sector expanding from the current Sh5 billion to Sh137 billion by 2050. This will also see the number of full-time jobs in the sector increase from 17,000 to 85,000.

This venture, however, requires Sh176 billion in investments in the whole ecosystem.

Processing facilities

Upgrading existing processing facilities over the period would require over Sh52 billion per year. Investment in new processing facilities is estimated at Sh1.6 billion per year to 2027. Some Sh600 million is required for the expansion of processing to bring in smallholder players into the mainstream market.

"The largest investments in processing would correspond with new and improved wood supply coming online in the mid-2030s, from which point almost Sh4 billion per year could be required to meet the vision," the ministry says.

Programme Coordinator at Farm Forestry Smallholder Producers Association of Kenya Edwin Kamau said private commercial forestry will be important in the coming decades.

This is considering Kenya's target to plant 15 billion trees by 2032.

He said smallholder farmers collectively hold a considerable amount of land that can be used for this purpose.

"One of the things needed is proper incentives for farmers to plant trees and also to supply the products that we need. One of the biggest incentives is income. Incomes, whether coming from the sale of forest products or the payment of ecosystem services," he said.

OPINION

Why Kenya's affordable housing push must prioritise security, comfort



BY CLAIRE ANDERE-CHEGE

Kenya's affordable housing programme is gaining momentum, with thousands of units under construction and more planned. As a key pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, it promises to reduce the housing deficit, create jobs, and boost local manufacturing.

But in the rush to hit these targets, a critical question that remains overlooked is what kind of homes are we building, and what kind of lives will they support?

Success cannot be measured solely by the number of units delivered or the cost per square meter. These are input metrics.

The real measure is how housing shapes human experiences in security, dignity, comfort, opportunity, and community.

Shelter is a basic need, but dignified housing that is well-connected, liveable, and climate-resilient is a public good. The contrast is stark. A

low-cost unit far from transport links and job hubs may satisfy affordability on paper but fail residents in real life.

Global lessons offer a way forward. Singapore's Housing Development Board integrates social infrastructure such as schools, clinics, green spaces, and transit. Vienna's municipal housing system prioritises accessibility and design.

Medellín's urban renewal includes mobility, safety, and participatory planning.

Kenya does not need to replicate these models, but the housing policy must prioritise dignity, not just density. This means seeing homes not just as real estate assets, but as instruments of social equity and economic inclusion.

There are encouraging signs. Public-private partnerships are exploring mixed-use precincts, tenant purchase schemes, and longer-tenure mortgage models. Climate-resilient design is gaining traction.

Peri-urban cooperatives are pioneering flexible tenure. But these initiatives are scattered and lack the coherence of a unified national framework. Kenya urgently needs a clearer housing policy that defines both affordability and dignity.

Affordability should go beyond construction costs or monthly payments; it must include the total cost of living: transport, utilities, maintenance, and time. A unit that's cheap to buy but expensive to live in isn't truly affordable.

Location matters. Pushing low-income developments to remote outskirts, far from jobs, schools, and hospitals, only reinforces spatial

inequality. New housing that is being undertaken by developers must be guided by proximity to employment zones and public transit, with an inclusive design that accommodates the elderly and people with disabilities.

Soft infrastructure also matters. Developers should be encouraged to integrate solar energy, open courtyards, local retail, childcare centres, and community spaces that turn homes into neighbourhoods.

What's missing is a robust feedback loop. Too often, once a ribbon is cut, scrutiny ends.

The government must require post-occupancy evaluations measuring infrastructure reliability, resident satisfaction, turnover, and long-term maintenance. This will improve project outcomes and increase accountability.

Vulnerable populations

A deeper political economy is also at play. Poorly designed housing programmes can entrench inequality by pushing vulnerable populations to the margins.

But if done right, they can serve as powerful tools for redistribution and national cohesion.

Kenya's ongoing urban transformation, marked by large-scale evictions and infrastructure upgrades, raises hard questions.

Without phased relocation, adequate compensation, and inclusive consultation, the social cost may outweigh the benefits. Community acceptance isn't a courtesy; it's a prerequisite for sustainable urban renewal.

The demographic urgency is clear. Over 75 per cent of Kenyans are under the age of 35. Urbanisation is accelerating. Housing intersects with jobs, health, safety, and mobility. The government's target of 250,000 units annually is bold and necessary. But scale must not compromise standards.

Under pressure, developers may be tempted to shrink unit sizes, cut corners on materials, or build in undesirable locations. These risks are ticking boxes, not transforming lives. Private developers also have a responsibility.

Some projects, even in the formal sector, technically qualify as affordable, but ignore the lived realities of residents. Quality, accessibility, and community integration must be non-negotiable.

To avoid these pitfalls, dignity must be embedded in Kenya's housing vision.

This means better inter-ministerial coordination—linking housing with infrastructure, education, health, and mobility. It means enforcing development standards, even when politically inconvenient. It means financing tools that are truly inclusive, not just well-branded.

The tools are available. The political mandate exists. The demographic trends demand urgency. What's needed now is the discipline and leadership to ensure that Kenya's housing revolution delivers more than just rooftops.

If we truly wish to transform lives, not just skylines, our housing policy must go beyond the brick.

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Notice is hereby given that the original title deed described below has been reported lost. The title number is **Ruiru/Ruiru East Block 2/22217**. The registered owner is **Charlotte Wangui Njau**. The title was lost at or about June 15th to May 2024. Replacement will be sought from the Land registrar after 30 days from the date of the notice. Anyone with the information or objections regarding this title should contact the undersigned immediately

Contact: DW Gichio & Co. Advocates,
P.O. BOX 1679-0232 RUIRU, TEL: 0794797754,
Email: dwgichioandcompanyadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of plot number LR NO MITUBIRI/WEMPA/BLK2/39 located off thika kenol road at kabati town, proposes to change use of the land from Agricultural to commercial cum Residential multi-dwelling flats subject to the approval by the Muranga County Government. Individuals and institutions with any objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

THE CECM LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
MURANGA COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 52-10200, MURANGA.
Name of the Registered Planner:
Gitonga Kelvin Ritho Reg. No. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 of 2019
CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Parcel Mavoko Town Block 2/3565 located in Katani area, Mavoko Municipality proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Residential (Multi Dwelling - 4 Units) subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos. Individuals, Institutions, Organisations etc. with objections/comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

THE CECM- LANDS, ENERGY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 1996-90100
MACHAKOS
Peter Kaberere
Registered Physical Planner No. 0287

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Parcel No. KAJIADO/ KAPUTEI NORTH/116365 located off Kitengela Isinya Road in Kitengela, Kajiado North Sub County proposes to change its use from Agricultural use to Residential Multi-dwelling (Flats), subject to approval by the Kajiado County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM, LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND MUNICIPALITIES
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO,
P.O BOX 11-01100 KAJIADO
Name of Registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri
Mugambi Reg No. 323 Dated: 29/7/2025

Form PLUPA/DC/3

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Physical and Land Use Planning Act; (No. 13 of 2019),
Notification for the Proposed
Extension of Land Lease

The Registered Owner of land parcel L.R. No.: 209/1584/2 located off Desai Road at Ngara area in the Nairobi City County, proposes to Extend the Lease Term of the land subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public, etc. with Comments and/or Objections should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member
- Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County,
P.O. Box 30075-00100 Nairobi

The Registered Physical Planner making the Application is Titus M. Anunda (Mr.); PPRB
Reg. No.: PP.0139

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Plot L.R No. Mweiga/Thungare Block 1/Kamina/1824 located in Chaka Milimani area off Nyeri - Nanyuki Road, proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Light Industrial (Quarrying) subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member
Lands, Physical Planning and
Urban Development
County Government of Nyeri,
P.O. BOX 1112-10100, Nyeri.
Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga
Kelvin Ritho Reg. No. 0270

L9/PLOTS FOR SALE

LAMU Port Plots: Lake Kenyatta II -near proposed Lamu Int. Airport - 15.3 Acres 750,000, Fronting Witu-Garsen Rd.- 10 acres @ 750,000, Beach Plot - Manda Island near airport- 6.1 acres @ 2.5m, Beach Plot - Ndau Pate Island - 2.7 Acres @ 2m Call 0728 419617

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title No. Juja/Kalimoni/Block 22/726 Located in Juja Sub-County proposes to Change its use from Residential Single Dwelling to Residential Multi dwelling Units (Flats), subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O BOX 2344-00900
KIAMBU

Physical Planner: Kelvin Ritho Reg No: 0270

FORM PLUPA/DC/3

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT

(NO. 13 OF 2019)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of Plot No. Nairobi/Block 17/283 located along Kilungu Road in Kilimani area, Nairobi City County, proposes to change its use from Single-Dwelling Unit to Multi-Dwelling Units (Apartments) subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075- 00100,
Nairobi.

Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/3

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT

(NO. 13 OF 2019)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of Plot No. Nairobi/Block 38/232 located along Limuru Road in Ngara area, Nairobi City County, proposes to change its use from Residential to Petrol Service Station Cum Commercial subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075- 00100,
Nairobi.

Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Plot No. KARAI/GIKAMBURA/9788, located at THOGOTO - GIKAMBURA LOOP ROAD, OFF SOUTHERN BYPASS, KIKUYU Sub County, proposes to change the use from AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL (TOWN HOUSES) (FLATS) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

THE CECM-LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.
REG. PHYSICAL PLANNER- PROF. GEORGE NGUGI NJUGUNA
REG. NO. 0093

FORM PLUPA/DC/3

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT

(NO. 13 OF 2019)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED AMALGAMATION &
CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of plots Title No: Nairobi/Block 38/224 & Nairobi/Block 38/702 located along Limuru Road in Ngara area, Nairobi City County, proposes to amalgamate and change their use from Single Dwelling unit to Commercial Cum Residential Multi-Dwelling Units(Apartments) subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi.
Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/3
PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner(s) of Land Parcel No. **Dundori/ Lanet Block 5/1443 (New Gakoe)** situated in Bahati Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to: Change its use from **Agricultural to Residential (multi dwelling units)** Subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The CECM: Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development County Government of Nakuru.
P.O Box 2870 - 20100, NAKURU.
Registered Physical Planner: Newton G. Karuri
REG NO: 0145

Form PLUPA/DC 3
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Physical and Land Use Planning Act; (No. 13 of 2019);
Notification for the Proposed Renewal of Land Lease

The Registered Owners of plot L.R. No.: **209/2763/7** located along Pumwani Road at Gikomba area in the Nairobi City County, propose to **Renew the Lease Term of the land** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the Public, etc. with Comments and or Objections should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member - Built Environment & Urban Planning, Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075-00100 Nairobi

Registered Physical Planner: Metsuka TAM limited; PPRB Reg. No.: PP.0114

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

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE TO THE CERTIFICATE OF LEASE FOR PLOT NO. NAIROBI BLOCK 95/476-SPRING VALLEY, OFF LOWER KABETE & SHANZU ROADS.

The proprietors of the above **Plot of size 0.1001 Hectare**, propose the referred Planning Permission subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individual(s), institution(s), members of the public, etc., with comments or *material* objection(s) to the proposal, are asked to forward them in writing within (14) days hereof, pursuant to stipulations of **PLUPA's section 58 (7) & (8)** and address them to:

The CECM i/c - Lands, Urban Planning & Built Environment, Nairobi City County Government, P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.
Dated: **31/07/2025**
Name of Regd. Planner - **J.B. Koyler, RPP. No. 0102, Mobile No. 0734074251.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019
CHANGE OF USE

The owner of L.R No **Dagoretti/Thogoto/2795** situated along Kikuyu road, opposite Craddle to Crayons school in kikuyu sub-county, intends to change the user from **agricultural to residential multi-family dwelling units (flat)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals or institutions with representations or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:

County Executive Committee Member
County Government of Kiambu,
P.O Box 2344-00900, Kiambu

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of **Parcel No. Kiambaa/Ruaka/6930** located off Limuru Road in Ruaka area, proposes to Change its Use from **Agricultural to Residential (Apartments)** subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions or members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, Kiambu County Government, P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.
Name of the Registered Planner: Solomon Kyeni Reg No.: PP0188

Upstate Kenya Auctioneers

Head Office: Spur Mall, Ruiru 2nd Floor, Room S.46, Thika Road Exit 13
P.O. Box 1333 - 00232 Ruiru
Tel: 0104 606161 / 0796 126 812 / 0731 521 831
Email: info@upstate.co.ke / Website: www.upstate.co.ke

Branches & Storage Yard Location:
Meru: Along Meru - Nairobi Highway
Geo co-ordinates: (0.0202, 37.6826)
Sagana: Along Sagana - Kuru Road
Geo co-ordinates: (-0.8448, 37.2322)

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned Motor Vehicles on **8th August 2025 at 11.00 a.m.** at our offices **SPUR MALL, Ruiru 2nd Floor Room S.46 Thika Road Exit 12/13**

REG NO.	MAKE	Y.O.M	VIEWING AT.
KAT139K	TOYOTA COROLLA STATION WAGON	1997	MT. KENYA AUCTION YARD, MERU

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

- Prospective bidders are requested to pay a refundable deposit of Kshs. 30,000/- in Cash (Mpesa Cash Transfer Only) to be allowed to bid.
- The declared highest bidder must pay at least 10% of the bid price at the fall of the hammer and the balance on the same day by close of business failure whereof the 10% deposit paid shall be forfeited.
- Viewing can be done during working hours at Mt. Kenya Auction and Storage Yard, Meru with prior arrangement with the auctioneer.

DIRECT "O" AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Realization of securities, Repossessors, Investigators & Debt Collection

WACOM HOUSE
GROUND FLOOR
P.O BOX 13041 - 20100
NAKURU

VAT 0144563P
PIN NO: A0011232756
CELL: 0724 859 351

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, **THE CHARGE**, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property, on Friday 8th August, 2025 starting from 10.30AM outside Jeffes Credit Ltd, Nairobi Branch situated at Solar House. All the piece of land known as **KIAMBAA/ KANUNGA/2013 TURITU, KANUNGA VILLAGE - KIAMBU TOWN** registered in the name of **PETER NGANGA** which measures approximately **0.11-acre** agricultural cum residential plot situated within **Turitu, Kanunga Area of Kiambu County. It's about 90metres off Boma Road at Calvary Worship Centre (AIPCA Turitu)** and about **350 metres** from Turitu Shopping Centre. The subject property has **NILL** developments and with an **absolute title**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details of the Property with our office.
- Bidders for the property to pay a deposit 25% in Bankers Cheque or cash at the fall of the hammer and the balance in 90 days.
- Interested Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of kshs. 100,000.00 with the Auctioneer to obtain bid numbers.
- Viewing to be done strictly during working hours with prior arrangements with our office and office of instructing client.
- sale subject to reserve price

VENTURE AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Private Investigators, & Debt Collectors.
HEAD OFFICE:- Gate House Building, 8th Floor Rm. 605 Mburu Gichua Road P.O. Box 17528-20100, NAKURU.
Email: venturestorage@service@gmail.com Tel: 0721 845506

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the undermentioned motor vehicle on Friday **8th August, 2025** at our Yard Venture Storage Services Nakuru opposite Stern Hotel at **11:00 am.**

SOTIK CMCC NO. E031 & E032 OF 2025
SELINA LANGA & WESLEY K. BETT
=VS=
NEW K.C.C LTD
ITEM: One Isuzu NPR Reg No. KAV 247E
CONDITION OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the hammer.
ALL ARE WELCOME

ICON AUCTIONEERS.
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Recovery Consultants, Investigators, Court Process server
Tembo Co-op House, Moi Avenue
P.O. Box 40781-00100. Cell: 0722 488 446, 0794 834 937, 0721 224 933
Email: iconauctions@gmail.com www.iconauctions.co.ke

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned Goods on **7th AUGUST 2025** at 10.30am or soon thereafter at **MOMBASA YARD, 2. PANGANIA AUCTION CENTRE**

1. DISTRESS FOR RENT LANDLORD -VS- ANN AND ISAAC
Water dispenser, TV stand, small carpet, 7-seater sofa-set, 1-seater sofa-set, 1 table, 3 plastic chairs, 2 metal tables, cooking gas, von microwave, small kitchen fridge, electriced utensils, Meko gas, wooden bamboo seat, wooden bamboo table

2. DISTRESS FOR RENT LANDLORD -VS- FLORY BALALI
11-door Samsung fridge, 1 glass-top dining table + 4 chairs, universe 4-burner cooker + grills & burner, 4 places 6-seater brown sofa-set, Synix 32" TV, Munk water dispenser, 1 Sony 3 CD changer music system + 2 speakers

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer.

Speed Dial AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators & Court Process server
Quick Mart Jipanga
P.O. Box 70487-00400, Nairobi
0721 488 307 / 0738 983 937
E-mail: speeddialauctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal the financier, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle on Friday, 8th August 2025 as from 10.00Am.

REG. No.	MAKE/ MODEL	COLOUR	VIEW AT
KDE 040D	MAZDA DEMIO	GRAY	ABSOLUTE CHOICE CAR YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

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

LAR AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators & Court Process server
Summit house 2nd floor 209
P.O Box 40781-00100
Nairobi G.P.O
larauctioneers@gmail.com
0722 647 615 / 0732 257 161

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, THE FINANCIERS, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **11th August 2025** at our yards starting **10.30 a.m.**

NO	REG NO	MODEL	CC - FUEL - YOM	YARD
1	KDJ 612D	Mazda Demio	1490 CC 2015	SK Dhahabu
2	KBY 945Y	Toyota	2360CC 2008	SK Dhahabu

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

Kentrack Auctioneers
Licensed Auctioneers, Debt Collectors, Repossessors, Private Investigators & Commission Agents

P.O Box 3734-00200 Nairobi-Kenya
Cell: 0720 110062 / 0728 655555 Office: 0204409537
Email: kentrackauctioneers@gmail.com

Thika: Weteithe Hse. 2nd Flr.
Nairobi: Garden Chambers 3rd Flr.
Branches: Nyeri, Meru, Nakuru, Embu.

PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPAL THE FINANCIERS WE SHALL SELL THE UNDER MENTIONED HOUSEHOLDS AND MOTOR VEHICLE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

- ON SATURDAY 9th AUGUST 2025 FROM 11.00 A.M AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTER.**
1 PLASTIC STOOL, 1 OFFICE CHAIR, 1 OFFICE DESK, 1 WASHING MACHINE, 2 IRON BOX, 1 RICE MAKER (AIR FRYER), 1 MEKO GAS CYLINDER, BLOWDRY MACHINE, EXTENSION, SHOE RACK, IRONING TABLE, BLENDER (KENWOOD), FRIDGE (VON), 7 SEATER SOFA SET, 65 INCH TV FLAT SCREEN (SAMSUNG), COFFEE TABLE PLUS 2 STOOL, TV STAND, 4 STOOL (WOODEN), WALL UNIT, 6 BURNER COOKER, MICROWAVE, 13KGS GAS CYLINDER, FREEZER, 2 PLASTIC CHAIRS.
- ON FRIDAY 8th AUGUST 2025 FROM 11.00 A.M AT STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD- KIAMBU ROAD.**

VEHICLE REG. NO	MAKE AND MODEL	Y/M	OWNER
KDL 163N	NISSAN NOTE	2010	SARAH WANGUI

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The sale is subject to a reserve price.
- SALE WILL BE - AS - IS - WHERE - IS - BASIS.

KEYSIAN AUCTIONEERS
AUCTIONEERS AND COURT BROKERS
Tel: 22454931 / 2216310 Cell: 0724 539 419 / 0722 768302 / 0722 662 528
Email: keysian2009@yahoo.com / keysian.auctioneers@gmail.com
Website: www.keysian.auctioneers.com
C.P.F House, 3rd Floor, Haile Selassie Avenue, P.O. Box 2788-00200, Nairobi, Kenya

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, **THE FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned **Repossessed** motor vehicles by Public Auction.

IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.

- SALE ON THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025 AS FROM 11.00 AM AT BLACKBIRD STORAGE YARD - KISUMU**
FINANCIERS -VS- ASTRA DESIGN BUILD LTD
MV REG NO. **KDC 045L**; MITSUBISHI FUSO FJ
- SALE ON THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025 AS FROM 2.00 PM AT NYALUOYO AUCTIONEERS YARD - KISUMU**
FINANCIERS -VS- MIRIAM ACHIENG' OTIENO
MV REG NO. **KCA 803N**; EICHER BUS

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of **Kshs. 50,000.00** for each motor vehicle in cash or bankers cheque before being allowed to bid.
- 25%** of the Purchase price **MUST** be paid at the fall of the hammer. The balance to be paid to the Principals within the **7 Days** from the date of the Auction failure to which the deposit shall be forfeited.
- Viewing can be done during normal working hours to verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneers nor their principals. Sale is on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** basis.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons for doing so.

Lifeline Auctioneers
[Licensed Auctioneers Class "B"]
THE AUCTIONEERS ACT (NO. 5 OF 1996)

4th floor Building 2nd Floor Durrba 4
4th floor Durrba Tower
P.O. Box 70200 Mombasa
Meru Meru County
Tel: 073575709 / 072153180
Email: lifeline.auctioneers@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Thursday 7th August 2025** at Mount Kenya storage & auction yard at Gikumene along Meru - Nairobi highway.

SCC COMM CASE NO. E281 OF 2024 AT MERU JACOB MWITI & MOSES MIRITI -VS- PHINEAS KABERIA
MOTOR VEHICLE REG NO. KCL 912N TOYOTA PROBOX

ALL ARE WELCOME

MAMALO AUCTIONEERS
Auctioneers, Repossessors, Debt Collectors, Private Investigators & Court Process server
0743 137 417 / 0722 812 849
0710 290 631

PUBLIC AUCTION

(A) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI CMCC E5225 OF 2023
ISAAC MBUI -VS- BENTOKI INITIAL KENYA LTD & KEVIN KIONI MANYEKI
Motor Vehicle Registration Number **KDL 289C**
TOYOTA HILUX

(B) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
CO-OP TRIBUNAL E610 OF 2024
MAJOR REV. KABUNGE MILTON OKINYI -VS- JONATHAN OKINOKA MOMANYI
Motor Vehicle Registration Number **KCH 203L**
TOYOTA SUCEED.

(C) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
PHYLLIS AKAROT PAPA -VS- BENSON MWENDA NGANGA & DAVID MACHARIA
Motor Vehicle Registration Number **KAQ 427S**
NISSAN PATROL

(D) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI CMCC E155 OF 2024
DUNCAN NJORGE MUGA -VS- SUPER METRO LTD & PAUL KURIA MBUGUA

Motor Vehicle Registration Number KDR 376E ISUZU.
(E) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
KILUNGU PMCC E305 OF 2023
PETER OTIENO OSANO -VS- GASWARA TRADERS LTD & TERESIAH WANJIKU
Motor Vehicle Registration Number **KDN 788E**
TOYOTA HIACE.

(F) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned goods by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Breeze Storage Area along Eastern bypass, off Kangundo road.** UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI SCCOM E5713 OF 2024
PETER OTIENO OSANO -VS- GASWARA TRADERS LTD & TERESIAH WANJIKU
1-Gas Cylinder 6kgs, 1-Music Sound System Mixer, 2 Pro Sound Speakers, 1-Tv 32 AMTEC", 1-Piano, Assorted Cables & Keyboard Stands

(G) Duly instructed by the Decree Holder we shall sell the under mentioned Motor Vehicle by public auction on **Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.30AM at Valuers Yard Enterprises**
UNDER WARRANTS OF ATTACHMENT AND SALE
MILIMANI CMCC E10931 OF 2021
DANIEL MISOL -VS- MWIKI PSV SACCO SOCIETY & SAMUEL MACHARIA KAHIGA
Motor Vehicle Registration Number **KCG 511M ISUZU NQR**

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

- All intending purchasers are requested to verify details themselves.
- Viewing can be done through arrangements with ourselves.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to the reserve price.



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Building The Nation
 P.O. BOX 33319 - 00600 NAIROBI. TEL: +25475602000
 EMAIL: sales@nccke.com and info@devkisteel.com



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL ASSESSEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED LIMESTONE MINING AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN KAUMA AREA, KILIFI SOUTH, KILIFI COUNTY

National Cement is developing an integrated Limestone Mining facility with associated facilities in Kauma, Kilifi South in Kilifi County. The process requires broad stakeholder engagement involving neighboring communities, organizations and individuals who may be affected by or have interest in the proposed development. In accordance with the guidelines of the Environmental Management and coordination act 1999 we therefore invite the interested parties to attend the public participation meeting scheduled as follows,

Venue	Date of Engagement	Time
Site	13.08.2025	9.00am-1.00pm
Chiefs office	14.08.2025	9.00am-1.00pm
Site	15.08.2025	9.00am-1.00pm

The main purpose of these meetings is to inform the public and stakeholders abouts National Cements Company Limited intention to develop the proposed Limestone Mining Facility and associated facilities, explain the scope of the planning process, input, views and concerns. Your participation will be important to ensure community issues are well understood and considered.

Your participation and engagement will be highly appreciated.

For: National Cement Company Limited

[Signature]
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, under Matter of Repossession we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicles on **8TH August 2025 at 11.00 a.m.** at our above mentioned offices.

REG. NO.	MAKE	YOM	STORAGE YARD
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TERMS

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI CIVIL CASE NO. E2357 OF 2022 REDDAMAC LEATHER CENTRE LIMITED-VS- LIU CHONGLIANG, ZHAO XIAOFEE we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBY 3000 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER
2. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT GATUNDU CIVIL CASE NO. E300 OF 2022 MAGDALENE WANJIRU KIMANI-VS- WIDERU KAMAU, SAMUEL MWANI KAMAU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCH 3922 TOYOTA HIACE
3. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT BARICHO CIVIL CASE NO. E047 OF 2023 IBRAHIM MWIRIGI KIRIKA-VS- JOYCE WANJIRU, RAHA EXPRESS LIMITED we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KDL 419F TOYOTA HIACE
4. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT BARICHO CIVIL CASE NO. E048 OF 2023 MORRIS MURUNGU KAUGIRIA-VS- JOYCE WANJIRU, RAHA EXPRESS LIMITED we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KDL 419F TOYOTA HIACE
5. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT GATUNDU CIVIL CASE NO. E109 OF 2023 GATWIRI VIOLET -VS- MICHAEL GICHANGA KAHORO we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBW 142X TOYOTA HIACE
6. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT GATUNDU CIVIL CASE NO. E120 OF 2023 CWV -VS- MICHAEL GICHANGA KAHORO we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBW 142X TOYOTA HIACE
7. Duly instructed by THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT GATUNDU CIVIL CASE NO. E121 OF 2023 AW -VS- MICHAEL GICHANGA KAHORO we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KBW 142X TOYOTA HIACE
8. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUNYENJES CIVIL CASE NO. E001 OF 2023 SOPHIA GATAKAA NGARI-VS- NENO SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED, JOEL NAMUKOUMBUTHU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCW 468R TOYOTA HIACE
9. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUNYENJES CIVIL CASE NO. E002 OF 2023 JOSEPHINE MUTHONI-VS- NENO SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED, JOEL NAMUKOUMBUTHU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCW 468R TOYOTA HIACE
10. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUNYENJES CIVIL CASE NO. E003 OF 2023 MURUGU MURUGU KIRU-VS- NENO SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED, JOEL NAMUKOUMBUTHU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCW 468R TOYOTA HIACE
11. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUNYENJES CIVIL CASE NO. E004 OF 2023 MARY RIMI-VS- NENO SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED, JOEL NAMUKOUMBUTHU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCW 468R TOYOTA HIACE
12. Duly instructed by THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUNYENJES CIVIL CASE NO. E003 OF 2023 MURUGU MURUGU KIRU-VS- NENO SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED, JOEL NAMUKOUMBUTHU we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday August 07, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. KCW 468R TOYOTA HIACE

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 Kshs 5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
- c) Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals the financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction at our offices the under mentioned motor vehicle(s) as follows:

S/NO.	M/V REG. NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD/PLACE	AUCTION DATE	TIME
1	KDQ 542Z	Ford Ranger	Mt. Kenya Storage Yard	8th August 2025	10.00AM
2	KBY 104T	Volkswagen Golf	Bosan Motor Yard	8th August 2025	10.00AM
3	KCG 325G	Toyota Hiace	Open Road Motors	8th August 2025	10.00AM
4	KAM 077C	Nissan Sunny	Meralal Oasis Hurlingham	8th August 2025	10.00AM
5	KDK 914L	Nissan Note	Open Road Motors	8th August 2025	10.00AM
6	KBW 418X	Subaru Legacy	Absolute Storage Yard	8th August 2025	10.00AM

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- a. Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
- b. Bidders to view and verify asset on normal working hours with prior arrangement.
- c. Sale subject to reasonable reserve price.


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PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to court orders received from the magistrates court of Nakuru we shall sell by public auction the under listed unclaimed motor vehicles, motorcycles plus assorted scrap metals , on **Thursday 7th August 2025 at 10.30am** outside **NAKURU** Police station.

(I) MOTOR VEHICLES
 LOT1: KBF 080D, LOT2: KBC 516P SUZUKI WAGONER, LOT3: KBW 783S TOYOTA VOXY, LOT4: CH. J122E-008459-DAIHATSU, LOT5: KAM 342R TOYOTA COROLLA, LOT6: CH.EE115053404 TOYOTA COROLLA SALOON, LOT7: CH.SXMA-7079425 TOYOTA ISPU, LOT8: ZC 3293- SKELETON SEMI-TRAILER, LOT9: KBX 703U SUBARU.

(II) THREE-WHEELER (TUKTUKU)
 LOT1: KTW 996B PIAGGIO

(III) MOTOR CYCLES
 LOT1: KMCV 606T BOXER, LOT2: NUMBERLESS KINGBIRD, LOT3: KMEU 814G BOXER , LOT4: KMFU 048P HERO HANDA , LOT5: KMDQ 420UKINGBIRD, LOT6: NUMBERLESS HAUJUE, LOT7: KMFL 129W HAUJUE, LOT8: KMPD 986D BAJAJ, LOT9: KMCF 979N KINGBIRD, LOT10: KMD 559B, LOT11: KMCG 102W, LOT12: NUMBERLESS BLACK, LOT13: KMFP 155R BOXER, LOT14: KMEN 472Q KANOS, LOT15: KMBC 337A BOXER, LOT16: KMDX 831F DAYUN, LOT17: KMEC 055F KINGBIRD, LOT18: NUMBERLESS RED, LOT19: KMER 919B TVS, LOT20: KMFK 8656S HAUJUE, LOT21: KMDK 665T BOXER, LOT22: KMDC 967T BOXER, LOT23: KMEW 404J BOXER, LOT24: KMFP 174G TVS, LOT25: KMDY 333F TVS, LOT26: KMFY 74T BOXER, LOT27: KMEV 564K TVS, LOT28: KMEM 564K TVS, LOT29: KMEC 515J BOXER, LOT30: BURNT SHELL OF A M/CYCLE, LOT31: KMCV 056V BOXER, LOT 32: NUMBERLESS SONLINK, LOT33: CH.MD2B15BY/CH.W888630 BOXER, LOT34: CH.BFOJA2599HS002001 HONDA, LOT35: KMEW 215R BOXER, LOT36: KMCF 807G BOXER, LOT37: KMFH 419 BOXER, LOT38: KMCC 616Z BOXER, LOT39: KMF 9756 SONLINK, LOT40: KMFE 051R HAUJUE, LOT41: KMDK 074G FOCIN, LOT42: KMEB 570N BOXER, LOT43: KMEJ 953H RANGER, LOT44: KMDH 774W KINGBIRD, LOT45: KMFL 515W HAUJUE, LOT46: KMEJ 392K BOXER, LOT47: NUMBERLESS WHITE, LOT48: NUMBERLESS EVERLAST, LOT49: KMGJ 765C HAUJUE, LOT50: KMFH 955L BOXER , LOT51: NUMBERLESS BLUE, LOT52: KMDI 092X LIFAN, LOT53: NUMBERLESS HAUJIN, LOT54: KMCM 831X KINGBIRD, LOT55: KMDN 026N KINGBIRD, LOT56: KMDW 947L SUZUKI V-STORM, LOT57: KMDN 667J SKYGO, LOT 58: KMGN 728A BOXER.

(II) ASSORTED SCRAP METAL
(IV) ASSORTED BICYCLES
 6 in number

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Properties to be sold on as is basis where is basis and strictly only those with bidding numbers to participate in the auction
2. Bidding for motor vehicles to pay a refundable deposit of kshs 50,000 to the auctioneer to obtain bid numbers before the auction
3. Highest bidder for any item to pay to total purchase price at fall of the hammer
4. Viewing to be done strictly on **Thursday 7th August 2025** at Nakuru Police station.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, **THE CHARGEES**, in exercise of their statutory power of sale, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned prime parcel of land together with all the developments and improvements erected thereon. At our offices Located at **Internet Business Centre, 1st Floor, Plums Lane Off Ojilo Road** on **Friday 15th August 2025 at 11.00a.m.**

All that leasehold property known as **LR.27365/32 (I. R NO. 187116) NAKURU BLANKET AREA, NAKURU MUNICIPALITY- NAKURU COUNTY** registered **I.N.O PETER MUTHIE KANYOIGWA**, measuring approx. **0.08HA or approximately 0.198 Acres**. The property is situated within Nakuru Blankets Area, off the main Nakuru-Nairobi Highway, Nakuru municipality in Nakuru County. Access to the property is via a turn onto the Blankets Area tarmacked access road at Nakuru Blankets Limited stage for approximately 1.4 kilometres up to the property. The property lies approximately 80 meters due East of St. Francis of Assisi Academy. **Improvements:** The plot is developed with a four bedrooms residential bungalow with a servant quarter and any other developments on the plot. Mains electricity and piped water services are connected.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- a) All interested bidders are requested to view the property and verify all the details for themselves as the Auctioneers or the chargees do not warrant these.
- b) All interested bidders must deposit **Kshs. 500,000.00** for the property in **BANKERS' CHEQUE** with the auctioneer before being allowed to bid. Please note that No bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.
- c) Interested bidders are requested to view the property between 10.00am and 5.00 pm and our offices will assist the bidders to point out the property subject to prior arrangement.
- d) A deposit of **25%** must be paid at the fall of the hammer and or immediately after the acceptance of the bid by the chargee in **Bankers' cheque** and the balance within **90 days** to the chargees.
- e) Sale is subject to reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons of doing so.




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PUBLIC AUCTION

Following instructions received from our clients, the following goods will be sold by public auction AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE

**ON THE 8TH AUGUST 2025 FROM 11:00AM:-
UNDER DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 293 LAWS OF KENYA**

1-LANDLORD -VERSUS- MONKS MEDICARE AFRICA:- 1 LG 1 Door Fridge, 1 HP CPU, 1 ACER CPU, 1 Fabric sprin chair, 1 rolling chair, 4 strait back chairs, 1 office desk, 1 plastic chair, 4 wooden stools, 2 High stools, 1 6kg meko, 2 Fire extinguishers, 2 Dell monitors, 2 HP monitors, 1 Acer monitor, 5 computer keyboards, 1 extension cable, 1 foldable chair, ASSORTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS.

2- ONE TATA LORRY, REG KCT 025W (FOR VIEWING CONTACT US).

PLUS MANY OTHER ITEMS

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. **CASH** at the fall of the hammer
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PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE CHARGEES, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR STATUTORY POWER OF SALE WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTY

❖ **PRIME PROPERTY MEASURING 0.042HA OR 0.1038 ACRES APPROXIMATELY SITUATED IN KYUMVI MACHAKOS COUNTY**

ON 18TH AUGUST, 2025 AT OUR BRANCH OFFICE, MILELE CENTRE, 1ST FLR, RM 1013/15, BEHIND EQUITY BANK, KAJIADO-NAMANGA RD, KITENGELA TOWN STARTING AT 12NOON.

ON THAT piece of land known as L.R. NO.ATHI RIVER/ ATHI RIVER BLOCK 1/7088 MEASURING 0.042HA OR 0.1038 ACRES APPROXIMATELY MACHAKOS COUNTY The property is situated in the periphery of Kyumvi trading center, from Kyumvi- Machakos junction toward Mombasa turn right at Rubis Machackos/ Maasal discovery guest house at I-Mart food supermarket towards Victory house/ Pinto hotel past Kapiti plains container home. The subject property is approximately 4.2 Km neighboring AIC Kiasu church. The property lies within GPS Coordinates 1°34'10.5"S and 37° 07'46.1"E. The Property measure 0.042 Ha or 0.1038 acres and the title tenure is freehold interest. The property was devoid of any structural improvements at the time of inspection. The property is registered under the name of **Daniel Matheka Mulonzi** Of P.O BOX 232-90102 **Mwala**.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All the interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargee.
2. A deposit of 10% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
3. A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the bank
4. Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the Property can be done on prior arrangement.
5. The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consent.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE CHARGEES, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR STATUTORY POWER OF SALE WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTY..

❖ **0.0425 HA OR 0.105 OF AN ACRE PRIME LAND SITUATED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF KEKOPEY SHOPPING CENTER NAKURU COUNTY**

ON 22ND AUGUST, 2025 AT OUR OFFICES IN NAKURU PLUTOS HOUSE 2ND FLOOR ROOM 11B

All that piece of land known as **L.R. NO.GILGIL/ GILGIL BLOCK 1/ 10849 (KEKOPEY) MEASURING 0.0425 HA OR 0.105 ACRES APPROXIMATELY NAKURU COUNTY** The subject property is located in the outskirts of Kekopey Shopping Centre within Nakuru County. Access to the property from Kekopey Shopping Center(Rubis Kekopey Service Station) is to head due northwest via Nakuru-Eldoret Highway for about 380 meters to turn left for another 320 meters to reach the subject property which lies about 260 meters northwest of SDA Church - Kekopey. The property lies within GPS Coordinates 0°28'14.61"S, 36°17'6.89" E. The title tenure is freehold interest. The property was vacant or devoid of any structural developments at the time of inspection. The property is registered under the name of **CAROLINE NYAGUTHI NGARI** of P.O Box 889 GILGIL.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All the interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargee.
2. A deposit of 10% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
3. A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the auctioneers.
4. Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the Property can be done on prior arrangement.
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS ON PLOT L.R. NO. NAIROBI/BLOCK 25/6, OFF RIVERSIDE DRIVE IN CHIROMO AREA, NAIROBI COUNTY.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **The Ox Ventures Company Limited**, proposes to develop four (A,B,C,D) 25-Storey residential blocks of (3 basements and ground floors plus 25No. floors each) comprising a total of 743 units (352No. one bedroom and 382No. two bedroom units), parking spaces, lifts, staircases and other associated amenities and facilities on plot Title No. Nairobi/Block 25/6 off Riverside Drive, Chiromo, Nairobi County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Proposed mitigation measures
Soil Erosion	- Control earthworks. - Install drainage structures to control flow of storm water. - Ensure and management of excavation activities.
Loss of Vegetation	- Only area earmarked for development should be cleared. - Plant trees, shrubs and flowers on remaining open spaces.
Changes in hydrology/ impended drainage/deep excavations	- proper Installation of drainage structures - Install cascades to break the impact of water flowing in the drains - Ensure efficiency of drainage structures through proper design and maintenance - Provide gratings to the drainage channels - A geotechnical survey shall be conducted and the recommendations thereof followed. There shall be no blasting during excavation - A methodology for excavation shall be generated as required by NCA
Air pollution	- Stockpiles of earth should be sprayed with water or covered during dry seasons - Provide dust masks for personnel in dusty areas - Sensitize construction workers on pollution control measures - Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials
Noise pollution	- Install suitable barriers to shield compressors and other small stationary equipment where necessary - Display signs to indicate construction activities - Maintain all equipment - The working hours should be in line with NEMA licensing conditions - Adhere to provisions of Noise Prevention and Control Rules 2005, Legal Notice no. 24 regarding noise limits at the workplace as well as NEMA Noise Excessive Vibration Pollution Control Regulations, 2000
Public health, occupational health and safety	- Train staff/workers on occupational health and safety. - Provide full protective gear & workmen's compensation cover in addition to the right tools and operational instructions & manuals during construction. - Design of sewerage system should be as provided in the plans and should be constructed to approved size and design, standard and of approved materials. - Ensure use of standard construction materials and to the specifications. Avoid undesirable, substandard, hazardous or unauthorized materials during construction & maintenance. - Sensitized staff on social/health issues such as drugs
Road traffic disruption	- No overloading of trucks and good driving practices to be practiced. - Suitable junction/access point to be provided. - Use of appropriate & legible signage. - Employment of formal flagmen/ women to ensure the public safety. - Follow the recommendations of the traffic management plan.
Insecurity and social impacts	- Provision of security guards, CCTV cameras, security lights and other security apparatus during the entire project cycle. - Construction work timings shall only in line with the NEMA licensing conditions
Increased Water Usage	- An alternative water source shall be provided. The proponent shall drill a borehole at the proposed site - Management of water usage. Avoid unnecessary wastage. - Recycling of water at the construction phase where possible. - Make use of roof catchments to provide water i.e. for general purpose.
Increased generation of waste	- Adopt waste minimization at source. - Monitoring the fate of disposed wastes to ensure they are legally land filled at a recognized controlled site. - Adhering to waste management regulations of 2006

A full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

1. **Principal Secretary,**
State Department of Environment and Climate Change,
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry,
NHIF Building, 12th Floor
Ragati Road, Upper Hill,
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NAIROBI

3. County Director of Environment
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A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke.

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments **within thirty (30) days** from the date of the publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process for this project. Kindly quote ref No. **NEMA/EIA/5/2/2361**

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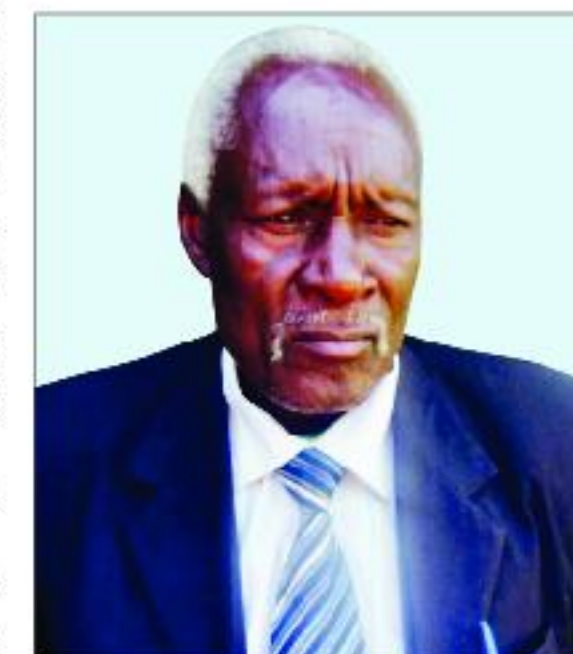


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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It's with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Elder Isaac Mang'uti Keengu, son to late Keengu Marucha and late Nyakara Keengu. Step son to late Manasi Osebe. Husband to late Peris Moraa Manguti. Brother to Kemunto Tumbo, Nathaniel Ragira, late Mokeira, Moraa, late Ombati, Nyaboke, Esther Gesare, Grace Nyakara, Hezron Oroko, Esther Mandere, Robert Nyabuto, Nemwel Momanyi, Joyce Kemunto.



Isaac Mang'uti Keengu

Sunrise 1938 - Sunset 2025

Cousin to Oroko, Nyambeche, Kepha Marube and others.
His Uncles: Anderea, Ariba, late Mogere, Orange, Mosoba, Obondi and others.
Father to Priscilla Mandere, Dr. David Nyabuto USA, Grace Kemunto, Naom Sarange, Prof. Alfred Orina TUK, Japhet Sumeno, Nathan Ontiro and Evans Manguti. Uncle to Charles Ragira, Beatrice, Nyagaka, Orina, Orange, Birundi, Josphat Douglas and others.
Korera to [late] Peterson Orangi, Sarah Nyansiboka, Gideon Ombori, Elizabeth Ombori, James Nyachio, Jerusha Moraa, Rebecca Kemel, late Solomon Kemel, Ephisiba Kwamboka, John Nyabicha, Benson Nyangara, Joyce Kwamboka and Okero Ondara.

Daughter in-laws: Susan Aunga, Carren Nyabicha, Truphena Sumeno, Linet Kinara, Edith Kemel.

Son-in-laws: Kebwaro Okero, Joseph Orangi, Ezra Nyachio.

In-laws: Agnes late Gesare, Rebecca, late Rachael and others.

The cortege leaves Bosongo Hospital Mortuary, on 31st July 2025 for overnight vigil at Getobo Boigesa home. Burial will take place on 1st August 2025 in Getobo Boigesa village, Giasaiga sub/location, Itumbe location, Sameta sub county, Kisii County.



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Kwanthanze, Kesogon and Bishop Sulumeti make last four

► Captain Busolo believes the year is favourable for Bishop Sulumeti.

► Cheptil and Malava through to boys semi-finals.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, KAKAMEGA

Volleyball bigwigs booked their last four slots as this year's Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) games entered day two yesterday at different venues across Kakamega County.

Girls' defending champions Kwanthanze Secondary School, East Africa holders Kesogon Secondary School from Rift Valley and home girls Bishop Sulumeti secured their places in tomorrow's semis after chalking their second victories.

Kwanthanze, who had launched their title defence campaign with straight sets victory against Nyanza's Nyakongo Girls Secondary School in Group B, made light work of North Eastern's Eldas Girls Secondary School dismissing them in sets 3-0 (25-1, 25-2, 25-4) to cruise to the semis.

The second Group B match pitting Bishop Sulumeti and Nyakongo was

the most entertaining contest as it served volleyball enthusiasts close to three hours of thrilling action.

The home girls held the nerve to edge out Nyakongo 3-2 and secure book their East Africa slot. Bishop Sulumeti captain Serena Busolo said this is their year and they are not relenting because they want to make history.

"I believe that this year is favourable because we are playing at home and have all the support we need. We have worked hard and waited for close to six years to play at the nationals and so we are determined to perform better than before," Busolo said.

Bishop Sulumeti started well, winning the first two sets 25-22 and 25-17, but Nyakongo delayed their victory when they recovered to take the third and fourth sets 25-21 and 26-24.

The decisive set was fiercely contested with both teams alternating to score points. Nyakongo put up a spirited fight but it was the home side that carried the day after winning 15-12. Kesogon, who are looking to reclaim the title they lost to Kwanthanze last year, also had it easy against Kinale Girls from Central, whom they dismissed in straight sets of 25-12, 25-7 and 25-12 to reach the semi-finals and also qualify for the East Africa games. Soweto Acad-

NATIONAL TERM 2 SCHOOL GAMES 29TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST, 2025



Nyakongo Girls High School in volleyball action against Bishop Sulumeti in the national secondary school Term Two games, yesterday in Kakamega. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

COLLATED RESULTS

Rugby 7s (Girls)

■ St Joseph's	22-0	Fregi
■ Sigoti	15-10	Gituamba
■ Kinale	52-0	Kimobo
■ Shimba Hills	24-0	St Mary's Igoji
■ St Theresa's	12-5	Madira Girls
■ Paul Harris	25-0	Mbagathi
■ Nyagichenche	5-24	Itigo
■ Mwira	36-0	Karen C

■ Takaba	6-21	Sigalame
■ Mbooni	10-12	St Joseph's Rapogi
■ Laiser Hill	19-9	Nyeri High
■ Malindi	7-13	Nairobi School
■ Wajir High	13-21	St Peter's Mumias

Girls

■ St Brigid's	21-10	Loreto Limuru
■ Kaya Tiwi	11-7	Raila Educational
■ Sirakaru	18-	St Mary's
■ Hon DM	3-18	Asumbi Girls
■ Buruburu	14-12	Nasokol
■ Ng'ya Girls	21-1	Takaba Girls
■ Mpesa	12-9	St John's
■ Ikutha	6-13	Tigoi

Basketball 3X3

Boys

■ Sigalame	12-9	St Joseph's Kitale
■ Upper Hill	17-13	Kaya Tiwi
■ St Mary's Yala	21-7	Takaba
■ Pioneer School	19-10	Chuka School

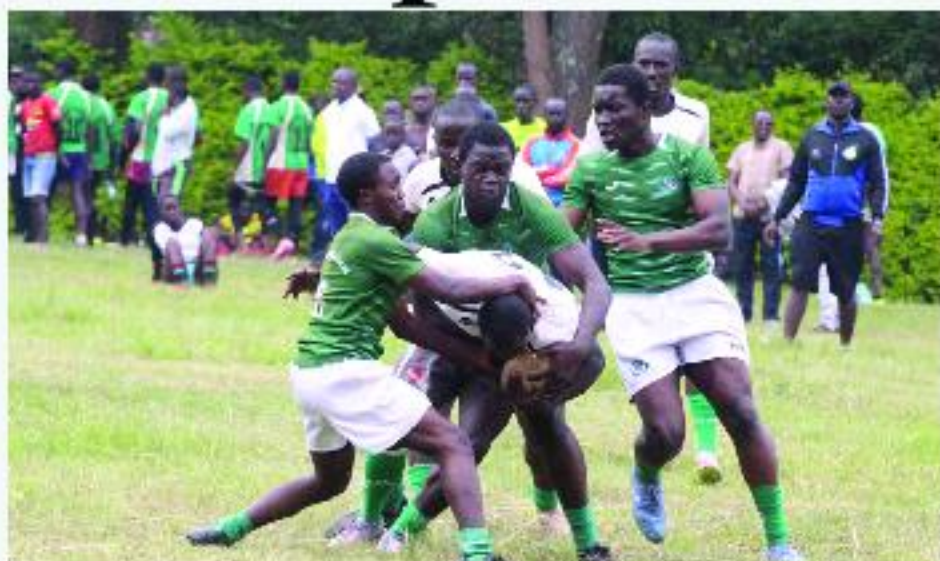
emy who have been regular at the national games since 2016 recovered from their day one loss to Kesogon to beat Moi Forces Academy from Coast 3-0 (27-25, 25-13, 25-7) to revive their hopes of sealing a ticket to FEASSA games. A win for Soweto against Kinale will see them grab the remaining last four spot.

In the boys title hunt, defending champions Cheptil High School from Western and former holders Malaver High School from Western booked their semi-final slots after winning their respective second group matches.

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SEVENS RUGBY

Champions Bwake, Laiser Hill and St Peter's off to flying starts



Rugby Sevens action between Mpesa Foundation Academy and Yala Boys. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

Reigning boys' rugby 7s champions Friends Secondary School Bwake from Rift Valley yesterday launched their title defence campaign with a 19-0 win against Lenana School at the Bull Ring Grounds.

Bwake totally outplayed the Nairobi champions in their Group A encounter to make their intentions to retain their title known. Barasa Makokha was on fire as he outpaced Lenana defence to bag a hattrick while Mabonge Chesoli converted two of his efforts.

Another Group A encounter saw Marsabit

Mixed stun Eastern champions Kitondo School 14-12 to avenge their regional final loss that denied them the trophy. Kitondo defeated Marsabit 12-0 to win the regional title.

Former champions Laiser Hill Academy from Rift Valley and homeboys St Peter's Mumias announced their return to the national stage with victory in their respective groups.

Laiser Hill thrashed Gede Boys from Coast 38-10 in their opening Group A match. Fredrick Okoth and Abdulrahman Ondoga touched down twice while Shafik Okole, Benson Otieno and Ali

Ongima scored one try each. Okole had three successful conversions while Ongima converted once.

Kitsao Mtsoma and Elvis Mzungu scored one try each for Gede. Laiser Hill captain John Ndung'u said they are determined to make their return to the nationals count after a long absence.

"We are happy to be back and we want to make every match count. We have been away for long and we just want to perform well and also qualify for the East Africa games though competition is very stiff," Ndung'u said. [Elizabeth Mburugu]



Briefing

KAKAMEGA. WHERE LOVE OF GAME SURPASSES OTHER INTERESTS

■ This year's National Term Two games have taken Kakamega by storm. Unlike other places where most people go on with their usual businesses, residents here seem to have put everything else on hold and enjoy the games. Every ground is fully packed, with football matches attracting the most following. One of the bodaboda riders, Peter Makokha, said he has come up with a schedule that allows him to make some cash while also sparing some time to watch the games. "I don't want to miss anything. I plan my hours well," Makokha said. **[Elizabeth Mburugu]**

TRADE. SELLERS SMILE AS THEY RAKE IN PROFITS

Traders at Kakamega High School.
[Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

■ Business is booming for traders as they yearn to make that extra coin from the ongoing secondary school games. Sellers of various merchandise are happy that they are now making higher sales and don't have to struggle to get customers. One of the traders, Mercy Nekesa, said that she is gaining from the games and looks forward to making more sales during the East Africa games. "Business is good, since teams arrived here. I have made more sales in three days than what I could in three weeks," she said. **[Elizabeth Mburugu]**

TRANSPORT. BODABODA, TUKTUKS MOST RELIABLE MODE OF TRANSPORT

■ Bodaboda and tuktuk are the most used modes of transport here in Kakamega. They are preferred by many as they move from one venue to another with much ease. While most of the riders have abandoned their daily routine to get a glimpse of the games, others are providing services to teachers and fans who are in a hurry to get to the next venue. The services are also affordable making them the most preferred, compared to taxis. **[Elizabeth Mburugu]**



Musingu High School in action against Garissa High School during the national secondary school Term Two games. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

The Red Commandos march into semi-finals

► Musingu, St Joseph's and debutants Agai advance to semis.

► Going gets tough for Highway as they stare at early elimination.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, KAKAMEGA

Reigning football champions Butere Girls High School yesterday led their Western compatriots Madira Girls High School in booking their slots to this year's Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Association (FEASSA) games.

The two secured their second victories on the second day of action of the 2025 Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) National Term Two National games currently on in Kakamega.

The wins guaranteed them slots in the semi-finals and most importantly, slots to the regional games set for August 14-23 at the same.

Butere saw off Rift Valley Region champions Nasokol Girls Secondary School 2-0 at the Kakamega High School grounds to keep their 100 per cent record in Group A.

A brace from former Junior Starlets star Faith Lornah gave the Red Commandos the three points to keep their hopes of winning a fourth overall title and third in a row alive.



Madira Girls High School in action against Mwanambeyu at Kakamega High School yesterday. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

Butere had launched their title defence with an emphatic 5-0 win over Dr Charles Secondary School from Eastern region on Tuesday. In the other pool game, Dr Charles played to a 1-1 draw with Central's Ruiru Girls.

In Group B, Madira also maintained their good run with a 2-0 victory over Coast's Mwanambeyu Girls Secondary School. Goals either from Margaret Njeri and Catherine Wambui secured the points for the Soccer

Assassins. Madira had beaten national returnees Kobala Mixed Secondary School 1-0 in their first match.

Nyanza champions Kobala bounced back from their first day defeat to beat Nairobi's Dagoretti Mixed Secondary School 1-0 in the other group match to keep alive their hopes of making the last four and the regionals.

In the boys contest, Musingu High School and Agai Mixed Secondary School booked their semis slots in Group B after chalking victories.

Agai from Nyanza triumphed in the battle of debutants as they edged out Moi High School from Eastern 1-0 in their second Group A encounter.

Musingu who are determined to end over four decades trophy drought whipped Garissa High School from North Eastern 9-2 in the other Group A match.

The victory moved them to the top of the pool with six points same as a guy with a superior goal difference separating the two sides. Today, Musingu and Agai will face off in the mini mashemeji derby with the winner topping the pool.

In Group A, St Joseph's Kitale from Rift Valley beat Coast's Serani Secondary School 3-1 to book their ticket to East Africa as well as a place in tomorrow's semis.

St Joseph's had seen off defending champions Highway who now stare at an early exit by the same margin in their opening match. It was another dismal show from Highway who played to a 3-3 draw against Kirangari Secondary School.

The champions will today play Serani in their last pool match. They must win convincingly and hope that St Joseph's beats Kirangari who are second on the table with four points from a win and draw so they can remain in the race by a superior goal difference.

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► Olympiacos striker inspired hosts Atlas Lions to the 2018 title triumph.

► He has since won the Best Player and Top Scorer in Greek as well as Europa Conference League Best Player award.

CAFONLINE, NAIROBI

With just days to go before the start of the CAF African Nations Championship (Chan) PAMOJA 2024, co-hosted by Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, it is timely to remember how one man's extraordinary 2018 campaign turned previous obscurity into international acclaim.

Morocco striker Ayoub El Kaabi emerged from the competition reserved exclusively for players active in their domestic leagues in Africa, igniting a career that would see him become one of Europe's most prolific finishers, earning him the Best Player and Top Scorer of the Greek top-flight as well as winning UEFA Europa Conference League Best Player award.

His performance at the Chan 2018 in Morocco as the Top Scorer and Best Player transformed him from a domestic unknown into a sought-after striker, launching a journey through China, Turkey and finally to European glory at Greek giants Olympiacos.

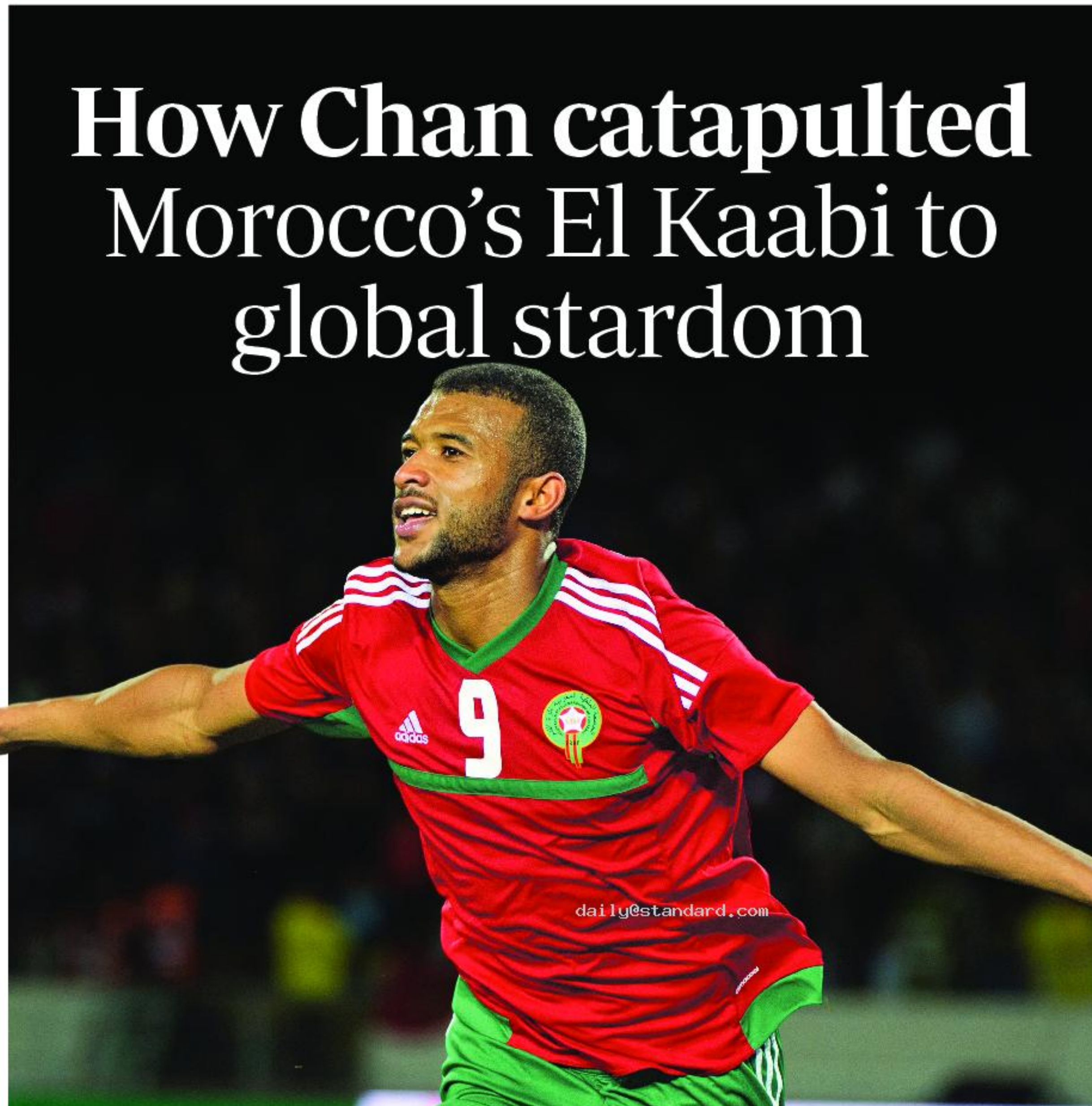
His story proves that Chan is more than a continental competition, it is a player's gateway to the world stage.

Chan 2018: The explosive breakthrough

El Kaabi's breakthrough came in January 2018 when Morocco hosted Chan. He lit up the tournament with an astounding nine goals in just six matches, becoming the all-time single-edition top scorer in the competition's history and earning both the Golden Boot and Player of the Tournament awards.

Morocco won the title with a 4-0 final victory over Nigeria, and El Kaabi capped the night with his goal in the 73rd minute, sealing debut glory at home.

"I scored nine goals in the tournament, and that moment changed everything for me," El Kaabi recalled, reflecting on his breakthrough. His nine-goal haul remains the highest by any player



Morocco's Ayoub el-Kaabi celebrates after scoring during their 2018 Chan semi-final match against Libya at Mohammed V Casablanca Stadium. [AFP]

in a single Chan edition.

El Kaabi's rise began far from the glitz of football academies. Born in Casablanca in 1993, he left school at 15 and worked as a carpenter, juggling labour and weekly amateur matches.

His big domestic chance came with Racing Casablanca, where his natural goalscoring ability – 25 goals in 33 second-division matches – earned him a move to RS Berkane in Morocco's top flight.

But it was at Chan 2018 that El Kaabi announced himself to the world with the global football lens focused on Africa's competition designed for just



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Ayoub El Kaabi, Morocco striker

home-based players. Scoring nine in six games, including a hat-trick against Guinea and the winner in the 4-0 final over Nigeria, earned him the competition's best personal awards.

"I learned that one can only reach success through hard work," El Kaabi said afterwards.

Scouts circle after Chan triumph

The Moroccan striker's performance proved that Chan could be a showcase for unheralded talent to break through, and El Kaabi was the poster child.

His exploits immediately attracted international attention. Spanish media

reported interest from Atlético Madrid, while clubs across Europe began monitoring the Moroccan striker.

Indeed, the interest was not just focused in Europe but several clubs in the Middle East and other parts of Asia also expressed interest in the budding attacker.

The domestic league in China was then on the rise with several clubs in the top-flight also active in the transfer market by competing with European clubs for the best talent in the world.

Career path: Domestic rise to Continental acclaim

El Kaabi's club career was destined to accelerate following the interest from clubs across the globe. He subsequently moved from Morocco's RS Berkane to Hebei China Fortune on a lucrative deal. Though the move proved mixed for development, it established him financially.

He returned to Moroccan giants Wydad Casablanca in 2019 and topped the domestic scoring charts in 2020-21 before moving to Turkey's Hatayspor, where he scored 26 goals in 53 matches.

In summer 2023 came a turning point: his transfer to Olympiacos in Greece. Since then, his impact has been seismic. In the 2023-24 UEFA Conference League, El Kaabi scored 11 goals in nine matches, including a remarkable hat-trick against Aston Villa in the semi-final, the first ever in that round of the competition, and then the winning goal in extra time of the final versus Fiorentina. It was Olympiacos' first major European title.

El Kaabi's 11 knockout goals set a UEFA record, surpassing legends like Karim Benzema, Cristiano Ronaldo and Radamel Falcao and finishing as the Conference League Top Scorer and Player of the Competition. He also set other records: the first African to hit double-digit goals in that UEFA tournament, and most knockout-stage goals in a single European season.

Over the entire European campaign, the Moroccan finished with 14 goals (combining Europa League and Conference League), becoming the most prolific African in a single UEFA club season, and the first non-European to score 14 goals or more in a campaign since Lionel Messi in 2011-12.

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BROADCAST



Senegal players celebrate with their 2022 Chan trophy at the Nelson Mandela stadium in Algiers, Algeria, on February 4, 2023. [AFP]

Where to watch African Nations Championship

Sub-Saharan African pay-TV operator SuperSport has confirmed that it will broadcast all the matches of the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) to be co-hosted by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The month-long extravaganza will kick off on Saturday in Dar es Salaam with a match between hosts Tanzania and Burkina Faso before action shifts to Nairobi for the eagerly awaited Group A opener pitting Harambee Stars against two-time champions DR Congo. The final is slated for August 30 at Kasarani Stadium.

According to the South African-based broad-

caster, the matches will be beamed live on DSTV and GOtv. The eighth edition of Chan will feature 19 teams due to qualification quirks and withdrawals. Initially, CAF allocated 19 slots: three spots per regional zone plus one extra for the host zone (Cecafa), bringing the total to 19.

Uganda advanced through qualifying despite already qualifying automatically as co-host, pushing participant count to 19. Libya had initially qualified automatically from the Unaf zone, but withdrew in November 2024, citing fixture congestion and disruption to their domestic league schedule, reducing

North African representation. Despite Libya's exit, CAF retained all 19 spots by reallocating vacancies, so the total team count remains 19 going into the tournament.

Hosting 2024 Chan enables Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to test and fine-tune the infrastructure – renovated or newly built stadiums (Kasarani, Nyayo, Talanta in Kenya; Benjamin Mkapa and Arusha in Tanzania; Namboole, Hoima, Lira in Uganda) – ahead of 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) to be co-hosted by the three East African nations.

[Rodgers Eshitemi]

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Ryan Ogam: The man Harambee Stars will be banking on for goals

► The lethal forward is inspired by the good run on his debut in the FKF PL last season.

► Kenya are set to face two-time Chan winners DR Congo in their tournament opener on Sunday.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

My mission will be to score goals ruthlessly, those are the words of Harambee Stars striker Ryan Ogam ahead of the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) that kicks off in Tanzania on Saturday.

The tournament will then shift to Nairobi the following day, with Harambee Stars tackling two-time champions DR Congo at the refurbished Kasarani Stadium. The Tusker man is not afraid of the Congolese status.

"I want to score goals in each match. I'm targeting maybe one or two in each fixture," Ogam told Standard Sports.

"The aim is to finish the group stages with at least five, then we set another target from there onwards," the red-hot striker explained.

Ogam believes this wild dream is very possible in his debut in the biannual continental showpiece that the country will be using as a dry run for the Africa Cup of Nations 2027 (Afcon 2027) that Kenya will co-host alongside Uganda and Tanzania.

"The build-up I had in my debut in the Football Kenya Federation Premier League (FKF PL) has given me the good form and great momentum to just believe that this target is very possible in Chan.

"I truly enjoyed a good season, which I hope will be replicated in the Chan. We have so far prepared well in training and are just waiting to give our best as the fixtures kick off," stated Ogam.

According to the former Rainbow forward, Harambee Stars target is to secure victory against DR Congo, who are chasing a third title.

"If we beat DR Congo, we will have high morale at the camp, it will stir our momentum in the tournament. The mission is to get maximum points in the group stages, so we will approach each game with a winning mentality," he stated.

The 20-year-old striker who started off as a defensive midfielder says taking part in Chan is a godsend chance for him, as he is out to make a mark in the championship.



Harambee Stars players during a training session as the team finalises its preparations for the 2024 African Nations Championship at Police Sacco Stadium yesterday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

"From this tournament, we will get exposure. Those lucky will be spotted by the scouts and may land better deals abroad.

"So, we are taking this championship with the seriousness it deserves. We are out for the victory," Ogam said.

The 20-year-old most flawless striker had a splendid season in his debut in the FKF PL last season, taking lead with 15 goals halfway in the race before he was put down by injuries.

The slowdown saw him relinquish the Golden Boot Award race to Moses Shumah of Kakamega Homeboys, who beat him by two goals to lift the coveted title.

With his blazing form, Ogam believes he can still redeem himself before the year ends by winning the same accolade in Chan.

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Harambee Stars forward Ryan Ogam during a training session at Police Sacco Stadium yesterday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

Kenya's Fact File

- **Nickname:** Harambee Stars
- **Appearances:** Debut
- **Titles:** 0
- **Fifa Ranking:** 111
- **Coach:** Benni McCarthy

Group A Teams

- Kenya
- DR Congo
- Morocco
- Angola
- Zambia



Blow to hosts Kenya as star Bajaber ruled out of Chan

Shabana talisman Brian Michira is among the three players that have earned a late call-up in the final 25-man Harambee Stars squad for the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) that will kick off on Saturday.

Michira, Chrispin Erambo (Tusker) and Edward Omondi (Sofapaka) have replaced the trio of Mohammed Bajaber (pictured), Swaleh Pamba, and Brian Musa, who will now miss the historic tournament to be co-hosted by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania due to various reasons.

Kenya, who are making their debut in the competition, will clash with two-time champions DR Congo in the Group A opener at Kasarani Stadium on Sunday. Other teams in the group are two-time winners Morocco, Angola, and Zambia.

Head coach Benni McCarthy revealed that Pamba has withdrawn from the team due to heart-related issues after advice from the doctors, while Bajaber has been ruled out with a thigh injury. Bajaber has since then joined Tanzanian giants Simba SC.

"Swaleh did medical tests, and we found out that he had problems with the heart. We couldn't risk the player's future, and after consultation with the medics, we decided to replace him," said McCarthy during yesterday's training at Police Sacco Stadium.

"It's unfortunate we will have to do without Bajaber. I had a lot of faith in him, and he was very loyal and respectful to me, but

his nagging injury wouldn't have allowed him to play in the group stage. And when Simba showed interest in him, we allowed him to go."

Meanwhile, Harambee Stars captain Abud Omar says they don't fear DR Congo's Leopards ahead of their 2024 Chan Group A opening match.

With the availability of the experienced striker Masoud Juma, Omar is confident of making the impossible possible in front of their ever-demanding home fans.

"I don't think DR Congo is a big threat. It's just a team like any other," Omar said. [Rodgers Eshitemi]